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Grizzly swimmers open on road in double dual meet at Weber State

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Fifteen University of Montana swimmers and Coach Fred Stetson left Thursday afternoon for Ogden, Utah where they hope to pick up a pair of dual meet wins against conference foes Weber State and Idaho State Saturday afternoon.

The 15-man squad is dotted with new names as well as names of veterans who helped UM win its third straight Big Sky league title last spring.

Stetson has always had the philosophy that dual meets and any other early competition is important mainly for conditioning leading up to the conference championship event.

"We'd like to win both meets this weekend, and they certainly will help to sharpen us up for the big one later," Stetson said. "And swimming against Weber State and Idaho State, who should be conference contenders, will give us some idea of what we'll face later."

Swimming in the shorter freestyle events for UM will be junior Craig Jorgensen of Garden Grove, Calif., freshman Jim Zaro of Walnut Creek, Calif., and sophomore Fred Poole of Takoma Park, Md., all newcomers, and sophomore letterman Wade Roloson of Denver, Colo.

Distance freestyle events will be entered by freshman Mike Mills of El Cajon, Calif., and sophomore letterman Kurt von Tagen of Walnut Creek.

Four Grizzlies will compete in the breaststroke for Montana. They are newcomers Bill Daul, junior from San Mateo, Calif., Joe Schoenig, freshman from Hibbing, Minn., and Loren Jacobsen, freshman from Niles, Ill., plus veteran Phil Foley, senior from San Mateo.

Veteran senior Al Turner and sophomore newcomer Ed O'Brien, both of Sioux City, Iowa, will enter the individual medley events.

Montana will have one entry each in diving, backstroke and butterfly events. Diving will be veteran Dennis Dorr, Great Falls sophomore. Sophomore letterman Jerry Homstad of Miles City will swim the butterfly, with junior letterman Dusty Bradley of Morango, Calif. competing in the backstroke.

The Montana swimmers will return Sunday morning. Their next competition will be a dual event against Gonzaga University next Saturday in Missoula.