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Final Weekend  
For Grizzly Seniors



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MISSOULA -- Two University of Montana seniors who have played major roles in the basketball team's success this season, Ray Howard and Willie Bascus, will be donning the Grizzly uniform for the final time this weekend when UM finishes its schedule against Idaho State and Boise State.

Bascus and Howard began their careers at Montana together as starters on the 1968-69 freshman team. At the end of that season Howard was averaging 14.9 points and 11.2 rebounds per game. Bascus was hitting 14.1 points and getting 8.4 rebounds.

Howard, a 6-8 center, came to Missoula from Great Falls High where he was All-State his junior and senior years and All-American his senior year. Bascus, a 6-5 forward, earned both All-State and All-American honors at Brawley High School, Brawley, Calif.

Howard has been a starter since he began his sophomore year and Bascus, a starter this year, has been a regular player all three years. When new coach Jud Heathcote took over the reins this season he instituted fast break basketball on the UM campus, promised nothing, but had his team in a tie for first last and has the Grizzlies in a tie for second this week.

Howard and Bascus have both contributed to the success of the fast break in their own ways. Howard, though not fast, is a good rebounder and has become adept at the long, down-court pass that has given the Grizzlies a number of uncontested layups this season. Bascus is well-suited for fast break basketball because he is very fast and agile for a man his size.

Howard is not known as a good leaper, but he has been the leading Grizzly rebounder the past two seasons. "The main thing Ray has going for him," says Heathcote, "is his sure hands. When he has position he'll usually get the rebound."

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Bascus, on the other hand, is a great leaper and that is why he is the second leading rebounder on the team this year. He does the center jump for the Grizzlies and often wins out there and on the boards over much bigger players.

Going into his final weekend, Howard is tied for eighth on the all-time Grizzly scoring list with 830 points in three seasons. With 27 or more points this weekend he will end his career as seventh leading UM scorer. He is second leading scorer this season with 13 points per game and leading rebounder with 9.8 per game.

Bascus will probably end up scoring more points this season than he did in his previous two. He has scored 479 points thus far in his career. This year he is the fourth leading scorer with a 9.8 average and second leading rebounder with a 7.2 average.

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