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Montana Grizzlies to play Nebraska Cornhuskers

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MISSOULA, MONTANA—Nebraska's Cornhuskers, rated in many preseason polls as one of the toughest teams in the Big Eight Conference, invade the MSU Fieldhouse Wednesday night for a tussle with the Montana Grizzlies. And Silvertip coach Frosty Cox has given his cagers ample warning that it will be their toughest contest of the season.

"We've corrected a lot of mistakes during practice this past week—but we've yet to show that we can play consistent ball for 40 minutes," the Montana Papa Bear comments. "If we continue to play ragged ball Wednesday, Nebraska will run us off the floor."

The Grizzlies, despite lack of a really big man, have shown that they can do a good job in the rebounding department. In their two most recent games against Oregon State, however, the cagers were plagued with poor shooting. Mixing a combination of tough board work and good shooting percentages will be the Grizzly goal against the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska is paced by All-America candidate Herschell Turner, a 6-2 guard who has been averaging 20 points a game for coach Jerry Bush's crew. Turner earned third team All-America honors last season as a sophomore. His running mate, Al Maxey, is a 6-3 forward who has been hitting the hoop for 16 points a game this season. Other 'Husker starters will be center Bob Harry, forward Jim Kowalke and guard Wayne Hester. Both teams will send a starting combination averaging 6-2 on the floor.

Nebraska will be winding up a tour of the Northwest, while Montana will be playing its final non-conference game before opening Skyline competition against Utah Jan. 4. With MSU freshmen home for the holidays, there will be no preliminary before the 8 p.m. varsity battle.

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