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MISSOULA--

A happy Gary Nelson left for Spokane, Wash. with six of his University of Montana skiers Friday to compete in a giant slalom derby at Mount Spokane Saturday and Sunday.

Making the trip are Rick Gibbon, junior from Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; Rusty Lyons, junior from Walla Walla, Wash., Tim Fredrickson, sophomore from Spokane; Mick Hagestad, freshman from Kalispell; John Dobbins, sophomore from Kennewick, Wash., and Dave Lloyd, junior from Claresholm, Alta., Can.

Nelson's happiness came from the showing of his ski team at the University of Alberta Invitational Meet last weekend in Banff, Alta.

The Grizzlies finished sixth behind some top-rated ski schools, and Nelson termed the overall result as the "best team effort I've seen by a Montana squad since I've been here." Nelson was a standout Grizzly skier for four years before taking over coaching duties this year.

He pointed out that Montana was five points ahead of Montana State University, the defending Big Sky league champs, after three of the four events. "They passed us in jumping, in which they're real strong," Nelson said.

Denver University finished first, the University of Wyoming second, the University of Washington third, Montana State fourth, and the University of British Columbia fifth. Behind Montana, in order, were the University of Calgary, the University of Idaho, Pacific Lutheran University, the University of Puget Sound, Ricks College and Notre Dame University of Nelson, B.C.

"In cross country competition we were a total of only eight seconds behind Montana State," Nelson reported, "and most of the Bobcat cross country men are experienced Norwegian skiers."
Tim Potter, freshman from Washington, Conn., finished 12th out of 47 individuals in cross country, and was only one minute, 20 seconds behind Bobcat Orvin Torp, the 1966 Norwegian Junior National Nordic combined champ in 1966.

Drawing the most praise from Nelson was Rick Gibbon, who finished third out of 75 in the combined alpine events (giant slalom and slalom). The only skiers ahead of him were Jim Allsop of Washington, considered a top prospect for the U.S. National team, and Bob Calladine of British Columbia, a member of the Canadian National "B" team.

Gibbon finished third in the giant slalom, and was 12th in slalom, only four seconds behind first place.

Two weeks away is the University of Washington Invitational at Crystal Mountain, Wash., and one week after that, the Grizzlies will compete in the Big Sky Conference NCAA Qualifying Meet at McCall, Idaho, with the University of Idaho as host.