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Jim Oglesbee, a first team all-state defensive back for the Missoula Hellgate football team, will be playing football for the University of Montana next year, head coach Jack Swarthout announced this week.

Oglesbee has signed a letter of intent to attend UM.

"We're very happy to get Jim," Swarthout said. "He's a specialist in an area we need some men in and we think he can give us a lot of help next year."

Montana lost three of its four starting defensive backfield men to graduation last year.

Oglesbee played freshman ball for Hellgate, then transferred for one year to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He returned to Hellgate for his junior and senior years, but only played three games his junior year because of injuries. He was named first team all-state his senior year.

Hellgate football coach Bob Casey has words of praise for the 5-11, 180 lb. Oglesbee.

"Jim has very good potential for college ball," Casey says. "He has good quick starts, goes to the ball very well and is a hard hitter. I wouldn't be surprised to see him as a possible starter next year. He has courage, determination and confidence."

Oglesbee runs the 40-yard dash in 4.9 seconds and was an alternate halfback for Hellgate last year. "He also has the potential to be a good punt returner," Casey says.

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