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Grizzlies on important jaunt to play Idaho State, Weber

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The Montana Grizzlies, snowed out of a doubleheader scheduled against Montana State at Bozeman last Saturday, will resume conference action Saturday and Monday with doubleheaders against Idaho State and Weber State, respectively, on the road.

Weber State is currently in second place in conference play with a 4-2 mark. The Grizzlies, 1-1 for the league season and 6-7 overall, must come up with a sterling effort in the four games to stay alive in the loop race, and Coach Frank Schoonover knows it will be a tough chore.

"Both these teams are good, sound ball clubs," Schoonover said. "We've got to win at least three of these four to stay alive. We'd be a lot better off winning all four, of course."

The Grizzlies will return to Missoula for a pair of doubleheaders May 17 and 19 against league leader Idaho (5-1) and Gonzaga, which also has been tough. The twin bill with Montana State will be rescheduled for the week following the Big Sky Conference championships May 16-17.

Junior John Kidd and senior lefty Lem Elway will get the starting nods against Idaho State Saturday in Pocatello, and the pitching assignments for the Monday pair at Ogden, Utah will depend on how much action these two see Saturday.

In line for possible starting assignments on the mound are sophomore Gordie McManus and freshman Carl Brown, both of Great Falls. Sophomore reliever Mike Acuff of Stevensville has shown improvement and could see action.

Sharing the catching duties again will be Bob Atchison, a senior, and sophomore Roger Nielson.

Infield starters will be sophomore Ron Brownlee, first base; senior Steve Wheeler, second base; junior Ken Wise, shortstop; and freshman Mike Houtenon, third base.

Starting in the outfield will be junior Larry Slocum, left; sophomore Bob Glasgow, center; and senior Bob Galbraith, right.

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