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2/21/78 sports state + Big Sky TRACKSTERS DO WELL IN UM INVITATIONAL

MISSOULA --

University of Montana athletes won six of twelve events in last weekend's University of Montana indoor meet against Montana State. The Bobcats won four events and unattached athletes won two.

The only meet record set was a 14:31.5 three-mile run, a new event, by MSU's Steve Bishop.

UM winners included Joe Valacich, 22' 6 1/2" in the long jump; Bill Johnson, 42'10" in the triple jump; Gene Popovich, 50' 2" in the shot put; Mike Andrews, 52.3 in the 440; Tim Fox, 6.5 in the 50 yard high hurdles and Scott Browning, 2:19.2 in the 1,000 yard run.

Other individual winners in the meet were Joe Moerkerke, unattached, 6'8" in the high jump; Dave Scully of MSU, 14-0 in the pole vault (the winner on fewer misses); MSU's Mike Leod, 5.5 in the 50 yard dash finals; Bobcat Chris Quinn, 4:21.7 in the mile and Montana's Dale Giem, running unattached, with a 1:15.7 in the 600 yard run.

Head track coach Harley Lewis will be taking over a dozen Grizzly athletes to Pocatello, Idaho on Feb. 24 and 25 for a qualifying meet for the NCAA indoor championships.