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Grizzly announce six meet cross-country schedule

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MISSOULA—

Five returning lettermen including the 1968 Big Sky Cross Country Champion and second place runner form the nucleus of the 1969 Grizzly cross country team.

Harley Lewis, University of Montana coach, said his team should show well in the six meet schedule this fall and could very well prove to be the best team in the history of the school.

Lewis's squad began training two weeks ago at Lewis's cabin on Rock Creek. He said, "the men reported in excellent shape and after one week in the mountains they seem to have progressed better than any team I've coached."

The Grizzly coach said even though the Grizzlies will field a strong squad, Idaho State will be the team to beat at the Big Sky Meet in Moscow on Nov. 8. ISU has four harriers returning that placed in the top ten of the 1968 conference finals. The Grizzlies have five lettermen returning that placed in the first twenty at Pocatello last fall.

Montana's Wade Jacobsen of Simms will be the man to beat this year. Jacobsen was undefeated in 1968 cross country action but was pressed hard by UM's Ray Velez, who captured second at the Big Sky meet last year.

Other lettermen returning from last year's squad are Howie Johnson, Anaconda; Tim O'Hare, Billings, and Ray Ballew, Sunburst.

Lewis has four top freshmen candidates including the Montana High School 880 champion, Dick Miller of Helena. The Grizzly coach feels that Miller, Boyd Collins of Billings, Bob Malkemes of Colorado Springs, Colo., and George Cook of Highland Falls, N.Y., will greatly strengthen the team.

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The 1969 Schedule:

Oct. 4---Weber, at Ogden.


Oct. 18---Idaho State, at Missoula.


Nov. 1----Montana State, at Bozeman.

Nov. 8----Big Sky Meet, at Moscow.

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