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GRIZZLY WRESTLERS AT MIWA
TOURNEY IN GREELEY, COLORADO

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana wrestling team continues its matches with top-notch teams this Saturday, Jan. 26, when they compete in the MIWA Tournament in Greeley, Colorado. The event is hosted by the University of Northern Colorado.

BYU is the top-seed in the (approximately) 20-team tournament, with Montana, Utah, Colorado, Idaho and Wyoming universities competing.

Montana is now 2-3-1 in dual competition after four matches on the road last week. The Grizzlies had only three home matches this season, and one of them with Idaho State, was cancelled because of poor travelling conditions.

The Grizzlies' scores on the road: UM 14, Washington State 23; UM 12, Central Washington 21; UM 11, University of Washington 24; UM 30, Eastern Washington 16.

Senior Jim Clowes (167) had the most success on the trip. Clowes, who was a runner-up in the Big Sky Conference last season, went 3-0-1 last week. He was Montana's nominee for Big Sky Wrestler of the Week, and placed second in the balloting.

"It will be a good test for us," said Grizzly coach Jerry Hicks. "We had a long layoff, and we needed some matches to get back into shape. Right now we're getting ready for the conference tournament." The Big Sky tournament is March 1 in Boise.

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The tentative line-up, and win-loss records: 118 -- Doug Forrest (5-10); 126 -- Tom Patierno (1-3); 134 -- John Carver (5-10-1); 142 -- Brad Benn (11-6-1, at 150); 150 -- Kelly Morton (10-9, at 158); 158 -- Matt Popham (8-6, at 167); 167 -- Jim Clowes (3-0-2); 177 -- Neal Freitas (13-8, with 4 pins); 190 -- Scott Morton (14-7); Heavyweight -- Myke Miller (8-6).

Results to date (2-3-1 in duals):

(0-0-1) UM 20, North Idaho College 20

(1-0-1) UM 33, Montana State 13

(1-1-1) UM 14, Washington State 23

(1-2-1) UM 12, Central Washington 21

(1-3-1) UM 11, University of Washington 24

(2-3-1) UM 30, Eastern Washington 16

Tourney results:

2nd, Bobcat Invitational (57 points)

13th, U of Washington Invitational (7 points)

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