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BRUIN GOLFERS TO FACE 11-TEAM FIELD IN SPOKANE

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Six University of Montana golfers will carry their team's undefeated record into an l1-team tournament tentatively scheduled on the Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane Friday and Saturday.

The 36-hole event will feature teams from Montana State, Idaho, Washington State, Gonzaga, Seattle University, Portland State, Whitworth, Central Washington, Western Washington and Eastern Washington in addition to the Grizzlies. Tee-off time will be noon both days.

Coach Jack Miller feels it could be one of the best golf tests a Montana team has had since he took over the reins last spring.

Grizzlies making the trip, with their best scores to dates in parentheses, are Rick Carpenter (69), Glen Wysel (77), Dick Kuhl (74), Skip Kopravica (73), Spike Dougherty (76) and Tom Manning (79).

"We're still juggling our lineup somewhat to try to come up with the top six before Big Sky Conference meet time," Miller said. "At the same time, we will try to field a group that can win."

Miller thinks the strongest competition is likely to come from Seattle, Portland State and Washington State, but he added that in a large meet like this one, anything can happen.

The second-year coach thinks playing on the Indian Canyon course might enhance the Grizzlies' chances, or at least "won't hurt them any."

While hoping for a win this weekend, Miller and his golfers can't help but look ahead to May 9, when UM will meet Montana State, Weber State and Idaho State at Idaho Falls.

Miller thinks that Weber State will press the Grizzlies the hardest in an effort to keep UM from its sixth straight Big Sky links title.

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