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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana basketball <sup>team</sup> will be making its first tournament appearance in several years when it enters the six-year <sup>old</sup> Daffodil Classic this weekend in Tacoma, Wash.

The tourney will mark the end of an exhausting series of tough road games for the Grizzlies. They lost three games in a row to major college opponents the University of Oregon, Washington State University and the University of Wyoming.

Montana plays Cal State Los Angeles in the 8 p.m. MST opener Friday in host team University of Puget Sound's gymnasium. Puget Sound plays St. Mary's College of Moraga, Calif., in the second game.

The Cal State Diablos return three starters from last year's 15-11 team and have two lettermen returning who substituted often last year. Last year's starting guards, 6-1 Mose Adolph and 6-2½ Rodney Murray are back. They made second all-league team last year and have been the leading scorers for the Diablos the last two years. Returning center Mike Jackson, shot 60 per cent from the floor last year and averaged 15.8 points and 11.3 rebounds per game.

Cal State, a school of 25,000 students, plays in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

Host team Puget Sound has won the tournament the last three years and even if the Grizzlies don't get a shot at the Tacoma team in the tournament, the two teams will play Jan. 17 in Missoula. Puget Sound has won two of the three previous games with the Grizzlies.

Puget Sound is rebuilding its program this year and is not expected to be as tough as it has been in the past two seasons. The Loggers opened their season Dec. 1 against Montana State and lost to the Bobcats, 76-71.

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St. Mary's is a school of 1,264 students and if the Grizzlies meet the Gaels in the tournament it will be the first meeting between the two schools. St. Mary's was 10-16 last year under new coach Bruce Hale.

The Daffodil Classic is run by the Tacoma Sports-Recreation Federation and is a fund-raising project for youth athletics. It broke even in its first year and has been a profitable venture since then. Officials hope to average 5,500 spectators a night this year.

New Grizzly coach Jud Heathcote will be hoping to win games in this tournament so the Grizzlies can come into their home opener Monday (Dec. 13) against Midwestern University with some confidence.

Montana was never much of a threat in its second game against Washington State, but in the opener against Oregon and in Tuesday night's game against Wyoming the Grizzlies startled their opponents with a fast break and potent scoring.

UMI took early leads against both Oregon and Wyoming and then fell behind in the second half in both contests. Heathcote's objective this weekend will be to sustain the running game in both halves and cut down on turnovers that have been so costly to the Grizzlies so far this year.

Heathcote is expected to start Ray Howard at center, Dale Parker and Willie Bascus at the forward spots and Mike Murray and Robin Selvig at guards. Alternate center-forward Earl Tye may see plenty of action this weekend too. Tye was the second leading scorer and rebounder in the Wyoming game with 16 and 13 respectively. Dale Parker led the Grizzlies in both departments with 17 points and 14 rebounds.

(Note: Radio KYLT will carry both Grizzly games in the Daffodil Classic. The Friday game coverage will begin at 7:45 p.m. MST and Saturday's time will depend on whether the Grizzlies win or lose Friday night.)

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