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MISSOULA---

A pair of outstanding hurdlers and an intermediate distance man who distinguished himself all spring will enroll at the University of Montana this fall.

The three are hurdlers Joe Epler and Barry Mortensen and half-miler Dick Miller, all about to graduate from Helena Senior High School.

University of Montana coach Harley Lewis said he considers Epler and Mortensen to be the finest high hurdle prospects in the state since Roy Robinson came to the University from Glasgow.

Mortensen captured first in the highs at the State Meet two weeks ago with a 14.7 clocking and Epler was right behind him with the same time. At last week's Meet of Champions in Great Falls, Epler won the highs in 14.6 and also zipped through the low hurdles in a fine 19.5 seconds.

Both Epler and Mortensen have gone 14.5 in the highs.

Miller took first at the State Meet in the 880-yard run with a time of 1:57.1.

"Miller has to be one of the best 880 prospects this state has ever turned out," Lewis said. "Coach Lanny Fred deserves credit for the work he did with all three of these boys."

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