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GRIZZLY SPORTS COLUMN

MISSOULA---Montana University basketballers have a chance to shake up the Skyline Conference standings this weekend when they take on Utah State's nationally-rated "Iron Men" Saturday night in Missoula. The Aggies, rated 12th among the nation's cage teams, will be out to protect their lofty Skyline perch.

One thing for sure, however, coach Frosty Cox's Grizzlies probably won't face more than five performers when the Aggies take the floor. USU coach Cecil Baker has used his starting lineup almost exclusively this season, and only in one game has Baker used more than six cagers. The iron men are forwards Jerry Schofield and Cornell Green, center Tyler Wilbon, and guards Ralph Cullimore and Max Perry.

Last season it was Perry who ruined the Grizzlies in Missoula. The 5-10 guard sank a long fielder as the final buzzer sounded to give the Utags an 81-79 win over Montana. Perry and Montana's Dan Balko are considered the best guards in the Skyline, and the personal duel between the two floor generals should be an interesting sidelight to the contest.

In other Grizzly news, the Montana University swimmers open their season, after two home meet cancellations, Friday against College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. The tankmen meet four other foes on the road in the next 10 days before returning to Missoula. First home meet is Feb. 10 against Washington State.

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Max Perry. Until last weekend, when the Aggies had two easy victories over Wyoming and Colorado State, the USU bench had been used mainly for decorative purposes.

Utah State's most significant victory of the season was a 73-61 win over Utah about two weeks ago. That propelled coach Cecil Baker's crew into the league lead, and the Utags are in no mood to relinquish it.

Last season Perry sparked Utah State to an 81-79 win over Montana in Missoula. The junior guard hit a long fielder in the final seconds of play to win that one for the Aggies. Perry and Montana guard Dan Balko are considered the best back-court men in the league.

Following the USU game, Montana moves out of the Skyline for two games with traditional rival Montana State. The Grizzlies play in Bozeman Jan. 28, then have a rematch with the Bobcats in Missoula Feb. 1.

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MISSOULA, MONTANA—Although Montana guard Dan Balko still leads Grizzly scorers for the season, forward Terry Screnar and center Duane Ruegsegger moved up the scoring ladder considerably in two Skyline games last week.

Balko has 173 points in 11 games, a 15.7 average. Screnar has 155 points for a 14.1 average, and Ruegsegger has hooped 122 for an 11.1 average. Guard Vince Ignatowicz is the other Silvertip averaging in double figures, with 117 points and a 10.6 average.

Ruegsegger leads the team in rebounding with 127 takedowns. Sophomore Dan Sullivan follows with 119. In field goal percentage, Ruegsegger leads the regulars, while sophomore Jim Harris has the best overall average. Balko has hit 51 of 65 free throws to lead the team in that category.

As a team, the Montanans have hit 253 of 737 shots for a 34.3 percentage, while the opposition has scored on 308 of 761 for 40.5 percent. Montana has scored 190 of 272 free throws for 69.8 percent, while opponents have hooped 164 of 261 for 62.8 percent.

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### GRIZZLY SCORING

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**Season's Scores:**

Montana 71, Idaho 67
Montana 60, Washington State 84
Montana 59, Idaho 76
Montana 73, South Dakota 63
Montana 52, Oregon State 67
Montana 58, Oregon State 78
Montana 64, Nebraska 58

Montana 62, Utah 78
Montana 58, BYU 63
Montana 70, Denver 69
Montana 69, New Mexico 77 (overtime)

Season's Record: Won 4, Lost 7

**Best individual performances:**

Field goals -- Ruegsegger, 9 of 22, vs. New Mexico Jan. 16
Free throws -- Screnar, 11 of 14, vs. South Dakota Dec. 9
Rebounds -- Ruegsegger, 22 vs. New Mexico Jan. 16
Total points -- Screnar, 25 vs. South Dakota Dec. 9

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