

Montana State University-Billings
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Volleyball

This Week's Schedule:

At Mountain Lion Invitational (UC-Colorado Springs)
 August 25—vs. Quincy University (neutral), 11:15 a.m.
 August 25—vs. Fort Lewis (neutral), 6:00 p.m.
 August 26—vs. Armstrong Atlantic (neutral), 10:45 a.m.
 August 26—at UC-Colorado Springs, 3:15 p.m.

The Week in Review

The Yellowjackets wrapped up two and a half weeks of fall practices this week, and all indications are that they are ready to kick off the 2006 season. The Jackets return all eight players from last year's team that went 20-8 and advanced to the Heartland Conference championship match. Coach Matavao added a recruiting class of four high school players who he expects to contribute as the season progresses. MSU-Billings has been picked by the Heartland coaches to win the conference championship. The Yellowjackets will receive several early season tests while playing at three tournaments in the span of three weeks.

This Week's Opponents

Quincy

The Hawks, from Quincy, IL, were 4-20 overall last season and 2-12 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They return eight letter winners and six starters. Four of the six returning starters will be seniors this year.

Fort Lewis

The Skyhawks, from Durango, CO, have been picked to finish third in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's west division. Last year they were 13-16 overall and 12-7 in the RMAC. The Skyhawks' top returning player is middle blocker Nicole Schwab, a first team all-conference selection last year and an RMAC preseason all-conference choice this fall.

Armstrong Atlantic

The Pirates, from Savannah, GA, will provide a strong early season test for the Jackets. They were 22-12 last year, winning the Peach Belt Conference title. The Pirates return 12 players from their 2005 championship squad, including all six starters. They have been picked to repeat as PBC championships.

UC-Colorado Springs

The Mountain Lions, the host of this weekend's tourney, have been picked to finish fourth in the RMAC's east division. They were 16-13 overall last year and 12-7 in the RMAC. The Mountain Lions will be a big team, suiting up nine players who stand 5-10 or taller. Four of their top five scorers return from last season, led by junior Diane Sheldon who knocked down 321 kills as a sophomore.

2006 Volleyball Schedule & Results

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Aug. 25	vs. Quincy University	11:15 a.m.
Aug. 25	vs. Fort Lewis	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 26	vs. Armstrong Atlantic	10:45 a.m.
Aug. 26	at UC-Colorado Springs	3:15 p.m.
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	TBA
Sep. 19	at Rocky Mountain	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 22	Dallas Baptist*	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 23	Dallas Baptist*	2:00 p.m.
Sep. 29	Texas A&M-International	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 30	Texas A&M-International	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Incarnate Word*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Incarnate Word*	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	St. Edward's*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	St. Edward's*	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Rocky Mountain	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Oklahoma Panhandle*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Oklahoma Panhandle*	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	at St. Mary's*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	at St. Mary's*	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	HLC Tournament	TBA
Nov. 4	HLC Tournament	TBA

All game time are local to site played
 Home games are listed in **bold**
 * Heartland Conference games

Heartland Conference Standings (as of 8/23/06)

	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
MSU-Billings	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Incarnate Word	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
St. Mary's	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
St. Edward's	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Dallas Baptist	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Panhandle State	0-0	.000	0-0	.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 657-2369	

Record Watch

Below are where the current Lady Yellowjackets stand in the school career record book entering this week. Following each entry is the next higher spot in the book along with the holder of that spot.

Kills

Jessica Bratton, 3rd, 976 (Brandee Sayles, 1,043)
Alicia Cazemier, 10th, 615 (Katrina Dahlgren, 662)
Ali Watson, 17th, 414 (Connie Meyer, 420)

Assists

Natalie Bills, 2nd, 2,455 (Gina Langer, 4,354)

Digs

Alexis Sandru, 15th, 600 (Connie Meyer, 625)

Service Aces

Natalie Bills, 3rd, 110 (Brandee Sayles, 120)
Nicole Kruse, 10th, 62 (Carmen Hegg, 65)
Alicia Cazemier, 14th, 56 (Nicole Johnson, 57)

Total Blocks

Alicia Cazemier, 6th, 239 (Lori Brandon, 249)
Jessica Bratton, 17th, 121 (Shani Steadman, 124)

Solo Blocks

Alicia Cazemier, 6th, 76 (Tegan Harris, 77)

Block Assists

Alicia Cazemier, 6th, 163 (Lori Brandon, 166)
Jessica Bratton, 14th, 101 (Angie Hopes/Fawn Nelson, 102)

Attack Percentage

Alicia Cazemier, 1st, .312
Jessica Bratton, 11th, .183 (Brandee Sayles, .185)
Ali Watson, 14th, .175 (Rishay Vollertsen, .179)

Games Played

Jessica Bratton, 9th, 284 (Katrina Dahlgren, 331)
Alexis Sandru, 13th, 239 (Deb Dianda, 256)
Natalie Bills, 21st, 205 (Cortney Lennan, 211)

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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 Trabing	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)

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 — Nov. 12, 2005
(Alicia Cazemier, 21 vs. Incarnate Word)
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 attach 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 — Nov. 12, 2005
(85 vs. Western New Mexico)
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

n/a

Assists/Game

n/a

Blocks/Game

n/a

Digs/Game

n/a

Attack Percentage

n/a

Visit www.msubillings.edu/athletics/volleyball for complete stats

Heartland Conference Stats Leaders

Kills/Game

n/a

Assists/Game

n/a

Blocks/Game

n/a

Digs/Game

n/a

Attack Percentage

n/a

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