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Welcome from the A.D.

August, 2003

Dear Friend of Yellowjacket Athletics:

Greetings! Welcome to another exciting fall semester of Yellowjacket volleyball. I sincerely hope you will find the information contained in this media guide helpful and informative.

As you look through this volleyball media guide, you will notice the presence of many corporate sponsors. I encourage you to visit the business locations of our many corporate partners and tell them how much you appreciate their involvement in our intercollegiate athletics program. The role they play in our program is significant, and I hope you will join me in thanking them for their involvement. Many of these corporate partners have been with us for many years. It is our continuing pleasure to develop and enhance these important partnerships in Billings and the surrounding area.

Similarly, I sincerely thank you for your interest. I encourage you to become even more actively involved in any aspect of Yellowjacket Athletics. I would be happy to explain any number of ways you can get involved, such as joining the Yellowjacket Athletic Association by joining a sport's booster club, volunteering to help at games or other events, serving on a sport advisory committee, etc.

We are indeed very proud of the fine tradition this university has developed in the academic and athletic arenas. Since day one in 1927 we have had a Yellowjacket Athletics program. Our university leadership has historically and consistently valued the role played by Yellowjacket Athletics in the overall higher education experience of our students. Our current university administration, under the leadership of Dr. Ronald Sexton, Chancellor, has continued that same belief system.

We are very proud of the academic achievement of each Yellowjacket. We are very pleased with the fact that each team continues to maintain team grade point averages above 3.0. Last year, for the third year in a row, our women's cross country team led all NCAA Division II schools in the nation with the highest grade point average. Our student-athletes are indeed scholar-athletes.

Again, I hope you enjoy this publication, and I look forward to getting your feedback on this or any other aspect of our Yellowjacket Athletics program. Cheer hard and cheer loud. I invite you to bring a friend to cheer with you. I hope you enjoy the season. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Gray, Ed. D.

Athletic Director and Professor

2003 Roster

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Height	Hometown	Prev. School
1	Olivia Munro	Jr.	OH	5'8"	Toronto, Ontario	Dunbar HS
3	Kari Jones	Jr.	RS/S	6'0"	Hermiston, OR	Portland State
4	Alexis Sandru	Fr.	OH	5'8"	Twin Bridges, MT	Twin Bridges HS
5	Alberta Letoa	Fr.	L/S	5'7"	Laie, HI	Kahuku HS
7	Natalie Bills	So.	S	5'7"	Provo, UT	Snow College
9	Jessica Bratton	Fr.	OH	6'0"	Casper, WY	Natrona County HS
11	Sandra Beal	Sr.	MB	5'10"	Troy, MT	Mt. Hood CC
12	Brittany Uffelman	Sr.	MB	6'1"	Thermopolis, WY	Black Hills State
15	Katrina Dahlgren	Sr.	MB	6'2"	Missoula, MT	Big Sky HS
20	Cortney Metzler	Jr.	RS	6'0"	Roundup, MT	Univ. of Great Falls

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Munro, Olivia	1
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2003 Schedule

Day/Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Aug. 29-30	at Clash in the Foothills Tournament	Various	Various
Fri., Aug. 29	vs. Colorado School of Mines	2:00 p.m.	Golden, CO
Fri., Aug. 29	vs. Chadron State College	4:00 p.m.	Golden, CO
Sat., Aug. 30	vs. Ouachita Baptist University	10:00 a.m.	Lakewood, CO
Sat., Aug. 30	vs. Wayne State University	4:00 p.m.	Golden, CO
Sept. 5-6	at Humboldt State Univ. Tournament		Arcata, CA
Fri., Sep. 5	vs. Sonoma State University	2:00 p.m.	Arcata, CA
Fri., Sep. 5	vs. Humboldt State University	4:30 p.m.	Arcata, CA
Sat., Sep. 6	vs. Sonoma State University	2:00 p.m.	Arcata, CA
Sat., Sep. 6	vs. Humboldt State University	7:00 p.m.	Arcata, CA
Wed., Sep. 17	Rocky Mountain College	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Mon., Sep. 22	Brigham Young University-Hawaii *	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Tue., Sep. 23	Brigham Young University-Hawaii	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Thu., Sep. 25	Hawaii Pacific University *	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Fri., Sep. 26	Hawaii Pacific University	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Fri., Oct. 3	at University of Hawaii at Hilo *	7:15 p.m.	Hilo, HI
Sat., Oct. 4	at Hawaii Pacific University *	7:30 p.m.	Honolulu, HI
Mon., Oct. 6	at Chaminade University *	7:30 p.m.	Honolulu, HI
Tue., Oct. 7	at Brigham Young University-Hawaii *	7:30 p.m.	Laie, HI
Fri., Oct. 17	at Western New Mexico University *	7:00 p.m.	Silver City, NM
Sat., Oct. 18	at Western New Mexico University	7:00 p.m.	Silver City, NM
Wed., Oct. 22	at Rocky Mountain College	7:00 p.m.	Billings, MT
Fri., Oct. 31	Chaminade University *	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Sat., Nov. 1	Chaminade University	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Fri., Nov. 3	University of Hawaii at Hilo *	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Sat., Nov. 4	University of Hawaii at Hilo	7:00 p.m.	Alterowitz Gym
Thu., Nov. 13	Western New Mexico University *	7:00 p.m.	TBA#
Fri., Nov. 14	Western New Mexico University	7:00 p.m.	TBA#
Nov. 20-23	NCAA West Regional	TBA	TBA

* Denotes Pacific West Conference Game

Home games in bold blue

Matches to be held off campus due to Education Conference

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2003 Outlook

The 2003 edition of Yellowjacket Volleyball can once again expect to face one of the toughest schedules in the country. Playing in the powerful Pacific West Conference, MSU-Billings will face the defending NCAA National Champion as well as other top regional contenders during the conference schedule. To combat opposing rosters loaded with athletic players boasting vast international experience, Coach Matavao has added size at all positions.

“From what I’ve seen in fall camp, it looks like we can be a lot more competitive in the conference,” said Matavao. “Although it looks like some of the other teams in the conference got better, too, I think our ability to put a tall line-up on the court will help us. If we want to, we can every position filled by someone who is at least six-feet tall. The added height will help us be able to put up better blocks against the All-American hitters that we face in the conference.”

Coach P thinks one of the Yellowjackets’ other key strengths will be their experience. Although only four players return from last year’s roster, the Jackets have what Matavao calls better “volleyball experience.” The question that the Yellowjackets will have to answer early in the season will be, How well and how fast can the new and returning players mesh together? With just over two weeks of practice before their first tournament, the Yellowjackets will need to learn to play together quickly.

“We’ve got more volleyball experience even though we have a lot of new faces,” said Matavao. “We have three transfers that have played a lot of volleyball and our freshmen will be good. The freshmen may not be quite as athletic as we had last year, but their skills are more refined and they understand the game better. Understanding how to play goes a long way in college.”

Matavao added, “Plus our four returners have been here long enough and understand our system. They have been here two to three years and have grown a lot. It is so nice to have kids who understand volleyball. That was a key in our recruiting this year--getting kids who understand how to play. Our veterans definitely fit into that category and so far we’ve had some great surprises in camp. Our freshmen are better than we expected.”

Two other areas that the Yellowjackets have tried to improve in the off-season are their setting and defense. After graduating a senior setter in each of the last two seasons, Matavao went out this year and signed a Division I transfer and a junior college transfer who was an all-conference player last year. Coach P also thinks his outside players will be stronger defensively than in year’s past.

Schedule

The Yellowjackets schedule is as tough as always in the conference portion, but they could build momentum during the early-season tournaments. Five of the six teams they face over the first two weeks posted records below .500 last season. MSUB will open at the Clash in the Foothills on August 29-30, facing three Division II teams from the Midwest Region and a Division I team. They’ll follow that with a tournament at Humboldt State the following week, playing four matches against Pacific Region foes.

The home portion of the schedule will open on September 17 when the Yellowjackets host Rocky Mountain College. MSUB will be looking to avenge two losses to their cross-town rival last season. The Jackets will

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jump into conference play the following Monday and Tuesday when they host defending NCAA National Champion Brigham Young University-Hawaii. They will follow with two-match weekend series against Hawaii Pacific, who was picked by league coaches to finish second in the PacWest race behind BYU-Hawaii.

After its two-week homestand, MSUB hits the road for seven straight matches over three weeks in October, starting with four matches in five days in Hawaii. The Yellowjackets will follow the Hawaii trip with their final PacWest road matches at Western New Mexico before playing at Rocky Mountain on October 22.

“The biggest challenge in the schedule is always the Hawaii trip,” said Matavao. “Playing four matches in five days is tough, especially when you have to travel that far. The other challenge will be going on the road early in the season and coming together as a team. I think we could get off to a good start at the early tournaments if we play together. The game experience of our individual players should win a lot of games for us.”

The Yellowjackets will close the season with six straight home matches. At the end of October, they'll host Chaminade, who qualified for the NCAA regional tournament in 2002. They'll follow with a pair of matches each against Hawaii-Hilo and Western New Mexico. Last year MSUB matched up well with both UHH and WNMU, winning two of three matches against Hilo and splitting four matches with Western.

Outside Hitters

Always one of the Jackets' strongest positions on the floor, Matavao thinks this year's group could add a level of defensive play that will make the Yellowjackets much improved. **Olivia Munro** (Jr., Toronto, Ontario) is poised for a breakout season after showing great promise in her first two seasons. She is on pace, if her final two season at MSUB are productive, to threaten the career school record for kills.

Cortney Metzler (Jr., Roundup, MT) also had a solid season in 2002 in her first year as a Yellowjacket. She will move from middle blocker to the right side in 2003. Munro and Metzler are joined by newcomers **Alexis Sandru** (Fr., Twin Bridges, MT), **Jessica Bratton** (Fr., Casper, WY), and **Kari Jones** (Jr., Hermiston, OR). Jones is a transfer from D-I Portland State.

Middle Blockers

While the Yellowjacket middle blockers can challenge the outside hitters as the strongest position group on the floor. Matavao will open the season with three middle blockers on the roster, all upper classmen and two returning from last season. **Katrina Dahlgren** (Sr., Missoula, MT) was a second team all-conference selection last year and could shine with the Jackets' improved setting game. **Sandy Beal** (Sr., Troy, MT) also returns after a productive season in 2002. **Brittany Uffelman** (Sr., Thermopolis, WY) transfers from Black Hills State to lend added size at the net.

Setters

The setter position will be up for grabs entering the season and could be filled by committee. **Kari Jones** can play either the setter or outside hitter position. **Natalie Bills** (So., Provo, UT) was an all-conference setter at Snow College last season. **Alberta Letoa** (Fr., Laie, HI) will add depth to the position.

Yellowjacket Coaches



PA'ULASI MATAVAO enters his fourth season as the head women's volleyball coach at MSU-Billings, marking the longest tenure of any coach in the program's history. His 33 total career wins are just five behind Tricia Nielsen's school-best 38, and "Coach P" (as he's known to everyone in Billings) is confident that the squad he has assembled for 2003 will help him surpass Nielsen early this season.

Matavao, who was raised in Tafuna, American Samoa, was a member of the 1999 Samoa National Basketball Team that won Samoa's first gold medal at the South Pacific Games in Guam. That success followed a career at Brigham Young University-Hawaii during which Matavao was a two-time All-America selection. While playing basketball for the Seasideers, Matavao also spent three years working and studying under Wilfred Navalta, one of the nation's top volleyball coaches. After he

received his bachelor's degree at BYU-Hawaii, Matavao was hired to be an assistant basketball coach for the Seasideers.

Having spent two years playing semi-professional beach volleyball after college, Matavao's first love remained volleyball. A tall, powerful hitter, Matavao was invited to represent Samoa in the Summer Olympic Games in Australia. He returned to the sport as a coach in 2000 when he was chosen to rebuild the Yellowjacket volleyball program. After inheriting a team that had won only eight conference games in the previous two seasons, Matavao led MSU-Billings to a 5-9 PacWest mark and a 9-20 overall record in his first season. In his second year at the helm, Matavao led the Jackets to a 15-15 overall record. It was just the second time in the program's history that the Yellowjackets had finished with at least a .500 record.

On March 24, 2003, Matavao and Wendi, his wife of 11 years, became parents for the first time. They were blessed with a baby boy they named Lototoa. Lototoa, or Toa for short, was born in Matavao's native land of American Samoa. The name Lototoa has deep meanings to Matavao and his wife. Lototoa means "Brave Heart" or "Brave Soul."



SALLY NICHOLS will assist with the Lady Yellowjackets for her second season in 2003. The native of Lusk, Wyoming, competed in volleyball and track for two years at the University of Idaho before transferring to Rocky Mountain College to play volleyball and basketball.

At RMC Nichols was an All-Frontier Conference and All-Region selection and the Co-Captain of the 2000 Frontier Conference Championship team. She graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor's of science degree in environmental science. She is currently working on her masters degree in sport management at MSU-Billings. In addition to her coaching duties, Nichols will also take on responsibilities in the Marketing and Development Office.

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Katrina Dahlgren
6'3 Senior
Missoula, MT

The 2002 season witnessed another solid performance from the Yellowjackets' force in the middle. Katrina Dahlgren's steady play garnered her second team all-conference honors from the coaches in the Pacific West Conference. Considering the conference placed four players on the All-Pacific Region Team and also produced the the NCAA II National Champion, earning all-conference honors in the PacWest is a significant accomplishment. Dahlgren's consistent play has helped her climb into the Yellowjacket career record book for kills (11th with 505), total blocks (4th with 244), solo blocks (2nd with 91), block assists (4th with 153), hitting percentage (7th at .216), blocks per game (10th at .68), and games played (10th with 246). In her first season as the team's go-to middle blocker, Dahlgren excelled in 2002 with 2.66 kills and 1.01 blocks per game. She should be considered among the top players in the conference entering the season and will be looked to as the anchor for both the Jackets' offense and defense.

Career Highs

Kills: 21 vs. WNMU, 10/5/02

Assists: 2 twice

Digs: 6 vs. SCSU, 8/30/02

Blocks: 10 vs. HPU, 9/21/01

Aces: 3 vs. MT Tech, 9/7/02

	G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct	A	A/G	SA	SA/G	Dig	D/G	BS	BA	Tot.	B/G
2002	85	226	2.66	102	555	.223	7	0.08	11	0.13	50	0.59	45	41	86	1.01
2001	111	217	1.95	97	582	.206	3	0.03	0	0.00	28	0.25	37	82	119	1.07
2000	50	62	1.24	30	142	.225	1	0.02	2	0.04	7	0.14	9	30	39	0.78
Total	246	505	2.05	229	1279	.216	11	0.05	13	0.05	85	0.35	91	153	244	0.99

#1



Olivia Munro
5'8 Junior
Toronto, Ontario

Even as a true freshman, Olivia Munro established herself as one of the most dynamic players on the Yellowjacket roster. She continued to produce at a high rate as a sophomore in 2002, leading the Yellowjackets with 312 kills, the ninth highest single season total in school history. With two seasons remaining at MSU-Billings, Munro is already No. 9 on the all-time list for kills with 525. At her current pace, she could possibly challenge the school record of 1,143 kills. Although she's known for her offensive explosiveness, Munro is also a strong defender and server. She was second on the team with 329 digs last year and first among non-libero players. Her 640 career digs in her first two seasons already place her in the top ten in Yellowjacket history. Add to that her 63 service aces, which place her No. 8 all time in school history, and Munro has the potential to be one of the most complete players to wear a Yellowjacket uniform. Prior to her arrival at MSUB, Munro played for the Scarborough Titans, one of Ontario's top club teams. She still plays beach volleyball when she's home in Ontario for the summers.

Career Highs

Kills: 31 vs. SCSU, 8/31/02

Assists: 5 vs. HPU, 11/3/01

Digs: 40 vs. UHH, 11/9/02

Blocks: 4 vs. UHH, 9/17/02

Aces: 6 vs. UGF, 9/6/02

	G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct	A	A/G	SA	SA/G	Dig	D/G	BS	BA	Tot.	B/G
2002	83	312	3.76	141	995	.172	25	0.30	33	0.40	329	3.96	2	11	13	0.16
2001	87	213	2.45	111	683	.149	23	0.26	30	0.35	311	3.57	5	23	28	0.32
Total	170	525	3.09	252	1678	.163	48	0.28	63	0.37	640	3.77	7	34	41	0.24

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#11



Sandy Beal
5'11" Senior
Troy, Montana

Sandy Beal transferred to MSU-Billings in 2002 from Mount Hood Community College. She helped provide some stability to a Yellowjacket team that was trying to replace three graduated seniors who were among the program's best ever. Beal provided solid defense all season and finished the year third on the team in total blocks (41) and blocks per game (0.56) while playing in 73 games. At Mount Hood CC, Beal was a two-time all-conference first team selection. She had a .320 hitting percentage in her sophomore campaign, placing her 12th in the conference and earning her a spot on the Southern Division's All-Star team. After a year in Coach Matavao's system, Beal is expected to contribute considerably in what should be an experienced and productive front line.

Career Highs

Kills: 8 vs. UHH, 9/17/02
Assists: 1 four times
Digs: 6 vs. HPU, 9/16/02
Blocks: 9 vs. UHH, 11/9/02
Aces: 2 vs. RMC, 9/24/02

	G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct	A	A/G	SA	SA/G	Dig	D/G	BS	BA	Tot.	B/G
2002	73	68	0.93	34	214	.159	4	0.05	4	0.05	25	0.34	5	36	41	0.56
Total	73	68	0.93	34	214	.159	4	0.05	4	0.05	25	0.34	5	36	41	0.56

#20



Cortney Metzler
6'0" Junior
Roundup, Montana

Cortney Metzler made the most of her return to eastern Montana in 2002, earning a starting position in her first season at MSU-Billings. A mainstay in the Yellowjackets' off-season workouts, the Roundup native became one of the team's top players at the net while her family and friends frequently made the trip down

Highway 87 to bolster the home crowd at Alterowitz Gymnasium. Metzler was the Jackets' second-leading blocker with 67 total blocks and 0.86 blocks per game despite missing some matches due to illness. The lanky middle blocker also notched 1.44 kills per game to help compliment the Yellowjackets' outside attack. After helping Roundup High School to back-to-back state championships, Metzler played one season at the University of Great Falls where she was one of the team's top players. She led the Argos with 65 solo blocks, 57 block assists and 1.37 blocks per game and was second on the team for kills with 234. Metzler's move to MSUB has paid dividends so far, proving last season that she belongs at the NCAA level.

Career Highs

Kills: 15 vs. UHH, 11/9/02
Assists: 4 vs. UHH, 11/8/02
Digs: 19 vs. WNMU, 11/2/02
Blocks: 6 four times
Aces: 3 vs. WNMU, 11/2/02

	G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct	A	A/G	SA	SA/G	Dig	D/G	BS	BA	Tot.	B/G
2002	78	112	1.44	53	375	.157	19	0.24	16	0.21	120	1.54	18	49	67	0.86
Total	78	112	1.44	53	375	.157	19	0.24	16	0.21	120	1.54	18	49	67	0.86

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#12



Brittany Uffelman
6'1" Senior
Thermopolis, WY

Brittany Uffelman transfers to MSU-Billings from Black Hills State where she was a three-year letter winner. A native of Thermopolis, Wyoming and a 2000 graduate of Hot Springs County High School, Uffelman will bring size and experience to the Yellowjackets. At Black Hills State, Uffelman posted three solid seasons as a middle blocker. In her BHSU career, she notched 242 total blocks, 486 kills, 53 service aces and 258 digs. She knocked down a career high 25 service aces as a junior last season along with 145 kills and 83 total blocks. In her sophomore campaign, Uffelman tallied 224 kills and 89 total blocks, both career bests. As a middle blocker and outside hitter at Hot Springs County HS, Uffelman earned all-conference honors twice while leading the Bobcats to a second and a third place finish at the state tournament. HSCHS finished second at the state tourney in her junior season of 1998.

#3



Kari Jones
6'0" Junior
Hermiston, OR

Kari Jones will bring Division I experience to the Yellowjackets after playing two seasons at Portland State University. A 2000 graduate of Hermiston High School in Oregon, Jones was named Portland State's Most Inspirational Player in her freshman season after playing in 43 games for the Vikings. She averaged 0.81 kills per game as a true freshman and followed that with 1.55 kills and 0.45 blocks per game during her sophomore campaign. Jones redshirted last season, leaving her with two years of eligibility for the Yellowjackets. At Hermiston HS, Jones was a two-time Intermountain Conference Player of the Year after guiding the Bulldogs to back-to-back league championships. She earned first team all-state and all-region honors as a senior in 1999 and second team all-state recognition as a junior in 1998. An all-around athlete, Jones was also named to all-state honorable mention teams in basketball and track.

#7



Natalie Bills
5'7" Sophomore
Provo, Utah

Natalie Bills joins the Yellowjackets after playing one season at Snow College in Utah. After graduating from Provo High School in 2002, Bills made an immediate impact for the Badgers during her freshman season. She earned honorable mention all-conference honors after leading Snow in assists. Originally expected to be a central figure in the Badgers' offense this season, Bills decided to take her game to the NCAA level a year earlier than planned. She will likely compete for the starting role at setter for the Yellowjackets. Coach Matavao believes Bills could be the key cog in his up-tempo offense. At Provo High School, Bills was a two-time first team all-state selection and a three-time first team all-region choice. She guided the Bulldogs to state titles in 1999 and 2000 as well as regional championships in 1998, 2000 and 2001.

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Jessica Bratton
6'0" Freshman
Casper, WY

Jessica Bratton was a two-sport star at Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming, leading the Fillies to state tournament berths in both volleyball and basketball. As a forward on the basketball team, she earned all-conference and all-state honors after leading NCHS to the state championship game a year ago. She also played in the Montana-Wyoming All Star Game and the South Dakota-Wyoming All-Star Game. As an outside hitter on the volleyball team, Bratton again was named to the all-conference and all-state first teams after carrying the Fillies to a fourth place finish at the state tournament. NCHS finished third at the state tournament during both her sophomore and junior campaigns. Bratton posted 337 kills, 126 blocks and 113 digs as a senior for the Fillies and averaged 11.8 kills per game with an 88-percent service average.



Alberta Letoa
5'7" Freshman
Laie, HI

Alberta Letoa becomes coach Matavao's first recruit from Hawaii. The Laie native played for four years at Kahuku High School, playing three years as a setter and one season as a defensive specialist. Kahuka HS captured the OIA Championship in 2001 and the Hawaii State Championship in 2002. It was the first time a public school had won the state title in xx years. Letoa earned second team All-OIA in 2001. She was also a three-year basketball letter winner and played for three years on the North Shore club team. Also a strong student in the classroom, Letoa was on the honor roll all four years of her high school career and held various class officer positions. During her senior year, she was a dancer at the Polynesian Cultural Center, one of Oahu's most popular cultural tourist attractions.



Alexis Sandru
5'8" Freshman
Twin Bridges, MT

Alexis Sandru joins the Yellowjackets after starring for four years at Twin Bridges High School. Sandru graduated from Twin Bridges in 2003 with four varsity letters in volleyball and three in basketball. She guided the Falcons volleyball team to a runner-up finish at the State C Tournament in 2002, earning all-tournament first team and Tournament MVP honors along the way. Sandru played in four state tournaments for TBHS, capturing two second place finishes. She led the Falcons to two district and three divisional championships and earned all-state honors three times in becoming one of the most distinguished players in school history. Sandru led the team in digs as a sophomore, serving percentage as a junior and senior, and kills as a senior. A two-time captain for the Falcons, she was also selected to play in the ABC All Star Game as a senior.



Joanna Peterson
5'8" Junior
Butte, MT

Joanna Peterson will use a redshirt year in 2003 after having a baby this summer. Peterson, formerly Joanna Kaio, gave birth to her first son just over a month before training camp opened for the Yellowjackets. Peterson and her husband Chris, a former football player at Rocky Mountain College, were married in 2001. Last season Peterson played in 69 games as a defensive specialist, recording 188 digs. Her 2.72 digs per game average was fourth-highest on the team. As a true freshman in 2001, Peterson played in 90 games and 26 matches for the Yellowjackets. She developed into a strong defender and server, registering 164 digs and 13 service aces. Peterson will practice with the team during the 2003 season and return next year with two seasons of eligibility remaining.

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2003 Opponents

Brigham Young University-Hawaii

Monday, Sept. 22 at Alterowitz Gym
 Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Alterowitz Gym
 Tuesday, Oct. 7 at Laie, HI

Nickname: Seasideers
 Location: Laie, HI
 Enrollment: 2,400
 School Colors: Crimson, Gold and Gray
 Arena/Capacity: Cannon Activities Center/4,500
 Affiliation: NCAA II
 Conference: Pacific West
 Head Coach: Wilfred Navalta
 Volleyball Phone: 808-293-3756
 Athletic Director: Randy Day
 Athletics Phone: 808-293-3764
 Sports Info. Director: Scott Lowe
 SID Phone: 808-293-3397
 SID Fax: 808-293-3313
 Website: www.byuh.edu/sports
 2002 Record: 27-2 (National Champion)
 2002 Results: BYUH 3, MSUB 0 (Sept. 13 at BYUH)
 BYUH 3, MSUB 0 (Oct. 19 at MSUB)
 BYUH 3, MSUB 0 (Oct. 20 at MSUB)
 Series Record: 1-7

Chadron State College

Friday, Aug. 29 at Golden, CO

Nickname: Lady Eagles
 Location: Chadron, NE
 Enrollment: 3,400
 School Colors: Cardinal and White
 Arena/Capacity: Armstrong Gym/2,500
 Affiliation: NCAA II
 Conference: Rocky Mountain Athletic
 Head Coach: Dawn Brammer
 Volleyball Phone: 308-432-6346
 Athletic Director: Brad Smith
 Athletics Phone: 308-432-6344
 Sports Info. Director: Con Marshall
 SID Phone: 308-432-6212
 SID Fax: 308-432-6466
 Website: www2.csc.edu/athletics
 2002 Record: 13-14
 Last Meeting: CSC 3, MSUB 1 (Sept. 5, 2000 at MSUB)
 Series Record: 3-4

Chaminade University

Monday, Oct. 6 at Honolulu
 Friday, Oct. 31 at Alterowitz Gym
 Saturday, Nov. 1 at Alterowitz Gym

Nickname: Silverswords
 Location: Honolulu, HI
 Enrollment: 950
 School Colors: Royal Blue and White
 Arena/Capacity: McCabe Gymnasium/2,800
 Affiliation: NCAA II
 Conference: Pacific West
 Head Coach: Glennie Adams
 Volleyball Phone: 808-735-4790
 Athletic Director: Aaron Griess
 Athletics Phone: 808-735-4790
 Sports Info. Director: Matt Mahar
 SID Phone: 808-735-4748
 SID Fax: 808-739-4695
 Website: www.GoSwords.com
 2002 Record: 15-8 (West Regional Qualifier)
 2002 Results: CU 3, MSUB 0 (Sept. 14 at CU)
 CU 3, MSUB 0 (Oct. 21 at MSUB)
 MSUB 3, CU 0 (Oct. 22 at MSUB)
 Series Record: 4-8

Colorado School of Mines

Friday, Aug. 29 at Golden, CO

Nickname: Orediggers
 Location: Golden, CO
 Enrollment: 3,200
 School Colors: Silver and Blue
 Arena/Capacity: Volk Gymnasium (1,000)
 Affiliation: NCAA II
 Conference: Rocky Mountain Athletic
 Head Coach: Shelly Johnson
 Volleyball Phone: 303-273-3371
 Athletic Director: Marv Kay
 Athletics Phone: 303-273-3360
 Sports Info. Director: Gregory Murphy
 SID Phone: 303-273-3095
 SID Fax: 303-273-2380
 Website: <http://athletics.mines.edu>
 2002 Record: 1-27
 Last Meeting: CSM 3, MSUB 0 (Aug. 29, 1000 at MSUB)
 Series Record: 2-2

2003 Opponents

University of Hawaii-Hilo

Friday, Oct. 3 at Hilo, HI
Friday, Nov. 3 at Billings, MT
Saturday, Nov. 4 at Billings, MT

Nickname: Vulcans
Location: Hilo, HI
Enrollment: 2,800
School Colors: Red, White and Blue
Arena/Capacity: Afook-Chinen Civic Center/3,000
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: Pacific West
Head Coach: Julie Morgan
Volleyball Phone: 808-974-7698
Athletic Director: Kathy McNally
Athletics Phone: 808-974-7520
Sports Info. Director: Kelly Leong
SID Phone: 808-974-7606
SID Fax: 808-974-7711
Website: <http://vulcans.uhh.hawaii.edu/>
2002 Record: 8-18
2002 Results: MSUB 3, UHH 2 (Sept. 17 at UHH)
MSUB 3, UHH 0 (Nov. 8 at MSUB)
UHH 3, MSUB 2 (Nov. 9 at MSUB)
Series Record: 6-6

Hawaii Pacific University

Thursday, Sept. 25 at Alterowitz Gym
Friday, Sept. 26 at Alterowitz Gym
Saturday, Oct. 4 at Honolulu, HI

Nickname: Sea Warriors
Location: Honolulu, HI
Enrollment: 8,900
School Colors: Columbia Blue, White, and Kelly Green
Arena/Capacity: St. Andrew's Priory/530
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: Pacific West
Head Coach: Tita Ahuna
Volleyball Phone: 808-381-4845
Athletic Director: Russell Dung
Athletics Phone: 808-544-0221
Sports Info. Director: Jarnett Lono
SID Phone: 808-544-0223
SID Fax: 808-544-2405
Website: <http://web1.hpu.edu/index.cfm?section=seawarriorsports>
2002 Record: 14-9
2002 Results: HPU 3, MSUB 1 (Sept. 16 at HPU)
HPU 3, MSUB 0 (Nov. 11 at MSUB)
HPU 3, MSUB 0 (Nov. 12 at MSUB)
Series Record: 1-9

Humboldt State University

Friday, Sept. 5 at Humboldt State Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 6 at Humboldt State Tournament

Nickname: Lumberjacks
Location: Arcata, CA
Enrollment: 7,000
School Colors: Green and Gold
Arena/Capacity: East Gym/1,400
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: Great Northwest
Head Coach: Susan Woodstra
Volleyball Phone: 707-826-6017
Athletic Director: Dan Collen
Athletics Phone: 707-826-3666
Sports Info. Director: Dan Pambianco
SID Phone: 707-826-3631
SID Fax: 707-826-5446
Website: <http://hsujacks.com>
2002 Record: 5-21
Last Meeting: HSU 3, MSUB 1 (Oct. 9, 1999 at HSU)
Series Record: 0-1

Ouachita Baptist University

Saturday, Aug. 30 at Lakewood, CO

Nickname: Lady Tigers
Location: Arkadelphia, AR
Enrollment: 1,700
School Colors: Purple and Gold
Arena/Capacity: Bill Vining Arena/2,500
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: Gulf South
Head Coach: Marissa Lafitte
Volleyball Phone: 870-245-5083
Athletic Director: David Sharp
Athletics Phone: 870-245-5181
Sports Info. Director: Chris Babb
SID Phone: 870-245-5186
SID Fax: 870-245-5084
Website: www.gotigers.obu.edu
2002 Record: 6-22
Last Meeting: First
Series Record: 0-0

2003 Opponents

Rocky Mountain College

Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Alterowitz Gym
Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Fortin Center

Nickname: Battlin' Bears
Location: Billings, MT
Enrollment: 800
School Colors: Green and Gold
Arena/Capacity: Fortin Center/1,500
Affiliation: NAIA
Conference: Frontier
Head Coach: Wade Wells
Volleyball Phone: 406-657-1119
Athletic Director: Terry Corey
Athletics Phone: 406-657-1124
Sports Info. Director: TBA
SID Phone: 406-657-1001
SID Fax: 406-657-1185
Website: www.rocky.edu/campus/athletics
2002 Record: 19-9
2002 Results: RMC 3, MSUB 0 (Sept. 24 at MSUB)
RMC 3, MSUB 0 (Oct. 29 at RMC)
Series Record: 19-9

Sonoma State University

Friday, Sept. 5 at Humboldt State Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 6 at Humboldt State Tournament

Nickname: Seawolves
Location: Rohnert Park, CA
Enrollment: 7,500
School Colors: Navy, Columbia Blue and White
Arena/Capacity: Main Gymnasium/2,000
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: California Collegiate Athletic Association
Head Coach: Ed Grasl
Volleyball Phone: 707-664-2656
Athletic Director: Bill Fusco
Athletics Phone: 707-664-2521
Sports Info. Director: Brandon Bronzan
SID Phone: 707-664-2106
SID Fax: 707-664-4104
Website: www.sonoma.edu/athletics
2002 Record: 15-14
Last Meeting: MSUB 3, SSU 1 (Oct. 13, 1989 at SSU)
Series Record: 2-0

Wayne State University

Saturday, Aug. 30 at Golden, CO

Nickname: The Warriors
Location: Detroit, MI
Enrollment: 31,185
School Colors: Green and Gold
Arena/Capacity: Matthaei Building/2,000
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: Great Lakes
Head Coach: Limin Jin
Volleyball Phone: 313-577-7541
Athletic Director: Rob Fournier
Athletics Phone: 313-577-4280
Sports Info. Director: Jeff Weiss
SID Phone: 313-577-7542
SID Fax:
Website: www.wsuathletics.com
2002 Record: 10-17
Last Meeting: First
Series Record: 0-0

Western New Mexico University

Friday, Oct. 17 at Silver City, NM
Saturday, Oct. 18 at Silver City, NM
Thursday, Nov. 13 at Alterowitz Gymnasium
Friday, Nov. 14 at Alterowitz Gymnasium

Nickname: Mustangs
Location: Silver City, NM
Enrollment: 2,500
School Colors: Purple and Gold
Arena/Capacity: Mustang Fieldhouse/1,500
Affiliation: NCAA II
Conference: Pacific West
Head Coach: Jim Callender
Volleyball Phone: 505-538-6225
Athletic Director: Scott Woodard
Athletics Phone: 505-538-6218
Sports Info. Director: Jessica Armijo
SID Phone: 505-538-6543
SID Fax: 505-538-6163
Website: www.wnmu.edu/athletic
2002 Record: 19-13
2002 Results: MSUB 3, WNMU 1 (Oct. 4 at MSUB)
WNMU 3, MSUB 1 (Oct. 5 at MSUB)
WNMU 3, MSUB 0 (Nov. 1 at WNMU)
MSUB 3, WNMU 2 (Nov. 2 at WNMU)
Series Record: 7-11

2002 Season in Review

The 2002 volleyball season presented a number of challenges for the Yellowjackets. The foremost of those challenges was replacing three of the best players to ever have played in the program. The Jackets opened their 2002 training camp with the primary goal of finding players to fill the vacancies left by school record holders Angie Hopes, Mandi Taylor, and Tegan Harris. MSUB relied on a mix of transfers and freshmen to replace the three graduated stars and the results were also mixed.

2002 Pacific West Conference Standings

School	Conf.	Overall
Brigham Young University-Hawaii	9-1	27-2
Chaminade University	6-4	15-8
Hawaii Pacific University	6-4	14-9
Western New Mexico University	3-7	19-13
Montana State University-Billings	3-7	9-18
University of Hawaii at Hilo	3-7	8-18

The Yellowjackets opened the season on the road at a tournament in Mankato, Minnesota. They finished the tournament with a 1-3 record after defeating Bemidji State and falling to Concordia-St. Paul, St. Cloud State and South Dakota State. SDSU was the national runner-up the previous season.

MSUB won three of their next five with one of the losses coming at the hands of eventual undefeated NAIA national champion National American University. With the recent success, the Jackets entered the opening week of PacWest play with confidence. They opened the PacWest season with losses at BYU-Hawaii and Chaminade. BYUH later went on to win the conference, regional and national titles while Chaminade went on to qualify for the regional tournament. The Yellowjackets finished that trip with a good showing against Hawaii Pacific and an improbable 3-2 comeback win at Hawaii-Hilo. MSUB trailed 0-2 in that match and won three straight games for their first conference win of the season.

After falling to cross-town rival Rocky Mountain just days after returning from the long trip to Hawaii, the Yellowjackets won their second straight PacWest match by defeating Western New Mexico. However, they dropped their next four matches by a combined score of 12-1. MSUB rebounded for a 3-0 win over Chaminade just one night after Chaminade had prevailed 3-0.

After consecutive losses, MSUB battled Western New Mexico for a 3-2 win on the road and followed with a three-game sweep of Hawaii-Hilo at home. However, it was the visiting team that made the comeback the second night as UHH held on for a marathon 3-2 victory to send the Yellowjackets into a three match losing streak to finish the season.

When it was all over, the theme of the season was one of both frustration and optimism. The Yellowjackets had played well at times against some of the best teams in the nation while at other times falling into lapses that resulted in disappointing losses.

2002 Season Statistics

Team Season Leaders in **bold blue**

Offensive Statistics

Name	G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct	A	A/G	SA	SE	SA/G
Krissy Janney	94	120	1.28	24	355	.270	964	10.3	31	22	0.33
Katrina Dahlgren	85	226	2.66	102	555	.223	7	0.08	11	33	0.13
Ashley Jones	44	109	2.48	41	322	.211	8	0.18	11	13	0.25
Olivia Munro	83	312	3.76	141	995	.172	25	0.30	33	40	0.40
Joanna Peterson	69	4	0.06	1	18	.167	8	0.12	1	6	0.01
Mandi Paulson	94	101	1.07	40	382	.160	63	0.67	12	8	0.13
Sandy Beal	73	68	0.93	34	214	.159	4	0.05	4	6	0.05
Corteny Metzler	78	112	1.44	53	375	.157	19	0.24	16	28	0.21
Onika Van Zanten	51	5	0.10	3	20	.100	1	0.02	11	8	0.22
Kari Gerretsen	86	244	2.84	172	846	.085	19	0.22	20	26	0.23
Cody Malnaa	4	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	0	0.25
TEAM	95	1301	13.69	611	4082	.169	1118	11.8	153	190	1.61
Opponents	95	1389	14.62	566	3912	.210	1252	13.2	168	167	1.77

Defensive Statistics

Name	RE	Dig	D/G	BS	BA	Tot.	B/G	BE	BHE
Krissy Janney	2	270	2.87	0	27	27	0.29	16	16
Katrina Dahlgren	1	50	0.59	45	41	86	1.01	23	6
Ashley Jones	19	105	2.39	1	2	3	0.07	0	3
Olivia Munro	38	329	3.96	2	11	13	0.16	8	1
Joanna Peterson	14	188	2.72	0	0	0	0.00	0	1
Mandi Paulson	37	405	4.31	4	19	23	0.24	6	3
Sandy Beal	0	25	0.34	5	36	41	0.56	8	5
Corteny Metzler	2	120	1.54	18	49	67	0.86	16	3
Onika Van Zanten	2	29	0.57	0	1	1	0.02	0	1
Kari Gerretsen	29	256	2.98	2	15	17	0.20	9	6
Cody Malnaa	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
TEAM	184	1777	18.71	77	201	177.5	1.87	86	45
Opponents	136	1752	18.44	69	250	194.0	2.04	58	62

2002 Results

Home matches in CAPS - Season Team Highs in **bold blue**

Date	Opponent	Result	High Kills	High Assists	High Digs
Aug. 30	Bemidji State	L, 1-3	Gerretsen (16)	Janney (45)	Paulson (19)
Aug. 30	Concordia-St. Paul	L, 0-3	Gerretsen (12)	Janney (25)	Janney (17)
Aug. 31	St. Cloud State	L, 2-3	Munro (31)	Janney (45)	Paulson (40)
Aug. 31	S.D. State	L, 0-3	Munro (10)	Janney (22)	Paulson (18)
Sep. 5	MSU-NORTHERN	W, 3-0	Munro (16)	Janney (36)	Munro (6)
Sep. 6	Great Falls	W, 3-0	Munro (15)	Janney (33)	Peterson (18)
Sep. 6	National American	L, 0-3	Munro (9)	Janney (15)	Paulson (8)
Sep. 7	Carroll College	L, 1-3	Munro/Dahlgren (16)	Janney (45)	Munro (18)
Sep. 7	Montana Tech	W, 3-0	Dahlgren (15)	Janney (41)	Gerretsen (13)
Sep. 13	BYU-Hawaii	L, 0-3	Paulson (7)	Janney (20)	Peterson (9)
Sep. 14	Chaminade	L, 0-3	Munro (8)	Janney (18)	Janney/Paulson (4)
Sep. 16	Hawaii Pacific	L, 1-3	Munro (19)	Janney (31)	Gerretsen (13)
Sep. 17	Hawaii-Hilo	W, 3-2	Munro (24)	Janney (64)	Munro (17)
Sep. 24	ROCKY MTN.	L, 0-3	Gerretsen (9)	Janney (29)	Gerretsen/Paulson (13)
Oct. 4	WESTERN N.M.	W, 3-1	Munro (21)	Janney (51)	Paulson (21)
Oct. 5	WESTERN N.M.	L, 1-3	Dahlgren (21)	Janney (43)	Munro (28)
Oct. 18	BYU-HAWAII	L, 0-3	Janney (10)	Janney (30)	Paulson (17)
Oct. 19	BYU-HAWAII	L, 0-3	Jones/Gerretsen (13)	Janney (37)	Paulson (14)
Oct. 21	CHAMINADE	L, 0-3	Jones (14)	Janney (24)	Gerretsen (14)
Oct. 22	CHAMINADE	W, 3-0	Gerretsen (20)	Janney (44)	Paulson (18)
Oct. 29	Rocky Mtn.	L, 0-3	Gerretsen (11)	Janney (26)	Janney/Paulson (7)
Nov. 1	Western N.M.	L, 0-3	Munro (8)	Janney (25)	Paulson (23)
Nov. 2	Western N.M.	W, 3-2	Munro (16)	Janney (41)	Paulson (44)
Nov. 8	HAWAII-HILO	W, 3-0	Gerretsen/Dahlgren (15)	Janney (43)	Munro (15)
Nov. 9	HAWAII-HILO	L, 2-3	Munro (21)	Janney (59)	Munro (40)
Nov. 11	HAWAII PACIFIC	L, 0-3	Munro (10)	Janney (30)	Paulson (19)
Nov. 12	HAWAII PACIFIC	L, 0-3	Munro (20)	Janney (42)	Paulson (17)

Individual Season Records

Season, Kills

1. Diane Vargo (1997)	526
2. Angie Hopes (2001)	474
3. Angie Hopes (200)	391
4. Iona Fortier (1988)	369
5. Brandee Sayles (1997)	361
6. Diane Vargo (1998)	329
7. Brandee Sayles (1996)	321
8. Deb Dianda (1989)	320
9. Olivia Munro (2002)	321
10. Kim Laama (1996)	309
11. Lori Brandon (1999)	304
12. Deb Dianda (1988)	294

Season, Assists

1. Gina Langer (1996)	1330
2. Gina Langer (1998)	1161
3. Mandi Taylor (2001)	1152
4. Carrie Christensen (1989)	1043
5. Kristen Janney (2002)	964
6. Gina Langer (1997)	943
7. Gina Langer (1999)	900
8. Mandi Taylor (2000)	780
9. Brenna Reiner (1995)	775
10. Stephanie Hannah (1988)	675
11. Mellaney Williams (1990)	533
12. Nicole Johnson (1991)	463

Season, Digs

1. Diane Vargo (1998)	440
2. Brandee Sayles (1997)	437
Gina Langer (1998)	437
4. Diane Vargo (1997)	430
5. Connie Meyer (1991)	418
6. Brandee Sayles (1996)	408
7. Mandi Paulson (2002)	405
8. Deb Dianda (1989)	399
9. Gina Langer (1999)	392
10. Angie Hopes (2001)	380
11. Gina Langer (1997)	361
12. Rishay Vollertsen (1991)	356

Season, Service Aces

1. Gina Langer (1996)	59
2. Iona Fortier (1988)	52
3. Stephanie Hannah (1988)	50
4. Laura Van Antwerp (1996)	48
5. Carmen Hegg (1988)	47
6. Kathy Dewald (1989)	44
7. Brandee Sayles (1997)	42
Carrie Christensen (1989)	42
9. Brandee Sayles (1996)	41
Shannon Segerstrom (1988)	41
Gina Langer (1999)	41

Season, Total Blocks

1. Deb Dianda (1988)	169
2. Evonne Goroski (1988)	159
3. Deb Dianda (1989)	149
4. Tegan Harris (2001)	130
5. Katrina Dahlgren (2001)	119
6. Lori Brandon (1997)	112
7. Jody Newberry (1997)	110
8. Tegan Harris (2000)	103
Jody Newberry (1996)	103
9. Stephanie Hannah (1988)	103
10. Kathy Dewald (1989)	100
11. Amy Glas (1996)	98
Jody Newberry (1999)	98

Season, Solo Blocks

1. Evonne Goroski (1988)	59
2. Deb Dianda (1988)	50
Deb Dianda (1989)	50
4. Katrina Dahlgren (2002)	45
5. Katrina Dahlgren (2001)	37
6. Lori Brandon (1997)	35
Jody Newberry (1997)	35
8. Tegan Harris (2001)	32
9. Jody Newberry (1999)	31
10. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett (1991)	30
Jody Newberry (1998)	30
11. Tegan Harris (2000)	29
12. Stephanie Hannah (1988)	28

Season, Block Assists

1. Deb Dianda (1988)	119
2. Evonne Goroski (1988)	100
3. Deb Dianda (1989)	99
4. Tegan Harris (2001)	98
5. Katrina Dahlgren (2001)	82
Jody Newberry (1996)	82
7. Lori Brandon (1997)	77
8. Jody Newberry (1997)	75
9. Tegan Harris (2000)	74
Stephanie Hannah (1988)	74
11. Sheri Broderius (1994)	73
12. Amy Glas (1996)	71

Season, Hitting % (min. 350 attempts)

1. Diane Vargo (1997)	.335
2. Mandi Taylor (2001)	.326
3. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett (1991)	.308
4. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett (1992)	.290
5. Kathy Bothman (1989)	.281
6. Tegan Harris (2001)	.271
7. Kristen Janney (2002)	.270
8. Deb Dianda (1988)	.257
9. Deb Dianda (1989)	.234
10. Angie Hopes (2000)	.232
11. Rhonda Fiscus (1989)	.231
12. Katrina Dahlgren (2002)	.223
13. Billie Jo Greene (1993)	.212

Season, Kills Average

1. Diane Vargo (1997)	4.61
2. Angie Hopes (2001)	4.27
3. Olivia Munro (2002)	3.76
4. Angie Hopes (2000)	3.62
5. Brandee Sayles (1997)	3.12
6. Lori Brandon (1999)	3.04
7. Connie Meyer (1992)	2.93
8. Rishay Vollertsen (1991)	2.90
9. Diane Vargo (1998)	2.79
10. Deb Dianda (1989)	2.76
11. Billie Jo Greene (1993)	2.75
12. Katrina Dahlgren (2002)	2.66
13. Tegan Harris (2001)	2.59
14. Iona Fortier (1988)	2.58
12. Angie Hopes (2001)	3.42
13. Shani Steadman (1991)	3.40

Season, Digs Average

1. Connie Meyer (1991)	4.75
2. Mandi Paulson (2002)	4.31
3. Olivia Munro (2002)	3.96
Gina Langer (1999)	3.96
4. Rishay Vollertsen (1991)	3.91
5. Brandee Sayles (1997)	3.87
6. Diane Vargo (1997)	3.77
Nicole Johnson (1991)	3.77
8. Jody Jobanek (1998)	3.74
9. Diane Vargo (1998)	3.73
10. Gina Langer ((1998)	3.64
11. Olivia Munro (2001)	3.57

Season, Blocks Average

1. Deb Dianda (1989)	1.28
2. Sheri Broderius (1994)	1.26
3. Rachel Russell (1994)	1.25
4. Deb Dianda (1988)	1.21
5. Tegan Harris (2001)	1.17
6. Katrina Dahlgren (2001)	1.07
7. Katrina Dahlgren (2002)	1.01
8. Lori Brandon (1997)	.98
Jody Newberry (1999)	.98
10. Jody Newberry (1997)	.97
11. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett (1992).	.96
12. Tegan Harris (2000)	.95

Season, Assists Average

1. Mandi Taylor (2001)	10.38
2. Gina Langer (1996)	10.31
3. Kristen Janney (2002)	10.26
4. Mandi Taylor (2000)	10.13
5. Gina Langer (1998)	9.67
6. Carrie Christensen (1989)	9.15
7. Gina Langer (1999)	9.09
8. Brenna Reiner (1995)	9.01
9. Gina Langer (1997)	8.47
10. Mellaney Williams (1990)	7.40

Individual Career Records

Career, Kills

1. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	1,143
2. Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	951
3. Angie Hopes ('00-'01)	865
4. Diane Vargo ('97-'98)	855
5. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	822
6. Tegan Harris ('99-'01)	662
7. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	614
8. Rishay Vollertsen ('89-'92)	602
9. Olivia Munro ('01-'02)	525
10. Billie Jo Greene ('93-'95)	510
11. Katrina Dahlgren ('00-'02)	505
12. Amy Glas ('95-'96)	460
13. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	422
14. Connie Meyer ('91-'92)	420

Career, Assists

1. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	4,354
2. Mandi Taylor ('00-'01)	1,932
3. Kristen Janney ('99-'02)	1,483
4. Brenna Reiner ('94-'95) *	1,121
5. Mellaney Williams ('90-'92)	1,077
6. Carrie Christensen ('89)	1,043
7. Nicole Johnson ('91-'92)	819
8. Stephanie Hannah ('88) *	675
9. Jennifer Salberg ('93)	389
10. Iona Fortier ('88) *	382

Career, Digs

1. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	1,530
2. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	1,219
3. Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	1,087
4. Diane Vargo ('97-'98)	870
5. Mandi Paulson ('01-'02)	754
6. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	715
7. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	707
8. Rishay Vollertsen ('89-'92)	657
9. Shannon Segerstrom ('97-'98)	655
10. Olivia Munro ('01-'02)	640
11. Angie Hopes ('00-'01)	638
12. Connie Meyer ('91-'92)	625
13. Kristen Janney ('99-'02)	555
14. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett ('91-'92)	474

Career, Service Aces

1. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	178
2. Brandee Sayles ('94-'99)	79
3. Kristen Janney ('99-'02)	81
4. Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	79
5. Mandi Taylor ('00-'02)	72
6. Connie Meyer ('91-'92)	73
7. Carmen Hegg ('88-'89) *	65
8. Olivia Munro ('01-'02)	63
9. Janel Martin ('89-'90)	61
Shannon Segerstrom ('97-'98)	61
11. Nicole Johnson ('91-'92)	57
12. Deb Dianda ('86-'89) *	56
13. Angie Hopes ('00-'01)	54
14. Rishay Vollertsen ('89-'92)	52
Iona Fortier ('88) *	52

Career, Total Blocks

1. Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	402
2. Tegan Harris ('99-'01)	275
3. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	249
4. Katrina Dahlgren ('00-'02)	244
5. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	231
6. Rachel Russell ('93-'95)	195
7. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	177
8. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	174
9. Amy Glas ('95-'96)	167
10. Evonne Goroski ('88) *	159
11. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett ('91-'92)	156

Career, Blocks Solo

1. Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	117
2. Katrina Dahlgren ('00-'02)	91
3. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	83
4. Tegan Harris ('99-'01)	75
5. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	71
6. Evonne Goroski ('88) *	59
7. Amy Glas ('95-'96)	54
Fawn Nelson-Bartlett ('91-'92)	54
9. Billie Jo Greene ('93-'95)	49
10. Rachel Russell ('93-'95)	43
11. Shani Steadman ('90-'91)	40

Career, Block Assists

1. Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	285
2. Tegan Harris ('99-'01)	200
3. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	166
4. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	160
4. Katrina Dahlgren ('00-'02)	153
5. Rachel Russell ('93-'95)	152
6. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	146
Gina Langer ('96-'99)	146
8. Amy Glas ('95-'96)	113
9. Angie Hopes ('00-'01)	102
Fawn Nelson-Bartlett ('91-'92)	102
11. Sheri Broderius ('93-'94)	96

Career, Hitting %

1. Mandi Taylor ('00-'01)	.318
2. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett ('91-'92)	.300
3. Diane Vargo ('97-'98)	.250
4. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	.245
5. Tegan Harris ('99-'01)	.233
6. Kristen Janney ('99-'02)	.217
7. Katrina Dahlgren ('00-'02)	.216
8. Angie Hopes ('00-'01)	.210
9. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	.209
10. Tegan Harris ('99-'01)	.205
11. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	.192
12. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	.185
13. Rishay Vollertsen ('89-'92)	.179
14. Janel Martin ('89-'90)	.168

Career, Kills Average

1. Angie Hopes ('00-'01)	3.95
2. Diane Vargo ('97-'98)	3.68
3. Olivia Munro ('01-'02)	3.09
4. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	2.83
5. Connie Meyer ('91-'92)	2.66
6. Iona Fortier ('88) *	2.58
7. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	2.48
8. Deb Dianda ('88-'89)	2.40
9. Kathy Bothman ('89)	2.39
10. Billie Jo Greene ('93-'95)	2.36
11. Rishay Vollertsen ('89-'92)	2.33

Career, Assists Average

1. Mandi Taylor ('00-'01)	10.28
2. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	9.42
3. Carrie Christensen ('89) *	9.15
4. Brenna Reiner ('94-'95)	8.18
5. Nicole Johnson ('91-'92)	6.35
6. Mellaney Williams ('90-'92)	5.67

Career, Blocks Average

1. Evonne Goroski ('88) *	1.11
2. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett ('91-'92)	.96
3. Sheri Broderius ('94-'95)	.91
4. Deb Dianda ('88-'89)	.90
5. Rachel Russell ('93-'95)	.88
Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	.88
7. Shani Steadman ('90-'91)	.80
8. Amy Glas ('95-'96)	.78
9. Lori Brandon ('97-'00)	.75
10. Katrina Dahlgren ('00-'02)	.68
11. Billie Jo Greene ('93-'95)	.66

Career, Digs Average

1. Connie Meyer ('91-'92)	3.96
2. Olivia Munro ('01-'02)	3.76
3. Diane Vargo ('97-'98)	3.75
4. Mandi Paulson ('01-'02)	3.71
5. Nicole Johnson ('91-'92)	3.36
6. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	3.31
7. Shannon Segerstrom ('97-'98)	3.04
8. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	3.01
9. Fawn Nelson-Bartlett ('91-'92)	2.93
10. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	2.79
11. Angie Hopes ('00-'01)	2.67
12. Rishay Vollertsen ('89-'92)	2.55
13. Janel Martin ('89-'90)	2.39

Career, Games Played

1. Gina Langer ('96-'99)	462
2. Jody Newberry ('96-'99)	458
3. Brandee Sayles ('94-'97)	404
4. Lori Brandon ('97-'99)	332
5. Kristen Janney ('99-'02)	322
6. Tegan Harris ('99-'01)	302
7. RaeAnn Eustance ('88-'90)	280
8. Rishay Vollertsen ('89-'92)	258
9. Deb Dianda ('88-'89) *	256
10. Katrina Dahlgren ('00-'02)	246

Coaching Records

All-Time Record (Year-By-Year)

Year	Overall Record	Pct.	Conf.	(Pct)	Head Coach
1977-80	Team competes at the NAIA and then NCAA D-II Level; no other information about those teams exists				
1981-83	Volleyball dropped at MSU-B				
1984	0-10	.000	None		Kathy James
1985	7-19	.250	3-11	.214	Kathy James
1986	13-24	.351	2-12	.143	Kathy James
1987	21-25	.457	2-12	.143	Fred Klawns
1988	8-35	.186	2-8	.200	Lynn Kessler Blevins
1989	15-20	.429	3-9	.250	Lynn Kessler Blevins
1990	2-27	.069	0-6	.000	Diane Campbell
1991	8-18	.308	1-7	.125	Kathy Murray
1992	3-15	.167	0-8	.000	Kathy Murray
1993	1-21	.045	0-9	.000	Kathy Murray
1994	3-21	.125	0-14	.000	Gary Nelson
1995	3-23	.115	1-13	.071	Jim Bertoli
1996	13-20	.393	5-7	.417	Jim Bertoli
1997	15-15	.500	7-5	.583	Tricia Nielsen
1998	15-17	.469	6-8	.429	Tricia Nielsen
1999	8-20	.276	2-12	.143	Tricia Nielsen
2000	9-20	.310	5-9	.357	Pa'ulasi Matavao
2001	15-15	.500	5-10	.333	Pa'ulasi Matavao
2002	9-18	.333	3-7	.300	Pa'ulasi Matavao
TOTAL	168-383	.305	47-167	.220	9 Coaches

Head Coaches' Cumulative Records (By Total Wins)

Coach	Seasons	Overall Rec./Pct.	Conf. Rec./Pct.
Tricia Nielsen	1997-1999	38-52/.422	15-25/.375
Pa'ulasi Matavao	2000 – present	33-53/.384	13-26/.333
Lynn Kessler Blevins	1988-1989	23-55/.295	5-17/.227
Fred Klawns	1987	21-25/.457	2-12/.143
Kathy James	1984-1986	20-53/.274	5-23/.179
Jim Bertoli	1995-96	16-43/.271	6-20/.231
Kathy Murray	1991-1993	12-54/.182	1-24/.040
Gary Nelson	1994	3-21/.125	0-14/.000
Diane Campbell	1990	2-27/.069	0-6/.000

All-Time Records vs. Opponents

1984-2002 (Listed by state)

Alaska

Alaska-Anchorage - 2-25 (last meeting, Oct. 21, 2000)
Alaska-Fairbanks - 11-17 (last meeting, Sept. 16, 2000)

Arizona

American Indian Bible College - 1-0 (last meeting, Oct. 1, 1993)
Embry-Riddle - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 27, 1997)
Grand Canyon - 0-10 (last meeting, Sept. 27, 1999)

California

Azusa Pacific - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 4, 1998)
Biola - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 8, 1998)
UC-Riverside - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 11, 1997)
Cal State-San Bernardino - 0-2 (last meeting, Sept. 5, 1998)
Cal State-Dominguez Hills - 1-1 (last meeting, Sept. 4, 1998)
Christian Heritage College - 2-0 (last meeting, Sept. 5, 1998)
Humboldt State - 1-0 (last meeting, Oct. 9, 1999)
The Master's College - 1-1 (last meeting, Sept. 5, 1998)
Sacramento State - 1-1 (last meeting, Oct. 13, 1989)
San Francisco State - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 14, 1989)
Sonoma State - 2-0 (last meeting, Oct. 13, 1989)

Canada

Simon Fraser - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 9, 1998)

Colorado

Adams State - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 2, 1992)
Air Force Academy - 1-10 (last meeting, Sept. 24, 1989)
Colorado Christian - 1-0 (last meeting, Oct. 4, 1991)
Colorado College - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 16, 1985)
Colorado Mines - 2-2 (last meeting, Aug. 28, 1999)
CU-Colorado Springs - 0-3 (last meeting, Sept. 17, 1993)
Colorado State - 1-0 (last meeting, Oct. 17, 1986)
Denver - 2-12 (last meeting, Sept. 27, 1991)
Fort Lewis - 3-3 (last meeting, Aug. 25, 2000)
Mesa State - 0-4 (last meeting, Sept. 2, 1994)
Metro State - 0-13 (last meeting, Sept. 28, 1991)
Northern Colorado - 0-11 (last meeting, Oct. 21, 1988)
Regis - 0-12 (last meeting, Nov. 11, 1989)
Southern Colorado - 1-2 (last meeting, Sept. 21, 1990)
Western State - 1-1 (last meeting, Sept. 18, 1987)

Florida

Florida Southern - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 18, 1987)

Hawaii

BYU-Hawaii - 1-7 (last meeting, Oct. 19, 2002)
Chaminade - 4-8 (last meeting, Oct. 22, 2002)
Hawaii-Hilo - 6-6 (last meeting, Nov. 9, 2002)
Hawaii Pacific - 1-9 (last meeting, Nov. 12, 2002)

Idaho

Albertson - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 10, 1999)
Boise State - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 12, 1990)
Lewis-Clark State - 2-3 (last meeting, Aug. 28, 1998)
Northwest Nazarene - 2-1 (last meeting, Sept. 18, 1987)

Kansas

Fort Hays State - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 3, 1994)

Minnesota

Ferris State - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 5, 1997)
Madonna - 0-2 (last meeting, Aug. 25, 2000)
Bemidji State - 1-1 (last meeting, Aug. 31, 2002)
Concordia-St. Paul - 0-1 (last meeting, Aug. 30, 2002)
Minnesota-Morris - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 6, 1997)
Moorhead State - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 15, 1989)
St. Cloud State - 0-2 (last meeting, Aug. 31, 2002)
Southwest State - 1-1 (last meeting, Oct. 23, 1988)

Missouri

Drury - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 18, 1986)
Northeast Missouri - 1-0 (last meeting, Oct. 17, 1987)
Northwest Missouri - 1-0 (last meeting, Oct. 18, 1987)
Southeast Missouri - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 19, 1986)

Montana

Carroll College - 5-20 (last meeting, Sept. 7, 2002)
Great Falls - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 6, 2002)
MSU-Bozeman - 2-5 (last meeting, Sept. 1, 1998)
Montana Tech - 6-15 (last meeting, Sept. 7, 2002)
MSU-Northern - 8-7 (last meeting, Sept. 5, 2002)
Rocky Mountain - 19-9 (last meeting, Oct. 29, 2002)
Montana - 0-3 (last meeting, Oct. 9, 1990)
Western Montana - 10-12 (last meeting, Sept. 15, 2001)

North Dakota

Dickinson State - 2-1 (last meeting Sept. 18, 1994)
Mary - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 2, 1989)
North Dakota - 0-2 (last meeting, Sept. 16, 1989)
North Dakota State - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 6, 1997)

Nebraska

Chadron State - 3-4 (last meeting, Sept. 5, 2000)
Nebraska-Kearney - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 3, 1999)

New Mexico

College of Southwest - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 18, 1993)
Eastern New Mexico - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 22, 1994)
New Mexico Highlands - 1-1 (last meeting, Oct. 26, 2000)
Western New Mexico - 7-11 (last meeting, Nov. 2, 2002)

Oregon

Eastern Oregon - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 14, 1990)
Portland State - 0-4 (last meeting, Oct. 15, 1994)
Western Oregon - 0-4 (last meeting, Oct. 7, 1999)

South Dakota

Augustana - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 16, 1989)
Black Hills State - 2-0 (last meeting, Sept. 2, 1994)
National American - 0-2 (last meeting, Sept. 6, 2002)
Northern State - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 5, 1997)
South Dakota State - 0-1 (last meeting, Aug. 31, 2002)
South Dakota Tech - 5-2 (last meeting, Aug. 29, 1997)
South Dakota - 1-0 (last meeting, Aug. 28, 1999)

Texas

Abilene Christian - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 2, 1992)
Tarleton State - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 3, 1999)
Texas Woman's - 0-1 (last meeting, Oct. 22, 1988)

Utah

Westminster - 2-0 (last meeting, Oct. 25, 2001)

Washington

Central Washington - 0-2 (last meeting, Oct. 14, 1999)
Gonzaga - 0-1 (last meeting, Sept. 20, 1986)
Pacific Lutheran - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 18, 1987)
Saint Martin's - 2-0 (last meeting, Oct. 16, 1999)
Seattle Pacific - 0-12 (last meeting, Oct. 7, 2000)
Seattle - 1-0 (last meeting, Oct. 14, 2000)
Western Washington - 0-3 (last meeting, Oct. 6, 2000)
Whitworth - 0-6 (last meeting, Sept. 14, 1990)
Whitman - 1-0 (last meeting, Sept. 21, 1990)

About MSU-Billings

At Montana State University – Billings one-on-one relationships with your faculty, staff, and classmates will make the difference. Your academic experience will be highly personalized, from your first campus visit to your last classroom discussion. In addition to receiving quality instruction, real-world experiences such as group projects, practicums, internships, and cooperative education programs will prepare you for your chosen career.

Our commitment to access and excellence begins in the classroom and extends well beyond the boundaries of our campus.

Access

- ✓ Learn in small classes taught by professors at the top of their field
- ✓ Take classes online, in the evening, or in accelerated formats
- ✓ Receive help funding your college education through financial aid and scholarships
- ✓ Take advantage of the accommodating hours at Evening Student Services
- ✓ Visit one-on-one with an Academic Advisor to develop a plan of study
- ✓ Seek assistance from professional tutors in the Academic Support Center

Excellence

- ✓ Learn from faculty members who will challenge and prepare you for the real world
- ✓ Receive assistance from staff members who are friendly, helpful, and committed to your academic success
- ✓ Access facilities that are consistently updated and improved to make an excellent environment for learning
- ✓ Explore services that provide opportunities to discover new possibilities

MSU-Billings At A Glance

- ✓ Located in Montana's largest city
- ✓ Over 100 programs of study
- ✓ 4,300 students enrolled
- ✓ 84% of faculty hold the highest degree in their field
- ✓ 85% of students receive financial assistance
- ✓ Compete in NCAA Division II Athletics
- ✓ Average class size of 25
- ✓ 112-acre campus
- ✓ Over 50 chartered student organizations

What our students say:

My favorite thing about college is the sense of community you develop over the course of your first year and beyond. I really like how the professors are easy to talk to and are willing to help you out in any way they can.

-Adam, Biology major from Hardin, Montana

I never thought I would know so many people, and they aren't just acquaintances. We know all about each other.

-Amy, Elementary Education major from Big Timber, Montana

My favorite part of Billings is all of the great shopping and all of the fun things that most other towns in Montana do not have to offer.

-Kyle, Elementary Education major from Fort Shaw, Montana

About MSUB Athletics

Montana State University-Billings is an NCAA Division II member sponsoring twelve varsity sports, seven for women and five for men, plus co-ed cheerleading. The mission of MSU-Billings Athletics is to provide opportunities for student-athletes that are high in both quantity and quality. By offering a variety of teams for men and women as well as a broad range of academic programs, Yellowjacket Athletics has continued to grow in recent years.

Fall Sports

The men's soccer team faced a grueling road schedule in 2002, playing 16 of its 17 contests outside of Montana. The Yellowjackets finished the season with a 6-11 highlighted by winning their first tournament at the Northwest Nazarene Invitational. Doug Seigle will enter his second year at the helm of the Jackets in 2003 with a team that he believes will be one of the strongest defensive squads in the region. Seigle has added a balanced mix of transfers and high school players to a talented group of returnees.

The Lady Jacket soccer team is in the midst of rebuilding after winning just twice in 16 games last season. The Yellowjackets played with a short roster for much of the year, sometimes suiting up only 13 players. Second year coach Don Trentham has added depth and speed with one of the program's largest-ever recruiting classes. With a strong home schedule that includes nine games at Yellowjacket Field, 2003 could be turning point for the women's soccer program at MSU-Billings.

The Yellowjacket volleyball team posted a 9-18 record in one of the most competitive conferences in NCAA II. The Jackets played four matches against eventual national champions in 2002, including three against NCAA II National Champion BYU-Hawaii and NAIA National Champion National American. The season was highlighted by a 3-2 victory at Hawaii-Hilo after trailing 2-0. Coach Pa'ulasi Matavao will boast the longest tenure of any Yellowjacket volleyball coach when he finishes his fourth season in 2003. He also needs just five more victories to become the winningest coach in Yellowjacket history.

The women's cross-country team posted the highest team GPA among NCAA II teams for the third straight year in 2002-2003. They have now been on the Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic list for eight years running. The Lady Jackets placed 16th at the West Regional Meet, led by Ellen Swogger's 47th place finish. Chelsea Lynnes wasn't far behind in 59th place and both runners return this year.

The men's cross-country team had as many as nine runners just a month before the season. By the end of the season, the Jackets were down to three runners and were unable to compete as a team. Freshman Brian Fosjord finished 90th at the Regional for the Jackets' highest individual place. Coach Dave Coppock has a 2003 recruiting class that will put the Yellowjackets back into team competition.

About MSUB Athletics

Winter Sports

The men's basketball team ran into one hurdle after another in defending their PacWest Championship last season. Although they finished second in the nation for scoring and three-pointers, the Jackets were so severely depleted by injuries and illnesses by midseason that they finished the season with only eight healthy players. Returning from injury for the 2003-2004 season will be leading scorer Jerett Skrifvars and assist leader Dave Carse. Coach Craig Carse has bolstered the roster with several transfers during the off-season and will be looking to return to the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Yellowjacket basketball team qualified for the West Regional for the second straight year after posting a 20-6 regular season record. They earned the region's No. 3 seed and defeated Central Washington in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. The Jackets lost to No. 1-ranked Seattle Pacific in the regional semifinals. MSUB will have to rebuild in 2003-2004 after graduating one of the program's best recruiting classes of all time.

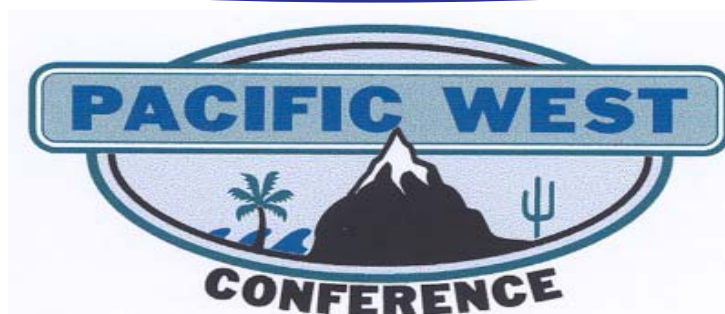
Spring Sports

The MSU-Billings softball team was one of the most improved teams in the Pacific West Conference, posting a 15-20 overall record in just its third year of competition. Coach Jeff Aumend's squad notched program-bests in several statistical categories including batting average (.271) and runs scored (136). The Lady Jackets' conference season was highlighted when they took three of four games from second place Hawaii-Hilo at the end of the season. MSUB returns a solid core of starters for the 2004 season, most of whom will be sophomores and juniors.

The men's and women's tennis teams hosted the second annual Pacific West Conference Tennis Championships in 2003, with each team placing fifth. The Yellowjackets, who traveled to Hawaii for last year's championships, hosted the four Hawaii schools and Western New Mexico. Billings tennis fans were able to enjoy watching top-notch tennis as well as the eventual men's and women's national champions. MSUB will return to Hawaii for the 2004 PacWest Championships.

Men's and women's golf made its debut at MSU-Billings in the 2002-2003 school year, increasing the number of varsity sports sponsored at the school to 12. Dave Doherty, who is also the head golf professional at Pryor Creek Golf Club, guided eight men's and five women's players through their first season. The men's team closed the season with an impressive fifth place finish at the competitive Regis Invitational. Doherty expects big improvement from both squads after having a full year to recruit.

Pacific West Conference



The Pacific West Conference was formed in 1992 by the merger of the Great Northwest Conference and the Continental Divide Conference. In the past ten years, the PacWest has undergone several changes, but has remained as one of the most diverse athletic conferences in the NCAA. For the third year, the Pacific West is comprised of six schools: Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Chaminade University, Hawaii Pacific University, Montana State University-Billings, University of Hawaii-Hilo, and Western New Mexico University.

Woody Hahn has served as the PacWest Conference Commissioner since the conference was created in 1992. However, he was also the Commissioner of the two conferences that eventually formed the PacWest: the GNC and CDC. He became Commissioner of the GNC in 1982 while he was still the Athletics Director at Eastern Montana College. He has been the conference's only commissioner.

The formative years of the PacWest date back to 1981 when the Great Northwest Conference was formed as a men's basketball scheduling conference. The six charter members of the GNC were Alaska-Anchorage, Alaska-Fairbanks, Eastern Montana (now MSU-Billings), Eastern Washington, Puget Sound, and Seattle Pacific. In 1982, the Continental Divide Conference was formed. Alaska-Anchorage, Alaska-Fairbanks, and Eastern Montana moved to the CDC in 1984, expanding that conference to eight schools.

Discussions about a merger between the two conferences began in 1990 when the creation of the Colorado Athletic Conference took four Colorado schools out of the CDC. With the loss of Colorado College, Air Force, Denver, and Northern Colorado, the CDC and GNC were left with four and five schools respectively. With new NCAA legislation requiring conferences to have six schools, it was an opportune time to merge the two conferences.

When the Pacific West Conference was formed by the merger of the CDC and GNC in 1992, it was comprised of seven schools. The conference eventually expanded to 16 members by 2000, spanning Alaska, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, New Mexico, and Hawaii. In the 1999-2000 season, both the men's and women's basketball champions from the PacWest reached the NCAA Final Four.

After becoming one of the most powerful and fastest growing conferences in Division II, the PacWest underwent another monumental change in 2001, dividing once again into two conferences. Schools from Washington, Alaska, California, and Oregon formed the new Great Northwest Athletic Conference, while the current six members remained in the Pacific West Conference.

Last year the six-school PacWest Conference had three National Champions crowned. BYU-Hawaii began the volleyball season unranked before claiming conference, regional, and national titles. The Seasideers also repeated as National Champions in both men's and women's tennis, with BYUH's men defeating PacWest rival Hawaii Pacific in the title match. The PacWest sent two teams to the men's basketball West Region Tournament (BYU-Hawaii and Hawaii-Hilo), with PacWest Champion and No. 1 seed BYU-Hawaii hosting the regional in Laie, HI.

The success of its member schools and the vast diversity of its people make the Pacific West Conference one of the most dynamic in the country. Following one of its most successful years ever, the PacWest plans to move into the future at full speed. Over the next two years the conference will double the number of championships it sponsors from five to ten, increasing the number of opportunities for its student-athletes.

MSUB Athletic Training



Pat Hughes enters his second full year as the Yellowjackets' head athletic trainer after serving as an assistant trainer for three years at MSU-Billings. A native of North Vernon, Indiana, Hughes graduated in 1997 from Purdue University where he worked with all of the Boilermakers' sports teams, including the football team that featured Drew Brees.

After graduating, he spent a year as an assistant trainer at Indiana Wesleyan University before moving to Billings. He served as assistant trainer for the Yellowjackets for three years under Todd Hull before taking over the head trainer duties in 2001. As a member of the Orthopedic Surgeons Sports Medicine Team, Hughes services all twelve varsity sports at MSU-Billings.

Included in his sport medicine experience are game coverage for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Minnesota Timberwolves and event coverage for the Pro Bull Riders Tour. Hughes currently lives in Billings with his wife Danielle.



Dr. James Elliott is the team doctor for Yellowjacket Athletics. Board certified in orthopedic surgery with fellowships in foot and ankle sports medicine, Dr. Elliott is the primary physician for a majority of the orthopedic surgeries and treatments received by Yellowjacket student-athletes. Dr. Elliott in conjunction with Orthopedic Surgeons of Billings provides MSU-Billings with its entire sports medicine staff, including the head trainer, assistant trainer and team doctor.

In addition to his duties with Yellowjacket Athletics, Dr. Elliott is also the team doctor for the Billings Mustangs, a Class A minor league affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds that operates during the summer.

Dr. Elliott received his undergraduate degree from Carroll College in Helena. He then went on to graduate from the University of Washington School of Medicine WAMI program and performed his residency at the University of Chicago Department of Orthopedics. Dr. Elliott is now affiliated with Orthopedic Surgeons, PSC, and specializes in sports related trauma injuries.



A newcomer to Montana, John Townsend is taking over the responsibilities of the graduate assistant athletics trainer for the Yellowjackets. Townsend comes to MSU-Billings after receiving his Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from the University of Central Florida in Orlando where he graduated with honors. While in Orlando, he worked in a variety of athletic training settings, from inner-city high schools to NCAA Division I football teams. Townsend was a member of the medical team for many large events such as the Walt Disney World Marathon and the Rotary Gridiron Classic college football all-star game. He plans to spend the next two years in Billings working with the Yellowjacket athletes while pursuing a Master of Education in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Administration



Dr. Ronald P. Sexton was named Acting Chancellor at MSU-Billings in July 1994 and appointed Chancellor in March 1995 following an extensive nationwide search. Dr. Sexton became the first Chancellor in the history of Montana State University-Billings when the university was renamed from Eastern Montana College in 1994. The name change was a result of restructuring of the Montana University System by the Board of Regents. MSU-Billings officially became administratively affiliated with Montana State University in July 1994.

Before becoming Chancellor, Dr. Sexton was the Academic Vice President and Professor of Special Education and Reading at MSU-Billings from 1987 to 1994. He has held several administrative and academic positions at MSU-Billings since 1977.

Dr. Sexton earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Montana College in 1959. Sexton played collegiate baseball for the Yellowjackets and has been a strong proponent of Yellowjacket Athletics throughout his tenure at the university. He received his Master of Science degree from EMC in 1964 and earned his Ph.D. in Education from the University of Oregon in 1971.



Dr. Gary R. Gray is Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (NCAA Division II) and Professor (graduate program in sport management) at Montana State University-Billings. He is former Chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education, former Associate Dean in the College of Education and Human Services, and former Director of the Employee Wellness Program at the same institution. He received his B.P.E. degree from the University of New Brunswick (Canada), his M.S. degree from the University of Kentucky, and his Ed. D. degree from the University of Oregon. His doctoral dissertation studied sport-related negligence lawsuits in school settings.

Dr. Gray has taught physical education and coached in schools, large and small, public and private, grades one through university, in the United States and Canada. He has been active in researching, writing, speaking, and consulting on sport management issues and sport safety and risk management behaviors in a wide variety of sport and recreational environments since 1983. Gray is the former and founding Editor of the *Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport* and is a Past President of the Society for the Study of Legal Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity (SSLASPA). He is an active member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Dance (AAHPERD) and served for many years on the Board of Directors as well as President of the School and Community Safety Society of America (SCSSA). Gray has also been active in the National Congress of State Games by serving as the national Chair for insurance and risk management.

Gray has been at MSU-Billings since 1994. Prior to that he directed the undergraduate and graduate programs in sport management at Iowa State University from 1987-1994. He went to Iowa State from Eastern Montana College, where he taught and coached from 1984-1987.

Administration



Krista Montague started working as the Athletics Department Development & Marketing Director in July of 2002. She was also recently appointed to the position of Senior Women Administrator, making her the highest-ranking female administrator in the Athletics Department.

Montague graduated from Hysham High School in 1995, where she earned a scholarship to play basketball at MSU-Billings. She was a four-year letter winner for the Jackets, graduating in 1999 with the school record for career free throw percentage. As a senior, Montague helped lead MSUB to the West Regional Championship and its only Elite Eight Appearance.

Before joining the MSU-Billings Athletics staff full time, Montague worked for Deaconess Billings Clinic. During the summers of 2000 and 2001, she was also the Athletics Department's part time corporate partnership director. Krista and her husband Brent live in the Billings Heights area and have three children, Dylan (9), Shayla (2), and Allie, who was born this summer.



Travis Elam enters his second year as Director of Operations and Media Relations and his third year overall with the Yellowjackets. He was a sports information graduate assistant during the 2001-2002 school year while completing his master's degree in sport management.

Elam graduated from MSU-Billings in 1997 with an undergraduate degree in English education. He went on to teach English and coach football at Browning High School and Augusta High School before returning to Billings in 2000 as an assistant football coach at Rocky Mountain College. He coached running backs for two years at RMC while working toward his master's degree at MSUB. He completed his master's last spring.

In addition to his duties at MSU-Billings, Elam is also the Conference Information Director for the six-member Pacific West Conference, which has its main office located in Billings. Elam and his wife Kate live on the west end of Billings.



Denise Wynia begins her third year as Administrative Assistant for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. She graduated from Eastern Montana College in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Office Administration Option.

Wynia has been an administrative assistant at MSU-Billings since 1986, working in the Biology and Physical Sciences Department and the Counseling and Human Services Department. She also served in the office of the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services as well as the Special Programs Assistant to the Dean's Office.

Wynia and her husband Kevin live on the west end of Billings and have three children, Josh, John Michael, and Brittany. They also have two grandchildren, Kendra and Ethan. In 2002, Wynia received an MSU-Billings Staff Recognition Award for her outstanding work for the Yellowjacket Athletics Department.

Sports Information

The MSU-Billings Sports Information Office consists of the Director of Media Relations and a small staff of student workers. The sports information staff performs a variety of duties for all 12 Yellowjacket Athletics teams, including maintaining the Yellowjacket Athletics website; keeping game statistics for all team sports; writing press releases; communicating with local, regional and national media; and providing important information to other universities and the NCAA.

The goal of the MSU-Billings Sports Information Office is to provide fans and media with the most current and thorough information about Yellowjacket Athletics. At all home events, the sports information staff uses StatCrew Automated Scorebook to record game statistics. Immediately following an event, the staff writes a press release and distributes it along with the game statistics to a variety of media.

When the Yellowjackets are on the road, the sports information staff performs the same post-game duties as it does when the teams are playing at home. Once game statistics are received from the host school, they are posted on the website and distributed to the media along with a press release.

Those press releases and statistics are also posted on the Yellowjacket website soon after the game for Jacket fans around the world to view. The Yellowjacket Athletics website was designed in conjunction with Janna Myers, the university webmaster. The site was designed with three objectives in mind: provide as much information as possible, appear visually appealing without being overwhelming, and be easy and convenient to navigate.

In addition to maintaining the Yellowjacket Athletics website with all of the information fans and media need, the sports information staff distributes a weekly email newsletter with stories of the past week's highlights and a schedule of upcoming events. (To subscribe to this free email newsletter, simply email your name and email address to telam@msubillings.edu.)

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Yellowjacket Hall of Fame

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1990

Oscar Bjorgum Sr. (Coach)
Gene Brosovich (Football)
Ronald Ewing (Football)
Richard Harkins (Football)
Les Heins (Basketball)
Loren Soft (Football)
Bart Templeman (Football)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1991

Paul Carpenter (Track)
Paul Champlin (Football)
Kelly Crisp (Gymnastics)
Harry "Mike" Harkins (Coach)
Alice Ritzman (Basketball & Golf)
Al Walker (Basketball)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1992

Nels Christiansen (Coach)
Larry Jordan (Football & Rodeo)
Ron Kowalski (Coach)
John Novasio (Football)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1993

Darcy Conway (Basketball)
Dennis Maggert (Baseball & Football)
James Michel (Baseball & Football)
Gordon Real Bird Sr. (Coach)
Vic Uffelman (Wrestling)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1994

Reid Hagen (Service & Distinction)
Robert Lee (Coach)
William "Billy" Foster (Basketball)
Larry Hanft (Football)
William "Bill" Hilton (Football)
Kelli Kenyon (Basketball)
Harvey Munford (Basketball)
John Polich (Coach)
Deb Prevost (Basketball)
Joe Rinella (Basketball)
Jim Soft (Basketball)
Oscar Wirtala (Basketball)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1995

John Patrick Smith (Coach)
Dr. Harold "Shorty" Alterowitz (Coach)
Jay Shaw (Coach)
Thomas Downey (Service & Distinction)
Evonne (Goroski) Bird (Basketball)
Ernie Fortney (Basketball)
James N. Noennig (Basketball)
Theresa O'Donnell-Uhrich (Basketball)
John Strange (Baseball & Football)
William "Wondo" Wondolowski (Football & Track)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1996

Darrell Hill (Basketball)
Douglas Linehan (Football)
Gene Espeland (Coach)
Kas Ione (Basketball)
Stephanie Hannah (Volleyball)
Dr. Richard Gruber (Service & Distinction)
Patti Jo Eubank (Basketball)
Randal Ecker (Baseball & Football)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1997

Jim Downs I (Track & Cross-Country)
Jeffrey Griffeth (Gymnastics)
Delmar Fried (Coach)
Lynn Ahrens (Football)
Freeman Blade (Basketball)
Laura Sundheim (Coach)
Russ Powers (Basketball)
Bill Hill (Football)
Shelley (Altrogge) Emerson (Basketball)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1998

Pete Conway (Basketball)
James Dow (Football)
Elwood "Woody" Hahn (Service & Distinction)
Ron Osborne (Basketball)
James Polich (Coach)
Terri (Wiederrick) Hein (Basketball)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 1999

Blase Dilulo (Football)
Don Blankenship (Track & Cross-Country)
Larry Noonan (Football)
Sherry (McQuinn) McCarthy (Basketball)
Pat Douglass (Coach)
Allen Rohrback (Gymnastics)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 2000

Dave Blair (Volleyball)
Don James (Service & Distinction)
Tom Osborne (Basketball)
Greg Shamens (Gymnastics)
Colleen Day Wiechman (Basketball)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 2001

Gary Gray (Volleyball)
Jim Haugen (Honor & Distinction)
Dan Korber (Football)
Leo Lapito (Gymnastics)
Harold Miller (Basketball)
Tera Silvius (Basketball)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 2002

Deb (Dianda) Bradburn (Volleyball)
Curt Brott (Basketball)
Brandy Hamblin-Hansen (Basketball)
Dave Klarich (Tennis)
Brent Montague (Basketball)
Bob Uffelman (Wrestling)

INDUCTION CLASS OF 2003

Wayne Beddow (Baseball)
Bob Deming (Football, Basketball, Baseball & Track)
Heather (Reiter) Elkin (Basketball)
David Harness (Gymnastics)
Rishay Vollertsen (Volleyball)

Official Volleyball Signals



1
Point
(Winner of
rally)



2
Ball crossing
plane under
net



3
Ball in
bounds.
[Referees]



4
Ball in
bounds
[Line
Judge]



5
Ball out of bounds,
ball illegally outside
antenna or player
illegally in adjacent
court. [Referees and
Line Judges without
flags]



6
Ball out of
bounds
[Line Judge]



7
Ball out of
bounds after
contact with a
player
[Referees and
Line Judges
without flags]



8
Ball out of
bounds after
contact with
a player [Line
Judge]



9a & 9b
Antenna fault
[Line Judge]
Line violation
[Line Judge]



10
Line violation,
interference,
or center line
fault
[Referees]



11
Held, thrown,
lifted or carried
ball held
against net, or
assisted hit



12
Ball illegally
contacted
more than
once by a
player



13
End of game
or match
Blocked from
seeing the
ball land
[Line Judge]



14
Timeout



15
Substitution



16
Authorization
for service



17
Illegal service
or ball not
released at
time of ser-
vice



18
Delay of
service



19a & 19b
Player illegally touches
net or interferes with
ball in net on oppo-
nent's side
Served ball does not
cross plane of net,
touches teammate, or
fails to reach net



20
Double
fault, or
play-over



21
Illegal block or
screen



22
Player posi-
tional fault,
wrong server,
wrong position
entry, or illegal
player in game



23
Illegally reach-
ing over the net
or contact with
opponent over
the top of the
net.



24
Illegal
attacker or
illegal attack
of the serve



25
Ball con-
tacted more
than three
times by a
team



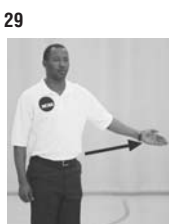
26
Individual
sanctions
[First
Referee]



27
Team
sanctions
[First
Referee]



28
Change
of courts



29
Authorization
to enter



30
First contact
or block trav-
els over or
outside the
antenna [Line
Judge]



Volleyball Statistical Guidelines

KILLS — Any attack that lands for a point

Also, award a KILL when:

- ...a free ball crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...a set, intentional or not, crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...an attack is blocked out of bounds or in the net
- ...when an opposing blocker is in the net, or has a centerline violation
- ...a dig attempt that crosses the net and lands on the floor for a point the attacking team
- ...an attack followed immediately by an official's called blocking error (see block error)

ATTACK ATTEMPT — Any overhead contact of the ball designed to score

ATTACK ERROR — Any overhead contact of the ball that...

- ...is hit out of bounds
- ...is hit into the net leading to a four-hit violation
- ...hits the antenna
- ...is blocked down by the opposition on the same side of the attacker leading to a point
- ...makes a centerline violation
- ...is called for an illegal contact

ATTACK PERCENTAGE — Kills minus errors, divided by total attacks

...10 kills - 2 errors/ 16 total attacks = $8/16 = .500$

ASSIST — awarded to the player who passes the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill

- ...an assist generally is the second contact in a play sequence, followed immediately by a kill on the third contact
- ...an assist can be awarded off a dig (first contact), provided the attack comes on the second contact

SERVICE ACE — is awarded when...

- ...a serve lands untouched on the opponent's side
- ...the receiving team has overlapped or is out of rotation
- ...if the passer is whistled for a reception error
- ...the serve is passed, but cannot be kept in play

SERVICE ERROR — is awarded when...

- ...the server foot faults
- ...the serve doesn't advance past net, is out of bounds, or hits antenna
- ...the server is out of rotation (service error is charged to the person who should have served)
- ...Note: A ball that hits the net but continues over to the opponents side and remains in bounds is not a service error (2001 Rule Change)

RECEPTION ATTEMPT — is awarded when...

- ...a Team B player attempts to receive Team A player's serve.

RECEPTION ERROR — is awarded when...

- ...the serve hits the floor near a player
- ...player passes the ball, but it can't be kept in play
- ...player is called for a lift

* Note: For every service ace, there must be a corresponding reception error. When a service ace falls between two players and the scorer cannot judge fault, a Team Reception error is recorded. Team Reception errors also occur when the receiving team is out of rotation.

DIG — is awarded when...

- ...a defensive player keeps a bona fide attack in play with a pass
- ...a dig is only awarded off an attack attempt from the opposing team.
- ... Thus, a dig is NOT awarded when Team A continues a play off a Team B block attempt as it is not an attempt.
- ...a dig is NOT awarded on a serve attempt, as this is a serve reception

BLOCKS — are awarded when a player blocks the ball to the opposition's court leading directly to a point without a successful dig

...**SOLO** — when only one blocker is up

...**ASSIST** — when more than one blocker is up, awarded to all contributing blockers regardless if only one person blocks the ball. Generally, a block assist occurs with two blockers, but may occur occasionally with three blockers. However, all three blockers must go up at the same time and provide an overlap. (ALSO SEE MEN'S STAT DIFFERENCES BELOW)

* A block solo and block assist cannot be recorded on the same play. During the same rally, only one team block (block solo or block assists) can be awarded

* A block (solo or assisted) is not credited if the opposing team successfully digs the block attempt.

TEAM BLOCKS — Team blocks are calculated by adding the total number of block solos and adding to half the total of block assists.

Example: Blocks Solos - 4, Block Assists 12 (TEAM BLOCKS = $4 + (12/2) = 10$)

BLOCKING ERROR — is awarded when...

- ...blocker is in the net or steps over the center line
- ...back row blocker
- ...blocker is called for reaching over the net

* A blocking error is not given for poor technique. In general, a blocking error only is given after a referee's call. Also, a kill is awarded to the opposing attacker on a blocking error if an attack was occurring at the time of the block error

OTHER HINTS:

- ... Every service ace must have a corresponding reception error.
- ... Conversely, every reception error must have a service ace
- ... Every assist must have a corresponding kill
- ... Overpasses ARE NOT reception errors

* Since blocks must come off an opponent's attack attempt, Team B's offensive attack from Team A's overpass should be recorded as an attack (kill if Team B's execution leads directly to a point). This situation appears often as a block or directional attack at the net. However, blocks can only be awarded on an opponent's attack, not overpass.

Libero FAQs



1. What is the basic definition of a libero, and how do I pronounce it?
 - The libero is a designated back-row player, intended to be used as a ball-control specialist. The libero is allowed to replace any player in the back row without counting as a substitution. There is no limit to the number of libero replacements a team is allowed. The pronunciation is "LEE-bah-ro".
2. What uniform restrictions apply to the libero?
 - The color of the libero's uniform must contrast from the color of her teammates' uniforms. The libero's shorts must be the same as her teammates'. The style and trim of the designated libero's uniform may differ from her teammates'. The referees will ultimately decide if the amount of contrast is sufficient.
3. Does the libero's uniform have to have a number on it?
 - Yes, the libero must wear a legal number.
4. Can the coach designate a different libero for each game?
 - Yes, one libero is designated on the lineup sheet prior to each game. If a libero is not designated on a lineup sheet for a game, the team may not use a libero.
5. Can the libero designated for a game play as a non-libero in subsequent games?
 - Yes. That player must retain the same number throughout the match. All non-libero players in any game must wear identical uniforms, so if a player ceases to be a libero in a subsequent game, she must wear a uniform identical to her teammates.
6. What playing restrictions apply to the libero?
 - The libero plays only in the back row.
 - The libero may not serve.
 - The libero may not block or attempt to block.
 - The libero may not attack the ball if contact is made while the ball is completely above the height of the net.
 - A teammate may not attack a ball that is completely above the height of the net IF the libero set that ball to her from the attack zone using an overhand finger pass.
7. When can a teammate attack a ball coming from the libero?
 - When the libero contacts the ball without overhand finger action (e.g., beach dig or forearm pass), OR
 - When the libero contacts the ball using ANY technique from behind the attack line.
8. How does the libero replace a back-row player?
 - The libero and the player on the court exchange places between the attack line and the end line. No referee action is required. This replacement can only take place at the end of a rally before the whistle for the next service.
9. When and how does the player who was replaced get back in the game?
 - The libero is **never** substituted (except in cases of exceptional substitutions), they are *replaced*. The libero **MUST** be replaced by the same player that replaced her. That replacement can take place at any time while the libero is on the back row, and must take place when the libero rotates to the front row.
 - For example, if the libero (player #7) replaced #6 on the back row, then #6 is the **only** player that may come back in for the libero. If the coach does not want #6 to remain in the game, s/he must request a substitution.
10. How many team substitutions will be allowed for the 2003 season?
 - In addition to unlimited libero *replacements*, 12 team substations will be allowed.
11. Does the libero ever have to leave the game?
 - Yes. When the libero is replaced, she must remain on the bench for one rally before re-entering for a back-row player.
12. Can the libero be the floor captain?
 - Yes. Before the match begins, the referees will ask the coach to indicate which player will become the captain when the libero is not on the floor.
13. Can the libero be a starting player?
 - No, the libero cannot be designated as one of the six starting players on the lineup. Immediately after the second referee checks the lineups, the libero may replace any back-row player except for the first server of the team that is serving first.
14. If the teams line up for introductions on the end line, may the libero join them?
 - Yes, and the libero may be introduced as the seventh starter.

Division II at a Glance



Almost every serious sports fan is familiar with the three NCAA membership classifications: Divisions I, II and III. The public may be less familiar with what the classifications mean, especially in the case of Division II.

In brief, Division I members are required to sponsor the most sports and provide the most athletically related financial aid for student-athletes. Division III members, on the other hand, are prohibited from providing athletically related financial assistance.

So, what does it mean to be an NCAA Division II member? More than anything, it is a commitment to balance.

First, members are required to sponsor at least 10 varsity sports (at least five women's sports) and offer at least a limited amount of athletically related financial aid, although the requirement is far less than Division I's. Those are the principal nuts-and-bolts standards that separate Division II from Divisions I and III.

But other, less tangible, considerations characterize Division II membership. Student-athletes generally come from the area in which their institution is located. They are integrated with the student body. Many coaches and administrators perform other jobs or functions at their institutions, including teaching. Most Division

II student-athletes pay for school through a combination of scholarship money, grants, student loans and employment earnings. The division's philosophy emphasizes participation, and its financial aid requirement helps ensure quality competition.

National championship opportunities in Division II are comparable to those in Divisions I and III. For 2003-04, Division II national championship competition will be offered in the following sports:

Men

Baseball
Basketball
Cross country
Football
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Indoor track
Outdoor track
Wrestling

Women

Basketball
Cross country
Field hockey
Golf
Lacrosse
Rowing
Soccer
Softball
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Indoor track
Outdoor track
Volleyball

In addition, Division II institutions and student-athletes are eligible to compete in National Collegiate (all division) Championships in women's bowling, men's gymnastics, women's gymnastics, men's volleyball, men's water polo and women's water polo. Coed national championships also are conducted for all divisions in fencing, rifle and skiing.

Division II, By the Numbers

Total members282
44 percent private
56 percent public

Average undergraduate enrollment3,726

Undergraduate enrollment

Enrollment	Div. II schools	Percent
15,000+	2	0.7
7,500 - 14,999	21	7.2
2,500-7,499	115	39.7
2,499 and below	132	52.4

Average number of student-athletes per Division II institution, 2001

Men	157
Women	105
Total	262

NCAA-Sponsored Championships for Division II, 2003-04

	No. sports
Men	12
Women	13

Average Number of Men's and Women's Sports Sponsored per Division II Institution

Men	6.5
Women	7.0

Average Athletics Expenses per Institution

Division II, w/football	\$1.8 million
Division II, w/o football	\$1.3 million



Division II Academics

NCAA Division II continues to evaluate and strengthen academic standards to help ensure that the student-athlete experience is focused on education.

At the 2003 NCAA Convention, the Division II membership voted to increase the standard for initial academic eligibility by increasing the minimum number of required high-school core courses from 13 to 14. The membership also voted to strengthen the progress-toward-degree requirement by increasing the grade-point average required after the first and second seasons of competition. The Division II Academic Requirements Committee also continues to study the academic performance of transfer student-athletes to determine if additional regulation in that area is desirable.

A Division II degree-completion program (\$241,000 in 2003-04) provides grants to assist student-athletes who did not complete their degree before their eligibility expired. A \$1 million Academic Support Program to improve the Division II's academic environment for student-athletes also was initiated in 2003-04; this program helps provide additional staff, such as academic counselors

or advisors; tutoring programs; the ability to grant scholarships (such as a postgraduate scholarship program); or underwrite computer labs.

Meanwhile, the division is moving toward a "graduation-success" report that will provide an improved measure of academic outcomes for Division II student-athletes. The new method will better account for transfer student-athletes and student-athletes who do not receive athletically related financial aid. A final decision on the alternate measure is likely in fall 2003.



Division II Student-Athlete Programs

Division II challenged 90 student-athletes and administrators to strengthen the Division II identity when the first Division II Leadership Action Academy was conducted in February 2003 in Indianapolis.

The participants teamed to provide a unique perspective, ultimately focusing on the Division II attributes of "reality,"

"family" and "balance."

"I love that the volleyball team is my family," said one student-athlete. "I know the players on the football and basketball teams. I know the people we're playing, and I know the people in my classes."

Another participant said he valued the fact that his president knew his name, his hometown and what position he plays.

The academies will be conducted in each of six regions over a three-year period.

Other Division II programs that directly benefit student-athletes:

- Health and safety grants (\$250,000 in 2003-04). The grants address issues such as hazing, misuse of alcohol and substance abuse.
- Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee grants (\$250,000). The grants enhance the effectiveness of conference SAACs.



Division II Facts and Figures

Division II is a dynamic and engaging group of colleges, institutions, and conferences of varying sizes and educational missions. Its members are committed to balancing the overall educational experience and academic success of students with participation in intercollegiate athletics.

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Division II Growth

(Total Number of Active Member Institutions)

1991-92	207	1995-96	246	1999-00	267
1992-93	223	1996-97	246	2000-01	264
1993-94	245	1997-98	254	2001-02	260
1994-95	247	1998-99	267	2002-03	271
		Forecast for 2003-04	281		

Membership Facts

(Source: September 2002 NCAA Membership Breakdown; 2001 NCAA Graduation Rates Summary)

Total Members—283

Active—271; Provisional—12

Composition

Private Institutions— 44%

Public Institutions—56%

Undergraduate Enrollment

Men—43%; Women—57%

Student-Athletes

Men—60%; Women—40%

Participation in Division II Championships

Men—50%; Women—50%

Undergraduate Enrollment

(Source: 2001 NCAA Graduation-Rates Summary)

Enrollment	Division II Schools	Percent
15,000 & Above	2	0.7
7,500-14,999	21	7.2
2,500-7,499	115	39.7
2,499 and Below	152	52.4

Average is 3,306 students

Number of Sports Sponsored

(Source: 1982-2001 Participation Rates Statistics Report)

	Men	Women
Low	4	4
High	13	12
Average	6.43	6.96



Division II Facts & Figures (Continued)

NCAA - Sponsored Championships (Source: 2001-02 Division II Championships Program)

	Sports	Participants
Men	12	5,942
Women	13	5,628
Total	25	11,570

Average Number of Student - Athletes per Division II Institution (Source: 2001 NCAA Revenues and Expenses Report)

	With Football	Without Football
Avg. Men	211	95
Avg. Women	117	80
Avg. Total	328	175
Smallest	126	46
Largest	782	598

Average Operating Expenses Per Division II Institution (Source: 2001 NCAA Revenues and Expenses Report)

	With Football	Without Football
Men	\$1,190,000	\$670,000
Women	680,000	620,000
Nongender	430,000	260,000
Total	\$2,300,000	\$1,550,000

Average Total Expenses by Quartile (Source: 2001 NCAA Revenues and Expenses Report)

	With Football	Without Football
1st Quartile of schools	\$3,769,218	\$2,509,264
2nd Quartile of schools	2,513,368	1,763,510
3rd Quartile of schools	1,786,014	1,232,092
4th Quartile of schools	1,128,557	691,669

Scholarship Equivalencies per Division II Institution (Source: 1982-01 Participation Statistics Report)

	Men	Women
Highest Institutional Total	92.80	71.76
Average	35.18	24.41

Other Interesting Facts About Division II:

- Division II's largest school has 22,845 undergraduate students; the smallest school has 383 undergraduate students.
- There is one Division II institution that is male only.
- There are three Division II institutions that are female only.
- Division II has 7 independent active member institutions.
- Division II has 22 active member voting conferences.
- Division II has two active member institutions in Alaska; four active member institutions in Hawaii; and four provisional member institutions in Puerto Rico.
- There are two historically black conferences affiliated with Division II (CIAA and SIAC).
- Division II schools (University of North Dakota and University of Minnesota, Duluth) have recently won Division I Men's and Women's Ice Hockey National Championships.

Division II Athletics Programs are Unique Because :

- Traditional rivalries with regional institutions dominate schedules of many Division II athletics programs.
- Division II teams usually feature a number of local or in-state student-athletes.
- Many Division II coaches perform other jobs or functions at their institutions, including teaching.
- Many Division II student-athletes pay for school through a combination of scholarship money, grants, student loans and employment earnings.
- Most Division II athletics programs are financed in the institution's budget, like other academic departments on campus.

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