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THIRD ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY MEET SLATED AT UM GOLF COURSE SATURDAY MORNING

MISSOULA---

The University of Montana golf course will come alive to the sound of tromping feet Saturday morning when the UM Third Annual Invitational High School Cross Country Meet gets underway.

Twenty teams from throughout the Treasure State will be represented. Defending team champion Helena Senior and runner-up Butte Central will be competing, each entering two teams. Anaconda Public will also enter two squads.

The other 14 teams competing will be from Missoula Sentinel, Missoula Hellgate, Hamilton, Deer Lodge, Polson, Dixon (one runner), Shelby, Great Falls Russell, Butte Public, Glasgow, Kalispell, Great Falls Public, Seeley-Swan and Charlo.

Butte Central and Shelby, both with good showings so far this fall, are expected to vie for top honors, but University Coach Harley Lewis says that "with this many entries, the thing just could be up for grabs."

Only three of last year's top 10 individuals will be back this year. They are Dan Rowland and Dick Miller of Helena, who finished fourth and eighth, respectively, and Del Hamon of Great Falls Public, who wound up ninth.

Last year's top finisher, Howard Johnson of Anaconda, is now competing for the University of Montana.

Actually, two races will be run Saturday, with a novice event of one and one-half miles beginning at 10:30 a.m., and the varsity race of two miles beginning at 11 a.m.

A trophy will be awarded to the top team, with medals going to the top 10 individuals.

"This is the largest race in the state," Lewis said, "and we hope to see a lot of people out watching." Meet director is UM assistant coach Pat Dodson.