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GRIZZLIES FACE MSU,
OPEN HOME LEAGUE SEASON

There is optimism in the University of Montana's women's varsity volleyball this week as the Grizzlies play host to the Montana State Bobcats on Wednesday, Oct. 24 in their home conference opener.

Unlike most home contests, the girls will play in the field house arena beginning at 8 p.m. The UM junior varsity squad will tangle with MSU J.V.s at 6:30.

Early scheduling had the Grizzlies traveling to Pullman, Wash. Oct. 26 and 27, but that trip has been cancelled.

"The girls are really ready to play," said coach Dick Scott. "We have a good scouting report on MSU and if we execute well, we will give them fits."

The Grizzlies suffered a pair of losses to the Bobcats on Oct. 17 at Bozeman, dropping the first of two games 15-6 and the second 15-3.

"We had to use three players off of the junior varsity squad and they were so pumped because they won," explained Scott. "MSU just shocked us in the first game. They were more physical, which gave them the edge."

In their conference opener, the Grizzlies dropped four of five matches at the University of Washington Invitational Tournament at Seattle. UM's lone victory occurred over the University of Oregon, but Scott was more pleased with his team's performance in their loss to the University of Washington.

"Our 10th player to our first just played outstanding," praised Scott, in his second year as coach. "It was the best match that we have ever played and I am very proud of each and every one of them."

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The Grizzlies tallied winning scores of 15-8 and 15-6 over UW but lost the other three decisions by margins of 15-11, 15-12 and 15-12.

Scott mentioned the extremely good play of Pat Benson and Windy Ninteman for "putting the ball away several times."

UM enters Wednesday's match with a 17-11-2 mark.

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