Montana State University baseball team to leave for spring training

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MISSOULA—Twenty-two Montana University baseballers will embark Sunday for their week-long spring training session at Lewiston, Idaho. The Grizzlies are matched against Yakima Junior College in a doubleheader next Tuesday in Yakima, then play three games in the Lewiston camp later in the week. Other teams training there are Idaho, Washington State and Oregon State.

"We've got a young team this season, and the five games will provide excellent experience for the sophomores," is the comment of Grizzly coach Hal Sherbeck. Seventeen of the squad members have had no previous varsity experience.

The Grizzlies have had a week of indoor workouts in the MSU Fieldhouse, but Sherbeck says he anticipates "plenty of mistakes" in the first five MSU contests. "We may not win a game over there, but the younger players could jell rapidly with some experience under their belts."

The baseballers, who almost were forced to forego the tour because of budget limitations, will be making the trip partially at their own expense. The Missoula Timberjacks, through general manager Nick Marianna, have donated use of the pro club's bus. "We're very grateful for their help that enables us to go to spring training," was Sherbeck's comment.

Road tour personnel includes: catchers—Floyd Ayers and Chuck Miltenberger; infielders—Terry Screnar, John Matte, Bob O'Billovich, Jim Bartell, Tom Peterson, Dick Held, Steve Kirk, Norris Barnhill and Clark McCammon; outfielders—Jim Johnson, Glenn Sorenson, Ron Quilling, and Al Craig; pitchers—Ken Wimett, Butch Hendricks, Ed Komac, Mike Dishman, Joe Ferrell, Gary Oswald and Jim Basolo.