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MISSOULA---Montana University tracksters, back on the friendly confines of Dornblaser Field after losing Skyline matches last week to Brigham Young and Utah State, entertain Montana State College thinclads this Saturday in Missoula. Grizzly mentor Harry Adams--who hasn't lost a meet to the 'Cats since he took over the head coaching reins in 1933--says the meet could be much closer than anticipated.

The Bobcats have four proven point-winners in veteran weightman Jim Roban, distance ace Terry Jensen, and sprinters Russ Johnston and Steve Good. Comparative marks this spring indicate that these four MSC performers could split nearly equally with their Grizzly opponents.

In the weights, MSU shotputters Ken Wersland and Harley Lewis have slightly better tosses than Roban. But Roban has the better mark--nearly 155 feet--in the discus. In the sprints, it appears that Grizzly Pat Dodson will more than have his hands full fighting off the challenge of Johnston and Good. MSU distance ace Gary Wojtowick has a 4:18 mile to his credit this spring, but MSC's Jensen is just as capable in the 880 and two-mile events.

Adams said that Grizzly performances in the two dual meets in Utah last week left a lot to be desired, with a few exceptions. Definite improvement was shown by MSU 880 ace Phil Dwight, who ripped off winning half-mile times of 1:54.7 and 1:56.1 in the two meets. Dwight, a freshman from Great Falls, has beaten veteran 880 performer Bill Anderson three times this season and tied the Grizzly co-captain once.

Wojtowick lost a 4:18.6 race in the mile to BYU star Gary Griffith, then came back to win the mile against Utah State in 4:22.9. Dodson didn't crack the 10-second barrier in the 100 last week, placing second twice. Wersland and Lewis were 1-2 in the shotput against BYU.

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