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GRIZZLY BASKETBALL TEAM TO HOST  
TWO TOURNAMENTS IN 1980-81 SEASON

MISSOULA--

It will be a busy holiday season for the University of Montana basketball team during the 1980-81 season.

The Grizzlies host two tournaments this upcoming season. The first is the Champion Holiday Classic I Dec. 19-20 in Missoula. Teams are the host Grizzlies, Gonzaga University, the University of Maine and Murray State.

UM will also host the KOA Classic in Billings Dec. 19-30. That tournament includes UM, Texas A&M, UC Irvine and Eastern Montana.

There is a chance third-year coach Mike Montgomery's team could face two nationally ranked teams in the tournament. Texas A&M made the final eight in the NCAAs this season, and Murray State was two points away from making the final four in the National Invitational Tournament in New York.

The Grizzlies feature four returning starters back for the 1980-81 season. Guards Craig Zanon and Blaine Taylor, along with forwards Rod Brandon and Marty Green, are back.

Montana will play 12 home games, not counting the tournament in Missoula, which gives the team two more home games.

The Grizzlies open the year Friday, Nov. 28, against Western Washington, and end the regular season at home Saturday, Feb. 28, hosting Montana State.

Other opponents on the year's schedule include San Jose State, Portland State, Puget Sound, Northern Colorado, Chico State, Eastern Washington, Nebraska, and Big Sky Conference schools Boise State, Nevada-Reno, Idaho, Idaho State, Weber State, Northern Arizona and MSU.

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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

1980-81

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 28-WESTERN WASHINGTON

Dec. 1--SAN JOSE STATE

Dec. 3--@Portland State

Dec. 6--PUGET SOUND

Dec. 10-@Northern Colorado

Dec. 13-CHICO STATE (CA)

Dec. 15-EASTERN WASHINGTON

Dec. 19-CHAMPION HOLIDAY CLASSIC (U of Maine, Gonzaga U, Murray State, hosted by  
20 U of Montana)

Dec. 23-@Nebraska

Dec. 29-@KOA Classic in Billings (Texas A&M, UC Irvine, Eastern Montana, hosted by  
30 U of Montana)

Jan. 9--NEVADA-RENO\*

Jan. 10-N. ARIZONA\*

Jan. 16-@Weber State\*

Jan. 17-@Idaho State\*

Jan. 23-U of IDAHO\*

Jan. 24-BOISE STATE\*

Jan. 31-@Montana State\*

Feb. 5--@N. Arizona\*

Feb. 7--@Nevada-Reno\*

Feb. 13-IDAHO STATE\*

Feb. 14-WEBER STATE\*

Feb. 19-@Boise State\*

Feb. 21-@U of Idaho\*

Feb. 28-MONTANA STATE\*

CAPS INDICATE HOME GAME      \*Big Sky Conference game