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This Week’s Events:
Dec. 30 - vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State, 7:30, Alterowitz Gym
Radio: AM 970
Internet: msubillings.edu/athletics/Radio/index.htm

This Week’s Opponents:
Oklahoma Panhandle State University
The Aggies opened the season with a win against New Mexico Highlands before losing seven in a row. They snapped that losing streak two weekends ago with a 79-67 win at Johnson & Wales, scoring 55 second half points.

The Aggies will bring a 2-7 record to Billings for their Heartland Conference opener on Saturday. Despite their –12.5 scoring margin, three of the Aggies’ seven losses have been by 10 points or fewer. Their 50-point loss at Division I Oral Roberts didn’t help their scoring average.

OPSU will be a different team than came to Billings last season. About half the team consists of junior college transfers new to the team this season, and there are four new freshmen. None of the 12 players who have seen action this season played in last year’s Heartland Conference playoff game at MSU-Billings.

The trio of LaChawn Anderson, Fred Durr, and William Stephenson accounts for about 59 percent of the Aggies’ scoring. Anderson, a 6’4” junior, is the only Aggie to start all eight games this year and leads the team at 15.1 ppg. He has led the team in scoring in five of nine games with a season-high 25 points in the win over New Mexico Highlands. The 6’7” Durr averages 11.7 ppg, and Stephenson adds 11.3. Stephenson, a 6’6” forward, is also the team’s top rebounder at 8.0 rpg and has led the team in rebounding in eight games.

Opponent Series Records:
MSU-Billings Wins: 5 Panhandle State Wins: 1
Last Meeting: MSUB 80, OPSU 67 (3/1/06 at MSUB, HLC Playoffs)
Streaks: The Aggies snapped a four-game losing streak to the Yellowjackets with an 80-60 win in Goodwell last year. The Jackets won three of four meetings last year, including the first round of the Heartland Conference playoffs.

2006-2007 Schedule and Results

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Heartland Conference Tournament
3/2 Semifinals (Denton, TX) 5 & 7:30 p.m.
3/3 Finals (Denton, TX) 5:00 p.m.

All times local to game site

Home Games in Bold played at Alterowitz Gym
*Heartland Conference Game
^ Games at NNU Tournament

Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

Catch all Yellowjacket basketball games on News Radio AM 970 KBUL as the Voice of the Yellowjackets, Pat Boland, calls the action live. Also tune in each week to the Yellowjacket Coaches’ Show, broadcast live each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. If you live outside Billings, you can listen at www.msubillings.edu/athletics.
The Week in Review
The Yellowjackets hosted Northwest Nazarene for a pair of games in Billings to close out the non-conference portion of the schedule. They fell 70-50 on Wednesday and lost a 90-89 heartbreaker in overtime on Thursday. The losses dropped the Jackets to 0-7 overall and 0-3 at home.

On Wednesday Northwest Nazarene scored its first 18 points on 3-pointers, shooting over the Yellowjackets’ zone. MSUB bounced back, using a 13-3 run at the end of the first half to take a 31-28 lead into the break. After taking a 35-30 lead in the first minute of the second half, the Yellowjackets scored just 15 points over the final 19 minutes of the game. The Crusaders outscored MSUB 42-19 in the second half to win going away. The Jackets’ Jeff Miner scored 13 points on 4-of-15 shooting. Ammar Harknell came off the bench to score 12 points. Jonathan Wiley added seven points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Thursday’s game was close wire to wire. The Yellowjackets led 33-30 at halftime. In the second half and overtime neither team led by more than four. There were six ties and 12 lead changes in the second half and another three ties and five lead changes in overtime. The Jackets’ Harknell drained a 3-pointer to give MSUB a two-point lead with 24 seconds left in overtime, but the Crusaders answered with their own three in the final five seconds to steal the win. Wiley scored a career-high 30 points for the Yellowjackets, including nine of the team’s 12 points in overtime. Fellow senior Cody Samuelson netted a career-high 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Tom D’Amore added 11 points, and Miner scored 10 to go with a season-high nine assists. Harknell finished with 12 points off the bench.

Tip Ins
Thursday’s overtime affair against Northwest Nazarene was rare territory for the Yellowjackets. In the previous five seasons, MSUB only played three overtime games. They were 1-1 in overtime games in 2004-2005 and 0-1 in 2001-2002. The last time the Yellowjackets lost seven games to start a season was in 1965-1966. Hall of Fame coach Mike Harkins’ crew lost their first nine games that season, but they went on to win 15 of their final 19 games. The following year they went to the NAIA national tournament. With only eight players on the roster, playing time will be plentiful for the Yellowjackets this year. Freshman Jeff Miner and senior Jonathan Wiley are each averaging 38 minutes per game. Senior Cody Samuelson isn’t far behind at almost 34 minutes a game. Wiley averaged 20 minutes a game last year, and Samuelson played about 12 minutes a game. Miner was playing a 25-game high school schedule….Miner is getting enough on the job training to become the Yellowjackets’ next 3-point shooter.

Despite the fact that the Jackets are trying to slow down games this year, he is still attempting nine 3-pointers a game. In last year’s run-n-gun offense, Cameron Munoz averaged 12 attempts a game.

MSUB Heartland Conference Individual Statistical Rankings (as of 12/26/06):
Scoring Average – Miner, 1st (18.6); Wiley, 7th (13.6). Rebounds p/g – Wiley, 4th (6.6); Samuelson, 6th (5.8); Harknell, 9th (5.5); Johnson, 12th (5.2). FG% - Wiley, 11th (.475). Assists p/g – Wiley, 8th (2.6); Miner, 11th (2.4). FT% - Wiley, 10th (.714); Harknell, 15th (.667). Steals p/g - Wiley, 10th (1.6). 3FG% - Wiley, 2nd (.500); D’Amore, 10th (.375). Miner, 13th (.347). 3FG p/g – Miner, 1st (3.4); D’Amore, 3rd (2.0). Blocked Shots p/g - Johnson, 4th (1.2); Samuelson, 5th (1.0); Wiley, 13th (0.6). Off. Rebs p/g - Johnson, 2nd (3.0); Harknell, 2nd (3.0); Samuelson, 7th (2.4); Wiley, 11th (1.8). Def. Rebs p/g – Wiley, 3rd (4.8); Miner, 12th (3.4); Samuelson, 12th (3.4).

MSUB Heartland Conference Team Statistical Rankings (as of 12/26/06):

Heartland Conference Standings (through 12/26/06)

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2006 Heartland Conference Preseason Coaches’ Poll

1. St. Edward’s
2. St. Mary’s
3. Montana State-Billings
4. Oklahoma Panhandle
5. Incarnate Word
6. Lincoln
7. Dallas Baptist

South Central Region Rankings (final 2005-2006)

1. Southwest Baptist
2. Tarleton State
3. Central Missouri State
4. Northwest Missouri State
5. Truman
6. West Texas A&M
7. Central Oklahoma
8. Southeastern Oklahoma
9. Texas A&M—Kingsville
10. Missouri Western State

This Week’s Games in the Heartland

Dec. 27  LU @ Black College Hoop Classic 2006
Dec. 28  LU @ Black College Hoop Classic 2006
Dec. 29  LU @ Black College Hoop Classic 2006
Tarleton State @ STMU
Dec. 30  *DBU @ SEU
OPSU @ MSUB
Concordia @ UIW

Current Yellowjackets in the School Record Books

Jonathan Wiley
Career: 9th for blocks (43) [needs 44 for 8th]
Season: 5th for FT % (85.70 in 05-06)
11th for FT % (83.80 in 04-05)
#2 Tom D’Amore  
**Points:** 16 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06  
**Rebounds:** 7 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06  
**3-Point FGs:** 5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/2/06  
**Assists:** 4 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Steals:** 3 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06

#10 Jeff Miner  
**Points:** 28 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/2/06  
**Rebounds:** 6 vs. St. Mary’s, 12/8/06  
**3-Point FGs:** 6 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Assists:** 9 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06  
**Steals:** 2 vs. TX A&M-Intl, 12/6/06

#21 Jonathan Wiley  
**Points:** 30 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06  
**Rebounds:** 14 vs. Haskell, 12/31/04  
**3-Point FGs:** 3 vs. Western new Mexico, 1/29/05; 3 vs. Lincoln, 2/3/06  
**Blocks:** 4 vs. Green Mountain, 1/16/04  
**Steals:** 5 vs. Great Falls, 2/5/04; 5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/8/04  
**Assists:** 8 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 1/22/05

#25 Mike Barton  
**Points:** 4 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/2/06  
**Rebounds:** 3 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06; 3 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/2/06  
**3-Point FGs:** n/a  
**Assists:** n/a  
**Steals:** 1 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06

#32 Troy Ruff  
**Points:** 8 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Rebounds:** 5 vs. TX A&M-Intl, 12/6/06  
**3-Point FGs:** 2 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Assists:** 2 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06  
**Steals:** 2 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/16/06

#33 Cody Samuelson  
**Points:** 20 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06  
**Rebounds:** 15 vs. Saint Leo, 12/20/04  
**3-Point FGs:** 3 vs. BYU-Hawaii, 2/19/05  
**Assists:** 8 vs. Saint Leo, 12/21/04  
**Steals:** 5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/17/04  
**Blocks:** 2 vs. Haskell, 12/31/04; 2 vs. Chaminade, 2/12/05; 2 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06

#44 Carl Johnson  
**Points:** 12 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Rebounds:** 9 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06  
**3-Point FGs:** n/a  
**Assists:** 1 five times  
**Steals:** 1 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Blocks:** 3 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06

#54 Ammar Harknell  
**Points:** 15 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Rebounds:** 13 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**3-Point FGs:** 3 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06  
**Assists:** 1 vs. TX A&M-Intl, 12/6/06; 1 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06  
**Steals:** n/a  
**Blocks:** 1 vs. St. Mary’s, 12/8/06; 1 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06
A player scored at least 50 points..... Feb. 12, 2000 (Markus Hallgrimson, 50 vs. Western NM)
A player scored at least 40 points..... Jan. 28, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 45 vs. St. Edward’s)
A player scored at least 30 points..... Dec. 21, 2006 (Jonathan Wiley, 30 vs. Northwest Nazarene)
A player made at least 20 field goals..... Dec. 15, 1972 (Roy McPipe, 20 vs. Dickinson State)
A player made at least 15 field goals..... Feb. 16, 2001 (Dan Carter, 17 vs. Alaska-ANCHORAGE)
A player made at least 15 3-pointers..... Feb. 12, 2000 (Markus Hallgrimson, 16 vs. Western NM)
A player made at least 10 3-pointers..... Nov. 21, 2005 (Cameron Munoz, 11 vs. Johnson & Wales)
A player made at least 5 3-pointers..... Dec. 16, 2006 (Jeff Miner, 6 vs. West Liberty State)
A player made at least 20 free throws..... Nov. 14, 1998 (Titus Warmsley, 22 vs. Queens)
A player made at least 15 free throws..... Feb. 3, 2006 (Jonathan Wiley, 16 vs. Lincoln)
A player made at least 10 free throws..... Dec. 21, 2006 (Jonathan Wiley, 13 vs. Northwest Nazarene)
A player had at least 25 rebounds..... Feb. 10, 1981 (Russell Murrey 21 vs. Rocky Mountain)
A player had at least 20 rebounds..... Feb. 10, 2005 (Justin Hassell, 18 vs. Chaminade)
A player had at least 15 rebounds..... Feb. 4, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 15 vs. Lincoln)
A player had at least 10 assists..... Feb. 18, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 14 vs. St. Mary’s)
A player had at least five blocks..... Feb. 19, 2004 (Bill Day, 5 vs. Chaminade)
A player had at least 10 steals..... Feb. 5, 2004 (Jerrett Skrifvars, 11 vs. Great Falls)
A player had at least 5 steals..... Dec. 11, 2005 (Carlin Hughes, 5 vs. Rocky Mountain)
A player had a triple-double..... Feb. 26, 2005 (Carlin Hughes, 20p, 10r, 16a vs. Johnson & Wales)

The team scored at least 140 points..... Feb. 1, 2003 (146 vs. Western New Mexico)
The team scored at least 130 points..... Jan. 28, 2006 (136 vs. St. Edward’s)
The team scored at least 120 points..... Feb. 3, 2006 (128 vs. Lincoln)
The team scored at least 110 points..... Dec. 19, 2005 (118 vs. Emporia St)
The team allowed at least 100 points..... Dec. 16, 2006 (103 vs. West Liberty State)
The team made at least 50 field goals..... Feb. 1, 2003 (51 vs. Western NM)
The team made at least 40 field goals..... Feb. 3, 2006 (40 vs. Lincoln)
The team shot over 70 % from the field..... Jan. 24, 1987 (71.7% vs. Alaska-ANCHORAGE)
The team shot over 60% from the field..... Jan. 17, 2004 (61.3% vs. Green Mountain)
The team shot over 50% from the field..... Dec. 21, 2006 (53.4% vs. Northwest Nazarene)
The team made at least 25 3-pointers..... Feb. 18, 1999 (26 vs. Western NM)
The team made at least 20 3-pointers..... Feb. 3, 2006 (20 vs. Lincoln)
The team made at least 15 3-pointers..... Feb. 18, 2006 (16 vs. St. Mary’s)
The team had at least 50 rebounds..... Jan. 4, 2006 (50 vs. Western NM)
The team had at least 40 assists..... Jan. 16, 2004 (40 vs. Green Mountain)
The team had at least 30 assists..... Feb. 26, 2005 (30 vs. Johnson & Wales)
The team had at least 25 assists..... Feb. 3, 2006 (26 vs. Lincoln)
The team had at least 10 blocked shots..... Jan. 12, 2002 (10 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle)
The team had at least 5 blocked shots..... Dec. 16, 2006 (6 vs. West Liberty State)
The team had at least 20 steals..... Feb. 5, 2004 (28 vs. Great Falls)
The team had at least 10 steals..... Dec. 1, 2006 (12 vs. Central Washington)
### Mont. St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 25, 2006)

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#### TEAM TOTALS:

- **Team**
  - GP: 7
  - Min: 1425
  - FG: 164-393 (.417)
  - 3FG: 56-156 (.359)
  - FT: 87-131 (.664)
  - Pts: 471

#### Opponent Statistics

- **Opponents**
  - GP: 7
  - Min: 1425
  - FG: 212-426 (.498)
  - 3FG: 81-187 (.433)
  - FT: 76-156 (.488)
  - Pts: 566

#### Team Statistics

- **Date:** 12/01/06
- **Opponent:** vs Central Washington
- **Score:** 63-92
- **Attendance:** 203

- **Date:** 12/2-06
- **Opponent:** at Northwest Nazarene
- **Score:** 74-88
- **Attendance:** 408

- **Date:** 12/6/06
- **Opponent:** at Texas A&M International
- **Score:** 58-64
- **Attendance:** 660

- **Date:** 12/8/06
- **Opponent:** at St. Mary’s (Texas)
- **Score:** 85-103
- **Attendance:** 501

- **Date:** 12/20/06
- **Opponent:** Northwest Nazarene
- **Score:** 50-70
- **Attendance:** 414

- **Date:** 12/21/06
- **Opponent:** Northwest Nazarene
- **Score:** 89-90
- **Attendance:** 318

#### Scoring

- Points per game: 67.3 (MSUB), 80.9 (OPP)
- Scoring margin: -13.6

#### Field Goal Percentages

- Field goal pct: 47.1 (MSUB), 65.0 (OPP)
- 3-point FG pct: 33.9 (MSUB), 43.3 (OPP)

#### Rebounds

- Rebounds per game: 35.9 (MSUB), 32.0 (OPP)
- Rebounding margin: 5.0

#### Assists

- Assists per game: 11.4 (MSUB), 19.7 (OPP)
- Assist turnover ratio: 0.6 (MSUB), 1.6 (OPP)

#### Steals

- Steals per game: 8.0 (MSUB), 11.6 (OPP)
- Blocks per game: 3.3 (MSUB), 2.0 (OPP)

#### Turnovers

- Turnovers per game: 18.6 (MSUB), 12.3 (OPP)
- Turnover margin: -6.3

#### Winning Streak

- Winning streak: 0
- Home win streak: 0

#### Attendance

- Home games-Avg/Game: 3-411
- Neutral site-Avg/Game: 1-203

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Mont. St.-Billings Game-by-Game Highs (as of Dec 25, 2006) All games
| Opponent                  | Date     | Score | WL | D'AMORE, T | TAYLOR, DE | MINER, JEF | WILEY, JON | BARTON, MI | RUFF, TROY | SAMUELSON | JOHNSON, C | HARKNELL, |               |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| vs Central Washington   | 12/01/06 | 63-92 | L  | 16-1-0    | 2-1-1     | 9-3-3     | 20-7-0    | 2-3-0     | 6-2-0     | 3-8-1     | 5-9-1     | DNP       |            |
| at Northwest Nazarene   | 12-2-06  | 74-88 | L  | 15-3-1    | 3-1-2     | 28-3-2    | 9-5-3     | 4-3-0     | 5-4-0     | 2-5-3     | 3-5-1     | 5-3-0     |            |
| at Texas A&M International | 12/6/06 | 58-59 | L  | 6-4-2     | DNP       | 20-5-4    | 7-10-1    | 2-1-0     | 7-5-1     | 12-7-1    | 4-5-1     | 0-4-1     |            |
| at St. Mary's (Texas)   | 12/8/06  | 52-64 | L  | 0-1-0     | DNP       | 12-6-0    | 17-5-4    | 0-1-0     | 0-2-1     | 6-1-0     | 8-3-1     | 9-2-0     |            |
| WEST LIBERTY            | 12/16/06 | 85-103| L  | 3-3-4     | DNP       | 24-5-3    | 15-6-5    | 0-2-1     | 8-8-2     | 12-4-1    | 15-13-0   |            |
| NORTHWEST NAZARENE      | 12/20/06 | 50-70 | L  | 2-0-0     | DNP       | 13-1-4    | 7-8-3     | 0-0-0     | 3-2-0     | 5-6-0     | 8-7-1     | 12-5-0    |            |
| NORTHWEST NAZARENE      | 12/21/06 | 89-90 | OL | 11-7-1    | DNP       | 10-1-9    | 30-5-4    | 0-1-0     | 1-1-2     | 20-9-3    | 5-3-1     | 12-3-1    |            |