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Montana's two Grizzly competitors in the NCAA cross-country finals placed in the top 150 of the 735 contestants Monday in New York City.

Wade Jacobsen, 1968-69 Big Sky individual champion, placed 45th in the meet with a 29:58 clocking for the six-mile course. The other University of Montana performer, George Cook, placed 135th.

Coach Harley Lewis said, "While Jacobsen's position in the field was not that impressive, his time was. Had Jacobsen run this fast in 1968 he would have finished tenth."

"A good indication of Wade's performance is that against Washington State. He finished 17 seconds behind Hiefield. In New York, " Lewis said, "Wade almost beat him for 44th place.

"Cook ran exceptionally well for a freshman," Lewis said. "He has improved steadily throughout the season and we expect great things from him."

Texas-El Paso won the team title with Villanova, Oregon, Penn State and Washington State rounding out the top five.

Washington State's Gerry Lindgren won the individual title beating Oregon's Frank PreFontaine for first.

Lewis said, "Our two performances give us an indication of the strength of the Big Sky Conference. While we improve greatly each year, the other schools and conferences do too."

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