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MISSOULA--

Saturday's football clash between the University of Montana and Idaho State University is billed as the Big Sky championship game and the cross country meet that day also could indicate who will be the league cross country champion.

Harley Lewis takes his defending Big Sky champion cross country team to Pocatello for a five mile race against Idaho State. Montana and ISU have passed the conference title between Missoula and Pocatello since Harley Lewis came to Montana in 1966.

Idaho State won the crown in 1966, Montana took it from the Bengals in 1967, the Bengals got it back in 1968, and Montana won the title last year in Moscow. Each year Montana or Idaho State ended up second when the other school won the championship.

Last weekend Idaho State raced to an almost perfect score against Montana State in a five-mile run in Bozeman. The Bengals scored 18 points against the Bobcats and were three short of a perfect score of 15.

Montana lost last weekend to national power Washington State in a five team meet in Moscow. The Cougars scored 18 points with Montana a distant second for the five plus mile course at 43 points. Idaho followed with 78 points, Whitworth scored 83 and Gonzaga rounded out the five teams with 124.

Saturday's race in Pocatello pits two-time conference champion Wade Jacobsen, Montana, against Big Sky mile champion Mike Isola, ISU. Isola, a senior, has come on strong this season. Last week in Bozeman he ran 25:08 in winning.

Wade Jacobsen had his hands full last weekend with the Cougar harriers. Jacobsen and Big Sky steeplechase champion, George Cook, tied for fourth with a 28:19 clocking. Washington State's Don Smith, a freshman from New Zealand, and Mark Hiefield tied for first with a 27:33 timing.

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Montana's third runner is Boyd Collins, a sophomore, who took eighth last weekend while two ISU newcomers, Ben Windsor and John McCray, finished fourth and fifth against Montana State.

Montana's fourth runner, Wes Priestly, ran twelfth in Moscow. Bob Malkemes, the fifth runner for Montana, finished fifteenth, and freshman Mark Ryan ran eighteenth.

Rounding out the Idaho State field were Tony Rodriquez in sixth and Kurt Lawson in eighth.

Coach Harley Lewis ran a time trial Tuesday to see who would represent the Grizzlies in the sixth and seventh positions. Al Stockdale, a Helena freshman, will run in the sixth spot and Howard Johnson, who finished 23rd last week, will be the Grizzly's seventh representative.

Lewis said Mark Ryan would not make the trip due to a bout with the flu.

Lewis concluded that the meet in Pocatello would give him a pretty good indication of what to expect in the Big Sky meet next month in Bozeman. Idaho State, Montana and Northern Arizona appear to be the top contenders for the crown.

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