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CUBS FACE ANOTHER LAYOFF AFTER SPLITTING WITH KITTENS

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana freshman basketball team faces a two-week layoff before returning to action early in February with three straight games at home.

The **Cubs**, who split last week in Bozeman with the Montana State Bobkittens, will spend the time preparing for games with the College of Great Falls, North Idaho Junior College and a UM Alumni Team.

Plagued by cold shooting prior to the Bozeman trip, the Cubs broke loose to beat the Kittens 88-84 Friday night. Guards Don Wetzel of Cut Bank and Mike Heroux of Menasha, Wis., along with forward Jerry (Cork) Hill of Columbia Falls, threw in 20 points apiece in the winning effort. Center Tony Bertuca of Chicago, Ill., added 13.

Saturday night, the Kittens hit a fantastic 56.6 per cent on their field goal tries and outlasted the Cubs, 85-76. Wetzel led Cub scoring with 24, with Heroux adding 21 and Bertuca 12. Forward Les Gordon of Dillon grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Cubs in that department.

Cub mentors Del Carroll and John (Doc) Holliday were extremely pleased with the performances by the Grizzly yearlings.

"They wanted this one in the worst way, and they got it," Carroll said after Friday's contest.

"Even in losing, the kids showed tremendous improvement and hustle," Holliday said Saturday night.

Don Wetzel continues to pace Cub scoring through seven games with 18.7 points per contest. Heroux is averaging 14.8.

Bertuca is leading in field goal percentage among regulars with 46.5 per cent, followed by Heroux at 40.0.

Leading rebounder is Hill with 11 per game. The former Columbia Falls Wildcat is also leading in free throw shooting with 78.9 per cent on 19 tries.

1967-68 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FRESHMAN BASKETBALL STATISTICS
(3-4)*

| PLAYER | G | FGM-FGA | PCT. | FTM-FTA | PCT. | SH.M | REB | AVG. | PF-D | PTS. | AVG. |
|-----------------|---|---------|------|---------|-------|------|-----|-------------|------|------|------|
| Don Wetzel | 6 | 45-124 | 36.3 | 22-36 | 61.2 | 93 | 23 | 3.8 | 19-0 | 112 | 18.7 |
| Mike Heroux | 6 | 38-95 | 40.0 | 13-24 | 54.2 | 68 | 22 | 3.7 | 16-0 | 89 | 14.8 |
| Les Gordon | 6 | 18-67 | 26.9 | 21-34 | 61.8 | 62 | 57 | 9.5 | 18-1 | 57 | 9.5 |
| Tony Bertuca | 6 | 20-43 | 46.5 | 12-19 | 63.2 | 30 | 51 | 8.5 | 20-1 | 52 | 8.7 |
| Jerry Hill | 6 | 18-52 | 34.6 | 15-19 | 78.9 | 38 | 66 | 11.0 | 12-0 | 51 | 8.5 |
| Tom O'Neil | 5 | 9-20 | 45.0 | 11-20 | 55.0 | 20 | 21 | 4.2 | 8-0 | 29 | 5.8 |
| Glen Wysel | 5 | 10-37 | 27.0 | 1-4 | 25.0 | 30 | 3 | 0.6 | 11-1 | 21 | 4.2 |
| Kits Smith | 6 | 8-27 | 29.6 | 3-6 | 50.0 | 22 | 10 | 1.7 | 8-0 | 19 | 3.2 |
| Jim Opitz | 4 | 6-22 | 27.3 | 0-2 | 00.0 | 18 | 12 | 3.0 | 3-0 | 12 | 3.0 |
| Ron Remple | 3 | 4-6 | 66.7 | 2-2 | 100.0 | 2 | 4 | 1.3 | 1-0 | 10 | 3.3 |
| Wayne Wetzel | 3 | 4-8 | 50.0 | 1-2 | 50.0 | 5 | 5 | 1.7 | 1-0 | 9 | 3.0 |
| Jim deBord | 1 | 1-2 | 50.0 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 2-0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| CUB TOTALS | 6 | 181-503 | 36.0 | 101-168 | 60.2 | 389 | 276 | 46.0**119-3 | | 463 | 77.2 |
| OPPONENT TOTALS | 6 | 188-420 | 44.8 | 82-145 | 56.6 | 292 | 269 | 44.8**117-5 | | 466 | 77.7 |

*DOES NOT INCLUDE CUBS VS. MONTANA STATE FROSH, JAN. 19, 1968
**DOES NOT INCLUDE TEAM REBOUNDS

| WHERE PLAYED | CUBS | OPPONENT | RESULTS | | HIGH SCORER | HIGH-REBOUNDER |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|---------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| | | | OPP | | | |
| Helena, Montana | 104 | Carroll Frosh | 75 | | D. Wetzel---24 | Gordon---12 |
| Missoula | 82 | North.-Com. Coll. | 94 | | D. Wetzel---26 | Hill---15 |
| Missoula | 78 | IM All-Stars | 69 | | Hill---15- | Bertuca---15 |
| Missoula | 60 | Gonzaga Frosh | 75 | | D. Wetzel---17 | Hill---10 |
| Missoula | 63 | Idaho Frosh | 68 | | D. Wetzel, Heroux-13 | Gordon---18 |
| Bozeman | 88 | Montana St. Frosh | 84 | | Three with 20 | No record kept |
| Bozeman | 76 | Montana St. Frosh | 85 | | D. Wetzel---24 | Gordon---8 |

NEXT GAMES

Cubs vs. College of Great Falls in Missoula, 8 p.m.
Cubs vs. North Idaho Junior Collge in Missoula, 6 p.m.
Cubs vs. Alumni Team in Missoula, 6 p.m.