Montana Grizzlies to close 1960 grid season with game against New Mexico

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MISSOULA, MONTANA—Montana's Grizzlies close out their 1960 grid season Saturday against New Mexico in Albuquerque, and the Silvertips need a victory to cement their highest Skyline finish in history.

Should the Montanans defeat the Lobes, it will assure the Grizzlies of no worse than fifth place in the loop. Montana has never finished higher than sixth in ten seasons of Skyline warfare.

"We have plenty of incentive for this game, but beating New Mexico will be a tall order," coach Ray Jenkins commented. The Lobos are currently riding the crest of a three-game Skyline winning streak, and coach Bill Weeks' outfit apparently has jelled after a rash of early-season injuries.

New Mexico has knocked off Denver, BYU and Colorado State on successive weekends, and Grizzly scout Hugh Davidson warns that the Lobos have a potent offensive machine. "New Mexico scored 93 points in those three wins over Skyline teams, and we'll be faced with some real defensive problems," the Grizzly backfield coach commented.

It's in the defense department, fortunately, where the Grizzlies still have something to crow about. No team has scored more than two TDs against Montana this season, although Utah managed two scores and a field goal in their 16-6 win over the Grizzlies last Saturday. The Utes did rack up 313 yards in total offense—the best any team has done against Montana this year.

"We were beaten by a good Utah team, and their line is equal to any in the Skyline," Jenkins said. The tough Ute forward wall held Grizzly backs Gary Smith, Terry Dillon and Pat Dodson to 61 yards rushing. But for pinpoint passing by Bob O'Billovich and a running TD pass from Dillon to O'Billovich, the Grizzlies might have suffered a shutout.