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MISSOULA.....

The University of Montana freshman Cubs captured two relatively easy victories over Lethbridge Community College, 80-63, and Carroll College JV, 61-47, last weekend, but will be severely tested Tuesday night by a strong Spokane Falls Community College squad.

The Cubs played their first two games as preliminaries to last weekend's home varsity contests and will be seeing their first action on the road against the Spokane club. The Tuesday night opponent has excellent height, quickness and good shooting ability.

Frosh coach and varsity assistant Jim Brandenburg was pleased with the opening wins, but was disappointed with the rebounding of the front line. The taller Cubs were out-rebounded by Carroll 44-43, but did beat Lethbridge 55-51 on the boards. "We were outquicked. We're working on more aggressive rebounding in preparation for Tuesday's game," Brandenburg said.

5-11 Mark Wells was the standout individual in the two wins. Wells had 12 points and 12 assists against the Canadian school and 26 points against Carroll's JV team. "Mark played well the first two games, but we expect even better things from him. He is a fine prospect, but like the rest of the team, needs to be a little more aggressive," Brandenburg said.

Brandenburg cited lack of training time as one of the primary reasons that his club is not playing better. The team has had limited practice time because of the late completion date of the remodeling project on Harry Adams Field House.

"Wells and Bob Staffen are shooting well, but our starting front line of Dave Moulton, Jim Swain and Tim Blaine is not shooting effectively at this stage of the season," Brandenburg commented when asked about the offensive play of his starting lineup.

Former Missoula Hellgate standout Bob Peterson came off the bench to provide needed offensive punch in the opener with Lethbridge. The 6-2 forward scored 18 points.

Lee Edmundson, a 6-5 forward from Victoria, B.C., was injured in the Lethbridge game and is lost to the team for the season after undergoing a knee operation this week.

Brandenburg feels his team will have difficulty matching last year's 17-1 frosh record, but feels that as the players improve with game experience that this year's edition of the Montana Cubs will emerge as a fine squad.

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