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MISSOULA--

Montana's freshmen got their first and biggest win of the year against highly-touted Montana State Thursday, 102-65.

The Cubs, previously 0-4 in basketball action, jumped off to a 33-9 lead early in the first half and closed the first twenty minutes period with a 55-26 margin. In that half the Cubs shot a torrid 75 per cent from the field against the Bobkittens.

An inspired Montana defense limited former high school All-American/ <sup>Brent Wilson</sup> from Kalispell to but nine points before the 6-11 center fouled out in the final minutes.

The Cubs tapped a leaky Bobkitten defense for 42 field goals and outrebounded the vistor, 42-21 despite a MSU height advantage. Montana State also started 6-9 forward Doug Layne. The tallest Montana player was 6-7 Cris Anderson.

The Cubs have a return date with North Idaho J.C. in Couer d'Alene Saturday night. North Idaho defeated Montana, 95-74, in Missoula last month.

University of Montana freshman-varsity basketball coordinator Jim Brandenburg said he was naturally pleased with the Cub performance against Montana State, but warned that North Idaho was a rugged opponent. "They have some very talented people and the players will have to be up to beat them."

Coach Jack McWhorter said the 1-3-1 offense Montana employed against Montana State seemed to give the Cubs more versatility and movement. McWhorter plans to stick with the same attack against North Idaho.