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GRIZZLY NETTERS ON WEST COAST, IN IDAHO FOR FOUR MATCHES IN THREE DAYS

MISSOULA---

The University of Montana tennis team, with a close loss to strong Gonzaga University behind them, will be in Oregon and Idaho this week for four matches in three days.

The Grizzly netters will play Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. and the University of Oregon in Eugene on Thursday, then will battle Portland State College in Portland Friday and the University of Idaho at Moscow Saturday.

The Grizzlies lost to Gonzaga 5-4 last Thursday, winning two of six singles matches and two of three doubles events. Singles winners were number one player Rick Ferrell, Spokane, Wash. freshman, and Bud Schatz, Missoula freshman playing number five.

In doubles, Ferrell teamed with Missoula junior Brian Kekich to win in the first bracket, and Schatz and Rod Richardson, senior from Billings, won the third-bracket match.

All four of the teams the Grizzlies will meet this week will have played at least nine matches before meeting the Montanans. Coach Tom Whiddon still feels his team will show well despite their relative lack of experience this spring.

"I was fairly happy with the general performance of the team against Gonzaga," Whiddon said. "And all of our players have looked much better in practice this week."

Seven Grizzlies will be on the trip west. Playing in singles matches will be Ferrell, number one; Steve Meloy, Helena, two; Kekich, three; Kerry Bunker, Great Falls, four; Schatz, five, and Richardson, six.

In doubles, Ferrell-Kekich will play number one, Meloy-Berry Ormsbee, Hamilton, two, and Schatz-Richardson, three.