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MISSOULA--

Five University of Montana trackmen will compete in the Achilles Invitational Indoor Track Meet Saturday in Vancouver B.C.

Grizzly track coach Harley Lewis said George Cook, Wade Jacobsen, Al Joscelyn, Chris Phiem and Mark Doane will compete in the Saturday session of the three day meet at the Pacific Coliseum.

Lewis said Cook and Jacobsen will compete in the 3,000-meters against two of the world's best distance runners. U.S. Olympian Gerry Lindgren and Australian Kerry O'Brien are scheduled to run in that race.

Lindgren has been clocked at 8:41 in the two mile while O'Brien has run a 7:50.8 in the 3,000-meters. The Australian also happens to be the current world leader in the steeplechase with an 8:22 time, Lewis said.

Cook and Jacobsen have run 9:13 two miles and Cook has been clocked at 9:21 in the steeplechase. In an earlier one-mile steeplechase at the Idaho State Indoor Invitational in the Minidome, Cook defeated world one-mile steeplechase indoor record holder, Hyde Van der Wald. Cook's time was 4:37.5 and Van der Wald's record stands at 4:24.

Al Joscelyn and transfer Chris Phiem will compete in the 88-meters. Joscelyn won the 880-yd. run at the ISU meet last month with a 1:56.8. Joscelyn's best outdoor time in the event is 1:53.1.

Phiem transferred to the University of Montana from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., last fall and will redshirt this year. He will compete for the Montana Track Club at Vancouver. His best time in the half mile is 1:51.8.

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Expected to^{run}/against Joscelyn and Pheim is the 1968 Olympic/^{gold} medalist, Ralph Doubell of Australia. Doubell has run a 1:47.6 in the 800-meters.

Montana's other competitor is Mark Doane in the shot put. Doane's best throw in competition is 54-6 although the Hardin senior has tossed the 16-lb. iron ball 55 feet in practice this winter.

Montana's next competition is the Big Sky Indoor Championships in the ISU Minidome, March 6.