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MISSOULA, MONTANA---Idaho forward Reg Carolan and Montana guard Bob O'Billovich are no strangers to each other, and if the two foes put on the same display in basketball as they did in football this fall, Saturday night's cage tilt in Moscow should be a real donnybrook.

It was just about two months ago that the two grid aces locked horns in Montana's Homecoming game in Missoula. The Grizzlies stopped the Vandals by an 18-14 count, but observers from both schools were undecided as to which--Carolan or O'Billovich--was the game star.

Carolan picked off seven passes from quarterback Sil Vial in the contest, and the 6-6 end nearly got away on two different occasions. O'Billovich, on the other hand, intercepted two of Vial's tosses and directed two second-half Grizzly drives that ultimately produced victory.

In basketball, neither men are proven stars, but that doesn't mean they can't produce. Carolan went out for the Vandal cage sport last year after being off the hardwoods since his high school days. He tallied 47 points as a part-time performer, and new head coach Joe Cipriano probably will use him to a greater degree this season.

O'Billovich played most of last season in a reserve role, netting 71 points. This year he's figured as a cinch starter for coach Frosty Cox's outfit. And Bobby doesn't limit his talents to just football and basketball--he's also the regular shortstop on the Montana baseball team.

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