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Montana finished its basketball home series in grand style Monday evening with a rugged 68-64 win over the University of Idaho.

Coach Bob Cope's Grizzlies also completed a seven game home stint this weekend with two wins and one loss which brings Montana's overall record to 8-12 and conference standing to 5-4.

"Actually," Cope said, "it was a rough weekend all around for us." It started Thursday when two Grizzlies quit and returned to their Michigan homes and then Friday's overtime 67-68 loss to Gonzaga in the weekend opener compounded things for the Tips. Montana won the second game 98-92 in a triple overtime Saturday.

Cope said, "While we didn't play that well this weekend, you have to admire the kids. The boys that have stayed with us have gone through alot and it takes real men to overcome adversity as they did this past weekend."

"We knew Gonzaga was going to be rough," the UM mentor said. The Bulldogs have the entire 1969 team back this year and at the beginning of the season they were picked as co-favorites with Weber to take the Big Sky title.

Idaho is the type of team that plays rugged defense. The box one zone the Vandals employed gave the Grizzlies problems, he said, however Montana managed to stay two or four points ahead most of the contest. The Vandals are not the team their record (1-8) indicates. They play tough ball.

The Grizzlies now must prepare for the final six games of the season. Montana travels to Weber Friday for two weekend games with the league leading Wildcats and up to Pocatello for a Monday night clash with the second place Bengals of Idaho State. The following week Montana is off to Moscow and Spokane for the season's finale.

Cope said, "we proved that we could stay with Weber and Idaho State here in Missoula." The kids haven't given up on winning the title. "It'll be tough, but that'll make it all the more worth it," Cope concluded.

1969-70 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(Twenty Game 8-12) (Conference 5-4)

<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>
16	Flowers	91-203	.443	35-59	.593	136	111	38	27	217	13.6
19	Harrell	62-148	.419	29-52	.558	109	96	43	14	153	7.9
20	Clark	42-93	.452	51-77	.662	77	147	57	26	135	6.8
20	Gustafson	141-279	.505	102-121	.843	157	41	36	63	384	19.2
7	Ross	35-101	.347	20-32	.625	68	13	18	37	90	12.9
20	Wetzel	78-158	.491	39-55	.709	96	45	51	33	195	9.8
17	Bascus	33-79	.418	9-22	.409	59	65	37	17	75	4.4
13	Lewis	6-14	.429	8-15	.533	15	22	11	3	20	2.0
20	Howard	63-122	.516	54-69	.783	74	113	76	44	180	9.0
16	Heroux	14-38	.368	11-19	.579	32	18	23	17	45	2.8
10	Rhinehart	7-10	.700	1-4	.250	7	9	13	2	15	1.5
5	Clawson	2-6	.333	2-3	.667	5	3	1	0	6	1.2
7	Saunders	30-58	.517	11-26	.423	43	64	16	7	71	10.2
7	Yule	1-4	.250	2-4	.500	5	8	8	2	4	.571

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UM TOTALS	610-1338	.455	378-564	.670	914	893	44.7	439	1609	80.5
OPP TOTALS	642-1397	.459	419-631	.666	967	823	41.1	427	1704	85.2