Montana Grizzlies to travel for away-games

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MISSOULA, MONT.--It will be a homecoming of sorts for two men when the Montana Grizzlies debark Friday on their first invasion of Big Eight territory in 20 years.

One man--Montana coach Forrest (Frosty) Cox--will return to the scene of some of his greatest coaching triumphs when Montana meets Nebraska Saturday and Colorado Monday. Cox was assistant coach at Kansas, another Big Eight school, from 1931 to 1935, then moved to the Colorado campus to herd the Buffaloes through 15 campaigns. During his tour at Colorado, the Buffaloes won three Skyline championships, tied for the title once, and his 1940 team won the National Invitation Tournament.

The other man whose eyes will mirror nostalgia Saturday is Nebraska athletic manager A.J. Lewandowski. Lewandowski coached the Grizzlies from 1932 to 1937, and, strangely enough, it was his Grizzly squad which last played the Cornhuskers. The Nebraskans stopped the Grizzlies, 53-37, in 1937.

At any rate, Cox views the trip as the toughest of the season for the sophomore-laden Montanans. "Nebraska defeated Kansas and Kansas State, the nation's top two teams last season, and they'll be tough at home. And Colorado has a squad that appears to be improved over the quint that beat us, 77-60, last season at Missoula."

On their way home, the Grizzlies will stop in Bozeman Dec. 10 for a tussle with the tough Montana State College Bobcats. "And it's never an easy task to take on the Bobcats," was Cox' wry comment.