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GRIZZLY SPORTS COLUMN

MISSOULA--Forty-eight Montana University gridders assembled in Missoula today for their first day of fall football workouts, and probably the most interesting aspect of the 1960 Grizzlies is the fact that former Montana high school stars virtually dominate the first two teams.

Ten of the first 11 players, in fact, are products of Montana high schools. This includes ends Howard Schwend (Bridger) and Dale Berry (Fairview), tackle John Gregor (Shelby), guards John Matte (Missoula) and Larry Beddes (Billings), center Jim Johnson (Missoula), quarterback Bob O'Billovich (Butte), halfbacks Jim Grasky (Miles City) and Rich Birgenheier (Harlowton) and fullback Gary Smith (Whitefish). Tackle Ed Herber of Camas, Wash., is the only non-Montanan on the starting eleven.

Other Montana men due to see plenty of action this season are ends Glenn Sorenson of Billings, Gene Moe of Helena, and Bill Bouchee of Livingston, tackles Mike Thomson of Billings and Don Stevingson of Great Falls, guards Dan Peters of Butte and Jack Shevalier of Helena, center Stan Hunton of Miles City, quarterbacks John Schulz of Missoula and Paul Miller of Miles City, halfbacks Pat Dodson of Shelby, Tom Sullivan of Great Falls, and Steve Wood of Miles City, and fullback Gary Ekegren of Harlem.

First game for the Grizzlies is slated in just 10 days, a non-Skyline encounter with North Dakota University at Grand Forks, N.D. The MSU team then plays Wyoming, Utah State, Idaho, Denver, Brigham Young, Colorado State, BYU, Montana State, Utah and New Mexico on successive Saturdays.

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