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MISSOULA—-Montana University cindermen open their Skyline schedule Saturday in Missoula, hosting a University of Utah team that will give the Grizzlies their first tough match of the season. Last week Montana warmed up with an 88-43 victory over an undermanned Western Montana College squad.

MSU coach Harry Adams—who must depend heavily on his freshman corps of cindermen—figures the match as a tossup. BYU humbled the Utes about two weeks ago, yet the Grizzlies at this point must show plenty of improvement if they expect to match their fourth-place Skyline showing of last season.

Grizzly freshmen won seven matches and tied for first in three others against WMC last Saturday. A double-winner was sprinter Pat Dodson of Shelby, whose 9.9 in the 100 was particularly good considering wet track conditions. Frosh Tom Simpson of Twin Bridges won the 440 in a respectable 50.7 seconds, and yearling Harley Lewis scored a first in the shot put with a toss of 48 feet 10½ inches. Newcomer Glynn DeVries tied veteran Gary Wojtowick in both the mile and two-mile, while freshman Phil Dwight tied co-captain Bill Anderson in the half-mile. Hurdlers Gordon Pagenkopf and Ed Whitelaw captured the low and high timber events to complete the strong frosh showing. Transfer Bill Glasier won the broad jump.

Only one MSU veteran—weightman Ken Wersland—came through with an undisputed first place. Wersland tossed the discus 146 feet 11 inches to capture that event, but placed second behind Lewis in the shot. Montana's relay time of 3:27.6 must be lowered by seven or eight seconds if the Grizzlies expect to score any Skyline victories.

"If the weather in Missoula will clear up, I'm confident that we can show improvement this weekend," Adams commented. The Grizzlies haven't had any real track weather all spring, and often have practiced in rain and snow storms.

Field events start at 1:30 on Dornblaser Field, with running events scheduled to open at 2 p.m.

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