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MISSOULA--

A basketball series which started and ended with two games during the 1935-36 basketball season will be renewed Tuesday in the Harry Adams Field House when the Montana Grizzlies host the Fresno State College Bulldogs beginning at 8 p.m. There is no preliminary.

For the second straight time at the Field House, Missoula grade school and high school kids will be able to see some fine basketball on the house. The same thing was in effect Saturday night when the Grizzlies met Washington State.

The Bulldogs and Grizzlies have not met in basketball for more than 30 years, and this game could be classed as a rubber match, since the two schools split their two previous meetings, with the Grizzlies dropping the first, 25-37 and winning the second, 35-32.

Both teams were active during the past weekend. The Grizzlies, of course, were at home against Washington State.

Fresno State visits the Garden City as the second of a two-game road trip which took the Bulldogs to Seattle Pacific's lair Monday Night. Last Friday, the Bulldogs were at home against the University of San Diego.

On the season, before the San Diego and Seattle Pacific games, the Bulldogs, coached by third-year man Ed Gregory, had split four outings. They beat St. Mary's of California, 81-62 in Fresno, lost to the University of the Pacific 76-61 in Stockton, Calif., beat College of Southern Utah 80-74 in Fresno, and lost to the University of California at Santa Barbara on the road 58-55.

Up to the Washington State game, the Grizzlies were 1-2, with losses to Illinois State and Northern Michigan on the road and a win over Augustana College at home nine days ago.
The Fresno State squad competes in the tough California Collegiate Athletic Association with teams like San Fernando Valley State, Cal State at Long Beach, Cal Poly at Pomona, Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, and Cal State at Los Angeles.

Last year, Gregory's squad lost the conference crown to San Diego State, but it was the first time in six years the Bulldogs had lost the crown. Gregory coached his team to a 17-9 overall record in 1966-67, after his 1976-66 team had won 21 and lost 8.

Two-game statistics, the most recent available, show Fresno State's leading scorer to be sophomore forward Lucuis Davis, who was averaging 20.5 points per game at that point. Wes Russell, a 6-6 center or forward, was averaging 14.5, and the other player in double figures, 6-4 forward Ken Patton, was at 13.5 per game.

Leading field goal shooter among regulars was Davis, who had scored on 15 of 28 tries for 53.6 per cent. Patton led from the free throw line with nine of nine for 100 per cent.

Coach Gregory of the Bulldogs will probably start Bobby Lee, 6-3 senior, and Harry Maloney, 6-0 junior, at guards; Davis, 6-4 sophomore, and Patton, 6-4 junior, at forwards, and Russell, 6-6 senior, at center.

Gregory likes to play percentage basketball, and has his squad working hard for the layup or close in shot. The Bulldogs will usually work out of a 2-3 offense.

Grizzly coach Ron Nord feels the Bulldogs will be plenty tough, even after the Grizzlies went against Washington State Saturday night. He will probably start guards Ron Moore and Rick Johnston; forwards Greg Hanson and Mark Agather, and center Don Parsons.