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TWO BELLINGHAM, WASH. GRID STARS
COMING TO UM AS FROSH THIS FALL

MISSOULA --

Two top-notch grid stars from Bellingham, Wash. High School have announced their intention to attend the University of Montana to play freshman football this fall.

Steve Johnson, a 6-0, 180-pound quarterback, and Jeff Baglio, a 6-1, 218-pound tackle, informed University assistant grid coach Pinky Erickson of their decisions this week.

Johnson was an All-League selection at quarterback last season in the tough Western Washington AAA High School Conference, and was also team captain for head coach Rex Johnson's Bellingham eleven.

He called all signals for the team, which won eight and lost two and scored 215 points on the season. He accounted for 1,053 yards in total offense and scored 56 points to lead the team in both areas.

The first All-League offensive back at Bellingham since 1960, Johnson completed 56 of 111 pass attempts last year after playing defensive safety as a junior. Coach Johnson describes Johnson as "much better than any other quarterback I've ever had."

The star signal caller also pole vaulted over 13 feet as a junior.

Tackle Baglio was also an All-Western Conference selection after the 1966 season. He moves his 218 pounds with good speed, according to Erickson, and could see action on either offense or defense.

"I feel these two boys were the cream of the crop in the Western Washington Conference last year," Erickson said. "We're extremely pleased they're coming to the University."

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