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MISSOULA, MONT.--Montana's sophomore-laden basketballers will embark on their toughest schedule in recent years Monday night when the Silvertips entertain Idaho at the MSU Fieldhouse. Game time is 8 p.m., with the Grizzly Cubs scrimmaging in an intersquad preliminary at 6.

Coach Forrest B. (Frosty) Cox, starting his fourth year at the Grizzly helm, declined to name a starting lineup for the opener. "There are 12 Grizzlies still in the running for the first string," he commented, indicating that he may run two platoons in an effort to find a winning combination.

Another new feature this season is the control-type fast break of the Grizzlies. Although Montana will play a control game, the 'Tips also can, and probably will, do a lot of running.

Grizzlies liable to see action are forwards Al Dunham, Terry Screnar, Kay Roberts and Tom McEacheron; center Marv Suttles, Dave Shelby and Duane Ruegsegger; and guards Dan Balko, Vince Ignatowicz, Mike Allen and Paul Miller. Others on the squad are forward Gale Henriksen, forward Charles Hood, forward Gary Kanz and guard Steve Kirk.

Over in Moscow, coach Harlan Hodges has three starters back from last year's Vandal outfit. Forward John Liveious is pointing for a big year in the Pacific Coast conference, and captain Whaylon Coleman and guard Hal Damiano are strong performers. Center Jim Prestel, who laid out last season, is another letterman. Hodges will draw from last year's fine freshman squad to fill out the rest of his team.

Following the Idaho encounter the Grizzlies will embark on what could be their toughest road trip of the season. The Montanans meet Nebraska at Lincoln Dec. 6, travel to Boulder for a tussle with Colorado Dec. 8, and then meet the Montana State College Bobcats at Bozeman Dec. 10.

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