Basketball, baseball standout from Washington enrolling at University of Montana on cage scholarship

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MISSOULA—

Ken Wastradowski, a 6-3 guard in basketball and a top-notch pitcher in baseball in Centralia, Wash., will enroll at the University of Montana this fall on a basketball scholarship. The signing of the talented athlete was announced Wednesday by Grizzly head basketball coach Bob Cope.

Wastradowski's basketball career, culminated by his selection to the All-Southwest Washington AA Conference first team last season, began in the junior high ranks. He was a starter in all three junior high years, and continued this as a junior varsity and varsity player in senior high school.

Cope said Wastradowski shoots equally well with either hand, and he tabbed him as an outstanding prospect.

Wastradowski's baseball credentials are no less impressive. He started playing the sport at age seven, and pitched several no-run, no-hit games in Little and Babe Ruth League baseball during the next eight years. He threw a perfect game during a district Little League tourney at age 12. He will play American Legion baseball this summer.

Wastradowski throws and bats left-handed, but does everything else with his right hand.

"He is as cool-headed a competitor as I've ever seen," says one source in Centralia. "I've never seen him get rattled."