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MISSOULA--

Montana's Class AA "Football Player of the Year" has accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Montana, Grizzly football coach Jack Swarhout announced Friday.

Jay Baumberger, the All-American quarterback on the Great Falls Bison 1969 state championship football team, will attend the Missoula university on a football scholarship next fall.

Baumberger has been the Bison signal caller since the fourth game of the 1968 season. Last year he set a Montana high school pass completion percentage record. Baumberger threw 96 times completing 55 for a 57.2 per cent total. His mark bettered the 1967 record held by Billing's Gary Fox, which was 52.7 per cent.

He was the 1969 Class AA total offense leader piling up 1,263 yards. The Great Falls quarterback ran for 197 yards and passed for 1,066 yards.

Baumberger's two year total as a Bison in the passing department is 90-175 for a 51.4 per cent completion rate with 19 touchdowns. He ran for four TDs and was intercepted only five times.

The Great Falls senior was selected as the first string quarterback on the Sunkist All-American team picked by Athlete Magazine. He was also the Lee Newspaper "Player of the Year" and a first team selection on the Montana Coaches Association All-State team.

Baumberger is the second Sunkist All-American to accept a UM football scholarship. Kit Blue, a linebacker from Olympia High School in Olympia, Wash., also will attend the Missoula school. He is a first unit All-American.

Baumberger joins teammate Steve Taylor, the All-State Bison defensive end, and other Electric City gridgers, Warren Kottke, Pat Dolan, Bob Guptil, Barry Darrow, and Dennis Muzzana, All-American Dan Worrell.

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