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GRIZZLIES GO NON CONFERENCE ROUTE AFTER DROPPING PAIR TO STATE

MISSOULA---

Ron Nord's Montana Grizzlies will spend the next month playing non-conference foes, hoping to improve on their 4-11 season before moving back into Big Sky league action against Montana State in Missoula Feb. 17.

The Bruins will have a tough time improving on their mark this weekend, however, with Washington State and the University of Washington providing the competition Friday and Saturday nights on the road.

Washington State, which beat the Grizzlies 81-61 in Missoula over a month ago, is sporting an 8 win, 5 loss record. In their last two outings, the Cougars whipped Oregon 85-66 in Pullman and nipped the University of Washington in Seattle 75-70.

The Huskies, now 7-6, whipped Oregon State in Seattle, 68-56, before dropping the Saturday nighter to Washington State.

The Cougars are paced by 6-9 center Jim McKean, 6-8 forward Ted Wierman, 6-6 forward Gary Elliot, 5-11 guard Ray Stein, and 5-9 guard Lenny Allen.

Leading the Husky attack is 6-3 forward Dave Carr.

The Grizzlies held their own against Montana State last Friday night in Bozeman, but the Cats ran away in the Saturday night battle, 107-76. Friday night's score was Montana State 83, Montana 79.

Montana State moved to a 44-31 halftime lead Friday night, but the Grizzlies battled back to trail by only six with 13:14 remaining. The Cats spread the margin again before Montana roared back to trail 79-77 with only 1:12 left. Jack Gillespie scored 40 for the Cats.

Gillespie hit 35 Saturday night as the Cats were never headed once they took the lead.

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The Tips led 17-10 with 12:30 left in the first half, but 13 straight points by the resurgent Cats put them ahead to stay.

Cold Grizzly shooting throughout the game proved to be the big difference. The Cats broke the game wide open in the last half of the final stanza to race to their big victory.

Grizzly coach Ron Nord was pleased with the comeback effort the Bruins made Friday night, crediting the sophomores with outstanding play. The Grizzly youngsters scored 50 of the team's 79 points in the Friday loss.

Nord also praised forward Greg Hanson for doing a good job both nights.

"Greg was a stabilizing factor both nights, and it hurt us badly to lose him early Saturday night," Nord said. Hanson fouled out early in the second half after playing less than 15 minutes of the game.

Receiving special praise from Coach Nord was sophomore forward Mark Agather, who scored 24 points Friday night and 22 Saturday. The Libby product led in rebounds both nights, getting 8 Friday night and 14 Saturday.

"Mark had two real good nights," Nord said. "He worked well underneath, shot well, and for the first time this season, did a fine job of driving for the basket."

Nord said the loss of Ron Moore showed up especially Saturday night.

"Moore, although he makes some mistakes, seems to make the other players look that much better when he's in there," Nord said. "But that doesn't mean we aren't proud of the showings made by some of our kids, anyway."

Mark Agather, with his 46 points during the weekend, brought his season average up to 10 points per game to rank third behind Moore at 19.8 and center Don Parsons at 11.1. Agather is scoring 13.5 points per game in league play.

Parsons leads in field goal percentage with 48.8 per cent. Hanson is at 47.8 per cent, and Agather at 46.6.

Leading free throw shooter is Steve Brown at 85.5 per cent, followed by Moore at 76.2 and Hanson at 67.4. Parsons is averaging 7.6 rebounds per game, and Mark Agather is second with 7.1 retrieves per contest.

1967-68 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS
(15 Games: Season---4-11; League---2-6)

PLAYER	G	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	SH.M	REB	AVG.	PF-D	PTS.	AVG.
Ron Moore	13	89-193	46.1	80-105	76.2	129	51	3.9	42-4	258	19.8
Don Parsons	14	63-129	48.8	30-49	61.3	85	106	7.6	48-3	156	11.1
Mark Agather	15	62-133	46.6	26-42	61.9	87	106	7.1	49-6	150	10.0
Rick Johnston	15	59-128	46.1	23-41	56.2	87	29	1.9	43-3	141	9.4
Greg Hanson	15	43-90	47.8	31-46	67.4	62	77	5.1	62-7	117	7.8
John Cheek	13	23-67	34.4	27-45	60.0	62	30	2.3	24-1	73	5.6
Steve Brown	14	19-56	34.0	29-34	85.5	42	53	3.8	28-0	67	4.8
Tom Jones	13	29-66	44.0	9-19	47.3	47	39	3.0	21-0	67	5.2
Stan Yoder	9	16-49	32.7	7-10	70.0	36	11	1.2	8-0	39	4.3
Sid Rhinehart	6	6-14	42.8	6-12	50.0	14	15	2.5	5-0	18	3.0
Max Agather	7	6-12	50.0	6-8	75.0	8	10	1.4	12-0	18	2.6
Dave Gustafson	7	6-14	42.8	5-10	50.0	13	6	0.9	2-0	17	2.4
Ray Dirindin	3	3-5	60.0	0-0	00.0	2	2	0.7	3-0	6	2.0
Ron Madeen	3	0-4	00.0	1-2	50.0	5	0	0.0	1-0	1	0.3

TEAM REBOUNDS---143

MONTANA TOTALS	15	424-961	44.2	280-423	66.2	680	678	45.2	348-24	1128	75.2
OPPONENT TOTALS	15	470-1070	43.9	312-454	69.0	742	744	49.7	308-14	1252	83.3

RESULTS

WHERE PLAYED	UM	OPPONENT	OPP	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER
Normal, Illinois	76	Illinois State	93	Moore---20	Moore, Parsons---9
Marquette, Michigan	74	Northern Michigan	93	Moore---16	Mark Agather---9
Missoula	94	Augustana (S.D.)	79	Moore---21	Parsons---12
Missoula	61	Washington State	81	Moore---20	Mark Agather---10
Missoula	88	Fresno State	72	Parsons---29	Parsons---14
Evansville, Indiana	76	Evansville	116	Parsons---17	Parsons---9
Evansville, Indiana	65	George Washington	67	Moore---20	Parsons---9
*Ogden, Utah	74	Weber State	67	Moore---36	Parsons---13
*Ogden, Utah	51	Weber State	75	Moore---14	Parsons---8
*Pocatello, Idaho	69	Idaho State	85	Three with 13	Brown---11
*Missoula	94	Gonzaga	75	Moore---36	Brown---9
*Missoula	82	Gonzaga	83	Mk Agather, Moore--19	Three with 8
*Missoula	69	Idaho	76	Parsons---18	Parsons---13
*Bozeman, Montana	79	Montana State	83	Mark Agather---24	Mark Agather---8
*Bozeman, Montana	76	Montana State	107	Mark Agather---22	Mark Agather---14

NEXT GAMES

Grizzlies vs. Washington State University in Pullman, Jan. 26
Grizzlies vs. University of Washington in Seattle, Jan. 27

1967-68 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA BIG SKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS
(Eight Games: 2-6)

PLAYER	G	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	SH.M	REB	AVG.	PF-D	PTS.	AVG.
Ron Moore	6	38-81	46.9	45-57	79.0	55	22	3.7	16-0	121	20.2
Mark Agather	8	45-97	46.4	18-27	66.7	61	59	7.4	21-2	108	13.5
Rick Johnston	8	31-74	41.9	17-29	58.7	55	20	2.5	29-3	79	9.9
Greg Hanson	8	25-53	47.2	18-24	75.0	34	40	5.0	33-3	68	8.5
Don Parsons	7	27-59	45.8	9-15	60.0	38	48	6.9	23-2	63	9.0
John Cheek	6	16-46	34.8	13-23	56.6	40	24	4.0	13-0	45	7.5
Steve Brown	7	13-33	39.4	13-18	72.3	25	33	4.7	15-0	39	5.6
Tom Jones	7	12-31	38.8	6-10	60.0	23	15	2.1	14-0	30	4.3
Dave Gustafson	4	4-10	40.0	5-9	55.6	10	4	1.0	2-0	13	3.3
Stan Yoder	3	6-12	50.0	0-0	00.0	6	2	0.7	1-0	12	4.0
Max Agather	4	4-6	66.7	4-6	66.7	4	6	1.5	5-0	12	3.0
Sid Rhinehart	1	1-1	100.0	1-1	100.0	0	1	1.0	0-0	3	3.0
Ron Madeen	3	0-4	00.0	1-2	50.0	5	0	0.0	1-0	1	0.3
TEAM REBOUNDS---66											
MONTANA TOTALS	8	232-508	45.7	150-221	67.9	357	340	42.5	173-10	594	74.3
OPPONENT TOTALS	8	250-563	44.4	151-228	66.2	390	407	50.9	156-7	651	81.4

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NEXT GAMES

Grizzlies vs. Montana State University in Missoula, Feb. 17, 8 p.m.
Grizzlies vs. University of Idaho at Moscow, Feb. 23-24