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MISSOULA--

Montana's freshman Cubs, who have had their ups and downs all season long, must come up with wins in their final two games against Miles Community College Friday and Saturday to come out with a .500 season.

The UM yearlings lost two to Gonzaga's frosh and won once from the Idaho Vandal Babes in their last three road outings, bringing their record to 7-9. They must win both games this weekend from the Miles City school to break even.

Miles Community will not be easy prey for the Cubs. But the home court and the incentive created by the need for two wins should give them the lift they need.

Gonzaga's freshmen outrebounded the Cubs badly Friday and Saturday, and that was the key as they nipped the UM team 63-57 and 89-72. The Cubs bounced back to whip Idaho's freshmen 70-61 with a final scoring burst in the closing moments.

Coach Del Carroll said that his team's play was erratic over the weekend, but he added that center Ray Howard showed tremendous effort during the three games. Howard shot well over 50 per cent from the field in the three games.

Carroll also praised Willie Bascus, 6-5 forward, for his performance in scoring 25 points against Gonzaga Saturday night. "It was one of Willie's best games this year," Carroll said.

Howard, now averaging 15.4 points per game mostly as a result of his 26-point splurge Monday at Idaho, is gaining on guard Kirk Johnson for the team scoring lead. Johnson is averaging 16.3 points per contest.

Howard tops field goal shooters with 48 per cent, and is also leading in rebounding with 11.1 per game, followed by forward Earl Tye, 8.9, and Bascus, 7.9. Johnson leads the Cubs from the charity stripe with 75.8 per cent.
### UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FRESHMAN BASKETBALL STATISTICS (16 Games: 7-9)

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#### WHERE PLAYED

- Missoula, Mont.
- Helena, Mont.
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- Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- Butte, Mont.
- Missoula, Mont.
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- Missoula, Mont.
- Bozeman, Mont.
- Bozeman, Mont.
- Great Falls, Mont.
- Spokane, Wash.
- Spokane, Wash.
- Moscow, Idaho

#### HIGH SCORER

- Bascus---19
- Johnson---19
- Howard---15
- Tye---10
- Howard---19
- Johnson---25
- Howard---21
- Johnson---20
- Johnson---28
- Johnson---41
- Bascus---18
- Howard---19
- Howard---14
- Bascus---25
- Howard---26

#### HIGH REBOUNDER

- Tye---18
- Howard, Brown---10
- Howard---14
- Tye---15
- Howard---14
- Tye---15
- Howard---14
- Howard---10
- Howard---14
- Bascus---13 (2ot)
- Howard---11
- Tye---10
- Howard---16
- Bascus---13
- Bascus---13
- Howard---13