

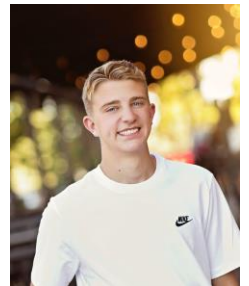
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## **NEW Montana 100 Meter Kicks Off State Games at Opening Ceremonies**

The 2025 Montana 100 Meter, sponsored by Rocky Vista University, marks the first annual race at the Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies. The race begins at approximately 8:00-8:30 p.m. Friday, July 18 at Lockwood High School. The race will take place before the Montana Mile. The Montana 100 Meter is an invitational race featuring some of the state's fastest high school, college, and post-collegiate sprinters.

### **Cohen Allen -10**

Cohen Allen just finished a successful high school athletic career at Billings West High School competing in track and field and cross country. Cohen will be attending Brigham Young University in Idaho in the fall. During his time at West High, he received the Captains Award (cross country), Coaches Award (cross country), Boys Top Pole Vaulter (track and field), the Mike Patrick Award (track and field), and placed fifth in the Pole Vault in Class AA State.



### **Tyler Grenier - 2**

Tyler Grenier will be a Sophomore in the fall at Montana State University Billings. Grenier attended Park High School in Livingston where he earned the designations of 1x All State and 3x All Conference. During his freshman year at MSU-Billings, Tyler was a 2x GNAC Conference Qualifier in indoor and outdoor Track.



### **Elijah Gibson - 1**

Elijah Gibson will be going into his Junior year at Billings West High School. Gibson has had a successful track career so far marking personal bests this last season in the 100M, 200M, and 400M. Elijah placed first in the 200M at the SCAD Track meet.



### **Dawson Hammond - 8**

Dawson Hammond will be a Senior at Malta High School in the Fall. He holds the school record for the 100M and 4x100M relay. While in high school, Hammond was named most valuable runner twice, team captain, and all state track. In 2025, Dawson placed fourth in the 100M and sixth in the 200M in at the Class B State track meet.



### **Jaycee Herbert - 5**

Jaycee Herbert will be a Senior at Montana State University Billings in the fall where he is studying athletic training. He was named NCAA Great Northwest Athletic Conference athlete of the week. Herbert attended Wind River High School in Pavillion, Wyoming where he was a 3X all state in track and field, 100M and 200M state champion. Jaycee also ranks second in MSUB history in the 100M, second in the 60M, and third overall in the 200M.



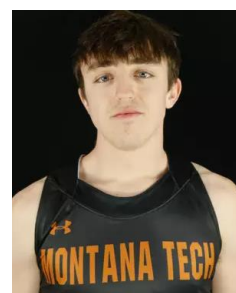
### **Ryan LaMere - 7**

Ryan LaMere will be a Sophomore at Rocky Mountain College this fall studying Education. LaMere went to Billings Senior High School where he was a two-time all conference, one-time all state in the 100M, team captain and most improved Bronco. Ryan also won the 2025 Frontier Conference Championship Track Meet in the 100M.



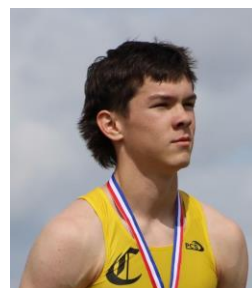
### **Zach Merrifield - 6**

This fall, Zach Merrifield will be entering his Sophomore year at Montana Tech. Merrifield attended Butte High School where he competed in Track and Field. He was named Northwest Athletic Conference 100M Champion in 2024. Zach placed seventh in the 60M at the Whitworth Indoor Invitational Track Meet.



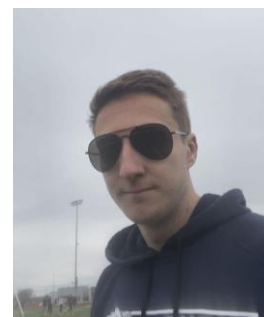
### **Oliver Mow -9**

Oliver Mow will be a Junior at Helena Capital High School this fall. He is a Helena Capital school record holder for the 110M hurdles. He is the second fastest 110M hurdler of all time. Mow was also named 2025 Western division 110MH champion and all state in 2024 and 2025. Oliver competed at the Nike Outdoor Nationals Track Meet where he ran the 110M Hurdles. He plans to attend the University of Washington.



### **Ben Ralston -4**

Ben Ralston just finished up his career at Montana State University Billings. Ralston went to Cole Valley Christian High School in Boise Idaho. Ralston holds the MSU-Billings school record in both the indoor and outdoor 400M, ranks third in school history in the 100M and second overall in the 200M. While in high school, Ralston was a part of the 3x Class 2A State Championship 4x200M Relay team as well as placing second in the 400M and fifth in the 200M.



### **Drifter Skillicorn - 3**

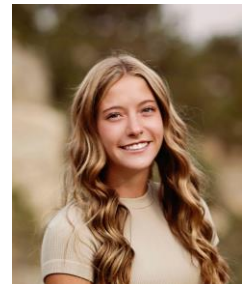
Drifter Skillicorn attended Polson High School before going to Rocky Mountain College where he will be a Junior this fall. While in high school Drifter was designated as Class A All State one year and earned the Polson High School MVP award 2 years. During his time at Rocky Drifter has earned the 200M School Record for Outdoor Track and earned the designation of five time All-Conference and one time NAIA athlete of the week.



### **Women's Field**

#### **Nora Allen - 9**

Nora Allen will be a Junior at Billings West High School in the fall. She was a state track AA 4x100M champion this last year. During her time at West High, she was named most inspiring track member on the team. Allen marked personal bests in the 100M, 200M, and 400M this last season.



#### **Demry Boyd - 8**

Demry Boyd will be completing her final year at Billings West High School this fall. Boyd was a state AA champion in 4x100M and 4x400M during the 2025 season. She was named West High sprinter of the year. She has competed at state all three years of high school.



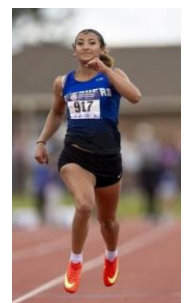
#### **Macy Brandon - 3**

Macy Brandon will be a Senior at Havre High School. She holds the high school record for the 400M with a time of 57.94. Brandon has been named most valuable runner, 3x All-State Track and Field, 4x100M Class A State Champion, and third place in the 100M, 200M, and 400M during the 2025 State A track meet. Her dream is to run track at the collegiate level and pursue a career in pharmacy.



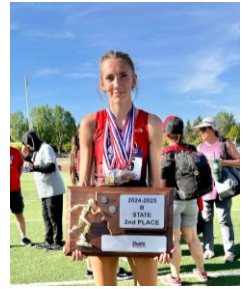
#### **Kaimea Dalke -7**

Kaimea Dalke will be finishing off her athletic career this fall at Shepherd High School. Dalke won the class 2025 Class B State Track Meet in the 100M and 200M. Dahlke also marked personal bests this last season in the 100M, 200M and 4x100M.



## **Avery Gerdes - 2**

Avery Gerdes will be completing her final year at Huntley Project High School this fall. Gerdes holds the school record for the 200M, 400M, 800M, high jump, and triple jump. Avery is a 3x 400M Class B State Champion, 3x 800M Class B State Champion, and 2x triple jump Class B State Champion. Gerdes is an 8x Class B State Champion and 18x All State Track and Field.



## **Emery Peel - 2**

Emery Peel will be a senior at Billings Senior High School this fall. Emery is a two-time defending Eastern AA Divisional Champion in the 100M. Emery earned All State designations in the 100M, 4x100M, and 4x400M in 2025. Emery also earned All Conference honors in the 100M and 200M in 2025. Emery's last season ended with her earning sixth in the 100M at the State Track meet.

## **Sofia Szollosi -4**

Sofia Szollosi will be a Senior in the fall at Hellgate High School. This year she was crowned the Class AA State Champion for the 100M. She also holds the Hellgate school records for the 100M, 200M, and 4x100M. Szollosi is a 3x academic all state/all conferences. She signed to attend Davidson College on a track and field scholarship.



## **Regan Torgerson - 6**

Regan Torgerson will be a Junior at Shelby High School. Torgerson holds the school record at Shelby High School for the 100M, 200M, and 400M. She took second place in the 100M, 200M, and 400M at the 2025 State B track meet. Torgerson is a 3x athlete of the week on the KSEN radio station.



## **Kellan Wahl - 5**

Kellan Wahl has finished her final year at Rocky Mountain College with two degrees in Psychology and Sociology. Wahl went to Billings Central High School where she was designated 3x All State in Class A and in 2021 she placed fourth in the 100M, third in the 200M, and fifth in the 400M. Wahl was a class A State Champion in 2019 in the 200M. During her collegiate years at Rocky Mountain College, she has school records in the indoor 60M, 100M, 200M and outdoor 100M, 200M, and 4x100M.



**The Athlete Fun Zone at Lockwood High School opens at 5:00 p.m. Parade of Athletes at 7:15 p.m. and the Montana 100 Meter followed by the Montana Mile at approximately 8:00 p.m.**

**Admission is free to the Opening Ceremonies. For more information, call 406-254-7426 or go to [bigskygames.org](http://bigskygames.org).**

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