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MISSOULA---Senior guard Dan Balko of Great Falls has won his second consecutive C. R. Dragstedt award as the Most Valuable Grizzly, it was announced after the Montana-Wyoming game in Missoula tonight. The award was presented by Carl and Elmer Dragstedt, Missoula merchants, who established the award in 1953 as a memorial to their father, the late C. R. Dragstedt.

Balko, who also earned the honor in 1959, has been Montana's leading scorer virtually all season. He was selected unanimously by a committee composed of Charles Miller, Drummond, former Grizzly basketball ace; Paul Chumrau, Missoula, another former MSU cage great; and veteran sportswriter Ray Rocene, Missoula.

Previous winners were Russ Sheriff, 1958; Rudolph (Zip) Rhoades, 1957; Ed Argenbright, 1955 and 1956; Ed Anderson, 1954; and Chuck Davis, 1953.

The award involves a permanent plaque for Balko's possession, as well as a \$100 scholarship.

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