

Saints Game day

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CARROLL COLLEGE

Shiny, new DIGGS

Saints have benefited from new
playing surface in PE Center



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Players enjoy the new court at the PE Center at Carroll College. There are no soft spots anymore.

Carroll College teams reap the benefits of new hardwood

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A step onto the court of PE Center at Carroll College is one into a major overhaul.

Vivid purple, white and gold make up the interior. Your eye cannot help but immediately notice the sharp, bold “Carroll College Fightin’ Saints” lettering that pads the east and west walls.

And at the center of it all is new hardwood, the PE Center’s most prominent facelift since the building’s dedication in 1970.

A new Connor Sports, a company known for its work with NCAA and NBA courts, made the court. Another company, Northern Hardwoods, installed it during the summer.

The center court is stamped with the Saints’ massive C-logo, with a halo swooping around the letter, a huge 36-foot exten-

sion that dwarfs the previous center court imagery.

The design trends with what some major universities have done recently. Its size lies somewhere between Michigan State’s Spartan centerpiece and Cal’s hulking bear fixture.

The areas inside the 3-point line are a lighter tone than the rest of the court, and placed inside the bright purple key area is a logo of Halo, the Saints’ new mascot.

Both men’s and women’s basketball coaches recently praised the new floor, noting its spring taxes athletes’ joints less. The infamous dead spots of the prior court are no more.

Though this winter when water seeped into the PE Center, the court required a bit of work. Another company helped prevent any major damage to the new hardwood.

After all, it was nearly 50 years worth

of wear-and-tear that prompted the new court. Carroll originally planned to hang on to the old court for a few more years. Upon beginning a patch-up, a discovery of the court’s damage led the Saints to upgrade.

The breakdown of the last court came with it an exodus of the maple hardwood that cushioned many remarkable feats and tough defeats. The last court saw its run of conference championships and elevated Saints volleyball and men’s and women’s basketball teams into respective NAIA National Tournaments.

The old court’s first use came during the 1970-71 season when only men’s basketball played on it. A few years later, women’s basketball and volleyball came into the fray, and the court held strong for many years.

One of its main inhabitants, Saints women’s assistant coach Gary Turcott, who coached men’s basketball at Carroll

for 19 years from 1990-2009, spent a few moments recalling his nearly two decades of memories on that court, “some not so pleasant but lots of pleasant ones too.”

Turcott, perhaps more so than anybody within Carroll athletics, save director of athletic operations and facilities Steve Jones, has spent a great deal of his time on that court.

He agreed the last was dated by modern courts standards. As the Saints pulled the trigger on the upgrade, Turcott saw it as another feather in the cap of athletic director Charlie Gross.

“We’ve got this athletic director, Charlie Gross, and I think he is steadily really trying to improve the athletic facilities,” Turcott said. “He’s not a guy that I see as drawing a lot of attention to himself or promoting

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MEN'S SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
10/21/2017	Yellowstone Christian College	Helena, Mont.	W 103-53
10/22/2017	Salish Kootenai College	Pablo, Mont.	W 125-53
11/1/2017	Purdue (Exhib.)	West Lafayette, Ind.	L 71-98
11/4/2017	Saint Francis (Ill.)	Joliet, IL	W 67-57
11/17/2017	Our Lady of the Lake University (Texas)	Helena, Mont.	W 78-71
11/18/2017	Southwestern Christian University	Helena, Mont.	W 85-63
11/26/2017	Montana (Exhib.)	Missoula, Mont.	L 75-86
12/2/2017	Montana State University-Northern	Havre, Mont.	W 99-90 OT
12/3/2017	University of Providence (Mont.)	Great Falls, Mont.	W 86-76
12/8/2017	Salish Kootenai College	Helena, Mont.	W 116-57
12/19/2017	Bethesda College Costa	Mesa, Calif.	W 85-55
12/20/2017	Vanguard University (Calif.)	Costa Mesa, Calif.	W 82-73
12/21/2017	Westcliff Universty	Irvine, Calif.	W 96-53
12/28/2017	University of Calgary	Helena, Mont.	W 91-82
12/29/2017	University of Calgary	Helena, Mont.	W 79-78
1/4/2018	University of Montana Western	Helena, Mont.	W 77-63
1/6/2018	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	Helena, Mont.	L 72-70
1/9/2018	Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)	Helena, Mont.	L 59-54
1/11/2018	Montana Tech	Butte, Mont.	W 56-41
1/18/2018	University of Montana Western	Dillon, Mont.	L 88-77
1/20/2018	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	Lewiston, Idaho	W 65-55
1/25/2018	Montana Tech	Butte, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
1/27/2018	Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)	Helena, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
2/1/2018	University of Providence (Mont.)	Helena, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
2/3/2018	Montana State University-Northern	Helena, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
2/7/2018	Montana Tech	Helena, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
2/9/2018	Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)	Billings, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
2/16/2018	Montana State University-Northern	Havre, Mont.	8 p.m.
2/17/2018	University of Providence (Mont.)	Great Falls, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
2/22/2018	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	Helena, Mont.	7:30 p.m.
2/24/2018	University of Montana Western	Helena, Mont.	7:30 p.m.

MEN'S ROSTER

No.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL
2	Dane Warp	G	6-4	190	So.	Havre, MT / Havre HS
3	Emilio Mancol	PG	5-9	160	Fr.	Renton, WA / John F. Kennedy Catholic
10	Chase Burnham	G	6-3	200	Fr.	Spangle, WA / Liberty HS
12	Match Burnham	F	6-8	210	Jr.	Spangle, WA / Liberty HS
13	Kyle Nickol	G	6-0	165	Jr.	Helena, Mont. / Capital HS
20	Patrick Colberg	F	6-8	215	Sr.	Missoula, Mont. / Hellgate HS
21	Brad King	F	6-8	210	Fr.	Dromana, Australia / Padua
22	Lorel Johnson	G	6-1	165	Sr.	Downey, Calif. / Cathedral HS
23	Ryan Imhoff	G	6-6	220	Sr.	Napa, Calif. / Napa HS
24	Matt Wyman	G	6-7	180	Jr.	Great Falls, Mont. / Great Falls HS
31	Ife Kalejaiye	G	6-2	168	Jr.	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. / Cathedral HS
32	Alejandro Santos Piqueras	F	6-8	195	R-Jr.	Madrid, Spain / Club: Estudiantes
43	Oliver Carr	F	6-6	205	Sr.	Bozeman, Mont. / Bozeman HS

Coaching Staff

Dr. Carson Cunningham: Head Coach

Jesse Repay: Lead Assistant Coach

Scott Menzies: Assistant Coach

Hasani Simmons: Assistant Coach

Getting to know...

Emilio Mancol

Height: 5-foot-9

Weight: 160 pounds

Hometown: Renton, Wash.

Major: Undeclared

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Favorite music: Bryson Tiller

Favorite show: Stranger Things

Sport besides basketball: Soccer

Game to play besides a sport: Call of Duty

Favorite basketball player: Kyrie Irving

Place to go in Helena: Big Dipper

Outdoor Activity: Fishing

Random talent: Dancing

One thing people don't know about you: I have a song on Soundcloud

If you didn't play basketball how would you spend your free time: Rapping

Hardest thing you've ever done: Chemistry

— Erik C. Anderson



Cumulative stats

TEAM STATISTICS	Carroll College	OPP	TEAM STATISTICS	Carroll College	OPP
SCORING	1680	1324	ASSISTS	W	
Points per game	84.0	66.2	289	358	
Scoring Margin	17.8	-	Turnovers per game	14.5	17.9
FIELD GOALS-ATT	613-1134	491-1149	Turnover margin	3.4	-
Field Goals percentage	.541	.427	Assist/Turnover ratio	1.2	0.6
Field Goals made per game	30.7	24.6	Points Off Turnovers	18.1	12.6
3 POINT FIELD GOALS-ATT	108-266	114-377	STEALS	220	146
3-point Field Goals percentage	.406	.302	Steals per game	11.0	7.3
3-point Field Goals made per game	5.4	5.7	BLOCKS	83	57
FREE THROWS-ATT	346-419	229-328	Blocks per game	4.2	2.9
Free throw percentage	.826	.698	WINNING STREAK	1	-
Free throws made per game	17.3	11.5	Home win streak	0	-
REBOUNDS	666	621	ATTENDANCE	2969	1209
Rebounds per game	33.3	31.1	Home games-Avg/Game	9-326	10-121
Rebounding margin	2.2	-			

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
10/30/2017	University of Montana (Exhib.)	Missoula, Mont.	L 48-55
11/2/2017	University of Utah (Exhib.)	Salt Lake City, Utah	L 46-70
11/4/2017	The College of Idaho	Caldwell, Idaho	W 48-37
11/5/2017	Boise State (Exhib.)	Boise, Idaho	W 62-61
11/8/2017	Saint Thomas University	Helena, Mont.	W 67-53
11/9/2017	Northwest University	Helena, Mont.	W 74-33
11/18/2017	Westmont College (Calif.)	Santa Barbara, Calif.	W 39-34
11/20/2017	The Master's College (Calif.)	Santa Clarita, Calif.	L 64-74
12/2/2017	Montana State University-Northern	Havre, Mont.	L 42-53
12/3/2017	University of Providence (Mont.)	Great Falls, Mont.	W 78-65
12/8/2017	Whitman College	Spokane, Wash.	L 55-59
12/9/2017	Whitworth University	Spokane, Wash.	W 78-56
12/19/2017	Menlo College	Waikiki, Hawaii	W 75-65
12/20/2017	Saint Xavier University (Ill.)	Waikiki, Hawaii	L 55-52
12/29/2017	University of Calgary	Helena, Mont.	W 59-54
12/30/2017	University of Lethbridge	Helena, Mont.	W 82-16
1/4/2018	University of Montana Western	Helena, Mont.	W 82-45
1/6/2018	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	Helena, Mont.	W 73-67
1/9/2018	Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)	Helena, Mont.	W 58-56
1/11/2018	Montana Tech	Butte, Mont.	W 64-55
1/18/2018	University of Montana Western	Dillon, Mont.	L 59-43
1/20/2018	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	Lewiston, Idaho	W 57-51
1/25/2018	Montana Tech	Butte, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
1/27/2018	Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)	Helena, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
2/1/2018	University of Providence (Mont.)	Helena, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
2/3/2018	Montana State University-Northern	Helena, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
2/7/2018	Montana Tech	Helena, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
2/9/2018	Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)	Billings, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
2/16/2018	Montana State University-Northern	Havre, Mont.	6:00 p.m.
2/17/2018	University of Providence (Mont.)	Great Falls, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
2/22/2018	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	Helena, Mont.	5:30 p.m.
2/24/2018	Montana Western	Helena, Mont.	5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S ROSTER

No.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGHSCHOOL
1	Bailey Pasta	PG	5-6	Sr.	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview HS
3	Jaidyn Lyman	PG	5-3	Fr.	Spokane, Wash. / Mount Spokane HS
4	Danielle Wagner	G	5-9	R-Fr.	Havre, Mont. / Havre HS
5	Michaela Dowdy	C	6-1	Sr.	Helena, Mont. / Capital HS
10	Christine Denny	PG	5-9	Fr.	Fairfield, Wash. / Liberty HS
11	Sara Chalich	G	5-6	Jr.	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho / Coeur d'Alene HS
12	Taylor Salonen	F	6-1	So.	Kalispell, Mont. / Glacier HS
20	Mikaela Olson	G	5-8	Jr.	Lewistown, Mont. / Fergus HS
21	Cassidy Hashley	F	6-2	Sr.	Kalispell, Mont. / Glacier HS
24	Hannah Dean	C	6-1	Jr.	Gardiner, Mont. / Gardiner HS
25	Brittney Johnson	SG	5-7	Jr.	Spokane, Wash. / Ferris HS
30	Nikki Krueger	C	6-1	Fr.	Kalispell, Mont. / Glacier HS
33	Oona Harrington	F	5-11	So.	Spokane, Wash. / Gonzaga Prep HS
35	Molly McDermott	SG/F	6-2	Fr.	Spokane, Wash. / Gonzaga Prep HS
42	Mikaela Robinson	SG	5-9	Jr.	Billings, Mont. / Billings West HS

Coaching Staff

Rachelle Sayers: Head Coach

Gary Turcott: Assistant Coach

J.D. Solomon: Assistant Coach

Joey O'Neill: Assistant Coach

Getting to know...

Christine Denny

Height: 5-foot-9

Major: Business

Favorite Food: Steak

Music: Country

Show: Riverdale

Sport besides basketball: Volleyball

Game to play besides a sport: Catchphrase

Favorite basketball player: Courtney Vandersloot

Place to go in Helena: Hot springs

Outdoor Activity: Horseback Riding

Random talent: Cooking

One thing people don't know about you: One thing people don't know about me is that I have two fake teeth.

If you didn't play basketball how would you spend your free time: I would spend my free time hanging out with friends!

— Erik C. Anderson



Cumulative stats

TEAM STATISTICS	Carroll College	OPP	TEAM STATISTICS	Carroll College	OPP
SCORING	1189	1032	ASSISTS	267	203
Points per game	62.6	54.3	Assists Per Game	14.1	10.7
Scoring Margin	8.3	-	TURNOVERS	296	317
FIELD GOALS-ATT	465-1127	371-1007	Turnovers per game	15.6	16.7
Field Goals percentage	.413	.368	Turnover margin	1.1	-
Field Goals made per game	24.5	19.5	Assist/Turnover ratio	0.9	0.6
3 POINT FIELD GOALS-ATT	131-394	83-294	Points Off Turnovers	14.0	13.1
3-point Field Goals percentage	.332	.282	STEALS	146	137
3-point Field Goals made per game	6.9	4.4	Steals per game	7.7	7.2
FREE THROWS-ATT	195-290	260-359	BLOCKS	88	49
Free throw percentage	.672	.724	Blocks per game	4.6	2.6
Free throws made per game	10.3	13.7	WINNING STREAK	1	-
REBOUNDS	756	617	Home win streak	8	-
Rebounds per game	39.8	32.5	ATTENDANCE	612	1799
Rebounding margin	7.3	-	Home games-Avg/Game	7-87	9-200

Men's power rankings

Here's a look at how the Frontier Conference teams are doing each week:

1. Carroll College (17-3, 5-3): This was such a promising start to the season. Then conference play became a challenge with three losses in the last five games. Pressure has built up to finish strong.

2. Lewis-Clark State (17-3, 6-2): Carroll College evened the Frontier series on Saturday. The regular season title could come down to their Feb. 22 meeting in

Helena. Mark your calendars for that one.

3. Montana Western (15-4, 5-3): The Bulldogs appeared to be the new team to beat with four straight wins. They they ran into Rocky Mountain last Saturday. They have done enough early that they could be a factor at the end.

4. Montana Northern (14-6, 4-4): Things had been going well early in the season, highlighted by a six-game winning streak that included the first two

games of the Frontier, but losses in three of last four games don't look good.

5. Rocky Mountain (12-7, 4-4): What team will show up on game day is always the question. There have been stellar wins against Lewis-State College and Carroll College. Then a loss to Providence.

6. Providence (9-9, 3-5): The Argos have a six-game losing streak, five of those games were in conference. Overall,

it's been a season of inconsistency. There have been two-game and three-game win streaks, but against lesser competition.

7. Montanan Tech (9-11, 1-7): One win in conference and losers of the last four games puts the Orediggers in the right spot at the bottom. The three-point win over Providence on Jan. 6 leaves the Argos scratching their heads wondering what happened.

- Cliff Kirkpatrick

Around the Frontier Conference – men's basketball

Montana Tech

This week: The Orediggers host Carroll College and Rocky Mountain College in consecutive nights. The Orediggers haven't beaten Carroll since the 2014-15 season, and would need a way above average effort to beat the Saints this season. In the teams' first matchup, Carroll held Tech to 41 points during a 56-41 win. The Orediggers last defeated Rocky in the 2015-16 campaign, and in the teams' first meeting this season the Orediggers lost 65-55.

Providence

This week: The Argonauts play host to two of the Frontier's best in Montana Western and Lewis-Clark State College. With a slow start to the conference slate, the Argonauts will have to be extra sharp to upset these teams. Western earned a 13-point win in the teams' first battle. Providence did keep things tight with Lewis-Clark State College, losing 67-60 in Lewiston.

Lewis-Clark State College

This week: The Warriors travel to Montana-State Northern and Providence and look to keep pace at the top of the Frontier Conference. The Warriors have wins over these two teams already, so it will be interesting to see if they can maintain that success on the road on the extended trips



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Carroll College celebrates at the end of the first half when Ife Kalejaiye sinks a buzzer beater from midcourt during Saturday's game against Lewis-Clark State in Helena.

up to Great Falls and Havre.

Montana Western

This week: The Bulldogs are on the road for a pair of contests against the Argonauts of Providence and the Montana State-Northern Lights. If the Bulldogs want to keep rolling off wins and compete for the Frontier crown, these are must-win games for Western. The Bulldogs took care of Providence in the first go-around, winning 100-87. Western had a little more trouble with Northern, eeking out a 79-77 win.

Rocky Mountain College

This week: Rocky has one of the top and bottom teams this week. First, the Battlin' Bears get to visit Montana Tech and try to pull out a second win over the Orediggers this season. While the Orediggers have shown signs of positive play, the Battlin' Bears should be able to take care of business in Butte. Then, a night later, Rocky heads up I-15 to Helena to take on the Carroll College Saints. Rocky took down the Saints once this season, finding the right formula to crack Carroll. If the Battlin' Bears take down Car-

roll again, they could further muck up the Frontier standings, and perhaps make a late run.

Montana State-Northern

This week: Northern enjoys the confines of Havre, but faces two stiff tests. The Lights welcome in Lewis-Clark State College and Montana Western and both teams dealt the Lights a double-digit loss a few weeks ago. The Lights will need to find some positive momentum to turn this season upward and make up ground in the Frontier. Games against the Frontier's best give them ample opportunity to make some ground in what's looking like a three-team race in the Frontier.

Carroll College

This week: Carroll travels to Montana Tech and hosts Rocky Mountain College. The Saints used a win over Tech to break a two-game slide earlier this season. The Saints are a prohibitive favorite to take down the Orediggers again here. Rocky was one of the teams that put Carroll on that losing streak, so the Saints will be looking to show an improved performance against the Battlin' Bears. Another slip-up against the Battlin' Bears and the Saints' chance of repeating as regular season champions would take a real hit.

- Erik C. Anderson

Hardwood

From A2

any of the stuff he does. He's making the place better."

Turcott paused when asked about his best memory from the old court. It was an arduous process, picking a single memory out of a time span that's older than some

current Saints. He thought, and then thought more.

Finally, he knew the answer.

The first conference championship the Saints won under Turcott in his second year as coach. Turcott cherished the memory not because it added some glitz to his coaching resume, but rather because it gave his greatest player, current Capital High girls basketball coach Bill Pilgeram a

championship.

"It was a championship for Bill Pilgeram, who had done everything there is to do in college basketball except win a championship," Turcott recalled.

The game, too, finished in dramatic fashion. Montana Tech, perhaps the Saints' greatest rival, trailed by two and called a timeout to set up a play. The Orediggers had a chance at a basket and

missed it.

And now, Turcott is assisting Rachele Sayers, who has the Saints' taking full advantage of their new court. Both she and men's coach Carson Cunningham's Saints are ranked in the Top 25 and both teams are playing great basketball.

If year one is any indicator, the Saints' new hardwood will harbor plenty of new memories.

Women's power rankings

Here's a look at how the Frontier Conference teams are doing each week:

1. Providence (15-4, 6-2): The season was going great until Saturday's loss to Montana Tech, and it wasn't even close at 90-62. This might signal a slide. We'll see how things are going Feb. 1 in Helena against the Saints.

2. Carroll College (14-5, 6-2): The Saints have looked like the top team in the conference for much of the season,

but losses to Western and Northern hold them back. The Northern one is really puzzling.

3. Montana Western (14-6, 4-4): It has been a season of swings. There are stretches the Bulldogs look great and others where it's not so much. Right now they are on an upswing having won three straight.

4. Rocky Mountain (15-3, 5-3): Every time the Battlin' Bears look to have

everything going their way, they slip, but only briefly. They are looking to come back from latest setback against Western.

5. Montana Tech (13-7, 3-5): Wins over Providence and Northern last week temporarily righted the ship. Can the Orediggers keep their fortunes going? They will need to with Carroll and Rocky up next.

6. Lewis-Clark State (12-7, 3-5):

The Warriors have lost five of the last six games and three straight. They are in salvage-the-season mode after a strong start to the season.

7. Montana Northern (9-11, 1-7): The Lights have lost six straight. The last win was Dec. 30 of last year. Somehow the Lights were able to beat Carroll College back on Dec. 2. That's probably the biggest shocker of the season.

- Cliff Kirkpatrick



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Carroll College's Danielle Wagner drives in to the top of the key and looks to pass during Tuesday's game against Rocky Mountain Tuesday in Helena.

Around the Frontier Conference – women's basketball

Lewis-Clark State College

This week: The Warriors hit the road, opening up four-game trip with stops at Montana State-Northern and Providence. The Warriors earned a win over the stumbling Skylights, but fell to the ascending Argonauts. Providence overtook the Warriors in the NAIA Top 25. The quality play of freshman guard Peyton Souvenir gives the Warriors chances in every game they play, but the Warriors need to pick up wins to make another run at the Frontier title.

Rocky Mountain College

This week: The Battlin' Bears take a road trip to Montana Tech and Carroll College on consecutive nights. Rocky handled the Orediggers in the teams' first meeting this season, winning 60-52. Carroll, however, dealt Rocky its second Frontier loss of the season in a 58-56 overtime game. Rocky is better than many thought it would be this season and if the Battlin' Bears can keep their winning rate up, they'll be contending for Frontier titles.

Montana Western

This week: The Bulldogs have a back-to-back against Providence and Montana State-Northern. The Bulldogs, now healthy, are back to contending in the Frontier. Western dropped its first contest against Northern, 53-39, but bounced back with a 20-point win over Northern. If Western wants to reestablish itself among the Frontier elites, the Bulldogs need two road wins this week.

Montana Tech

This week: The Orediggers host Carroll and Rocky Mountain College as they search for a few more conference wins.

Tech earned its first win in conference on Jan. 19 with a 70-67 win over Providence.

Wins against Carroll and Rocky would give Tech plenty to be proud of as the club searches for its identity in the second year under coach Adam Hiatt.

Providence

This week: Montana Western and Lewis-Clark State await the Providence Argonauts this week. The good news for the Argos: The two teams must travel to Great Falls for the games. The bad news: the Argos are a marked team now after earning a Top 25 ranking after knocking off both LCSC and UMW earlier this season. If Providence wants to continue its special season, home wins this week is a must.

Montana State-Northern

This week: Northern goes back-to-back against Lewis-Clark State and Montana Western in Havre. The Skylights will try to resurrect their season after plummeting in conference play so far. LCSC and Western both claimed wins over the Skylights a few weeks back. LCSC won 77-61 and Western won 78-58. The Skylights may need to reconfigure a few things if they want to turn this season around.

Carroll College

This week: The Saints have a home and away slate, visiting Montana Tech and then hosting Rocky. The Saints earned wins over both squads in the first matchup, defeating Tech 63-55 and then slipping by Rocky in the PE Center, 58-56 in overtime. Carroll started the conference season off strong and will need to have another big week to keep pace.

- Erik C. Anderson



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