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Hal Sherbeck's freshman squad to prepare for opening game

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MISSOULA, Mont., Oct.____Led by a passing sensation from Kennewick, Wash., and anchored by a heavy-duty line, Coach Hal Sherbeck's freshman squad has begun serious preparations for its opening game with the State College frosh Oct. 18.

In Jim Monasmith, a 5-10, 175-pound quarterback, Montana has a lad who was one of the leading prep passers in the nation last year.

Monasmith, playing for Kennewick High School in the tough Class A Yakima Valley Conference, passed for 1,287 yards with 81 completions in 170 attempts. He contributed 141 yards rushing for a total offense mark of 1,423 yards in just eight games. He scored five touchdowns rushing. In his junior year he passed for 752 yards.

Monasmith was an almost unanimous all-state selection and started for the East squad in the Shrine All-Star Game in Spokane early this fall.

The Cubs have some real heavyweights in the forward wall. John Gregor, a 225-pound lad from Shelby, and James Knaus, a 265 pounder from Arlington Heights, Ill., have been running in the tackle slots with the tentative first unit.

Gene Lissa, Billings, and John Matte, Missoula, have been showing well at guards. At end Ted McElhenney, former Butte Central star, has shown flashes of potential greatness.

Of the 38 yearlings out for practice, 26 are Montana lads. Washington and Illinois follow with three apiece.

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