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MISSOULA----

John Harrell, a 6-6 forward described as "the best junior college prospect we've seen on the West Coast this year" by Montana basketball coaches Bob Cope and Lou Rocheleau, will attend the Missoula school on a cage scholarship this fall.

Harrell, whose home town is Hamilton, Ohio, has been an All-State and All-Tournament player for Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash. for two seasons, and will be eligible for two years at Montana.

In addition to his all-tourney honor this past season, Harrell was voted as the Washington state tourney's outstanding player after he averaged 40.7 points per game for three contests.

His high at the tournament and for the season was 49.

Before going to Green River CC, Harrell accumulated numerous honors as a prep star at Hamilton Taft High School. Following his last season, he was named to All-District, All-State and All-Tri State teams in that area.

He capped all of these by being voted to the high school All-America squad as well.

"This guy does everything well," Cope said. "He's a good shooter, has excellent speed, great reactiveness and passing ability and he'll tear you up underneath with his jumping and maneuvering ability."

Harrell's season average at Green River was more than 30 points per game.

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