Grizzlies at home for two tilts against Washington, Phillips 66ers

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MISSOULA --

University of Montana basketball fans will see a new face in the starting lineup this weekend when the Grizzlies take on the University of Washington Huskies in a return match at the Harry Adams Field House Saturday night.

Max Agather, 6-4 forward from Libby, will play at forward with his brother Mark, 6-5, a starter all season. Both are sophomores.

Coach Ron Nord, in explaining the move, said, "The Huskies are a big, rough team, just the type that Max works best against. He showed that in a reserve role at Seattle."

Max went in to score nine points and grab seven rebounds in less than 10 minutes in the Huskies' 76-65 win one week ago.

Besides the Agather twins, Nord will go with Greg Hanson, 6-3, and Rick Johnston, 6-0, at guards, with Don Parsons, 6-6, starting at center.

Monday night, the Grizzlies will face the Phillips 66ers, from Bartlesville, Okla., an AAU team. The game will not count either on the Grizzlies' record or statistics.

When the Grizzlies face Washington Saturday, they will have to cope with one man that didn't play in Seattle because of an ankle injury. That's Dave Carr, a 6-3 forward who is the leading Husky scorer.

"Carr will pose different problems for us," Nord said. "But he should work to our advantage in a lot of ways, too."

Carr is a good shooter from anywhere on the floor, but the fact that he shoots many times may make defending against the Husky team as a whole less difficult. Rebounding against the Huskies will also be different with Carr in the lineup.

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Joining Carr will be 6-5 forward George Irvine, 6-0 guard Dave West, 5-9 guard Rafael Stone, and 6-9 center Jay Bond. All are sophomores.

In the Phillips 66ers, according to Grizzly assistant coach Bob Cope, the Grizzlies will face a team with "good, fundamentally sound players."

Through 22 games of their 49-game slate, the 66ers had won 19, almost all of them against major college opponents.

Leading the 66er attack guards Jim Kerwin, 6-2, and Harold Sergent, 6-0; forwards Bill Kusleika, 6-4, and Mickey Wittman, 6-6, and center Gary Schull, 6-7. All five are averaging in the double figures in scoring.

The University freshman Cubs will play preliminary games both nights starting at 6 p.m.