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MISSOULA---

When things get bad, it's like trying to lose weight---things get worse before they get better.

With Ron Moore, one starting Montana Grizzly guard, already out for an indefinite period with a knee injury, the other guard, senior Rick Johnston, injured his right arm in practice Tuesday, and more than likely will not travel with the team this weekend.

So after weighing the various aspects of the problem, Coaches Ron Nord and Bob Cope came up with this starting lineup for the Washington State and Washington games Friday and Saturday nights.

John Cheek, 6-1 sophomore, who moved into Moore's starting spot, will continue to start. His running mate at guard will be Greg Hanson, 6-4, previously a starter at forward.

Moving into Hanson's spot at forward will be 6-8 sophomore Tom Jones, who will team with usual starter, 6-5 sophomore Mark Agather. Don Parsons, 6-7, will maintain his center position.

So the Grizzlies will go with three sophomores, Cheek, Agather and Jones, plus seniors at the other two spots.

The Grizzlies have already seen Washington State, to the tune of a 61-81 loss in Missoula one month ago. They will have to cope with a front wall that goes 6-7, 6-8 and 6-9, including forwards Gary Elliott, Ted Wierman, and Jim McKean.

In guards Ray Stein, 5-11, and Lenny Allen, 5-9, they will face two of the quickest guards in the country.

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Saturday night in Seattle, the Grizzlies will face another pair of quick guards, including sophomore Rafael Stone, a 5-9 speed merchant who worked with last year's tremendous Husky frosh squad.

Also facing the Grizzlies will be 6-3 forward Dave Carr, second leading scorer for the Huskies last year who tallied 28 points in the 75-70 loss to Washington State last week.

"We're not going to the coast to lose either night," Nord and Cope said Wednesday before a luncheon gathering, "but we're going to have to perform in the best possible way to stay in these games."

Others travelling for the Grizzlies will be forwards Steve Brown, 6-6, Stan Yoder, 6-2, Ray Dirindin, 6-5, and Max Agather, 6-4, and guards Dave Gustafson, 6-2, Ron Madeen, 6-3, and Sid Rhinehart, 6-3.