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MISSOULA—

Jim Schillinger, a 6-1, 180-pound running back and defensive back from Circle, will attend the University of Montana this fall on a football scholarship.

Schillinger was an All-Conference selection in the Northern Class B division while playing for Coach Frank Ursich at Circle.

Coach Bill Betcher, assistant at the University, said Schillinger is undoubtedly "the best halfback in the Northern B league, one of the best B halfbacks throughout the state, and one of the best in the state as a whole."

Betcher added that Schillinger has displayed great speed, agility and balance, and has been a hard hitter and a good pass receiver.

"Jim gained 180 yards rushing against a good and much bigger Malta team last fall," Betcher said. "He's also a standout student."

Schillinger also played some great basketball for Circle High, which has consistently fielded one of the finest Class B cage teams in the state for several years. He is expected to play both sports at the University of Montana.