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MISSOULA—

Tom Whiddon's University of Montana tennis team, somewhat weary after a three-day road trip west during which they lost four matches, hit the trail again this week for three matches in two days in Washington.

The Tip netters, who lost to Lewis and Clark College, Portland State and the University of Oregon in Oregon and the University of Idaho at Moscow, have not won a match this year. Their other loss was to Gonzaga University, which they will face again this week.

The Bruins open with a match Thursday in Spokane against Whitworth College, a team that whipped strong Gonzaga 9-1 recently. Friday, the Grizzlies will face Eastern Washington State in Cheney in the morning and Gonzaga in Spokane that afternoon.

Eastern Washington lost only two of their top six men from last year, but apparently isn't as strong as Gonzaga or Whitworth. EWSC lost to Idaho 8-2 in a recent match. Idaho beat the Grizzlies 8-1 last weekend.

Whiddon is still facing the nemesis of poor weather conditions which haven't allowed his team to get much practice. He said the squad has been able to work out only three times during the past two weeks, not counting matches.

Playing singles for the Grizzlies will be Rick Ferrell, Spokane, one; Steve Meloy, Helena, two; Brian Kekich, Missoula, three; Berry Ormsbee, Hamilton, or Rod Richardson, Billings, four; Bud Schatz, Missoula, five, and Bill Brownell, Livingston, six.

Whiddon hadn't determined his doubles combinations before departure for Spokane, but Ferrell and Kekich will probably continue as the number one pair. Kerry Bunker of Great Falls will probably make the trip to play doubles only.