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GRIZZLY DIAMONDMEN GO AFTER TWO MORE WINS AGAINST WESTERN MONTANA HERE FRIDAY

MISSOULA—

A pair of freshman pitchers, Les Parks of Missoula and Gordy McManus of Great Falls, will get the starting nods Friday when the University of Montana meets Western Montana College at Campbell Park in a baseball doubleheader. The first game starts at 1 p.m.

In his only start this season, Parks threw a no-hitter at the Washington State University Grays in posting a 1-0 victory at the Banana Belt Tournament in Lewiston, Idaho two weeks ago. McManus has pitched only two relief innings thus far.

Coach Larry Works was extremely pleased with his team's performances last Saturday when the Grizzlies took a twin bill from Eastern Montana College, 8-1 and 3-0. Praise went out for pitchers John Kidd of Mountain Home, Idaho and Jerry Sepich of Great Falls who gave up a total of seven hits in the two games. Works liked the defensive work by his team, which racked up three double plays in the infield and made some fine outfield grabs on dangerous fly balls.

"Our hitting wasn't real good, especially in the second game, and we'll just have to hope that it improves," Works said. "The kids are working real hard at it."

Other starters for the Grizzlies Friday will be catcher Brian Cloutier, Libby; first baseman Harry Allen, Missoula; second baseman Dewey Allen, Kalispell; shortstop Mike Hoonan, Aberdeen, Wash.; third baseman Pat Shannon, Polson; left fielder Larry Slocum, Missoula; center fielder Mike Heroux, Menasha, Wis.; and right fielder Jim Kenyon, Missoula.

Heroux and Harry Allen will be used in relief pitching duties if necessary, and Steve Wheeler, Whitefish, and Sepich will see action in one of the games at center field and first base, respectively.

"We expect Western to be tougher than Eastern was," Works said. "We'll have to look even better than we did last weekend."

The Grizzlies move onto the road again next week, slated to see action in the Las Vegas, Nev., Tournament Monday through Wednesday.