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First-year coach Jodi Leslie takes her University of Montana women's basketball team into the Northwest Regional Finals, opening Thursday, with a 7-3 record.

A total of fourteen teams are entered in the tournament, which is to be held on the campus of Western Washington State College in Bellingham, Washington.

One of Montana's three losses this season was to Washington State University, the defending Northwest champion, 45-34. Coach Leslie pointed to cold outside shooting as the major factor in UM's loss .

Last weekend Montana zeroed in on the bucket enroute to two lopsided victories over Gonzaga University and Carroll College. Leslie was pleased with the offensive output. "The team now has the confidence to take the outside shots and make them," Leslie said. "Defensively, Montana has played consistently and well," she added.

Depth may be problem for Montana this weekend. Only seven players will make the trip and Vicki Bjorgen is only a doubtful starter due to a recent ankle injury. Vicki Brown, Linda DeFernelmont, Chris Mahoney, Michelle Peck, Janele Sullivan and Val Witschen complete the roster.

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