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MISSOULA—

The University of Montana frosh basketball team, which earned a shaky 62-50 win over the Carroll College freshman quint last Saturday night in Helena, will try to pull together Friday night to gain its third victory without a loss against a UM Alumni team led by frosh co-coach John (Doc) Holliday.

The Cubs were hampered somewhat in the Carroll contest by the loss of Earl Tye, the team’s leading rebounder, early in the game. Tye sustained a severe cut on his forehead from a wild elbow within three minutes of the game’s start, and saw no further action.

Willie Bascus, 6-5 guard from Brawley, Calif. and the team’s leading scorer in its opening 84-58 win over Malmstrom Air Force Base, was in the early stages of the flu and did not play the full 40 minutes against Carroll.

Kirk Johnson, a Helena high school product and the state’s leading prep scorer last year, led the Cubs with 19 points, with center Scott Stetson of Spokane, Wash. tossing in 12. Forward Ray Howard of Great Falls and center Strett Brown of Seattle, Wash. grabbed 10 rebounds apiece to lead Cub board strength.

The Cubs were cold from the floor against Carroll, hitting only 33 per cent. The Carroll squad could manage only 30 per cent on its field goal tries.

The Cubs gained their winning margin from the charity line, hitting 20 of 30 free throw attempts. Both clubs had 21 field goals.

Coach Del Carroll, who will have to go it alone against the Alumni team this Friday while Holliday attempts to give the Cubs some direct lessons, will start either Brown or Stetson at center, Howard and Tye at forwards, and Johnson and either Bascus or Pete Martin.
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of Sacramento, Calif. at guards.

The entire Alumni roster was not definite before game time, but expected to join Holliday, 6-1 from Greenfield, Ind., are Greg Hanson, 6-3½ from Missoula; Gordie Zillges, 6-7, and Lee Levknecht, 6-2 from Kimberly, Wis.; Wade Hughes, 6-5 from South Bend, Ind.; Willie Jones, 5-7 from Monroe, Mich.; Tim Aldrich, 6-1 from Missoula; Glenn Smith, 6-2 from Missoula, and possibly Larry Huggins, 6-2 from Missoula.

The Cubs are still paced in two-game scoring statistics by Bascus with 12.5 points per game. Helping out in double figures are Johnson, 11.5, and Howard, 11.0.

Howard is the leading rebounder now with 12 per game.

Top field goal shooter is Stetson, who has hit 5 of 10 shots for 50 per cent. Four Cubs have hit all of their free throw tries thus far.

As a team, the Cubs are scoring 73 points per game to 54 for their opponents. They are leading their foes in rebound average, 64.5 to 51.

Although the Cubs are not shooting particularly well from the field (36.9 per cent), they have a big edge over their opponents at 26.7 per cent.

Cub rivals have hit 75.7 per cent of their free throw attempts, while the Cubs have hit a good 68 per cent.

After Friday night's game with the Alumni, the Cubs will be idle until Jan. 10-11 when they will host the University of Idaho Vandal Babes in the Harry Adams Field House.