Baseball team loses final game of the season

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MISSOULA—Montana's baseball team, despite an unexpected loss in their final doubleheader of the season against Utah State, closed out an improved 1960 season with a 5-7 Skyline mark last weekend. And Grizzly mentor Hal Sherbeck says next year's squad may be even better, since only two regulars will be graduating.

Top batter for the 1960 campaign was slugger Terry Screnar, who ended with a .452 Skyline batting average. The Montana first-sacker also drove in 20 runs and had 14 extra base hits in 12 league contests. Pitcher-outfielder Butch Hendricks had a .381 average for the season, as well as leading the mound staff in earned run average. Other regulars who batted over the .300 mark were pitcher Ken Wimett, catcher Chuck Miltenberger, outfielder Floyd Ayers, and second sacker Dick Held. Held also played errorless ball in the field.

Only Ayers and Wimett will not return next season. Others due back next year are third baseman John Matte, outfielders Al Craig, Jim Johnson, Ron Quilling and Gary Oswald, pitcher Ed Komac, and infielders Bob O'Billovich, Tom Peterson and Norris Barnhill.

Freshman coach Larry Schulz listed six or eight good prospects from his Cub squad that played several practice games during the season. Pitcher Jerry Rogers of Helena will definitely bolster the mound staff, while catcher Dick Krebs of Stanwood, Wash., will see plenty of duty. Infielder Paul Miller, a Miles City product, and infielder Hal Westberg of Yakima, Wash., also are top prospects. Others who may help are pitcher Bryson Taylor, Ekalaka; infielder Rex Robey, Billings; first baseman Gary Johnson of Helena; outfielder Bob Bragg, Lewistown; outfielder Jack Boorman, Whitefish; pitcher Bob Huse, Great Falls; and outfielder Dwain Neymeyer, Crown Point, Ind.