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MISSOULA--The Montana Grizzlies open their 1960 football campaign Saturday night against an improved North Dakota outfit in Grand Forks, N.D., and Grizzly mentor Ray Jenkins has confounded the experts by predicting a victory for his Silvertips.

"On the basis of North Dakota's showing against us last season, we probably should rate as underdogs," Jenkins commented in Missoula in midweek. "But I think we've improved to the extent that we can handle the Sioux this year." Last season the Nodaks scored a 27-19 win over Montana in Missoula.

Jenkins admits, however, that it won't be an easy battle. "Neither team will be at a physical peak, since we've only had 10 days to get ready. In the final analysis, we probably stand our best chance to win if we're 'up' from a mental standpoint."

Tentative Grizzly starters include the following men: Ends--Howard Schwend, Bridger; and Dale Berry, Fairview; Tackles--John Gregor, Shelby; and Ed Herber, Camas, Wash.; 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; or Tom Sullivan, Great Falls; Fullback--Gary Smith, Whitefish.

Following the North Dakota game, the Grizzlies open their Skyline season Sept. 17 against defending champion Wyoming at Billings.

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