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GRIZZLY RODEO WILL GIVE
SEASON WILD KICK-OFF

Powder River, let'er buck! It's that time of year again.

The eighth annual University of Montana Intercollegiate Rodeo opens Thursday night in the Field House and the three-night event promises to be as wild as ever. The colorful grand entry opens each performance at 7:30 p.m.

More than 100 contestants from four Western States in the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association will test some of the toughest livestock ever brought to the UM show. Many contestants compete in more than one of the eight events and entries are expected to exceed 200.

Big Bend Rodeo Company of Davenport, Wash., brings most of its bucking stock direct from last week's professional Diamond Spur Rodeo in Spokane. Included are two world's champion saddle broncs--Trail's End and Trade Winds--and some of the rankest Brahma bulls in the country.

Three teams are expected to battle for men's division honors. Brigham Young University, Utah State University and Montana State University are always tough in collegiate circles and have finesquads again.

BYU is looking for its third straight UM crown but both USU and MSU topped the Cougars last week at Nampa, Idaho, in the first NIRA show of the year.

Montana has an inexperienced team but the Grizzlies' Bill Lake is one of the best hands in the region. The left-hander from Missoula competes in both calf and ribbon roping as well as steer wrestling.

Other UM entries in men's events are Dick Sauerbier, Kalispell, roping events;

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Ross Fredell, Calgary, bareback and bull riding and roping events; Tim Pfahler, Big Timber, bareback and bull riding; Charlie Nolan, Ronan, bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding; and Jack Cassiday, Libby, bareback and saddle bronc riding.

Two women will ride for the Grizzlies in goat typing and barrel racing. They are Kris Markman, Wilsall, and Vicki Owen, Missoula. Montana State has won the women's crown three straight years.

Miss Markman is one of three rodeo queen finalists. Others are Helen (H.J.) Zimmerman, Missoula, and Jo Ann Hacker, Ennis. The queen will be crowned at Thursday's performance.

Two added attractions this year are a calf decorating contest for UM women's living groups and wild cow riding among men's living groups.