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MISSOULA...

The University of Montana Grizzlies have won five of eight ball games in the young 1972-73 basketball season and much of the credit for the winning record must go to the team's <sup>fine</sup> shooting percentages. The Tips have connected on 48 per cent of their attempts from the field and 71.9 per cent of their chances from the free throw line. Both figures are considerably higher than the UM team records of 45.2 and 70.9 per cent.

Although they are shooting well, the Grizzlies have been hampered by turnovers and, as a result, have gotten off 63 less shots from the field than their opponents have in the eight games. Montana has rebounded on an even basis with its opponents this year, both UM and the opposition have a total of 313 rebounds, making turnovers accountable for the discrepancy in the number of field attempts.

The damaging effect of an abundance of turnovers was evident in the Grizzlies' last game, a 79-62 loss to Pac-8 power Oregon State. The Grizzlies, playing well, held the lead over the Beavers in the <sup>early</sup> going, but in a turnover-laden dry-spell the Tips were outscored 23-2 and fell behind by 18 points. At the half UM trailed by 15 and had committed 15 turnovers.

Coach Jud Heathcote said that he was unhappy with the play of his guards in the Oregon State loss, but that the Grizzly front line battled the bigger Oregon State Club evenly on the boards. "Ken McKenzie (the UM center) and forward Earl Tye really worked the boards hard. Ken had 11 rebounds and Earl had 10. I was pleased that we came back in the second half to make a game of it. We had opportunities to take the lead in the final half, but couldn't quite get the job done," the Grizzly mentor stated.

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The Grizzlies pulled to within eight in the second half, but the loss of high scoring Mike Murray on fouls and McKenzie's fourth foul dimmed Montana's hopes of an upset. In the last two minutes Oregon State built the final margin to 17 against the Grizzly reserves.

Murray, a 5-11 senior guard, scored 16 points before fouling out and remains the leading scorer on the UM team with a 19.3 average for eight games. He is followed by McKenzie with a 13.9 average. Sophomore Larry Smedley, a 6-6½ forward, has hit double figures in three of the last four games and sports a 9.9 scoring average.

Murray is hitting a fine 55.5 per cent from the field and 72.7 per cent of his gift tosses. Tye, a 6-7 senior, is the leader in shooting accuracy with 56.8 per cent success from the field and 86.7 per cent accuracy from the charity stripe.

In the rebounding department McKenzie leads with a 9.4 average. Tye is averaging 7.5 rebounds.

This weekend the College of Great Falls Argonauts invade Missoula for a Saturday night contest. The NAIA Argonauts sport a fine 10-4 record and will be out to prove their caliber of basketball is on a par with that of a Big Sky Conference team.

Basketball is in its sixth season at the Great Falls school and the Argos have compiled a near phenomenal 115-36 record. Game time at Harry Adams Field House is 7:30 and a special family night promotion, where an entire family is admitted for \$3, is on tap.

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