MSU grid workouts; Silvertip slants

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MISSOULA—Forty-eight Montana University gridders will report in Missoula Wednesday for fall football workouts, and Grizzly coach, Ray Jenkins, feels that mental attitude will be one of the big factors in determining whether his victory-starved Silvertips can show improvement in 1960.

"From a personnel standpoint, we definitely are better than last season," the mentor commented. "If we can improve some intangibles—desire and spirit—we’ll start the season with a victory over North Dakota Sept. 10," he added.

Among the gridders reporting this week, Jenkins has 19 lettermen, three 1959 non-lettermen, six transfer gridders, and 20 sophomores. The coach feels that he has enough capable men in camp to mold two good units, with enough left over to provide the regulars with part-time relief help.

"I think we’ll also benefit from the new substitution rule that allows one man to enter the game between each play without being charged as a substitution," Jenkins added. "We have some men on the squad who can specialize, yet aren’t experienced enough to be two-way performers."

Following a publicity and picture-taking session Wednesday, the Grizzlies will embark on a rugged three-a-day practice schedule for the first few days of workouts. Then they’ll taper off prior to leaving for the North Dakota contest, which comes a bare 10 days after the Grizzlies assemble in Missoula. Several of the final workouts will be night sessions, since the MSU-NDU game in Grand Forks is a night affair.

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For the first time in its history, Montana University will have three brothers playing football at the same time this fall. The brothers are Gary, Dale and Carl Schwertfeger, three linemen from Milwaukee. Gary lettered in 1959 as a center and Dale earned a letter as a tackle last season, while elder brother Carl sat out the season in residence as a transfer student from the University of Wisconsin.

The Grizzlies are embarking on their 61st season of football competition this fall. Montana first fielded a grid squad in 1897 and has continued ever since, except for wartime interruptions in 1918, 1943 and 1944.

When Montana tangles with North Dakota in Grand Forks Sept. 10, it will mark the eighth grid meeting between the two teams. The Grizzlies have won five, lost two and tied one against the Nodaks. North Dakota won the last contest, a 27-19 victory in 1959.

Sophomore end Bill Bouchee of Livingston doesn't confine his athletic talents to achievements on the gridiron. Bill recently was named to the all-tournament team at the conclusion of the Montana softball championships in Livingston. The Grizzly wingman also was a prep all-stater in basketball two years ago for the Park County Rangers.

Three Grizzly gridders—end Howard Schwend, guard Jim Bartell and center Stan Hunton—should arrive in Missoula Wednesday in excellent shape. The trio spent the summer on active duty (summer camp) with the U.S. Marine Corps. Two others, senior guard John Matte and veteran center Jim Johnson, were with the Army ROTC detachment at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Montana's 1959 All-Skyliner, end John Lands, stands a fair chance of making the grade with the Vancouver (B.C.) Lions this fall. Lands has caught two passes for touchdowns in exhibition games this summer.

Montana Homecoming is slated for Oct. 1 this fall, with Idaho's improved Vandals as gridiron foes.

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