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MISSOULA, MONTANA---Sixteen freshmen prospects have reported to Montana track coach Harry Adams, and the Grizzly mentor calls his current crop of freshmen "one of the best groups we've had in recent years."

Heading up the list is shotput artist Harley Lewis of Butte, considered one of the best freshmen weight prospects ever to enroll at MSU. Other top men are Phil Dwight, Great Falls, and Glen DeVries, Conrad, topnotch distance men; Pat Dodson, Shelby, a sprinter who has run the 100 in 9.8 seconds; Chuck Miller, Twin Bridges, who high jumped six feet five inches in the Montana Interscholastic meet this spring; and Larry Lewis, Helena, another top sprinter.

Also in the group are Ed Whitelaw, Chicago, a good prep hurdler; Tom Simpson, Twin Bridges, quarter-miler; Gordon Pagenkopf, Hamilton, a sprinter who led the Broncs to an Interscholastic victory this spring; Jay Fuhrmann, Charlo, another top hurdler; Jerry Bjork, a champion broad jumper from Harlowton; Sterling Wetzsteon, former all-around ace for Darby high school; Hans Guddegast, Kiel, Germany, a javelin star; Jon Shelton, former topnotch middle distanceman for Billings high school; Joe Grover, quarter-miler from Deer Lodge, and Jack Shield, Billings, a shot putter.

Adams mentioned that several other track prospects will be performing on Grizzly football and basketball squads this winter and next spring, but they will be available for track duty during their sophomore year.

"Our present varsity team is rather thin in depth, and all of these prospects stand a good chance of seeing plenty of action next spring," the coach commented.

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