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MISSOULA---To continue MSU's preseason roundup on spring sports, much mention should be made about the Grizzly track program, which down through the years has proven to be one of the most successful athletic programs at the University. And veteran coach Harry Adams gets the job done with a minimum of expense and a maximum of coaching ability.

In the 27 years he has coached cinder teams at the University, Adams has won 60 percent of his dual meets, has always placed high in Skyline rankings, and has never lost a meet to Montana State College.

The same script will be followed this spring. Only seven track lettermen are back, but Adams has gathered a promising crop of freshmen who should help considerably.

Top veterans are weightman Ken Wersland, Missoula; quarter-miler Ken Nelson, Missoula; distance ace Gary Wojtowick, Harlowton; and miler Art DeVries, Conrad.

Promising newcomers include shot putter Harley Lewis, Butte; sprinters Pat Dodson, Shelby, and Larry Lewis, Helena; high jumper Chuck Miller, Twin Bridges; hurdler Ed Whitelaw, Arlington Heights, Ill.; hurdler Gordon Pagenkopf, Hamilton; distance men Phil Dwight, Great Falls, and Glynn DeVries, Conrad; and broad jumper Jerry Bjork, Harlowton. All of these men except out-of-stater Whitelaw won individual titles in the Montana Interscholastic meet last spring.

The Grizzlies open their season April 30 against Utah in Missoula. The other home meet will match Montana State College and the Grizzlies on May 14. The Skyline meet, in which Montana placed fourth last season, is May 27-28 at Fort Collins, Colorado.