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MISSOULA, MONTANA---Grizzly basketballers will move onto their Field House floor late this week, and mentor Frosty Cox has scheduled two game-type scrimmages for Nov. 25-26 as a prelude to the opening game of the season Dec. 3 against Idaho.

Cox's men have spent about a month working out in the men's gym at MSU, and the mentor commented that his charges will continue on a steady diet of fundamentals for the next week or so.

At this stage, it appears that a nucleus of about five veterans and two sophomores will spearhead the cage attack this season. Veterans Duane Ruegsegger, Kay Roberts and Dan Sullivan will see most of the action at forward positions, while sophomore Steve Lowry will be the center. At guards, lettermen Paul Miller and soph Ray Lucien have the inside track, and versatile ace Bob O'Billovich will also be in backcourt when the football season concludes.

Cox said he was "reasonably satisfied" with the team's progress to date, but felt that his squad will need plenty of game experience before it jells. Following the Idaho opener in Moscow, the Grizzlies will play their first home games Dec. 9-10 against Montana State.

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Montana's football Grizzlies have won three of nine games played against New Mexico, the most recent being a 21-6 decision over the Lobos in 1957 that knocked the Wolfpack out of Skyline title consideration. In 1958 and 1959 New Mexico raced to one-sided decisions over Montana.

Montana hasn't won a final game of the season since 1953, when Ed Chinske's crew knocked off Montana State.

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