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MISSOULA—Montana University baseballers will move into the MSU Fieldhouse for pre-season workouts in about two weeks, and diamond coach Hal Sherbeck feels he will have an improved squad this season.

"We have some question marks in the pitching department, but our overall depth is much better than last season," the mentor commented. Only five lettermen are on hand, but a host of sophomore prospects should fill out the squad capably.

Among the numeral winners are pitcher Ken Wimmett, Missoula; catcher Floyd Ayers, Eden, Idaho; outfielder Jim Johnson, Missoula; first baseman Terry Screnar, East Helena; and infielder John Matte, Missoula. Screnar, Montana's current basketball star, won All-Skyline honors in baseball last spring after leading the team in hitting with a .372 mark.

Several other cage stars will compete for baseball berths, including Bob O'Billovich of Butte, Butch Hendricks of Missoula and Ron Quilling of Sidney. Footballers Glenn Sorenson, Billings, and Jim Bartell, Glencoe, Ill., also will pass up spring football to play the diamond sport.

Sherbeck tentatively plans to take his squad to Lewiston, Idaho, from March 19 to 27, for spring training sessions with Idaho, Washington State and Oregon State. Regular-season play will start April 8, when the Grizzlies host Montana State College in a doubleheader in Missoula.

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