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Grizzly grapplers head west for Friday, Saturday meets in Washington

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MISSOULA---

Gene Davis' University of Montana wrestlers hit the road again this week for Friday and Saturday meets against two Washington Schools.

The Bruins will be in Moses Lake Friday to compete against Big Bend Community College, and then will move on to Pullman Saturday to battle Washington State's Cougar wrestlers.

Coach Davis, whose team has posted four wins and three losses thus far, doesn't know much about Big Bend College's team, but he does know that Washington State will be plenty tough.

The Cougars have beaten both Montana State and Idaho State in matches earlier this season. Montana State was runnerup to Idaho State in Big Sky Conference championship competition last spring.

The Grizzlies, in their most recent competition, dropped meets to Montana State and Utah State last Saturday in Bozeman, while winning one from Hiram Scott College of Nebraska.


"Rod Lung at 191 pounds and Jeff Cunniff at 130 pounds both looked pretty good at Bozeman," Davis said. "On the whole, I think we could have done a lot better." Lung is undefeated this year.

Cunniff is having problems with an injured ankle and may not travel this weekend. If he doesn't, the Grizzlies will have to forfeit both matches at the 130-pound level.

The team will be the same as in past meets, with the exception that Dan McDonnell will replace Willie Clayton at 115 pounds.