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Montana basketball team to play final games of the season; Silvertip slants

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MISSOULA---The Montana Grizzlies, partially back in the good graces of coach Frosty Cox after a convincing win over BYU last weekend, have two more chances to vacate the Skyline basement this week. Final games of the season will match Montana against Colorado State Thursday and the Grizzlies against Wyoming Saturday night in Missoula.

The Silvertips will be definite underdogs against CSU, the Skyline's third best team. The Grizzly-Wyoming game will probably be a "showdown" battle for the eighth spot in the league, since the teams are currently tied for last place.

"We had tremendous scoring from Duane Ruegsegger and Dan Balko against the Cougars, and the rest of the squad performed in capable fashion," the mentor commented after the 87-67 win over Brigham Young. Ruegsegger hit his career high of 31 against BYU, while Balko chipped in 29 tallies.

"But don't forget that we played a terrible game last week, too (against Utah State). We still have to play consistent ball for 40 minutes to win, and the Rams and Cowboys certainly aren't pushovers," Cox added.

Last week CSU won a one-pointer from Wyoming, 64-63 at Laramie, to hang on the league's third spot. Making their final appearance in Missoula will be two of the finest performers in Ram history--forwards Larry Hoffner and Chuck Newcomb. Rounding out the CSU lineup are center Tony Reales and guards Kay McFarland and Manny Lawrence.

Wyoming, no longer the doormat that it was last season, boasts one of the Skyline's better scorers in guard Terry Happel, who tallied 36 against Montana at Laramie a month ago. Two towering post men--forward Clarence Lively and center (more)
Bob Steckmen—both measure 6-8. Other starters will probably be forward Terryl Draney and guard Bill Nelson.

The Saturday night encounter against the 'Pokes is Butte Benefit Night. All proceeds exceeding the average Montana-Wyoming gate of past seasons will be donated to Butte welfare funds, and Grizzly athletic director George Dahlberg has appealed for "strong Missoula support" for the Mining City that was in the throes of a costly strike until recently.

Balko, three-year veteran who has had his ups and downs this season, needs only 26 points to crack the 1000 mark for his career. Dapper Dan, a 5-10 All-Skyline performer, has scored 974 points in 67 varsity games as a Grizzly. He also is a virtual cinch to set a new Montana free throw percentage record. Balko has hit 78 percent of his charity shots in three seasons. The current record is held by Ed Argenbright, who scored 76 percent of his free throws from 1953 through 1956.

Ruegsegger, improving every game, has averaged 18 points per contest since recovering from an arm injury six weeks ago. The 6-5 redhead also leads the team in field goal shooting, 42 percent, and in rebounding. His season's scoring average is 13.4 points per game.

Other Grizzlies who showed flashes of good form on the road tour were forward Terry Screnar, guard Vince Ignatowicz, and reserves Bob O'Billovich and Kay Roberts. Roberts and O'Billovich, along with Ruegsegger, were the only effective performers in the Utah State loss.

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Officiating at the Montana high school wrestling tourney in Missoula last weekend were rival football coaches Ray Jenkins of Montana and Herb Agocs of Montana State. Both men were topnotch wrestlers during their collegiate days.

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