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JOHN KIDD GETS ANNUAL  
ROD McCALL MEMORIAL AWARD

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MISSOULA---

Junior right-hander John Kidd of Mountain Home, Idaho, a mainstay on the University of Montana pitching staff for three seasons, has been voted the team's most valuable player for 1969 and will receive the Rod McCall Memorial Award as a result.

A committee within the UM athletic department voted on the award, given in honor of the former UM baseball standout.

Henry Blastic and Morris McCollum, who are on the staff of the University Book Store, have given their support to the award for the past several years.

Kidd, noted for an outstanding fast ball and a fine curve as well, posted his second best earned run average in his three years with the Grizzlies despite the fact that the UM club had its worst season since Kidd has been with the University.

In 23 games, of which UM won but 7, Kidd had a fine ERA of 2.60. As a freshman, he posted a 2.16 ERA when the Grizzlies had a 12-11 mark.

He led this year's staff in strikeouts with 58, and of the three mainstays of the UM staff, he gave up the fewest runs, 28, while facing the second largest number of batters, 192.

Kidd will return for his senior season in 1970.

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