Montana State University

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THE FIRST ANNUAL

Montana Invitational College

Basketball Tournament

MISSOULA HIGH SCHOOL GYM

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 14-15
7:30 P. M.

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SOUVENIR PROGRAM
COURTESY MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC BOARD
Montana State University is located about half-way between the Mountain Conference Colleges and those of the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference. For that reason it is ideally situated to serve as host to representatives of these two Conferences. Outstanding basketball games and excellent entertainment would result from these Inter-Conference meetings.

Prior to the war the Athletic Board of the University made a start in this direction but was forced to shelve the plan during the last few sports-lean years. Now it is our hope to revive interest in such tournaments.

Beginning with this year's meeting annual tournaments are foreseen to the benefit of Missoulians and Montanans in general. With some effort the event could gain national recognition. As the annual tournaments attract more and more attention and foster a reputation for good basketball and hard competition they will naturally grow in size. More teams will be invited, larger schools will be anxious to participate with the result that the tournaments will attract hundreds of players, visitors, and spectators. Missoulians stand to gain in better sports entertainment and, incidentally, in more business.

This December 14th and 15th is the First Annual Montana Invitational College Basketball Tournament. It pairs Utah State, Idaho, Montana State College, and Montana Grizzlies for two evenings of good basketball.
Coach George (Jiggs) Dahlberg of Montana State University played three years of football and three years of basketball for the Montana Grizzlies, 1922-25, then coached at Custer county high and Anaconda high in Montana and high schools in the state of Washington, returning to Montana as head basketball coach and line coach in football in the fall of 1937.
Coach John (Brick) Breeden of Montana State College was an all-American guard as a member of the Golden Bobcats of Montana State College of 1926-29. He later coached Dillon Normal and returned to Montana State College as basketball and track coach. His record as a player and coach is outstanding in western basketball.
Coach H. B. (Bebe) Lee of Utah State College was a guard on the great Stanford championship teams of 1935-38 in the Pacific Coast conference. He served as freshman coach at Stanford from 1938 to 1941, then came to Utah State as basketball coach, but entered the Navy service, returning to Logan in November.
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO VANDALS

Coach J. A. (Babe) Brown of University of Idaho played fullback for the Idaho Vandals of 1921-23, then coached at Burley, Lewiston and Moscow, Idaho high schools, returning to Idaho as freshman football coach in 1941, and later being named athletic director at the Moscow institution.

University of Idaho Basketball Squad, Moscow, Idaho

Seven lettermen play on the University of Idaho Vandal basketball squad which has won six straight, and will play seven games in eight days, starting with this tournament at Missoula. War Veterans Bob Ryan and Quinn both played for Idaho in the tournament here three years ago, when the Vandals whipped both Bobcats and Grizzlies on the Missoula court. Quinn was a high scorer of that tournament.

Returning lettermen from last year's Idaho Vandals are Forwards O'Connor, Overholzer and Schiferl, Guards Carbaugh and Pyne. Idaho finished strong last winter, twice defeating the University of Washington Huskies.

Jack Phoenix, 6 foot 9 inch freshman center, is a new star of the Vandal squad, and other players include Shepherd, White, Morse, Rowe, Howe, Kling and Fuller.

Bob Ryan, son of the Idaho track coach and trainer, was forward on the 1942-43 Vandal squad, having returned to Moscow's campus from the Army with the Purple Heart, after being wounded in France. Fred Quinn, the big Pocatello ace, held the conference scoring record in 1943 when he won a letter at Idaho. He has been in the Army since. Leonard Pyne, senior from Spokane, is a guard whose fireball play has won respect through the Northwest.

Idaho defeated Gonzaga 67-38, trimmed Whitman twice, downed service teams in other games.
MONTANA GRIZZLIES
Basketball Schedule—1945-46

HOME GAMES

November 30, 8:00 p.m. ................................................................. Fort Missoula
December 14 and 15, 7:30 p.m. ........................................... Tournament: Utah State, Montana State College, University of Idaho
December 21 and 22, 8:00 p.m. ......................................................... Eastern Washington College of Education
January 25 and 26, 8:00 p.m. ......................................................... Gonzaga University
February 15 and 16, 8:00 p.m. ......................................................... Whitman College
February 22 and 23, 8:00 p.m. ......................................................... Farragut Naval Base
March 1 and 2, 8:00 p.m. ................................................................. Montana State College

GAMES AWAY:

December 7 and 8................................ Tournament: Wyoming, Montana State College, Brigham Young University, Billings
January 3—Fort George Wright ......................................................... Spokane
January 4 and 5—Farragut Naval Base............................................. Farragut
January 11 and 12—Whitman College ............................................ Walla Walla
January 18 and 19—Eastern Washington College of Education .................... Cheney
February 1 and 2—Montana State College ........................................ Bozeman
February 8 and 9—Gonzaga University ........................................... Spokane
February 11 and 12—University of Idaho ........................................ Moscow

General Admission Tickets: 75c tax included.
Reserved seats for home tournament and Montana State College Games: $1.00 plus tax
For ticket information telephone 3121, Student Union Business Office.

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