Grizzly Sports Columns

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MISSOULA---On the outskirts of Salt Lake City, nestled near the foothills of
the Wasatch Mountains, is an institution known as the University of Utah. There's
also another foothill at Utah, and this one is designed to plague the Montana
Grizzlies next Monday.

It's Bill (The Hill) McGill, a 6-10 giant who is remarkably adept at stuffing
basketballs through the hoop. McGill and a host of other talented mates comprise
one of the nation's best basketball teams. Montana has the dubious honor of playing
the opening Skyline Conference game against the Utes Monday night in Salt Lake City.

"Utah has one of the strongest Skyline teams in recent years, and we'll have
to play forty minutes of perfect basketball to stay in the game," coach Frosty Cox
comments. And the Montana coach has reason to worry. A week ago Utah knocked off
the nation's number three team, Ohio State. In their first eight games the Utes
averaged 92 points per tussle.

McGill, a sophomore, has paced Utah with a 22-point scoring average. But a
number of other performers can steal the show--including junior college transfer
Allan Holmes, and lettermen Gary Chestang, Carney Crisler, Rich Ruffell and Jim
Rhead.

All in all, it points to a very rugged opener for the smaller Grizzlies.

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