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MISSOULA---Montana University swimmers will get a belated start on their season this week and next, meeting five straight opponents on the road. The tankers open Friday against College of Puget Sound at Tacoma, Wash. Other matches include University of British Columbia at Vancouver Saturday, University of Washington at Seattle Jan. 25, Washington State University at Pullman Jan. 29, and University of Idaho at Moscow Jan. 30.

Ineligibility losses have cut the team down to 10 members, with transfers Gerald Tisue and Scott Stewart failing to survive the battle of grade points. This leaves Wallace with five lettermen and five sophomores--still a formidable crew. "We still have good strength for our dual meets this season, but the loss of two men may hurt our chances in the Skyline championship meet," the mentor comments.

Personnel on the road tour include freestylers Bob McKinnon, Gary Homme, John Vaught, Hibbie Junginger, Gary Groshelle and Bob Schuette; butterfly expert Ivan Jacobsen, breast stroker Wayne Veeneman, back stroker Doug James and diver Bill Brubaker. McKinnon, Jacobsen, Veeneman and James are considered the backbone of the squad, while Homme, who has unofficially cracked the Skyline 50-yard freestyle record, is the most promising sophomore.

Montana's first home meet is a Feb. 10 engagement with Washington State. Skyline championships will be March 3-5 at the University of New Mexico pool.

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