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GRIZZLY WRESTLERS ON ROAD
FOR FOUR MATCHES AFTER
TWO-WEEK LAYOFF

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana wrestling team will be back in the thick of action this week, as they hit the road for four dual matches. Montana has not wrestled since the University of Washington Invitational on Dec. 16.

UM had a Big Sky Conference match scheduled with Idaho State last Friday, Jan. 11, but poor travel conditions stopped the Bengals from making the trip. The match has not been rescheduled at this point in the season.

Coach Jerry Hick's team begins its trip at Washington State Wednesday, Jan. 16. Hicks said WSU "is a good team, especially in the '77 and '90 classes. It should be a good test for Neal (Freitas) and Scott (Morton)."

The following evening the Grizzlies will face Central Washington State in Ellensburg.

Friday Montana is at powerful University of Washington in Seattle. "Washington has an outstanding team," Hicks said. "They are solid throughout the lineup. They beat us 49-3 last year, and we're looking to improve on that."

The final stop for UM is in Cheney, Wash., to wrestle Eastern Washington. "They are outstanding, and could be an NAIA national contender," Hicks said. "They beat Montana State (37-15), and so did we (33-13), so it could be quite a matchup."

All matches begin at 7:30 p.m. except the EWU match, which starts at 4 p.m.

Hicks said his team was at a disadvantage with the long layoff, and "we are shooting for a split on this trip. We'd like to go 2-2, and I think we can do it, although it will be tough."

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Grizzly Wrestlers--Add one

Probable Grizzly lineup with win-loss records:

118--Doug Forrest (3-8)

158--Kelly Morton (8-7)

126--Tom Patierno (1-0)

167--Jim Clowes (0-0-1)

134--John Carver (5-6-1)

177--Neal Freitas(11-6)

142--Max Best (0-0)

190--Scott Morton (12-5)

150--Brad Benn (9-4-1)

Heavyweight--Myke Miller (6-4)

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