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MISSOULA, MONTANA--Twenty-two Montana University swimmers opened practice for their 1960-61 season under the direction of coach Bud Wallace last week.

"At first glance, this will be the strongest tank team in the University's history," the mentor commented.

"We're still a long way from our opening meet in January, but I'm sure we will strongly contend for the Skyline championship this season," Wallace added.

Among lettermen on hand are senior Wayne Veeneman, Idaho Falls, Idaho; senior Doug James, Oakland, California; senior Bill Brubaker, Beaver, Pa.; junior Gary Groshelle, Laurel; and junior John Vaught, Missoula. One of Wallace's top 1959-60 performers, butterfly expert Ivan Jacobsen, will be unable to compete this season because of an ear infection.

Two top newcomers on the Grizzly tank squad are freshmen Ray Ellis of Deer Lodge and Gaylon Kipp of Billings, both of whom ranked among the Nation's best high school swimmers last season. Another top man is distance ace Glenn Jones of Butte, a sophomore.

Other squad members include Scott Stewart, Topanga, Calif.; Gerald Tisue, Long Beach, Calif.; Steve Cropper, Downey, Calif.; Henry Manz, New Haven, Conn.; Bob Koons, Hershey, Pa.; Ralph Dodge, Miami, Fla.; Ken Stallcup, Oakland, Calif.; Pete Grant, Edmonton, Alberta; Harold Felter, Bob Dick, Ron Koble, Ron Deschamps and Reg Martin, Missoula; and Henry Cushing, Billings.

The Silvertips open their home schedule in early January against Idaho. Other home encounters will match the tankers against Washington, University of British Columbia, Oregon, Utah, Utah State, and possibly Air Force Academy and Denver University.

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