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GRIZZLY BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS
AT N. COLORADO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana heads to Greeley, Colorado this week, to play the University of Northern Colorado Bears Wednesday, Dec. 10 in UNC's Butler-Hancock Hall (5,500). Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m. (MST). KYLT of Missoula will begin its broadcast at 7:15 with the pregame show.

UNC is 2-1 overall, and hosts Denver this evening (Monday, Dec. 9). The Bears' only loss was a 63-53 setback on the road to Denver. The Bears' wins were over Adams State (87-75) and Southern Colorado (58-56).

Montana is 2-2, and coming off a 68-59 home loss to the Puget Sound Loggers.

The Grizzlies have a 2-1 edge in the three-game series with UNC. The last meeting of the teams was an 84-42 Montana win. That was in the 1978-79 season.

Probable starters with scoring and rebounding averages:

MONTANA

G--Blaine Taylor (13.3, 1.0)

G--Craig Zanon (19.3, 6.0)

C--Craig Larsen (5.8, 3.5)

F--Marty Green (7.5, 5.8)

F--Rod Brandon (5.0, 4.0)

COACH: MIKE MONTGOMERY (33-26 in 2+ seasons)

N. COLORADO

G--Dave Hanson, 5-11, So. (13.7, 1.7)

G--Greg Brendel, 6-2, Sr. (4.3, 2.3)

C--Jamie Holcombe, 6-8, Jr. (12.0, 9.0)

F--Dave Keller, 6-3, Jr. (17.0, 6.0)

F--Tony Hodges, 6-3, Sr. (5.7, 6.0)

COACH: THURM WRIGHT (132-167 in 12+ years)

"This game is similar to our situation prior to playing Portland State," said coach Mike Montgomery. "We have to play good and minimize our mistakes to win on

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the road. It's also important for our team to continue to work hard to keep developing our basketball skills."

The Grizzlies continue to be paced by guard Craig Zanon. The 6-6 senior had led Montana in scoring in all four of its games, and scored a team-high 20 points in two of the games. He has also been the top rebounder in two games. He is shooting 73 percent (24 of 33) from the field and 93 percent (25 of 27) from the free throw line.

UM's No 2 scorer is Zanon's backcourt mate, Blaine Taylor. The 6-2 senior is averaging 13.3 points a contest. He leads the team in assists, averaging four a game.

Zanon leads the team in rebounding, averaging 6 a game, while Marty Green (5.8) and Rod Brandon (4.8) are next in that department.

Taylor leads in steals with 11, while Zanon is next with 8. Green and Craig Larsen each have four blocked shots.

Montana will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Greeley.

The Grizzlies return home Saturday, Dec. 13, hosting Chico State. The Lady Griz will play the preliminary game at 5:45 p.m. with Northern Montana.

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