Grizzly Sports Column

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MISSOULA—Montana University baseballers will resume relations with Montana State College Saturday after a year's layoff, meeting the Bobcats in a doubleheader in Missoula. The teams did not play each other last season, since the 'Cats did not have an adequate playing field.

Grizzly coach Hal Sherbeck has been bearing down on the pitching and hitting departments for the past week, indicating that his slingers need plenty of work to develop into a well-rounded staff. "Three of our front-line pitchers--Butch Hendricks, Ed Komac and Mike Dishman--are new to the team this season. They have plenty of promise, but need experience badly," says the mentor.

Sherbeck also is mildly worried about Grizzly hitting, since the team average of .247 in five games this season is rather anemic. "This is a reflection on the lack of practice we've had this season, but we still must shape up in a hurry," he said.

Tentative Grizzly starters include catchers Chuck Miltenberger, first baseman Terry Screnar, second sacker Dick Held, shortstop Bob O'Billovich, third baseman John Matte and Tom Peterson, and outfielders Jim Johnson, Al Craig, Gary Oswald and Hendricks.

The Bobcats, under mentor Bob Rousey, will be opening their season against the Grizzlies. Montana has lost four and tied one so far.

The Grizzlies embark on their Skyline schedule April 15, playing Utah in a doubleheader in Salt Lake City.