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MONTANA COACH
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Even the University of Montana wrestling coach has had a rough time this season.

Joe Sullivan underwent knee surgery to repair cartilage damage in early January and now coaches the Tip grapplers with the aid of a pair of crutches. Ironically, Sullivan's injury is not a direct result of competing in sports.

Not only has the Grizzly coach had a tough time of it, but his wrestlers have been hampered by the flu bug all season. "We're just now getting back in shape," Sullivan said, "we've really had a bout with that flu bug."

Sullivan is a native of Sand Springs, Okla. He attended Iowa State University and received his bachelor of science degree in forestry in 1967.

Before attending Iowa State, Sullivan was a wrestling coach in the U.S. Army while stationed in Turkey and Ft. Hood, Tex. The Montana coach also wrestled for the Turkish Olympic team while stationed in the Near East.

Sullivan came to the University of Montana in 1968 to work on a masters degree in Forestry. He is under the recreation option in the UM forestry school and is completing degree requirements this quarter.

UM athletic director and head football coach Jack Swarthout said Sullivan helped Mick Delaney coach the Grizzly wrestling team last year and was the logical choice when Delaney completed his masters degree requirements.

According to Sullivan the Grizzlies should capture third in the Big Sky championships, however anything can happen and the rapid improvement of the Tips could make Montana a title contender. Idaho State and Montana State are the teams to beat this year.

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MONTANA COACH Joe Sullivan needs crutches to teach his grapplers this season.

Sullivan underwent knee surgery in early January and will be on crutches the rest of the season. Pictured here with the injured Sullivan are Bernie Olson (bottom) and Doug Robbins (top). UM photo by Dreher

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