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GRIZZLIES GET FIRST TEST FROM OUTSIDE FOE WHEN SEATTLE PACIFIC INVADES SATURDAY

MISSOULA---

Bob Cope's University of Montana Grizzlies will face, in Cope's words, the "first team that doesn't really know what we're doing," Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Harry Adams Field House when Seattle Pacific College invades the Grizzly confines.

Cope's meaning was obvious. The Grizzlies have played against themselves, the freshmen, and an Alumni team, all of whom had prior knowledge of Grizzly strategy.

Cope said he expects plenty of tough opposition from Coach Les Habegger's Falcons, a team which rated post-season tourney consideration last season after posting a 16-9 record. This will be the first season tilt for the Falcons, also.

Cope said Habegger likes his teams to run a combination of a shuffle offense and what he calls a "free lance" offense, and he likes his teams to run when the opportunity presents itself.

The Falcons will usually go with a sagging man-to-man defense, Cope said.

Seattle Pacific boasts nine returning letterman, but none of these were certain starters last season. In the area of size, they are comparable to the Grizzlies. There are seven sophomores on the Falcon squad.

Habegger wasn't sure about his starting five, but it appears likely that 6-6 junior Larry Quesnell will get a starting nod at either forward or center.

Cope and his assistant, Lou Rocheleau, noted several areas in which the Grizzlies had to work after last Saturday's Varsity-Alumni game which the Grizzlies won, 82-63. The two said the varsity looked better during the second half, but still showed raggedness.

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"We're learning what we're supposed to be doing," Cope said, "but now it's a matter of learning to react to what we're doing, and that could take some more time."

The head mentor said that the first few games will have to be part of this learning process. Montana's second opponent will be St. Cloud State of Minnesota next Wednesday night in Missoula.

Because of his showing in last Saturday's game and in recent practice sessions, 6-8 junior transfer George Yule of Newport Beach, Calif. will apparently get the starting nod at center against the Falcons.

Teaming up at forwards will be 6-5 junior transfer Howard Clark of Kansas City, Mo., who previously worked at center, and either 6-4 senior Ron Moore of Indianapolis, Ind., or 6-5 junior Mark Agather of Libby.

The guard spots will feature 5-10 junior transfer Harold Ross of Seattle and either 5-10 sophomore Mike Heroux of Menasha, Wis., or Moore. Don Wetzel, 6-1 from Cut Bank, probably would have started at guard, but is out with an ankle injury. Cope said Wetzel would not play Saturday night.