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Cubs hope to put it together in twin tilts against MSU Bobkittens

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MISSOULA—The University of Montana Cubs, highly-touted before the season’s start, are sitting presently with a 1-3 record, with bad breaks, flu and grades all taking their toll.

With all these things apparently behind them, Del Carroll’s charges would like to put everything together for a super effort against Montana State’s Bobkittens Friday night in Butte and Saturday night in Missoula.

The Cubs, in their last outing, dropped a 190-75 decision to strong North Idaho Junior College in Coeur d’Alene. The Cardinals lifted their season record to 14-1 on the season, their only loss being a squeaker to College of Idaho.

"The kids actually looked pretty good against North Idaho, which has twice the team that it had last year," Carroll said. Last year’s Carroll-coached team lost twice to NIJC.

Despite the loss, the Cubs showed balanced scoring with four men in double figures. Center Ray Howard of Great Falls led the Cubs with 21 points, followed by guard Kirk Johnson of Helena with 17, guard Pete Martin of Butte with 13, and forward Willie Bascus of Brawley, Calif. with 12.

These four will start against the Bobkittens this weekend, along with forward Earl Tye of Central Point, Ore., the team’s leading rebounder.

The Montana State team has been averaging 93 points per game compared to only 72.1 for their opponents on the way to an 8-0 record. Leading the way so far has been 5-10 guard Terry Quinn of Crown Point, Ind. with 23 points per game. He is the shortest man on the team.

The other starting guard will be 6-2 Steve Harman of Bozeman. Starting at forwards will be 6-3½ Kerry Pickett of Griffith, Ind., and 6-2½ Dick Weiss of Long Island, N.Y. The starting center will be 6-7 Alan Williams of Raymond, Alta.

First subs for Montana’s Cubs will be 6-2½ guard Steve Dethman of Wolf Point and 6-2 guard Steve Sullivan of Butte. Montana State’s first man in will probably be 6-6 forward Gary Weber.

Game time in Butte will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, with Saturday night’s game in Missoula slated to begin at 6.