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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana Grizzly basketball team got together with the freshman Cubs Monday afternoon for a full game scrimmage, and everybody got into the action as the varsity ended up with close to a 20-point margin.

Coach Ron Nord and his assistant Bob Cope were pleased with some aspects of the scrimmage, but both admitted there was plenty of work to do before the season opener in Normal, Ill. against Illinois State University Dec. 2.

"When you've got a 14-man squad and you play all 14 for an equal length of time, things tend to get somewhat ragged at times," Nord said, "but several of the boys looked pretty good."

Nord picked out senior guard Rick Johnston of Albuquerque, N.M., a one-year letterman, as the most consistent performer for the varsity during the scrimmage.

"Rick did everything well," Nord said. "His shooting was excellent, as well as his movement and hustle."

The head coach also commended the freshmen for a good showing.

"Freshman teams always get psychologically higher than the varsity when they get together," Nord explained. "Our frosh are a scrappy bunch, and there was some good play by some individual Cubs, too."

He singled out a couple of guards, Don Wetzel of Cut Bank and Glen Wysel of Lewistown, for good showings against the varsity. Wetzel pumped in 18 points in 40 minutes, and showed excellent driving ability. Wysel, only 5-9, also shot well and was tough on defense.

The Grizzlies will have their first game action Monday night at 8 against a strong alumni club in the second annual Jiggs Dahlberg Varsity-Alumni game. The Cubs will have an intrasquad preliminary battle.