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MISSOULA--

Members of the University of Montana track team turned in seven lifetime best and 10 season's best performances Saturday in a double dual track meet with Washington State University and the Air Force Academy.

The Grizzlies outscored the Air Force squad, 95-52, and were outscored by Washington State, 114-36.

Coach Harley Lewis had predicted the Grizzlies would win three events and they did so -- but only one of the three Lewis predicted. He figured on wins in the steeplechase, 440 and javelin, but instead got wins in the steeplechase, half mile and pole vault and seconds in the 440 and javelin.

Junior George Cook qualified for the NCAA Championships with a 9:02.5 win in the steeplechase. It was his season's best performance, but 12 seconds off his lifetime best.

Junior Dick Miller got a season's best time of 1:53.4 in winning the half mile and Lee Urbaniak tied his best ever mark of 14 feet and took the pole vault event.

Freshman Ric Brown ran a 48.5 for second place in the 440, and although it was his season's best time, it is short of his best ever of 48.2 set as a senior in high school.

Freshman Craig Stiles got the spear out 235-7, almost 10 feet short of his best high school performance, but long enough, by seven inches, to qualify him for the NCAA Championships.

Sprinters Keith Kerbel and Bill Zins both posted season's best performances in both the 100 and 220. Kerbel got seconds in both with times of 9.8 and 22.3. Zins, who has been recovering from injuries, ran 10.0 and 22.4

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Freshman Jim Vanmansart got a lifetime best throw of 50-7¼ for a second place showing in the shot put. First year men Hans Templeman and Terry Pitts both posted lifetime bests in the mile. Templeman ran 4:13.9 for fourth place and Pitts ran 4:15.8 for sixth.

Junior Bill Codd continues to improve in the 440. He ran 50.1 for fifth place and later ran a 48.9 relay leg, both season bests. Montana got second in the mile relay with a time of 3:18.9.

Al Joscelyn ran a lifetime best of 55.4 in the intermediate hurdles for a fourth place finish:

Freshman Doug Darko came within 13 seconds of qualifying for the NCAA Championships in the three mile with a 14:12.6 clocking. That was good enough for second place and was his lifetime best. He was timed at 9:16.8 as he crossed the two-mile mark, also a lifetime best.

Lewis plans to split up his team this weekend, but will keep most of them at home for a dual meet with Western Montana College. The Grizzlies were to run against Montana State Saturday, but will meet them May 13 here instead, which means another home meet since that had been an open date.

A dozen or so Grizzlies will either go to the Beehive Invitational this weekend in Salt Lake City or to an invitational meet at the University of Washington.

Steeplechaser Cook and perhaps javelin thrower Stiles will go to the Drake Relays to meet some of the nation's best track athletes.

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