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Following Grizzly loss, coach begins preparation for Fort Collins game

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MISSOULA, Mont. Feb. Undaunted by the non-league loss to the Montana State College Bobcats Wednesday night, Grizzly Coach Frosty Cox Friday began arduous preparations for his team's invasion of Laramie and Fort Collins next week---two games that could decide the ultimate Skyline champion.

Cox dwelt only briefly on the Grizzlies' 72-63 loss to MSC. "The game could have gone either way. It actually was a three-point game until the final seconds, when we gave away three baskets while trying to get possession of the ball."

Cox pointed out that the Bobcats have a very good team and that there was no disgrace in losing, particularly in an enemy arena packed with more than 9,000 partisan fans.

"(Larry) Chaney (31 points) played a great game. And he didn't have it easy. We played him tough, but just didn't have anyone to match him on that particular night," Cox declared.

Frosty, as usual, would venture no opinion on the two tilts next weekend. "We'll just do our best." He did acknowledge that Wyoming and Colorado State would be tough—perhaps the roughest pair of road games on the Silvertip schedule.

The Grizzlies will be paced by Junior forward Jim Powell, 203 points in 13 games, and Russ Sheriff, giant senior center, with 170 rebounds in 13 games.

Other leading Grizzly scorers are Darroll Dunham 145 points, Hal Erickson, 144; Dan Balko, 124 and Sheriff, 115.