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MISSOULA---

The University of Montana Cubs will open a three-game home basketball stand Friday night when they meet the invading College of Great Falls Argonauts in the Adams Field House at 8.

Saturday night, North Idaho Junior College's Cardinals come to Missoula to play a preliminary to the Montana-Washington game. The Cub game Saturday will begin at 6 p.m.

Monday night, the Cubs will face a UM alumni team at 6 p.m. before the Grizzlies meet the traveling Phillips 66ers.

Coaches Del Carroll and John (Doc) Holliday gave their charges two days off last weekend, with this weekend's action being the first for the Cubs since two weeks ago, when they split with Montana State's yearlings in Bozeman.

The Argonauts, coached by former Great Falls High School mentor Ray Dodds, have run up an impressive 17-4 record thus far, with most of their games against Frontier Conference school and Montana junior colleges. Tuesday night, they walloped the University of Lethbridge, Can., 104-49.

Leading scorer for the Argonauts is Jack O'Conner, 6-7 freshman from Baker, who is scoring at a 23 points-per-game clip. More scoring punch comes from 6-0 guard Randy Morrison, Great Falls sophomore, who is averaging nearly 18 points per game.

Rebounding strength for the Argonauts comes from forwards Joe Spoja, 6-4, Helena; Pat Handley, 6-4, Shelby, and George Magalsky, 6-6, Circle.

North Idaho JC's Cardinals had won 10 of 17 games before moving into Bozeman for two games with the Bobkittens Thursday and Friday nights. The Cards have a 6-9 center in sophomore Don Barnes of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Probable starters for the weekend for the Cubs are guards Don Wetzel and Mike Heroux, forwards Les Gordon and Jerry Hill, and center Tony Bertuca.