Montana Grizzlies attempt to give coach Frosy Cox 200th victory on Tuesday

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MISSOULA, MONTANA--The Montana Grizzlies will attempt to give coach Frosty Cox the 200th victory of his coaching career Tuesday in Montana's opening game with Idaho in Missoula. Cox, who has a 199-13^ record in 19 seasons as a head coach, says it won't be an easy task.

"Idaho knocked us off twice last season, and we'll have to be on our toes to avoid a defeat this year," the coach comments. The Vandals stopped the Grizzlies by 20 points in last season's opener, and it took the Montanans another five games before they hit the win column. Avoiding a repeat performance will be the main goal in this year's opener.

Four lettermen and a promising sophomore comprise Cox's tentative starting lineup. Starting out will be Montana's All-Skyline star, Dan Balko, at one guard post. Running with him in the backcourt is senior Vince Ignatowicz, a long-range gunner who is probably the steadiest performer on the team.

At center is junior Duane Ruegsegger, the 6-5 Billings redhead who has a good shooting eye and who must be depended upon to do the bulk of Grizzly rebounding. At one forward spot is 6-3 Terry Screnar, a consistent scorer who was one of the best sophomores in the Skyline last season.

The inexperienced man in the lineup is sophomore Dan Sullivan, a 6-6 forward who has shown good scoring and rebounding ability. Pressing him for a starting post is junior letterman Kay Roberts, a 6-3 hustler.

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Other prospects are guard Paul Miller, who apparently has found a good shooting
eye to go along with his field generalship, guards Ron Quilling and Butch Hendricks,
center King Hamilton, and forwards Bill Smith and John Robinson.

Three Grizzlies joined the squad this week after completing football competition,
and Cox says all three must work themselves into playing form before they will see
action. Some help is expected from letterman John Lands, while sophomores
Bob O’Billovich and Jim Harris have good potential.

At Vandalville, new coach Dave Strack has been working with four lettermen
and a host of newcomers. One early-season loss was big center Jim Prestel, who
broke a bone in his foot during the Vandal grid season. Prestel apparently will
not see action against the Grizzlies.

Lettermen Rollie Williams, Joe King and Bob Walton will be in the starting
lineup, probably assisted by forward Dean Baxter and guard Bruce McCowan. Strack
is in his first season at the Idaho helm, after replacing veteran mentor
Harlan Hodges earlier this year.

Following the home opener, the Grizzlies journey to Pullman to take on an
improved Washington State team Dec. 4. Then they move to Moscow for a return
engagement with Idaho Dec. 5.

Tentative Montana-Idaho starters:

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