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Two University of Montana rifle teams competed in the Inland Empire Invitational Rifle
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Match this weekend in Moscow, Idaho, and the/team walked off with top honors.

The Montana A team won by scoring 1,450 out of a possible 1,500 points. Ten teams vied for top honors, with Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, finishing second with 1,397 points. Gonzaga University, Spokane, finished third with 1,371 points and team B from the University of Montana finished fourth with 1,336.

Members of the Montana A team and the number of points each scored from high to low in Saturday's meet include Robert J. Skinner, Missoula, 293; Kirby M. Fetzer, Missoula, 291; Gary A. Swartz, Great Falls, 290; William M. Heitler, Delaware, Pa., 289, and Richard H. Kuschel, Missoula, 287.

Swartz took high kneeling honors with a perfect score of 100. Kuschel took the high score of 95 in the standing position.

Members of the Montana B team and their individual scores include James W. Walstrom, Brookings, S.D., 282; George A. Green, Whitefish, 279; David W. Jakobs, Maynard, Minn., 266; Denise Jean Danell, Billings, 258, and Holly Leland Gleason, Missoula, 251.

The UM rifle team coach, Sgt. 1/C James Manship of the Army ROTC Military Science Department, said he hopes to take the team to the Reno, Nev., Invitational in March if the needed funds can be raised.

Skinner, who is president of the UM Rifle Club, said no University funds have been appropriated for the UM team, but he said the team is raising some money through the sale of pennants for the Camellia Bowl football game between the UM Grizzlies and the North Dakota State University Bison.

Skinner said the rifle team also is seeking contributions from Missoula businessmen and civic organizations to help sponsor the team.

Other teams competing in the weekend meet included the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Washington State University. ###