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How do state high school championships in track, tennis and golf, Big Sky Conference championships in the same sports plus two college baseball doubleheaders within eight days grab you, sports buffs?

They're all on tap for Missoula and Montana sports fans this month, with half of the activities going on side-by-side at the UM sports complex on the south campus. And the other activities won't be far away.

For openers, the Big Sky Conference Championships in track and field, golf and tennis will get underway Friday, May 16, and run through Saturday, May 17.

At New Dornblaser Stadium, Montana, Montana State, Idaho and Weber State will try to end Idaho State's five-year track reign, unbroken since the league track competition began in 1964. Montana and Weber State figure to be the top challengers, but the chore will be a toughie, because Idaho State boasts a tremendous running crew and added strength in the field events.

All-in-all, comparative performances indicate that this year's confrontation will be one of the finest and most competitive in the league's history.

Meanwhile, Gonzaga, Idaho, Idaho State, Montana State and Weber State will try to break Montana's five-year hold on the conference golf championship. Again, the odds in favor of that happening are small, because Montana coach Jack Miller has put together another outstanding links squad that may be the school's best ever.

Weber State has recruited some fine shooters and could give Montana the most problems during the two-day meet at the 18-hole Missoula Country Club course.

The UM tennis courts will be the site as Idaho fights off challenges from the other five loop schools. Once again, Weber State looks like the toughest challenger, with Montana hoping for a shot at second place, at least. Idaho will be tough to unseat in its

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quest for a fourth consecutive loop net title.

An added attraction for the championship weekend will be the baseball doubleheader between defending league champion Idaho and the University of Montana May 17 at Campbell Park, directly north of New Dornblaser.

The two seven-inning tilts will start at 10 a.m., and hopefully will be completed before the track and field action gets going in the early afternoon.

Then, on Monday, May 19, the Grizzlies will wind up their diamond season in another league doubleheader, meeting Gonzaga with the opener starting at 1 p.m.

The Montana State Track, Tennis and Golf Championships return to Missoula May 23-24 after a two-year stint in the Magic City of Billings.

New Dornblaser will be the prep track and field site for the first time. The meet, formerly known as the Interscholastics, was held annually at the original Dornblaser Stadium on the main campus of the University.

The golf event will again take place at the Missoula Country Club, while the University courts will be used for the tennis tournament.

The outstanding athletes in these sports from most of Montana's high schools, large and small, will compete in these sports after qualifying at their respective divisional meets.

Missoula high school administrators are co-operating with University officials and the Chamber of Commerce sports committee, the Missoula Athletic Council, to produce an outstanding weekend of activities for the athletes and visitors.