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MISSOULA--

A University of Montana track and field team has never been defeated in a dual or triangular meet since Harley Lewis became head cinders coach in 1966.

The record stands at 14-0 in four years; however, this could all change Saturday in Ellensburg when the Grizzly runners, jumpers and throwers compete against Central Washington State College in a dual meet.

Central Washington has been ranked in the top five NAIA national track circles consistently for the last decade and this season appear to be a strong contender for the NAIA national title.

Last year, in the first meeting between the two schools, Montana took a 87-58 win. This year there is a difference, Montana is a young team and graduated a host of certain winners while the Wildcats have a veteran team back.

Lewis said, "Central Washington is probably the deepest and most balanced team we'll face this year and that scares me."

Last week while Montana was racing to 13 of 17 first places in the non-scoring Montana Invitational meet in Missoula, Central Washington overwhelmed Eastern Washington, 94-51 in Ellensburg.

The Grizzlies had five record breaking performances in the Montana Invitational meet, eight life time best performance and thirteen season's best performances. On the other hand, Wildcat performers swept 11 events against conference rival Eastern Washington.

The Wildcats had some outstanding performances last Saturday. Sprinter Tom Lines, Tom Walker and John Kirry turned in double wins for Central Washington.

Lines won the 100- and 220-yard dashes while Walker took the 440 and long jump. Kirry, the only man to beat Montana's Roy Robinson in the high hurdles in a dual meet, won the high and intermediate hurdles.

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Central Washington also has a fine crop of distance men. Sam Ring and Dale Shea both run the two-mile around the 9:25 mark and will give Wade Jacobsen, Montana's 9:25 two-miler, a test. No two mile is scheduled Saturday, but the three will run a three mile instead.

Comparing Montana and Central Washington as teams, Coach Lewis said the Grizzlies would appear to have the edge in the sprints, 880, mile, high jump, pole vault, shot put and 440-relay. The Wildcats will sweep the javelin, and have the edge in the 440, two mile, discus, long and triple jump, intermediate hurdles and mile relay.

Lewis said the meet hinges on every event. "If we have a good day we could win by as much as 15 points; however, if they have a good day they could win by as much as 15 points---It's that close."

The Montana entries are Roy Robinson, Bill Zins and Keith Kerbel, 100-yard dash; Kerbel, Bill Zins, Bill Codd, or Bob Zins or Robinson, 220-yard dash; Bob Zins, Steve Hopkins and Brian McNicholas, 440-yard dash; Ray Velez, Al Joscelyn, and Duane Spethman or Dick Miller, 880-yard dash; Velez, Spethman and Miller, mile and George Cook, Wade Jacobsen and Tim O'Hare, three mile.

Roy Robinson, Barry Mortenson and Casey Walker are entered in the high hurdles, Dick Koontz, Bill Trosper and Bill Nebel, in the intermediate hurdles, Robinson, the Zins brothers and Kerbel, in the 440-relay and a team to be named for the mile relay.

In the long jump Montana will have Stan Buresh, Trosper and Koontz, Kerbel or Robinson; Greg Olson and Walker, high jump; Lee Urbaniak, Dan Monahan and Buresh, pole vault; Buresh and Olson, triple jump; Mark Doane, shot put; Rob Andrew and Doane discus and no entries in the javelin.

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