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BOBCAT CLASH
SET FOR THE WEEKEND

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It's either all or nothing for the University of Montana basketball teams this weekend when the Grizzlies and Cubs face their respective counterparts from Montana State University in the Adams Field House this weekend.

Coach Jack McWhorter's freshmen Cubs have a double date with Montana State's Bobkittens Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday evening at 6 p.m. The Montana freshmen dropped the first two to the Bozeman based freshmen, 122-108, in Butte and 112-97 in the MSU Field House.

Coach Bob Cope on the other hand will have his Grizzlies vying for the state university championship Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the field house. The Tips won the first of the three game series, 86-72, in the Mining City only to drop the second clash in Bozeman, 82-69, the next night.

"For Montana it is a matter of personal pride," Cope said. "We proved in Butte that Montana State doesn't have a jinx on the Grizzly and we know when we put our game together we can win."

McWhorter said, "The kids have been at a height disadvantage all season, but they've scrapped and been in every contest." The Kittens have the height advantage averaging 6-6 on the front line, while the Cubs measure in at 6-3 or 6-4 at the most.

it's a matter of playing a ball control game. "We know we can't run with teams that have as much height as Montana State," McWhorter said. The Cubs have good outside shooters and have to eat up the clock and make every bucket count, he said.

The Grizzlies on the other hand are operating out of the clockeating 1-4 offense which enabled Montana to setup the good shots in Butte that rattled the Bobcats for the first win in seven tries against the cross-state rivals.

The Cubs Jeff Nord is still the top gun for Montana averaging 23 points or better per game, while high-jumping Larry Chapman and Casey Walker are the rebound kings.

The Grizzly's Dave Gustafson is still number two in Big Sky scoring averaging better than 25 points per contest. Sophomore Ray Howard and highly-touted Willie Flowers both have more than 100 rebounds to their credit this season.

Montana goes into Saturday's game with a 2-3 conference mark while the Cats are 1-4 in League play. The Grizzlies are 4-11 on the season.

1969-70 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS
(Fifteen Games 4-11) (Conference 2-3)

<u>GAMES</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FG-FGA</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>FT-FTA</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>SH.M.</u>	<u>REB.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>ASSISTS</u>	<u>PTS.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>
14	Flowers	83-191	.434	33-56	.589	128	101	36	27	199	14.2
14	Harrell	45-107	.421	27-47	.574	82	69	34	10	117	8.3
15	Clark	30-62	.484	40-52	.769	44	80	39	13	100	6.7
15	Gustafson	101-189	.534	75-92	.815	125	30	31	55	279	18.6
7	Ross	35-101	.347	20-32	.625	68	13	18	37	90	12.9
15	Wetzel	57-107	.533	23-38	.605	65	31	35	27	137	9.1
13	Bascus	12-44	.273	7-14	.500	39	33	23	12	31	2.4
8	Lewis	3-8	.375	4-8	.500	9	12	10	2	10	1.25
15	Howard	43-85	.506	42-54	.778	54	106	56	36	128	8.5
11	Heroux	6-23	.261	9-15	.600	23	13	22	12	27	1.89
8	Rhinehart	6-7	.857	1-4	.250	5	9	9	2	13	1.6
4	Clawson	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	5	1	1	0	0	0.0
6	Saunders	26-52	.500	11-23	.478	38	58	15	7	63	10.5
5	Yule	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	4	6	6	1	0	0.0

TEAM REBOUNDS -- 119

UM TOTALS	450-1000	.450	292-436	.674	694	630	42.0	349	1194	79.6
OPP. TOTALS	502-1090	.459	330-479	.687	737	662	44.1	334	1335	89.0