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MISSOULA--

University of Montana plunges into action on the road this weekend against Idaho State and Utah in Pocatello, Friday, and Weber in Ogden, Saturday.

Coach Fred Stetson's tankers are 1-0 on the season after an 81-18 win over Eastern Washington in Cheney two weeks ago.

While Montana has been Big Sky swim champions since 1966, Utah has an equally impressive shelf of championship trophies from the Western Athletic Conference. The Redskins are the defending WAC champions.

Stetson said that Utah will be probably the toughest competition the Grizzlies will face this season, but did not regard Idaho State as a pushover. "They (ISU) have challenged us for the last three or four years for the championship and they're building a strong program." Idaho State again is expected to be the road block in Montana's path to its sixth straight loop title.

Saturday, Montana travels to Ogden for a meet with the Weber swimmers. The Wildcat floaters are 2-2 on the season after last weekend's competition. Weber dropped its first two meets -- Western States College of Colorado, 62-42, and Colorado College, 75-37. The Wildcats edged Colorado School of Mines, 57-55, and blasted Shadron State College, 79-32.

Montana's Dave Garard, holder of two Big Sky records, and Kurt von Tagen, holder of four BSC marks, are expected to challenge Utah swimmers in the freestyle and butterfly. The Big Sky's diving record holder, Dave Allen, should show well in diving events at Pocatello for Montana.

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