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Grizzly basketball team to begin serious practice

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MISSOULA, Mont. Dec. With troublesome final examinations out of the way, Coach Frosty Cox's 13-man Grizzly cage squad settled down Friday to some serious basketball practice.

The Silvertips have a tough contest just around the corner---the annual renewal of the ancient rivalry between the University and the State College on Monday.

Although the usual freshman intra-squad preliminary game will not be played---the frosh all are home for the holidays---the varsity contest still will start at 8:05 p.m.

Ticket sales for the Monday tilt have been booming, but the ticket office reports that there still are about 1,500 seats available. The ticket office will be closed over the weekend, but will re-open Monday morning.

Coach Cox, in his drills this week, has been seeking some way to shake junior Darroll Dunham out of his scoring and rebounding slump. The 6-5 forward led the club in both departments until the last two tilts with Washington State, when he was limited to a total of 14 rebounds and 12 points in both games.

The club is sound physically, with the exception of senior guard Frosty Cox, Jr., who still is nursing a pulled tendon.

Three squad members have left the team, leaving a 13-man varsity group. The three are sophomores Ralph O'Brien, Saco; Brad Templeman, Anaconda; and Hugh Franson, Great Falls.

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