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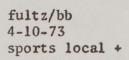
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MISSOULA....

The Montana Grizzlies are ranked ninth nationally in team defense according to the final National Collegiate Sports Service's statistics release.

Montana gave up 1616 points in 26 outings during the past hardcourt season, an average yield of 62.2 points, and joins such basketball powers as national champion UCLA, Marquette and Pennsylvania in the top ten. The Bruins of UCLA rank fifth, Marquette ranks seventh runner-up and Pennsylvania is the / to the University of Texas at El Paso as the stingiest major college team.

Three of the Grizzlies 1972-73 opponents are on the list of the nation's 25 best defensive clubs. Air Force ranks fourth, Weber State, 22nd, and Wyoming, 23rd.

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