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GRIZZLY TRACK CONTINGENT TO COMPETE IN WASHINGTON STATE INDOOR MEET

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Coach Harley Lewis and a 22-man squad of Montana Grizzly track hopefuls left Friday for Pullman, Wash. where they will compete in the Washington State University Indoor track and field meet Saturday.

It will be the first test for the Grizzlies as a team, and a good one. Most of the other schools competing in the event will have the advantage of better weather or facilities in which to prepare.

Other schools competing include Central, Eastern and Western Washington State Colleges, Whitworth College, Whitman College, University of Idaho, Simon Frazer (Vancouver, B.C.), Seattle Pacific, Boise College, Lewis-Clark Normal, and a number of area junior colleges.

A lot of young competitors will be going for the Grizzlies in the season opener, but Lewis feels he can count on all of them.

"We probably won't be comparable condition with the other teams entered, but we'll give it everything we've got anyway," Lewis said.

Because the meet is indoors, distances in the races will not be the same as an outdoor event.

Lewis will send Glasgow sophomore Roy Robinson and Tacoma, Wash. junior Ron Baines into the 70-yard dash. Robinson will also run in the high hurdles with Billings freshman Bruce Moerer, Moerer will join freshman Dick Koontz in the intermediate hurdles, and Baines will also compete in the high jump.

Tom Gopp, senior from N. Canton, Ohio, will be the only Grizzly entry in the 300-yard dash, and he will run with sophomore Daryl Gadbow and Carl Thompson of Missoula and Dave Nebel of Great Falls in the mile relay.

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Gadbow and freshman Randy Hahn of Great Falls will represent the Bruins in the 440-yard run.

Duane Spethman, Boulder sophomore, and Tim Stark, Polson junior, will run the 600-yard run for Lewis, and junior Mick Harrington of Missoula and freshman Ray Ballew of Sunburst will run in the 1000-yard race.

Competing in the mile run for the Grizzlies will be senior All-America Fred Friesz of Billings, freshman Ray Velez of San Bernadino, Calif., and frosh Wade Jacobsen of Simms and Steve Linse of Snohomish, Wash.

In the weight events, Lewis will go with freshman Mark Doane of Hardin in the shot put and junior Carl Erland of Kent, Wash. in the discus throw.

Record-holding junior Mike Lyngstad of Columbia Falls will toss the javelin for the Tips, and sophomore Marty Palagi of Great Falls will be in the long and triple jump events. Also competing in the triple jump will be freshman Pat Schruth of Billings.

Next competition for the Grizzlies will be the Banana Belt Relays at Lewiston, Idaho one week from Saturday.

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