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GRIZZLY SKIERS OFF TO COMPETE IN U OF ALBERTA MEET IN BANFF

MISSOULA---

Gary Nelson's University of Montana skiers, with two weeks of practice between meets, left Wednesday for Banff, Alta., Canada to compete in the three-day University of Alberta Invitational Ski Meet.

The meet runs from Friday through Sunday with slalom, downhill, cross country and jumping events all scheduled.

Nelson has been pleased with the effort shown by his skiers thus far. In their only meet competition, the Grizzlies placed third overall in the Montana State University Invitational two weeks ago, behind Montana State and the Air Force Academy.

As a team, the Grizzlies won first place in the slalom event at Bozeman. Rick Gibbon, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho junior, took third, while Tim Fredrickson, Spokane, Wash. sophomore, was fifth and Rusty Lyons, Walla Walla, Wash. junior, was 10th.

These three will be competing at Banff, along with Dave Lloyd, Claresholm, Alta. junior; John Dobbins, Kennewick, Wash. sophomore; Mick Hagestad, Kalispell freshman, and Tim Potter, Washington, Conn. freshman.

Pierre Loiselle, Missoula junior, stayed home to concentrate on studies.