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MISSOULA---

The University of Montana freshman and varsity basketball squads head west for the weekend hoping to get on the winning track.

Cub coach Jack McWhorter takes his squad to Moses Lake, Wash., Thursday for a Friday night battle with Big Bend J.C. The Grizzlies leave Friday for Spokane for a Saturday date with Gonzaga. The Cubs return to Spokane Saturday night for a preliminary clash with the Gonzaga Bullpups. Montana then goes to Moscow for a Monday game with Idaho.

Coach Lou Rocheleau said his Grizzlies, 2-6 on the season and 0-3 in loop play, face veteran basketball teams at Spokane and Moscow. Gonzaga returned eight players from the 1970 squad while the Vandals have ten back.

Gonzaga has been an up and down basketball team this year. The Bulldogs whipped Washington State and MSU, but has dropped the last three outings, all were conference games. Boise State was the last to drop coach Hank Anderson's crew, 90-74, last Monday in Boise.

Gonzaga has been plagued by pressing defenses lately and UM coach Lou Rocheleau plans to mix up the defenses and include some pressing defenses in his game plan.

The Bulldogs have Bill Quigg, the 6-8 All-Big Sky first team frontcourtman back, and Gonzaga tries to work the ball into the big senior. Anderson also has a pair of the quickest guards in the Conference in 6-2 Chris Nickola and 6-1 Tom Hunt.

Anderson usually starts a pair of short but quick-shooting forwards. Jim Bresnahan and Larry Carter, both 6-2, are the other Bulldog frontcourtmen, however, 6-8 veteran Howard Burford sees a lot of action.

Quigg is third in Big Sky rebounding behind Montana's Ray Howard. Quigg is averaging 12.6 rebounds per game while Howard pulls down an average 13.6.

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Idaho has the League's leading scorer in 6-2 forward Malcolm Taylor. Taylor is averaging 26.5 per game. The Vandals also have the fifth best field goal shooter in the percentage column. Tim Cummings, 5-11, has been hitting 55 per cent from the field in loop play.

Idaho State handed Idaho its last setback Monday night in Pocatello, 75-66. The Vandals are 1-2 in Big Sky action, losing to Boise State also, 77-76 while beating Gonzaga 80-75 in Moscow.

Rocheleau said he would probably start the same five, Howard, Lonzo Lewis, Willie Bascus, Don Wetzel and Mike Vernon. Vernon is recovering from a rib injury and may not start.

The Montana ^{coach was} pleased with the rebounding of Howard. Against Montana State he pulled down 19 and in the Puget Sound game he got 17. He is also one of the top ten scorers in the loop.

Rocheleau said Montana's problem seems to be getting the ball in the basket. The Tips had 18 more shots than Montana State and 20 more than Puget Sound but lost the games.

"We have good board strength and I hope it keeps up until the ball starts dropping in for us," Rocheleau said.

The Grizzlies return home for a January 21 game with Athletes in Action.

McWhorter said he didn't know too much about Big Bend or the Gonzaga freshmen, however, he thought both had good teams. He said Big Bend was probably the tougher of the two.

The Cubs are 1-5 on the season and have all five starters averaging better than ten points per game. The leading Cub scorer is 6-7 Cris Anderson from Olympia, Wash., with 19.0 per contest. Others with more than ten are Mike Hubbard, Kevin Rocheleau, Scott Hollenbeck, Robin Selvig and Blake Lyman.

The next Cub home game is 'January 25 against Carroll J.V.s.

1971 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FRESHMAN BASKETBALL STATISTICS
Six Game (1-5)

NAME	FG	FGA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	REB	PTS	AVG
ANDERSON	44	80	.550	26	35	.743	85	114	19.0
HOLLENBECK	27	63	.429	17	25	.680	71	71	11.8
ROCHELEAU	34	85	.400	16	20	.800	22	84	14.0
SELVIG	25	70	.357	13	17	.765	27	63	10.5
HUBBARD	29	61	.475	3	8	.375	30	61	10.2
LYMAN	28	56	.500	7	11	.636	42	63	10.5
BURHAM	2	6	.400	7	8	.875	14	13	2.6
STARK	3	7	.429	3	4	.750	10	9	1.3
NASH	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	2	.40
Langston	1	9	.111	0	0	.000	8	2	2.0 (1g)
TOTALS	197	445	.443	93	134	.694	323	484	80.7
Montana	88	Williston		102	Anderson---	25			
Montana	89	Mary's College		96	Anderson---	20			
Montana	69	Carroll J.V.		89	Anderson---	20			
Montana	74	North Idaho		95	Anderson---	17			
Montana	102	Montana State		65	Rocheleau--	23			
Montana	64	North Idaho		83	Hollenbeck--	16			

1970-71 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Ten Games (2-8)

G	PLAYER	FG-FGA	PCT	FT FTA	PCT.	SH.M	REB	AVG(R)	PF	ASS'T	PTS	AVG
10	Wetzel	67-140	.479	19-28	.679	90	33	3.3	32	10	153	15.3
10	Howard	48-112	.429	33-50	.660	104	124	12.4	39	8	131	13.1
10	Lewis	39-106	.368	36-65	.554	58	49	4.9	37	3	114	11.4
10	Tye	27-55	.491	11-18	.611	35	29	2.9	24	5	65	6.5
9	Vernon	37-111	.333	11-22	.500	56	36	4.0	12	10	85	9.4
8	Heroux	9-28	.321	8-13	.615	24	6	.75	10	6	25	3.2
8	Clark	15-40	.375	18-25	.720	28	54	6.7	27	5	48	6.0
8	Nord	10-38	.263	5-15	.333	38	8	1.0	8	5	25	3.2
4	Bascus	16-44	.364	5-11	.455	34	18	4.5	9	5	37	9.2
5	Johnson	2-5	.400	6-9	.666	6	4	.80	1	1	10	2.0
3	Chapman	1-4	.250	3-3	1.000	3	4	1.3	3	0	5	1.6
1	Judd	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
UM TOTALS		272-689	.396	153-257	.595	521	471	47.1	202	59	697	69.6
OPP. TOTALS		302-650	.464	200-277	.722	411	415	41.5	198	73	823	82.3

CONFERENCE TOTALS---THREE GAME TOTALS (0-3)

3	Lewis	16-32	.500	11-22	.500	27	20	6.7	11	0	43	14.3
3	Howard	15-30	.500	12-17	.706	20	41	13.6	12	3	42	14.0
3	Wetzel	16-30	.533	7-8	.875	15	12	4.0	12	3	39	13.0
3	Vernon	14-42	.333	3-7	.429	32	12	4.0	4	1	31	10.3
3	Bascus	11-27	.407	4-10	.400	22	14	4.6	8	2	26	8.6
3	Tye	6-11	.545	0-1	.000	6	8	2.6	2	1	12	4.0
2	Johnson	1-1	1.000	4-6	.666	2	1	.5	1	0	6	3.0
2	Nord	2-9	.222	3-7	.429	11	2	1.0	1	0	7	3.5
2	Chapman	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	3	4	2.0	3	0	4	2.0
2	Heroux	1-5	.400	0-0	.000	4	1	.5	2	2	2	1.0
1	Clark	2-6	.333	2-4	.500	6	5	5.0	5	1	6	6.0
UM TOTALS		85-207	.410	48-84	.571	158	136	45.3	61	13	218	72.6
OPP TOTALS		95-196	.484	62-87	.713	26	23	41.0	64	19	252	84.0

UM	PTS	OPPONENT	OPP	WHERE	TOP SCORER	TOP REBOUNDER
(L)	68	Augustana	82	Sioux Falls	Wetzel (16)	Howard (16)
(W)	69	South Dakota	65	Vermillion	Wetzel/Vernon (14)	Clark (12)
(L)	63	Washington St.	80	Pullman	Wetzel (13)	Tye (11)
(L)	67	Washington	86	Seattle	Wetzel (17)	Howard (12)
(L)	69	Washington St.	81	Missoula	Wetzel (15)	Howard (10)
(W)	72	Northern Colorado	63	Missoula	Wetzel (18)	Howard (13)
(L)	64	Weber	85	Ogden	Lewis (19)	Lewis (9)
(L)	72	Northern Arizona	82	Flagstaff	Lewis (16)	Howard (20)
(L)	82	Montana St.	85	Missoula	Wetzel (21)	Howard (19)
(L)	71	Puget Sound	96	Missoula	Wetzel (21)	Howard (17)