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BOISE INVADES
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When the Boise State College Broncos play in Missoula tonight, the team will be without the services of senior guard Renee Ruth.

The visitors, 20-8, last season with eight lettermen returning, lost Ruth due to grade disqualifications at the end of fall quarter.

Ruth's replacement is 6-5 Wyand Hart, also a veteran from the 1968-69 squad; in fact the first five without Ruth played last year for Boise.

Boise State now is 9-3 for the season losing only to Idaho State, Weber State and Eastern Montana. The Broncos have taken Pacific University (twice), Montana State, Gonzaga, Chico State, Eastern Oregon (twice), Eastern Montana and Whitworth.

The Broncos, as a team, average 85 points per game limiting opponents to 75 per contest.

The leading scorer for the Broncos is Ron Austin, a 6-2 forward from Patterson, N.J. He is averaging 17 points per game and collected another 17 against Eastern Montana last Wednesday. Boise State revenged an earlier defeat by the Yellowjackets trouncing them, 100-85.

All-American Bill Otey seems to be the Bronc big gun. Otey is averaging 16 points for the first 12 games and collected 23 against EMC. He is Boise's leading rebounder pulling down 15 or more per game.

Keith Burke, 6-7 senior center, hit 25 in the last game and consistently pumps in 14 points each game. Burke is also a stalwart on defense for the Saturday Missoula visitors keeping opponents from penetrating the key, Montana coach Bob Cope said.

Boise has a couple of magicians for guards, Bronc sports publicist Ward Goodrich reports. Wendy and Wyand Hart, not related, are solid all-around basketball players that set up the Boise attack. Wendy is totalling 14 points per contest while Wyand is always good for six or eight, he said.

Montana will start Harold Ross and Dave Gustafson at guards, Ray Howard at center, and Willie Flowers and Howard Clark at forwards.

Cope said, "We think we're ready to play. Boise is a tough team and we'll have to control the boards and our turnovers to win."

Game time is 8 p.m. tonight in the Adams Field House. No preliminary game is scheduled. ###