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Promoted by perfect weather, 90 runners achieved outstanding times in the Pelleur Invitational last weekend in Spokane. University of Idaho's Mike Smith finished first in 25 minutes, 24 seconds, while UM's Tom Raunig and Dave Gordon ran to eighth and ninth place finishes with times of 25:54 and 25:56.

Idaho dominated the non-scoring meet, while Boise State and the Grizzlies shared runner-up roles. This year's faster finishing times reflect the improved caliber of Big Sky cross country teams, according to head coach Marshall Clark. While satisfied with his team's performance, he noted the breadth of strength within this year's competition, saying, "In order to keep up with the increasing amount of talent in the league, we will have to push hard in the coming meets."

Next week's four-mile course in Moscow, Idaho will require the harriers to rely more on speed than in the Pelleur meet, Clark stated. This race will feature head-to-head competition between the designated #1 and #2 runners of each squad represented in a format that is new to UM runners.

The first home meet will bring Boise State to the University Golf Course on Oct. 6 for a 10,000 meter race.

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