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Gustafson heads list of University of Montana veterans

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One of the most consistent performers for the University of Montana in the last three years has been Dave Gustafson.

The Vaughn, Montana senior came to the Missoula campus after achieving All-District honors for Simms High School his junior and senior years.

"Gustafson has been a defensive standout for the Grizzlies and always comes up with the big play when it is needed," Coach Bob Cope said. "Gus is the kind of player that holds a team together. He plays with the team and hustles for the team," Cope added.

Gustafson and Harold Ross have the starting nod in the guard slots in 1969. Both are experienced, seniors and quick.

Montana will also start Howard Clark, a redshirt last season, Willie Flowers, a JC transfer and Ray Howard, a Great Falls sophomore.

Cope said, "After Tuesday's scrimmage, some of the others are going to be hard to keep out of the starting lineup. Willie Bascus, Lonzo Lewis and Mike Heroux looked impressive along with a few others."

The Grizzlies meet the Eastern Washington Savages Saturday in the opening game of the season.

The Savages are not as big as the Tips but have two 6-8 centers. Dave Pound, the 6-8 starter, is especially effective there. The Washington school has a couple of strong forwards.

Game time for the first clash is 8 Saturday night and tickets are available in the Adams Field House.