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MISSOULA, Mont., June___ Montana's spring sports season last Saturday ended as it began--on a dismal note. Rain-swept skies prevented the Grizzly baseball team from playing a final double-header with Montana State College, just as they did early in April at the outset of the season.

Although the golf team has one more match to play--a return engagement with the Bobcats Saturday in Butte--for all intents and purposes, the 1958 spring sports season is history.

Looking at the past season with an objective eye toward the won-lost columns, the season scarcely could be called successful. But, a glance at the material that was available to spring sports coaches at the outset, brings out the fact that Grizzly teams did very well indeed.

The track team, the thinnest in years, still captured two dual meets, a second in the western division meet, and fifth in the Conference meet. And only 1/2 points separated the second and fifth place teams in the Skyline meet.

Three all-time Montana University track and field records were set by Grizzly athletes this spring. Bill Anderson, junior half-miler, posted a non-winning time of 1:53.0 in the Western Division 880 to break his old mark of 1:54.4.

Hal Utsond, sophomore broad jump and javelin ace, jumped 23 feet, 9 1/2 inches, in a dual meet with Utah State to post a new University mark in that event.

Junior weight man Ken Wersland threw the shot 51 feet in the conference meet two weeks ago for a new Grizzly record.

That all are underclassmen points to a better track season next year for veteran coach Harry Adams. Adams also will have Mike Johnston, a stellar two-miler who sat out transfer eligibility requirements this spring.

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The tennis team, with three wins against four losses, had one of the most successful seasons a net squad ever enjoyed at Montana. The Grizzly netters defeated Washington State in a non-conference tilt and whipped Utah State twice. It was the first time since Montana entered the Skyline conference that the Silvertips have picked up two league tennis victories.

The golf squad, with one match remaining, own a 2-5 record. Grizzly wins were recorded over Utah University and Montana State College.

In baseball, the Grizzlies' curious inability to hit southpaw pitching was the chief factor in Montana's relatively poor showing in the Skyline western division. The Silvertip batsmen simply could not cope with the league's left-handers and the loop abounded with top southpaws this spring.

Over-all Montana posted a 9-12 record and, in conference play, a 3-9 mark. Conference wins were over Utah University twice and Utah State once. Non-conference victories came at the expense of Idaho, Washington State, Idaho State twice, and Montana State twice.

Chuck Bennett, slugging junior catcher, was named to the coaches All-Skyline first team. Roland Stoleson, senior righthanded pitcher, posted the second-best earned-run average in the western division and led the west-siders in strike-outs during regular season play. Stoleson unquestionably was one of the best right handers in the entire league this spring even though he received no formal recognition.

Jerry Daley, senior shortstop, signed a professional contract with the Washington Senators this week and, following graduation, will play with the Solons' class D Superior farm team.

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MONTANA UNIVERSITY, Missoula

SEASON RESULTS

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SEASON RECORD

- **Won**: 9
- **Lost**: 12
- Return games with MSC were red out and canceled.

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**Conference Games**

- 11(H)*Utah State
- 11(H)*Brigham Young
- 8(H)*Utah Univ.
- 2(H)*Utah Univ.
- 11(H)*Utah State
- 4(H)*Utah State

**Home Games**

- 9(H)*Brigham Young
- 7(H)*Brigham Young
- 4(H) Montana State
- 2(H) Montana State
- 8(H)*Utah Univ.
- 2(H)*Utah Univ.
- 11(H)*Utah State
- 4(H)*Utah State

**Final Baseball Statistics**

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Note: Mike Bennett, junior catcher, named to the Skyline Chest's All-Skyline first team, the only Grizzly to be accorded a post-season honor.