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FRESHMAN CUBS OPEN SEASON SATURDAY IN MISSOULA AGAINST MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE

MISSOULA—

The University of Montana freshman Cubs, like their varsity counterparts untested by an outside opponent, will have that first crack at new opposition Saturday night at 6 p.m. against Malmstrom Air Force Base in the Harry Adams Field House.

Coached by Del Carroll and John (Doc) Holliday, the Cubs have been touted as for certain the tallest, and potentially the best, yearling squad in UM history.

Carroll said the Cubs have been coming right along in practice sessions, and he indicated that the battles for starting spots have been waged hotly.

He said the Cubs will go with a high post on offense and a man-for-man defense.

Carroll said that Malmstrom has several good ball players, and that the base team should be stronger than it was last year. He named two players, a guard named Marsh and a guard-forward named Cosby, as outstanding for the Malmstrom quint. Marsh played collegiate basketball for four years.

The freshman front line, and one of the guards, will boast excellent size, rebounding strength and scoring potential. Starting at center will be either 6-7 Strett Brown of Seattle, Wash., or 6-6½ Scott Stetson of Spokane, Wash.

The starting forwards will be 6-7 Ray Howard of Great Falls and 6-6 Earl Tye of Central Point, Ore. Starting at the guard spots will be 6-0 Kirk Johnson of Helena and 6-5 Willie Bascus of Brawley, Calif.

Howard and Bascus were high school All-America selections for Great Falls Public High and Brawley Union High, respectively.