Montana State University's track team opening meet on Saturday; Silvertip slants

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MISSOULA--Montana University's track team—which boasts considerable strength in the distance and weight events—will open its season Saturday in Missoula, hosting Western Montana College of Education. Grizzly cinder coach Harry Adams looks for a closer meet than might be anticipated.

"We'll be strong in five of the 15 events. Beyond this, it's impossible to make any predictions," he commented.

Top men in the mile and two-mile races will be senior Art DeVries, sophomore Gary Wojtowick, and freshmen Phil Dwight and Glynn DeVries. In the 880-yard run, co-captain Bill Anderson, freshman Marv Miller, and Dwight could furnish a 1-2-3 sweep.

In the weights, senior co-captain Ken Wersland and freshman ace Harley Lewis have both tossed the shot over 49 feet this spring. Wersland has approached 150 feet in the discus, with Lewis about 10 feet behind.

Quarter-milers who may pick up places are senior co-captain (the Grizzlies have three co-captains) Ken Nelson and freshman Tom Simpson. Nelson has been bothered by arch trouble lately. Another possibility is junior letterman John Datsopoulos, along with newcomers Bill Parker and Sterling Wetzsteon.

Pat Dodson, freshman sprinter from Shelby, appears to be the only solid contender in the 100 and 220. Dodson ran 10.05 in a windswept 100 trial last weekend. Gordon Pagenkopf, freshman from Hamilton, will be Montana's only entry in the hurdle events.

In the other field events, sophomore letterman Chuck Nelson is a capable performer in the pole vault, along with freshman Gerald Robbins. Broadjumpers Bill Glasier, Bill Matthews and Jerry Bjork may win places. Mark Stewart and Hans Gudegast are javelin
Performers who have not tossed the spear beyond 165 feet. Mike Baker and Gary Carlson have approached an even six feet in the high jump.

Adams, who has only two lettermen back who scored points in the 1959 Skyline championship match, will be looking for improved individual performances in the meet with WMCOE. "Our freshman group, upon which we must rely strongly, is untested. If they can come through with good marks, we may improve later in the season," the mentor commented.

Montana's rugged Skyline schedule opens in Missoula April 30, when the Grizzlies host an improved University of Utah squad. Last season the Silvertips won a 77-54 match in Salt Lake City.

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**SILVERTIP SLANTS**

Ray Jenkins' football squad, which opened spring drills Tuesday at MSU, has one unique facet that very few teams in the nation can boast of. Three brothers are playing for the Silvertips at the same time---Gary, Dale and Carl Schwertfeger of Milwaukee, Wisc. Gary is a letterman center, Dale earned a letter last fall as a tackle, and Carl is a transfer tackle who was ineligible in 1959.

Assisting Montana track mentor Harry Adams this season are two former Grizzly cinder stars--quartermiles Mike Granbois and Paul Sullivan. Both were twice members of Montana's Skyline championship relay teams, and Granbois was the 1959 recipient of the Grizzly Cup awarded to an outstanding student athlete at MSU.

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