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University of Montana basketball fans will have a sneak look at the 1968-69 Grizzly cage team Saturday night when first year coach Bob Cope pits his squad against an impressive array of past Silvertip cagers in the Third Annual George (Jiggs) Dahlberg Varsity-Alumni game. Game time is 8 p.m. in the Harry Adams Field House.

The University freshman Cubs, perhaps the most talented group of yearlings ever assembled at UM, will stage an intrasquad preliminary contest starting at 6 p.m.

Cope and his assistant, Lou Rocheleau, are anxious to see their charges perform under game conditions in something other than an intrasquad or varsity-freshman game. Montana will face its first real foe of the season Nov. 30 in Missoula, that being Seattle Pacific College.

Starting for the Varsity will be center Howard Clark, 6-5 junior from Kansas City, Mo. who transferred this year from Everett College in Washington; veteran forwards Ron Moore, 6-4 senior from Indianapolis, Ind., and Mark Agather, 6-5 junior from Libby, and guards Harold Ross, 5-10 junior from Seattle, Wash. who transferred from Highline College in Seattle, and Don Wetzel, 6-1 sophomore from Cut Bank who led last year's frosh contingent in scoring.

Agather has had some trouble with a thigh injury, and is the only questionable starter. If he can't make the starting lineup, Sid Rhinehart, 6-3 junior from Missoula, will play opposite Moore on the front line.

Although the Alumni starters won't be known until game time, the past Grizzlies will have a fine group from which to choose.
Big men on the Alumni squad will include Greg Hanson, 6-3\frac{1}{2} from Missoula; Mike Persha, 6-4 from Red Lodge; Wade Hughes, 6-5 from South Bend, Ind.; Gordie Zillges, 6-7 from Kimberly, Wis.; John Quist, 6-7 from Cut Bank, and Steve Lowry, 6-7 from Missoula.

Rounding out the Alumni squad will be Lee Levknecht, 6-2 from Kimberly, Wis.; Willie Jones, 5-7 from Monroe, Mich.; Gary Meggelin, 6-0 from Chula Vista, Calif. (now coaching in Missoula); John (Doc) Holliday, 6-1 from Greenfield, Ind. (now UM frosh coach); Tim Aldrich, 6-0 from Missoula; Glenn Smith, 6-2 from Missoula; Larry Riley, 6-0 from Roundup (now practicing law in Missoula), and Larry Huggins, 6-2 from Missoula.

Cope and Rocheleau have completely overhauled the Grizzly offensive and defensive setups, and are anxious to see how far along their players are in learning the new techniques.

Holliday and Del Carroll, frosh coaches, open their season Nov. 30 in Missoula against Malmstrom Air Force Base of Great Falls.

"Our kids have had to learn a lot of new things, things opposite to what they were taught in high school," Carroll said. "They are progressing well, but we won't know just how well until we meet Malmstrom."

He indicated that Malmstrom is supposed to have a strong squad this year.

Starting for the freshman White squad will be center Strett Brown, 6-7 from Seattle; forwards Ray Howard, 6-7 from Great Falls, and Earl Tye, 6-6 from Central Point, Ore., and guards Willie Bascus, 6-5 from Brawley, Calif., and Kirk Johnson, 6-0 from Helena.

Copper starters in the intrasquad contest will be center Scott Stetson, 6-6\frac{1}{2} from Spokane, Wash.; forwards Terry Waltman, 6-4 from Crete, Neb., and Pete Martin, 6-3 from Sacramento, Calif., and guards Steve Sullivan, 6-2 from Butte, and Jim Duncan, 6-1 from Seeley Lake.

Rounding out the frosh squad are guard John Davis, 6-0 from Chicago, Ill.; guard Steve Dethman, 6-2\frac{1}{2} from Wolf Point; guard Bob Fisher, 6-1 from Aberdeen, Wash.; forward Bob Howard, 6-3 from Cut Bank, and forward Jon McMasters, 6-2 from Columbia Falls.

Students will be admitted with their student activity cards, while adults and other students will be charged $1 and 50 cents, respectively.