

# Montana State University-Billings

## Yellowjacket Weekly Athletic News

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## Volleyball

### This Week's Schedule:

At Hampton Inn Invitational (Durango, CO)  
 Sep. 1—vs. Dixie State College, 12:00 p.m.  
 Sep. 1—vs. Eastern New Mexico, 4:00 p.m.  
 Sep. 2—vs. Seattle Pacific, 12:00 p.m.  
 Sep. 2—at Fort Lewis, 6:00 p.m.

### The Week in Review

The Yellowjackets had a Goldilocks start to the season: not too hot, not too cold. They went 2-2 at the Mountain Lion Invitational at UC-Colorado Springs, splitting matches each day. On Friday, MSUB swept Quincy University, 3-0, before losing to Fort Lewis, 3-1. The Jackets lost to Armstrong Atlantic, 3-1, on Saturday morning before closing out the tournament with a 3-1 win over host UC-Colorado Springs.

For the weekend, senior outside hitter Ali Watson led the Yellowjackets in kills, averaging 4.13 per game. She was also second on the team for digs at 4.33 per game. Watson's best match was an 18-kill, 20-dig performance against UCCS. Alicia Cazemier averaged 3.93 kills and 1.00 blocks per game. She hit .242 for the weekend, good numbers for most players but well below her career average. Jessica Bratton added 3.33 kills per game and was second behind Cazemier with six blocks. Libero Nicole Kruse led all Heartland Conference players for the week with 5.13 digs per game. Setter Natalie Bills had a consistent start to her senior season, averaging 11.6 assists and 3.47 digs per game. Bills was also effective on the attack, knocking down 17 kills on a .342 attack percentage. Senior outside hitter Alexis Sandru didn't get many opportunities on offense—just 59 total attempts—but she contributed on the defensive side of the net with 3.73 digs per game.

### This Week's Opponents

#### Dixie State College

The Rebels are in their first year of competing as a four-year institution after transitioning from a junior college. They are off to a respectable 3-2 start to the season following last weekend's tournament at Westminster College. The Rebels' losses came to Cal Baptist, the defending NAIA national champion, and Albertson College. They defeated Olivet Nazarene and Great Falls before finishing the tournament with their first NCAA II win, a 3-2 victory against Adams State.

#### Eastern New Mexico University

The Zias will start the week with a 2-2 record after splitting their four matches at the Colorado Christian tournament last weekend. ENMU will host winless Oklahoma Panhandle State on Tuesday before going to the Fort Lewis tourney. Last week the Zias defeated Chadron State and Colorado Christian and lost to Upper Iowa and Western State. Jessie Macknicki is leading the Zias offense, averaging 4.44 kills per game. Randi Egle adds 2.69 kpg.

#### Seattle Pacific University

The Falcons will probably be the best team the Yellowjackets face during the early season, if not the entire season. Ranked 18th in the nation and off to a 3-1 start, SPU has picked up right where it left off last year. In 2005 the Falcons were 22-6 and went to the NCAA Tournament. They have high expectations again with the return of dangerous outside hitter Alyssa Given, who is averaging 5.38 kills per game and was the GNAC player of the week last week. Before meeting the Jackets at the Fort Lewis tourney, SPU will host Hawaii Pacific and Hawaii-Hilo early this week.

#### Fort Lewis College

The Skyhawks are off to a 5-0 start after winning the Mountain Lion Invitational at Colorado Springs last weekend. Fort Lewis and MSUB will meet for the second time in as many weeks when they square off on Saturday at the Fort Lewis tourney. Fort Lewis defeated the Yellowjackets last Friday, 3-1, at the Colorado Springs tournament. Nicole Schwab averaged 4.72 kills per game to earn Most Valuable Player honors at the tourney. She was also the RMAC player of the week. Adrienne Dettler earned all-tourney honors at UCCS after averaging 4.94 digs per game.

### 2006 Volleyball Schedule & Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 25	vs. Quincy University	W, 3-0
Aug. 25	vs. Fort Lewis	L, 3-1
Aug. 26	vs. Armstrong Atlantic	L, 3-1
Aug. 26	at UC-Colorado Springs	W, 3-1
Sep. 1	vs. Dixie State College	12:00 p.m.
Sep. 1	vs. Eastern New Mexico	4:00 p.m.
Sep. 2	vs. Seattle Pacific	12:00 p.m.
Sep. 2	at Fort Lewis	6:00 p.m.
Sep. 8	vs. Central Oklahoma	12:00 p.m.
Sep. 8	vs. Texas A&M-Commerce	5:00 p.m.
Sep. 9	vs. Southwestern Oklahoma	1:30 p.m.
Sep. 11	at Texas-Permian Basin	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 12	at Texas-Permian Basin	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 19	at Rocky Mountain	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sep. 22</b>	<b>Dallas Baptist*</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sep. 23</b>	<b>Dallas Baptist*</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sep. 29</b>	<b>Texas A&amp;M-International</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sep. 30</b>	<b>Texas A&amp;M-International</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 6	at Incarnate Word*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Incarnate Word*	2:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>St. Edward's*</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>St. Edward's*</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>Oklahoma Panhandle*</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>Oklahoma Panhandle*</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 27	at St. Mary's*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	at St. Mary's*	2:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>HLC Tournament-Semifinals</b>	<b>3 &amp; 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>HLC Tournament-Finals</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

All game time are local to site played

Home games are listed in **bold**

\* Heartland Conference games

### Heartland Conference Standings (as of 8/28/06)

	Conf.	Pct.	All	Pct.
St. Mary's	0-0	.000	3-1	.750
MSU-Billings	0-0	.000	2-2	.500
Incarnate Word	0-0	.000	2-2	.500
Dallas Baptist	0-0	.000	1-3	.250
Panhandle State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
St. Edward's	0-0	.000	0-3	.000

### NCAA Regional Rankings (2005 Final Rankings)

1. Nebraska-Kearney
2. Metropolitan State
3. Abilene Christian
4. Western New Mexico
5. Mesa State
6. West Texas A&M
7. Central Oklahoma
8. New Mexico Highlands
9. Fort Hays State
10. Colorado School of Mines

### Ticket Information

General Admission Adult	\$5.00
Seniors	\$3.00
Faculty & Staff	\$3.00
Preschool & K-6	Free
MSUB Students	Free

For more information on tickets call 406-657-2369

## Side Outs

Senior outside hitter Ali Watson and junior middle blocker Alicia Cazemier were each named to the Mountain Lion Invitational all-tournament team. Watson averaged 4.13 kpg and 4.33 bpg while Cazemier tallied 3.93 kpg and 1.00 bpg....Senior outside hitter Jessica Bratton became the third Yellowjacket to eclipse 1,000 career kills at last weekend's tournament. She entered the weekend needing 24 kills to reach 1,000, and she accomplished that on Friday with eight kills against Quincy and 19 against Fort Lewis. With a decent opening weekend, countdown to the school record has begun for Bratton. She needs 17 kills to tie Brandee Sayles for second all-time in school history and 262 to tie Olivia Munro for the school record....It's always tough to gage the early season success of conference opponents when teams are playing in different tournaments across the nation. MSUB and Incarnate Word were picked by the coaches to be the top two teams in the league. They both went 2-2 last weekend. St. Mary's had the best opening weekend with a 3-1 record. The Rattlers, picked third in the preseason coaches' poll, hosted their own tournament last weekend. They defeated Alaska-Anchorage, Colorado Mines, and Valdosta State. Their only loss was a 3-2 setback to Rollins. Aside from the top three teams, how did the rest of the Heartland fare? A combined 1-8 record....Number of the week: 18. That's how many more blocks the Yellowjackets' opponents had at last weekend's tournament. MSU-Billings averaged more kills per game (15.1 to 13.7) than its opponents, but had an attack percentage that was four points lower because of the large disadvantage in blocks.

## Career Record Watch

### Kills

Jessica Bratton, 3rd, 1,026 (Brandee Sayles, 1,043)  
Alicia Cazemier, 9th, 674 (Tegan Harris, 682)  
Ali Watson, 14th, 476 (Billie Jo Greene, 510)

### Assists

Natalie Bills, 2nd, 2,629 (Gina Langer, 4,354)

### Digs

Alexis Sandru, 12th, 656 (Rishay Vollertsen, 657)

### Service Aces

Natalie Bills, 3rd, 114 (Brandee Sayles, 120)  
Nicole Kruse, 9th, 65 (Connie Meyer, 71)  
Alicia Cazemier, 11th, 61 (Carmen Hegg, 65)

### Total Blocks

Alicia Cazemier, 5th, 254 (Tegan Harris, 289)  
Jessica Bratton, 16th, 127 (Angie Hopes, 140)

### Solo Blocks

Alicia Cazemier, 5th, 82 (Lori Brandon, 83)

### Block Assists

Alicia Cazemier, 5th, 172 (Tegan Harris, 212)  
Jessica Bratton, 12th, 105 (Amy Glas, 113)

### Attack Percentage

Alicia Cazemier, 1st, .304  
Jessica Bratton, 13th, .179 (Cortney Lennan, .181)  
Ali Watson, 16th, .166 (Billie Jo Greene, .167)

### Games Played

Jessica Bratton, 9th, 299 (Katrina Dahlgren, 331)  
Alexis Sandru, 13th, 254 (Deb Dianda, 256)  
Natalie Bills, 16th, 220 (Rachel Russell, 221)

## The Last Time in Yellowjacket Volleyball...

- A player had an attack pct. over .500 (min. 12 kills)** — Oct. 4, 2005  
(Alicia Cazemier, .500 vs. OK Panhandle St.)
- A player had 30 or more kills in a match** — Nov. 12, 2004  
(Jessica Bratton, 33 vs. Western New Mexico)
- A player had 20-29 kills in a match** — Aug. 26, 2006  
(Alicia Cazemier, 21 vs. Armstrong Atlantic)
- A player had 60 or more assists in a match** — Nov. 4, 2005  
(Natalie Bills, 62 vs. Incarnate Word)
- A player had 25 or more digs in a match** — Sept. 10, 2005  
(Ali Watson, 27 vs. Western Montana)
- A player had 5 or more aces in a match** — Nov. 5, 2005  
(Alicia Cazemier, 7 vs. Incarnate Word)
- A player had 10 or more blocks in a match** — Sept. 23, 2005  
(Alicia Cazemier, 13 vs. Western New Mexico)
- A player had 5-9 blocks in a match** — Nov. 11, 2005  
(Alicia Cazemier, 5 vs. Incarnate Word)
- The team had an attack percentage over .300** — Sept. 17, 2005  
(.300 vs. St. Mary's)
- The team had 70 or more kills in a match** — Nov. 4, 2005  
(72 vs. Incarnate Word)
- The team had 70 or more assists in a match** — Sept. 17, 2005  
(77 vs. St. Mary's)
- The team had 80 or more digs in a match** — Aug. 26, 2006  
(89 vs. UC-Colorado Springs)
- The team had 10 or more blocks in a match** — Oct. 21, 2005  
(10.0 vs. St. Edward's)

## MSUB Season Stats Leaders

### Kills/Game

Ali Watson - 4.13  
Alicia Cazemier - 3.93  
Jessica Bratton - 3.33

### Assists/Game

Natalie Bills - 11.60

### Blocks/Game

Alicia Cazemier - 1.00  
Jessica Bratton - 0.40  
Natalie Bills - 0.33

### Digs/Game

Nicole Kruse - 5.13  
Ali Watson - 4.33  
Alexis Sandru - 3.73

### Attack Percentage

Natalie Bills - .342  
Alicia Cazemier - .242  
Jessica Lechner - .136

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## Heartland Conference Stats Leaders

### Kills/Game

Ali Watson, MSUB - 4.13  
Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - 3.93  
Samantha Weber, STMU - 3.72

### Assists/Game

Courtney Matula, STMU - 12.28  
Natalie Bills, MSUB - 11.60

### Blocks/Game

Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - 1.00

### Digs/Game

Nicole Kruse, MSUB - 5.13  
Valerie Teeter, STMU - 4.64  
Ali Watson, MSUB - 4.33

### Attack Percentage

Samantha Weber, STMU - .376  
Mallory Moehrig, STMU - .261  
Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - .242

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## 2006 Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Nicole Kruse	L/DS	Jr.	Huntley, MT/MSU-Northern
2	Ali Watson	OH	Sr.	Calgary, AB/Sheridan College
3	Katrina Solomon	DS	Fr.	Billings, MT/Senior HS
4	Alexis Sandru	OH	Sr.	Twin Bridges, MT/Twin Bridges HS
5	Jill Trabling	OH	Fr.	Buffalo, WY/Buffalo HS
6	Leslie Boyd	OH	Fr.	Missoula, MT/Big Sky HS
7	Natalie Bills	S	Sr.	Provo, UT/Snow College
8	Taylor Faught	S	So.	Billings, MT/West HS
9	Jessica Bratton	OH	Sr.	Casper, WY/Natrona County HS
11	Alicia Cazemier	MB	Jr.	Vauxhall, AB/Vauxhall HS
13	Brooke Zent	MB	Fr.	Hysham, MT/Hysham HS
14	Jessica Lechner	RS	So.	Pompeys Pillar, MT/Huntley Project

Head Coach: Pa'ulasi Matavao (7th Season)

Assistant Coach: Cortney Lennan (1st Season)

**2006 MSU-Billings Volleyball**  
**Mont. St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 29, 2006)**  
**All matches**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL MATCHES.....	( 2-2 )	( 0-0 )	( 1-0 )	( 1-2 )
CONFERENCE.....	( 0-0 )	( 0-0 )	( 0-0 )	( 0-0 )
NON-CONFERENCE.....	( 2-2 )	( 0-0 )	( 1-0 )	( 1-2 )

##	STATS	SUMMARY	-----ATTACK-----					--SET--		----SERVE----			--DIG--			-----BLOCKING-----					Points		
			G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct	A	A/G	SA	SE	SA/G	RE	DIG	D/G	BS	BA	Total	B/G		BE	BHE
1	Nicole	Kruse	15	0	0.00	1	5	-.200	3	0.20	3	3	0.20	2	77	5.13	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
2	Ali	Watson	15	62	4.13	40	197	.112	7	0.47	5	7	0.33	3	65	4.33	0	2	2	0.13	1	0	68.0
4	Alexis	Sandru	15	13	0.87	11	59	.034	18	1.20	1	4	0.07	0	56	3.73	0	0	0	0.00	1	2	14.0
5	Jill	Trabing	2	2	1.00	1	5	.200	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
7	Natalie	Bills	15	17	1.13	4	38	.342	174	11.60	4	3	0.27	0	52	3.47	0	5	5	0.33	0	6	23.5
8	Taylor	Faught	15	0	0.00	0	9	.000	3	0.20	3	4	0.20	4	42	2.80	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
9	Jessica	Bratton	15	50	3.33	32	161	.112	1	0.07	0	0	0.00	3	13	0.87	2	4	6	0.40	1	0	54.0
11	Alicia	Cazemier	15	59	3.93	23	149	.242	2	0.13	5	4	0.33	0	8	0.53	6	9	15	1.00	5	0	74.5
14	Jessica	Lechner	15	24	1.60	16	59	.136	1	0.07	0	0	0.00	0	7	0.47	2	2	4	0.27	0	0	27.0
TEAM																							
MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..			15	227	15.13	128	682	.145	209	13.93	21	25	1.40	16	320	21.33	10	22	21.0	1.40	8	8	269.0
Opponents.....			15	206	13.73	105	676	.149	197	13.13	15	30	1.00	23	279	18.60	10	58	39.0	2.60	6	10	260.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SCORE-BY-GAME	ATTEND
ATTACK.....			Aug 25	vs Quincy	W	3-0	31-29,30-16,30-25	31
Kills.....	227	206	Aug 25	vs Fort Lewis	L	1-3	29-31,20-30,30-28,23-30	107
Errors.....	128	105	Aug 26	vs Armstrong Atlantic	L	1-3	27-30,30-17,21-30,21-30	40
Total Attacks....	682	676	Aug 26	at Colo.-Colo. Spings	W	3-1	31-29,19-30,30-14,30-15	196
Attack Pct.....	.145	.149						
Kills/Game.....	15.1	13.7						
SET.....								
Assists.....	209	197						
Assists/Game.....	13.9	13.1						
SERVE.....								
Aces.....	21	15						
Errors.....	25	30						
Attempts.....	400	384						
Serve Pct.....	.938	.922						
Aces/Game.....	1.4	1.0						
SERVE RECEPTIONS....								
Errors.....	16	23						
Errors/Game.....	1.1	1.5						
Attempts.....	355	377						
Reception Pct.....	.955	.939						
DEFENSE.....								
Digs.....	320	279						
Digs/Game.....	21.3	18.6						
BLOCKING.....								
Block Solo.....	10	10						
Block Assist.....	22	58						
Total Blocks.....	21.0	39.0						
Blocks Per Game...	1.4	2.6						
Block Errors.....	8	6						
BALL HANDLING ERRORS	8	10						
ATTENDANCE.....								
Total.....	0	196						
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	1/196						
Neutral site #/Avg	3/59							
Current win streak	1	-						
Home win streak...	0	-						

**2006 MSU-Billings Volleyball**  
**Mont. St.-Billings Category Leaders (as of Aug 29, 2006)**  
**All matches**

##	ATTACK (by K)	G	K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct
2	Ali Watson	15	62	4.13	40	197	.112
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	59	3.93	23	149	.242
9	Jessica Bratton	15	50	3.33	32	161	.112
14	Jessica Lechner	15	24	1.60	16	59	.136
7	Natalie Bills	15	17	1.13	4	38	.342
4	Alexis Sandru	15	13	0.87	11	59	.034
5	Jill Trabing	2	2	1.00	1	5	.200
1	Nicole Kruse	15	0	0.00	1	5	-.200
8	Taylor Faught	15	0	0.00	0	9	.000
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	227	15.13	128	682	.145
	Opponents.....	15	206	13.73	105	676	.149

##	KILL (by K)	G	K	K/Game
2	Ali Watson	15	62	4.13
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	59	3.93
9	Jessica Bratton	15	50	3.33
14	Jessica Lechner	15	24	1.60
7	Natalie Bills	15	17	1.13
4	Alexis Sandru	15	13	0.87
5	Jill Trabing	2	2	1.00
8	Taylor Faught	15	0	0.00
1	Nicole Kruse	15	0	0.00
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	227	15.13
	Opponents.....	15	206	13.73

##	SET (by A)	G	A	A/Game
7	Natalie Bills	15	174	11.60
4	Alexis Sandru	15	18	1.20
2	Ali Watson	15	7	0.47
1	Nicole Kruse	15	3	0.20
8	Taylor Faught	15	3	0.20
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	2	0.13
14	Jessica Lechner	15	1	0.07
9	Jessica Bratton	15	1	0.07
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	209	13.93
	Opponents.....	15	197	13.13

##	SERVE (by SA)	G	SA	SE	TA	Pct	SA/G
2	Ali Watson	15	5	7	66	.894	0.33
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	5	4	57	.930	0.33
7	Natalie Bills	15	4	3	56	.946	0.27
8	Taylor Faught	15	3	4	61	.934	0.20
1	Nicole Kruse	15	3	3	75	.960	0.20
4	Alexis Sandru	15	1	4	84	.952	0.07
5	Jill Trabing	2	0	0	1	1.000	0.00
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	21	25	400	.938	1.40
	Opponents.....	15	15	30	384	.922	1.00

##	BLOCK (by Total)	G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	6	9	15.0	1.00	5
9	Jessica Bratton	15	2	4	6.0	0.40	1
7	Natalie Bills	15	0	5	5.0	0.33	0
14	Jessica Lechner	15	2	2	4.0	0.27	0
2	Ali Watson	15	0	2	2.0	0.13	1
4	Alexis Sandru	15	0	0	0.0	0.00	1
8	Taylor Faught	15	0	0	0.0	0.00	0
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	10	22	21.0	1.40	8
	Opponents.....	15	10	58	39.0	2.60	6

##	DEFENSE (by Dig)	G	DIG	Dig/G	BHE
1	Nicole Kruse	15	77	5.13	0
2	Ali Watson	15	65	4.33	0
4	Alexis Sandru	15	56	3.73	2
7	Natalie Bills	15	52	3.47	6
8	Taylor Faught	15	42	2.80	0
9	Jessica Bratton	15	13	0.87	0
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	8	0.53	0
14	Jessica Lechner	15	7	0.47	0
5	Jill Trabing	2	0	0.00	0
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	320	21.33	8
	Opponents.....	15	279	18.60	10

##	POINTS (by Points)	G	Points	Pts/G
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	74.5	4.93
2	Ali Watson	15	68.0	4.53
9	Jessica Bratton	15	54.0	3.60
14	Jessica Lechner	15	27.0	1.80
7	Natalie Bills	15	23.5	1.53
4	Alexis Sandru	15	14.0	0.93
1	Nicole Kruse	15	3.0	0.20
8	Taylor Faught	15	3.0	0.20
5	Jill Trabing	2	2.0	1.00
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	269.0	17.93
	Opponents.....	15	260.0	17.33

##	RECEPT (by TA)	G	RE	RE/Gm	TA	Pct
2	Ali Watson	15	3	0.20	110	.973
8	Taylor Faught	15	4	0.27	94	.957
1	Nicole Kruse	15	2	0.13	71	.972
4	Alexis Sandru	15	0	0.00	41	1.000
9	Jessica Bratton	15	3	0.20	28	.893
5	Jill Trabing	2	0	0.00	5	1.000
TM	TEAM	15	4	0.27	4	.000
11	Alicia Cazemier	15	0	0.00	2	1.000
	MONT. ST.-BILLINGS..	15	16	1.07	355	.955
	Opponents.....	15	23	1.53	377	.939