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Grizzly netters in Bozeman this weekend to battle Eastern Montana, Bobcats

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Tom Whidden's University of Montana tennis team, with two straight wins following six straight losses, will be in Bozeman trying to extend its winning streak to four against Eastern Montana College and Montana State University.

Whidden feels his team is beginning to hit winning form, and he thinks the proof of this came last weekend when the Grizzlies beat tough Gonzaga University in Spokane, 5-2. Gonzaga beat the Grizzlies 5-4 in Missoula to open the season April 4.

The Grizzlies' top four players all won their singles matches against Gonzaga, something they didn't do previously when the Grizzlies took only two of six singles matches against the Zags in Missoula.

Probable singles entries for the Grizzlies will be Rick Ferrell of Spokane, Wash., number one; Steve Meloy of Helena, number two; Brian Kekich of Missoula, number three; Bud Schatz of Missoula, number four; Rod Richardson of Billings, number five, and either Bill Brownell of Livingston or Kerry Bunker of Great Falls, number six.

In doubles, the strong pair of Ferrell and Kekich will play number one. Despite the relatively poor Grizzly record, these two have won five of eight doubles matches this year. The second doubles team will probably be Meloy and Bunker and the third probably will be Schatz and Richardson.

In singles play, Ferrell has won four of eight this year; Kekich three of eight; Bunker none of five; Brownell one of three; Meloy three of eight; Richardson none of eight, and Schatz, four of eight.

In doubles, besides Ferrell and Kekich, Meloy and Berry Ormsbee, Hamilton, have won none of three; Richardson and Schatz, three of five, and Meloy and Bunker, none of four.