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NORD UNVEILS GRIZZLY BASKETBALL SQUAD;
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MISSOULA---

Head basketball coach Ron Nord of the University of Montana unveiled his 15-man 1967-68 varsity basketball squad during press day activities Tuesday, and everyone noticed that the Grizzlies will be young, but taller, compared to last year's squad.

The 1967-68 Grizzlies got off to a roaring start, winning their first three outings, but slumped off to finish with a 6-18 season mark and a 1-9 Big Sky Conference record to finish last in league play.

Heading up this year's squad are returning lettermen Steve Brown, a 6-6 junior forward; Greg Hanson, a 6-3 senior forward; Rick Johnston, a 6-foot senior guard, and Don Parsons, a 6-6 senior forward.

Parsons was second in scoring and rebounding last year with 300 tallies and 183 rebounds. Hanson had 267 points to rank third, while Johnston was fourth with 241, and Brown sixth with 144.

Coach Nord and his assistant, Bob Cope, went to the junior colleges to pick up five transfers ranging in height from 6-2 to 6-5. Leading the group is 6-4 guard Ron Moore of Indianapolis, Ind., the top scorer last year at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyo.

Also joining the Grizzly ranks are 6-5 center-forward Ray Dirindin of Lowell, Ind. via Northwest Community; 6-3 guard Sid Rhinehart of Missoula, who played at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash.; 6-2 guard Bob Sloan of Tacoma, Wash. who attended Grays Harbor JC in Aberdeen, Wash., and 6-2 guard-forward Stan Yoder of Ft. Wayne, Ind., who went to Casper, Wyo. JC.

Up from last year's frosh squad are the Agather twins, Mark and Max, of Libby, both forwards; guard John Cheek of Anaconda; guard Dave Gustafson of Baughn, and center Tom Jones, at 6-8 this year's tallest Tip.

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A newcomer to the squad is former frosh cager Ron Madeen of Great Falls, a forward who hasn't played collegiately since two years ago.

"Bob Cope and I have been extremely pleased with the effort shown by these 15 boys," Nord said. "We had to narrow it down from the 24 who originally tried out, and we think we picked the cream of the crop."

The Grizzlies open their 26-game schedule on the road Dec. 2 and 4 with games against Illinois State University at Normal and the Northern Michigan University at Marquette. The Nordmen beat both last year.