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Montana State University baseball team to host BYU

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MISSOULA--Montana University baseballers, home from their most successful Skyline road tour in four seasons, host a tough BYU diamond aggregation Friday in a doubleheader in Missoula. A pair of victories would move the Silvertips into the Skyline western division second-place notch.

BYU, 4-2 in league play, will probably throw sophomore Bob Burch and veteran Bob Mosteller at the Grizzlies. These two pitchers were the winning hurlers in Brigham Young's 11-10 and 8-3 wins over Montana last week. Coach Glen Tuckett has seven hitters over the .333 mark currently.

Sherbeck, obviously pleased with Montana's 3-3 record in Skyline play, warned his squad in midweek that it must show improvement if the Grizzlies expect to remain in the thick of western division play. "We could have won an extra game on the road, but allowed four runs in the final inning when BYU won an 11-10 game. Aside from this, we showed good overall improvement on the ten-day tour," he said.

Grizzly hitting improved vastly on the trip, mostly at the expense of Utah State pitchers. Montana swept two games from USU by 8-5 and 14-2 margins, with slugger Terry Screnar getting six hits in seven trips. Screnar, John Matte and Floyd Ayers poked homers during the doubleheader. Ayers and Screnar had three round-trippers each on the tour.

Righthander Butch Hendricks will get the mound nod in one game against the Cougars, with veteran Ken Wimett and sophomore Ed Komac slated for action in the other tussle. Wimett won two of the road games, with Komac picking up the decision in the other victory. Hendricks, who pitched well in two games, was the loser against Utah.

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