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### TURF-TEARING COULD BE RESULT OF WEEKEND CROSS COUNTRY ACTIVITY

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It's only natural for a golf course to assume some wear and tear from the thousands of golfers who tromp on it several months out of each year.

But to be torn up by a bunch of guys running around to see who can get to the finish line first may be more than a golf course should stand.

Actually, it won't be as bad as all that Saturday morning when the University of Montana golf course trembles beneath the running feet of some 245 high school and college cross country runners covering from two to four miles in five different races starting at 9:30.

Fifteen Class C, six class B, nine Class A and nine Class AA high school teams will compete in four of the races comprising the Montana State High School Cross Country Meet. Races start every half hour, with Class C first, followed by B, A, and AA.

Then, at 11:30, the University of Montana, undefeated in dual meet competition this fall, will host the Eastern Washington State College team in a four-mile event. All high school races will be two miles.

Seven top ten high school finishers from last year will be **back** in action Saturday, but competition will be slightly different. Last year, Classes C and B ran in one group, as did Classes A and AA. This year, each class will run separately.

Missoula Hellgate's John Hewitt, Last year's Class A winner, will defend his title in Class AA competition this weekend.

The Class B champ from last year, Wade Jacobsen of Simms, will be one of seven Montana runners going against Eastern Washington.

Running with Jacobsen will be senior Fred Friesz of Billings, junior Mick Harrington of Missoula, sophomores Duane Spethman of Boulder and Ray Valez of Highland Falls, N.Y., and freshmen Steve Linse of Snohomish, Wash. and Ray Ballew of Sunburst.

Montana Coach Harley Lewis is meet chairman.