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MISSOULA---Blessed with more hitting punch in the lineup and one pitcher capable of going the route, Montana University baseball coach Hal Sherbeck will send his Grizzlies against western division leading Utah this Friday at Campbell Park. The Grizzlies currently have a 4-4 mark in league play, and must win four straight games if they hope to stay in the division race.

"We had one good performance last week and one bad one," the mentor commented after his Grizzlies won a 10-2 game from BYU, then lost a 15-5 windup game to the Cougars. Montana righthander Butch Hendricks pitched masterful ball in the opener, allowing but six hits and no earned runs. In the nitecap, however, BYU hitters had little trouble solving the slants of Ken Wimett and Ed Komac.

Montana hitters stroked 24 hits in the two contests, raising the team batting average to .308. This is a considerable improvement over Grizzly hitting earlier in the season. Leading the stick attack were All-Skyliner Terry Screnar, Hendricks, outfielder Floyd Ayers, catcher Chuck Miltenberger, and outfielder Al Craig.

Defensively the Silvertips still need to show improvement. Infield errors-- though not numerous--have killed off several double play chances in the past two weeks.

Ute pitchers Jack Lambourne and Keith Ancell will probably take the mound against the Grizzlies Friday. Lambourne outpitched Hendricks to win a 5-2 decision over Montana in Salt Lake City two weeks ago. In the other game, the Grizzlies hopped on Ancell for 11 hits and hung on for a 9-7 win over Utah.

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