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BASKETBALL GRIZZLIES OPEN
SEASON FRIDAY NIGHT

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The basketball entity of the University of Montana Grizzlies gets its season under way Friday night at 7:30 when the Chiefs of Morningside College invade remodeled Harry Adams Field House.

Friday will also serve to present the newly renovated athletic facility to the public, with afternoon tours and halftime ceremonies on tap.

UM coach Jud Heathcote will throw a starting lineup of three seniors, Earl Tye, Mike Murray and Dale Parker, and two sophomores, Larry Smedley and Ken McKenzie, at the Chiefs, who lost their only outing this year 64-63 to Nebraska Wesleyan.

Heathcote said, "We know very little about the Morningside team because we have not been able to scout them. We do know that they use both the man-to-man and zone defense, but other than that we will just play our own kind of game and see what develops."

The Montana "kind of game" is to fast break at every opportunity and to run an effective pattern offense when the break does not materialize.

"We work the pattern until we get a man open for the good percentage shot," the Grizzly mentor stated.

At 5:30 the Montana freshmen will kick off the evening on UM's new tartan floor when they meet Lethbridge Community College.

The Cubs will rely on a big front line and two quick guards, as did the 1971-72 Cubs that compiled a fine 17-1 record.

Coach Jim Brandenburg will start 6-7 Billings West product Jim Swain at center, 6-8½ Tim Blaine of Albany, Ore., and 6-5 Dave Moulton of Lake Forest, Ill., at the forwards and 5-11 Mark Wells and 5-10 Bob Staffen at the guard slots. Wells is from Tacoma, Wash., and Staffen is from Aurora, Colorado.

Adult and high school reserve and general admission tickets will be on sale all day Friday in the ticket office. Tickets for UM students go on sale at 5:15.