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FROM: BOB GILLULY
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MISSOULA---A twelve or thirteen-man delegation of Montana University tracksters leaves Thursday for the Skyline cinder meet that opens Friday at Fort Collins, Colo., and Grizzly mentor Harry Adams figures that his thinclads have enough strength to finish near the top of the league's second division.

"We aren't in the class of BYU, New Mexico or Utah State, but I think we'll turn in some top individual performances," the mentor commented. The Grizzlies placed third last weekend behind Brigham Young and Utah State in the league western division meet.

Despite cold weather and high winds, several Grizzlies turned in their best performances of the season in that meet. Half-miler Phil Dwight ran his best 880 of the season in 1:54.5 and was a scant five inches behind the winner, Charles Belcher of USU. Wojtowick furnished one upset in beating the defending Skyline champion, Gary Griffith of BYU, in a mile run that was timed in 4:20.5. Adams considers this an outstanding performance in view of the windy weather.

And the Grizzly relay team of Bill Anderson, Ken Nelson, Dwight and Tom Simpson also turned in a first-place finish, with Simpson making up a 10-yard deficit on the final lap to win the event. Dwight's strong third lap also was a deciding factor.

Other Grizzly entries in the Skyline meet will include Pat Dodson, who tied for second in the 100 last week; weightman Ken Wersland and Harley Lewis, who finished 2-3 in the shotput; brothers Art and Glynn DeVries in the distance races; broadjumper Bill Glazier, who had a leap of 22 feet 8½ inches last week; javelin tosser Butch Hendricks, and either Marv Miller, Sterling Wetzsteon or Bill Walker as a relay entry.

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