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MISSOULA---Montana's football Grizzlies resume their home grid schedule Saturday by hosting the BYU Cougars, and for probably the first time in three seasons are clear-cut favorites to win a Skyline Conference battle.

Last season the Silvertips scored a 12-0 upset win over Brigham Young, and coach Ray Jenkins commented early this week that his gridders are in no mood to break the winning streak. "BYU isn't a weak team by any means, but I think we've got the 'Indian sign' over them."

So far this year, the Cougars have shown a strong ground attack against Cal Poly, San Jose State, Colorado State, Utah and Arizona State. BYU apparently doesn't have a good passing attack, according to Grizzly line mentor Milt Schwenk, who scouted the Cougars last Saturday against Arizona State.

"If our line can sharpen up its defensive play, we should be in good shape," Schwenk commented. He added that strong play of veterans John Gregor of Shelby and John Matte of Missoula has added to increased line efficiency on the part of the Grizzlies.

So far as Montana's offense is concerned, the Grizzlies also will stick with their strong ground attack. This is paced by sophomores Pat Dodson and Terry Dillon, as well as veteran fullback Gary Smith. Grizzly throwers Bob O'Billovich and John Schulz also can toss the ball if necessary.

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