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MISSOULA--

A welcome addition to the University of Montana basketball team is 6-5 Willie Bascus.

The Brawley, Calif., native left school last spring quarter but returned this fall.

He was ineligible for Montana's first six games because he did not complete spring quarter.

Bascus will be back in action when the Grizzlies meet Weber on January 2 in Ogden.

Grizzly coach Lou Rocheleau is high on Bascus. "We knew he had a great deal of potential when we recruited him two years ago, and he is just coming into his own this year."

Bascus suffered an up and down season last year as a sophomore varsity member and saw action in 22 games. "Last season he just couldn't put everything together," Rocheleau said.

Last year Bascus shot 40 per cent from the field and 45 per cent from the free throw line. He also grabbed 86 rebounds. Rocheleau feels last season's competition made Bascus a more consistent player and counts on him for help on the front line.

Bascus was a high school All-American at Brawley and earned All-State honors. He competed in football, basketball and track.

Rocheleau said Bascus probably won't start right away but feels he will break into the first five as the season progresses.

Montana is 2-4 on the season and are 0-0 in conference action. "Our real goal is to win the Big Sky and gain a berth in the NCAA playoffs," Rocheleau said. Therefore, when Montana takes to the court against Weber State, it will be the beginning of a new season.

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