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GRIZZLY CROSS COUNTRY COACH  
PLEASED WITH TEAM'S SHOWING

MISSOULA---

University of Montana cross country coach Harley Lewis was beaming with pride Monday, and well he should.

His harriers had won the Big Sky Conference Championship Saturday in Missoula in a big way, with three Grizzlies placing in the top four, and another one 10th.

As a team, the young Grizzlies scored 29 points, 16 better than their closest rival, defending champion Idaho State. Other scores were Idaho, 67; Weber State, 94, and Gonzaga, 145.

"It was a great win for us," Lewis said. "All of the kids ran exceptionally well."

Asked if he had been genuinely worried about the meet's outcome before it was run, Lewis said, "I was a little skeptical beforehand, but when I saw that our kids had to run 20 seconds better than their best performances before the conference meet, I knew I should really have been worried."

Individual winner was Fred Friesz, Billings senior, who clipped nearly 11 seconds from his own course record of 20:17.5 with a Saturday clocking of 20:06.6, running in cool weather in a light rain over the four-mile course.

Friesz will be the only loss the team will have, with junior Mick Harrington, who finished 14th Saturday, returning along with sophomores Duane Spethman, 16th Saturday, and Ray Velez, fourth, and freshmen Wade Jacobsen, second Saturday, Steve Linse, 10th, and Ray Ballew, 12th.

The team isn't through with cross country yet for this year. Lewis said he will take five or six of his squad members to the United States Track and Field Federation Meet in Ft. Collins, Colo. Thanksgiving Day.

"I think we will do real well in the USTFF meet," Lewis said. "We've got a great team."