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GRIZZLIES GO NON CONFERENCE ROUTE
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MISSOULA---

Ron Nord's Montana Grizzlies will spend the next month playing non-conference foes, hoping to improve on their 4-11 season before moving back into Big Sky league action against Montana State in Missoula Feb. 17.

The Bruins will have a tough time improving on their mark this weekend, however, with Washington State and the University of Washington providing the competition Friday and Saturday nights on the road.

Washington State, which beat the Grizzlies 81-61 in Missoula over a month ago, is sporting an 8 win, 5 loss record. In their last two outings, the Cougars whipped Oregon 85-66 in Pullman and nipped the University of Washington in Seattle 75-70.

The Huskies, now 7-6, whipped Oregon State in Seattle, 68-56, before dropping the Saturday nighter to Washington State.

The Cougars are paced by 6-9 center Jim McKean, 6-8 forward Ted Wierman, 6-6 forward Gary Elliot, 5-11 guard Ray Stein, and 5-9 guard Lenny Allen.

Leading the Husky attack is 6-3 forward Dave Carr.

The Grizzlies held their own against Montana State last Friday night in Bozeman, but the Cats ran away in the Saturday night battle, 107-76. Friday night's score was Montana State 83, Montana 79.

Montana State moved to a 44-31 halftime lead Friday night, but the Grizzlies battled back to trail by only six with 13:14 remaining. The Cats spread the margin again before Montana roared back to trail 79-77 with only 1:12 left. Jack Gillespie scored 40 for the Cats.

Gillespie hit 35 Saturday night as the Cats were never headed once they took the lead.
The Tips led 17-10 with 12:30 left in the first half, but 13 straight points by the resurgent Cats put them ahead to stay.

Cold Grizzly shooting throughout the game proved to be the big difference. The Cats broke the game wide open in the last half of the final stanza to race to their big victory.

Grizzly coach Ron Nord was pleased with the comeback effort the Bruins made Friday night, crediting the sophomores with outstanding play. The Grizzly youngsters scored 50 of the team's 79 points in the Friday loss.

Nord also praised forward Greg Hanson for doing a good job both nights.

"Greg was a stabilizing factor both nights, and it hurt us badly to lose him early Saturday night," Nord said. Hanson fouled out early in the second half after playing less than 15 minutes of the game.

Receiving special praise from Coach Nord was sophomore forward Mark Agather, who scored 24 points Friday night and 22 Saturday. The Libby product led in rebounds both nights, getting 8 Friday night and 14 Saturday.

"Mark had two real good nights," Nord said. "He worked well underneath, shot well, and for the first time this season, did a fine job of driving for the basket."

Nord said the loss of Ron Moore showed up especially Saturday night.

"Moore, although he makes some mistakes, seems to make the other players look that much better when he's in there," Nord said. "But that doesn't mean we aren't proud of the showings made by some of our kids, anyway."

Mark Agather, with his 46 points during the weekend, brought his season average up to 10 points per game to rank third behind Moore at 19.8 and center Don Parsons at 11.1. Agather is scoring 13.5 points per game in league play.

Parsons leads in field goal percentage with 48.8 per cent. Hanson is at 47.8 per cent, and Agather at 46.6.

Leading free throw shooter is Steve Brown at 85.5 per cent, followed by Moore at 76.2 and Hanson at 67.4. Parsons is averaging 7.6 rebounds per game, and Mark Agather is second with 7.1 retrieves per contest.
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(15 Games: Season--4-11; League---2-6)

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OPPONENT TOTALS 15 470-1070 43.9 312-454 69.0 742 744 49.7 308-14 1252 83.3

WHERE PLAYED
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Marquette, Michigan
Missoula
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Evansville, Indiana
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*Ogden, Utah
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*Pocatello, Idaho
*Missoula
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*Bozeman, Montana
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UM OPPONENT OPP HIGH SCORER
76 Illinois State 93 Moore--20
74 Northern Michigan 93 Moore--16
79 Moore--21
81 Moore--20
72 Parsons--29
116 Parsons--17
67 Moore--20
67 Moore--36
75 Moore--14
85 Three with 13
75 Moore--36
83 Mk Agather, Moore--19 Three with 8
76 Parsons--18
83 Mark Agather--24
107 Mark Agather--22

HIGH REBOUNDER
Moore, Parsons--9
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NEXT GAMES
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| OPPONENT TOTALS | 8 | 250-563 | 44.4 | 151-228 | 66.2 | 390 | 407 | 50.9 | 156-7 | 651 | 81.4 |

### WHERE PLAYED

- Ogden, Utah: 74
- Ogden, Utah: 51
- Pocatello, Idaho: 69
- Missoula: 94
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- Bozeman, Montana: 79
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### UM OPPONENT

- Weber State: 67
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- Idaho State: 85
- Gonzaga: 76
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- Idaho: 83
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