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MISSOULA, MONTANA---Montana University Grizzlies, who made a good showing against the toughest opponent they've faced in two seasons last weekend, will move into Bozeman Thursday for a non-conference tussle with Montana State's rugged Bobcats.

Following Montana's 83-74 loss to nationally-rated Utah State Saturday, Grizzly coach Frosty Cox said his men played improved basketball. All five Silvertip starters scored in double figures for the first time this season, and the Montana shooting percentage of 41.6 was also the best showing of the current campaign. And the Grizzlies also out-rebounded the opposition for the third straight game.

Improvement by sophomore forward Dan Sullivan and center John Lands keyed the USU game. Sullivan hit 15 points and pulled down 13 rebounds, while Lands did a more than capable job of filling in for the injured Duane Ruegsegger. Veterans Terry Screnar and Vince Ignatowicz had good scoring nights, while guard Dan Balko was closely checked by the Aggies.

Cox, who allows that the Grizzlies will be underdogs against the 'Cats in Bozeman, commented that his performers are capable of knocking off their cross-state rivals if they continue to play good ball. "Our major job is stopping Larry Chanay," the mentor added. The 6-4 Bobcat senior hooped 50 points last weekend in MSC's two road losses to Portland and Seattle.

Montana has a 4-8 mark for the campaign and Montana State has an 8-7 record. The two schools will play a rematch in Missoula next Monday night.

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GRIZZLY SCORING.....

Name	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	Reb.	PF	Pts.	Avg.	Skyline Avg.
Dan Balko, g	12	188-66	65-51	39	26	183	15.3	16.6
Terry Screnar, f	12	185-64	65-47	80	34	175	14.6	14.2
Vince Ignatowicz, g	12	140-49	43-32	74	38	130	10.8	10.4
Duane Ruegsegger, c (injured)	11	118-45	43-32	127	28	122	11.1	14.3
Dan Sullivan, f	12	102-31	33-19	102	25	81	6.8	5.9
John Lands, c	11	51-16	22-12	44	23	44	4.0	6.8
Bob O'Billovich, g	7	11-2	10-6	1	7	10	1.4	1.3
Paul Miller, g	7	4-2	4-1	4	7	5	0.7	---
Ron Quilling, g	4	1-1	0-0	2	1	2	0.5	---
Kay Roberts, f	5	3-0	1-1	1	2	1	0.2	---
Butch Hendricks, g	2	1-0	0-0	1	0	0	---	---
Others (left team)	7	19-8	3-1	8	9	17	---	---
Team Rebounds-	- - - - - - - - - - -102							
MONTANA TOTALS	12	812-284	289-202	586	203	770	64.2	66.6
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	12	837-341	281-181	635	202	863	71.9	74.0

Season's Scores:

Montana 71, Idaho 67	Montana 62, Utah 78
Montana 60, Washington State 84	Montana 58, BYU 63
Montana 59, Idaho 76	Montana 70, Denver 69
Montana 73, South Dakota 63	Montana 69, New Mexico 77 (ot)
Montana 52, Oregon State 67	Montana 74, Utah State 83
Montana 58, Oregon State 78	
Montana 64, Nebraska 58	

Best Individual Performances:

Total Points:	Screnar 25 vs. South Dakota
Field Goals:	Ruegsegger 9 vs. New Mexico
Free Throws:	Screnar 11 vs. South Dakota
Rebounds:	Ruegsegger 22 vs. New Mexico

