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MISSOULA--

Montana runners faced some of the toughest runners in the nation last Saturday in Spokane.

The Grizzlies competed against Washington State, California and Whitworth, and came out third in the meet standings. The WSU Cougars won the meet with 21 points while California took second with 58 points. Montana marked 68 in the competition and Whitworth trailed the pack with 84 points.

WSU took the first three places with Gerry Lindgren and Rick Riley tying for first followed closely by freshman Mark Hiefield. The winning time for the 4.4 mile course was 21:01.

Coach Harley Lewis of Montana felt his team competed very well in the meet. He said, "Considering Washington State has a good chance to win the NCAA title this year, we did excellent."

Wade Jacobsen, Montana's junior leadman, placed fifth with a 21:30 clocking, while fleetfooted Ray Velez captured tenth in 21:46. Other Montana finishers were George Cook 15th, Bob Malkemes 21st, Howard Johnson 22nd and Boyd Collins 27th.

Montana is still without the services of Ray Ballew. Lewis said, "If we had Ballew, I think we could have beaten California for second place, however with his present condition, I'm just hoping he'll be ready for the conference meet on Nov. 8."

Lewis said that many outstanding athletes competed in the meet. "I think many of these runners will place in the NCAA finals this year," the U' coach concluded.

Montana meets Montana State next in Bozeman Saturday at the MSU Golf Course.

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