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MISSOULA, Mont., May Montana's track squad, surprise second-place finishers in the Skyline western division meet Saturday, will be hard put to finish above fourth place in the Skyline Conference meet in Albuquerque this weekend.

Coach Harry Adams said he looks for Colorado State to finish second and Utah State third and any number of schools to be fighting for fourth place. Brigham Young, of course, already has been conceded first.

Adams pointed out that it was firsts in the javelin and relay that put the Grizzlies in second place in the division meet. He is just as quick to point out that Hal Utsond, who is the best spear tosser in the western division, is not likely to best New Mexico's Buster Quist.

By the same token, the Grizzly relay team was hard put to stop Brigham Young, and CSU's team posted a faster time in the eastern division meet.

Utah State's L. Jay Silvester will pick up two firsts in the weights and that should throw the balance of power to the Utags.

Adams said he would take 11 men to Albuquerque. They include: Bill Anderson, 880 and relay; Craig DeSilvia, 440 and relay; Art DeVries, mile and 2-mile; Mike Granbois, 440 and relay; Roy Lynn, javelin; Hank Mohland, hurdles; Ron Paige, sprints and relay; Pete Rhinehart, hurdles; Russ Sheriff, discus and shot put; Ken Wersland, shotput and discus; and Hal Utsond, javelin and broad jump.

The Grizzly tennis team, with two conference wins under its belt, also will travel this weekend to Albuquerque for the league tennis championships. Player-coach Jim Kelly said that Montana's finish would depend a great deal on the first-round opponents. The Grizzlies defeated Utah State twice in regular season play, but were no match for powerful Utah and Brigham Young.

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