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MISSOULA--

Montana's new head basketball coach has been busy recruiting the past two weeks and has signed Flathead Valley Community College star Mike Vernon for the 1970 Grizzlies.

Lou Rocheleau was in Kalispell Monday and moved the 6-4 forward from Oakland, Calif. to Missoula. Vernon is enrolled at the University of Montana for spring quarter.

Vernon was a tri-captain for Jim Brandenburg's Mountaineers and averaged 23 points picking off 14 rebounds per contest.

At Oakland Tech High School he earned All-Northern California cage honors as a senior and was a three-year letterman. He is also a 9.8 sprinter in track.

Vernon attended Highline Junior College in Washington and was voted the outstanding player on the team.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Vernon of Oakland. Vernon is a junior.

Rocheleau said, "We're going to play Mike at guard. He's big and quick and can handle the ball. He'll add strength to our new running offense next season."

Brandenburg said, "Vernon is a very fine athlete and man. We sure hated to see him leave but his college eligibility here (Kalispell) was up."

Concerning Vernon's play, Brandenburg said, "He is Mr. Consistency." That's what his teammates called him because he always turned in a fine performance and is a clutch ballplayer.

Vernon is a social welfare major.

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