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Grapplers in Bozeman for triple dual

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MISSOULA--

Montana's Grizzly wrestlers, who have shown marked improvement since the early season going, will be in Bozeman Friday and Saturday for a triple dual meet involving the University of Alberta, Weber State and host Montana State.

Mick Delaney's wrestlers will go against Alberta Friday, and then will face Weber State Saturday afternoon and Montana State in the feature match Saturday night.

The Grizzlies pulled somewhat of an upset without even winning Saturday in Missoula against Montana State. Heavyweight Larry Stranahan, a substitute for the injured Ray Stachnik, pinned Bobcat heavyweight John Vincent quickly in the first period to gain a 16-16 tie for the Grizzlies. It was the last match of the day.

In their other match Saturday, the Tips lost 17-15 to Eastern Montana, a team that had handled Montana 23-16 in Billings two weeks earlier.

Double winners for Montana Saturday were 152-pound Tom Cooper, 167-pound Doug Robbins and 177-pound Ron Mehrens, each with two decisions.

Grizzly stamina will be tested strongly this weekend with the three matches in two days, according to Coach Delaney.

Competing for the Grizzlies this weekend will be:

123—Wayne Neyematsu, Hardin freshman; 130—Pat Cheney, Bethesda, Md. freshman; 137—Wayne Monts, Great Falls freshman; 145—Ken Yachechak, Smithtown, N.Y. junior, or Wayne Mathews, Brisbane, Australia sophomore; 152—Cooper, Missoula junior; 160—Steve Baldock, Markham, Ill. freshman; 167—Robbins, Great Falls junior; 177—Mehrens, Butte junior; 191—Pete Dratz, Tulsa, Okla. sophomore; and, heavyweight—Stranahan, Missoula sophomore.