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GRIZZLY SPORTS COLUMN

MISSOULA—Spring football workouts will get under way at Montana University in less than a month, and head coach Ray Jenkins will have about 60 prospects in camp—including 21 of last fall's 25 lettermen.

"This spring practice, more than in previous years, will be a crucial period for us," comments Jenkins. "Since we will have less than 10 days this fall to prepare for our opening game, we must do most of the work this spring." Opening game for MSU this fall is Sept. 10 against North Dakota.

Lettermen out for spring ball will be ends Jim Harris, Howard Schwend and Dale Berry; tackles John Gregor, Mike Thomson, John Meese, Dave Kosiur and Dale Schwartfeger; guards Mike Emerson and Larry Beddes; center Gary Schwartfeger; quarterback John Schulz; halfbacks Jim Grasky, Paul Gustafson and Rich Birgenheier; and fullbacks Gary Smith and Gary Ekegren. Four other veterans—end Glenn Sorenson, guard John Matte, center Jim Johnson and quarterback Bob O’Billovich—will be busy with the Grizzly baseball team.

Jenkins also has 30 prospects from a good freshman team, along with six or seven other squad members and four transfers. Actual workouts will begin April 19, with the spring game scheduled May 19 on the eve of the Interscholastic meet in Missoula.

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(Note: The Grizzly Sports Column will be suspended briefly next week, since Sports Editor Bob Gilluly is taking a week off to get married. Next column will arrive for publication on April 7.)