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With spring football drills just around the corner, most University of Montana gridgers are busy working off the extra pounds they put on last winter.

Some Grizzly football players have kept themselves in shape during the off season competing in winter sports at the Missoula university. Defensive tackle Larry Miller not only competed as a wrestler for the Montana team, but overpowered every opponent he faced.

Miller, an All-American on Montana's undefeated football team last fall, pinned ten of twelve heavyweights that stepped on the mats with him and decisioned two others decisively. He won the Big Sky championship in the heavyweight division. Miller also was a first team Big Sky selection in football.

Wrestling is not just a means for the 250 lb. tackle to keep in shape for football. Miller loves the sport and has wrestled high school, junior college and now major college competition.

Miller's record as a grappler is equally impressive with his football achievements.

As a prep athlete, he was the California State heavyweight champion in 1967 and was undefeated in the Foothills Conference for Alhambra High School. He was captain of the team his senior year.

Miller was an All-Foothills Conference and All-Contra Costra County guard in high school football. He captained the ballclub and was named "Athlete of the Year" for Alhambra High in 1967.

The big tackle then accepted a football scholarship to Grays Harbor Junior College in Aberdeen, Wash. He was All-Washington JC selection both years and twice made the All-American honorable mention junior college team.

Miller continued his wrestling career at the Washington school. He won the JC state title in the heavyweight class and the Northwest Greco-Roman Freestyle championship.

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He was again chosen "Athlete of the Year" in 1969 at Gray's Harbor and was the captain of the wrestling team.

Not only was Larry Miller an outstanding athlete at Grays Harbor, but his classmates selected him vice-president of the student body his sophomore year.

UM Head Football Coach Jack Swarhout said, "Larry Miller certainly is an outstanding young man. He is dedicated and hardworking. Miller puts more into the game than he ever expects to get out of it. He is a credit to the game, his family, coaches, community and the University of Montana."

Miller is a physical education major and hopes to either play professional football or teach and coach.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Prenice Miller of Martinez, Calif.

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