Montana State University-Billings

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This Week's Schedule:

at Heartland/Lone Star Crossover Tournament Sep. 8 - vs. Central Oklahoma, 12:00 p.m. CST Sep. 8 - vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 5:00 p.m. CST Sep. 9 - vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, 1:30 p.m. CST Sep. 11 - at Texas-Permian Basin, 7:00 p.m. CST Sep. 12 - at Texas-Permian Basin, 7:00 p.m. CST

The Week in Review

The Yellowjackets earned some respect at the Fort Lewis tournament last weekend, going 3-1. On Friday they swept both Dixie State and Eastern New Mexico with dominating performances. Against Dixie State, Alicia Cazemier had 16 kills and six blocks. Jessica Bratton and Ali Watson posted 13 and 11 kills respectively. In the win over Eastern New Mexico the Yellowjackets held the Zias to a team attack percentage of .033. Watson had 13 kills, and Cazemier had 11. MSUB's only loss of the weekend came on Saturday when 18th-ranked Seattle Pacific survived a 3-2 scare from the Jackets. Cazemier had 17 kills and seven blocks. Watson finished with 15 kills. The Yellowjackets closed the tournament with a 3-2 upset of previously unbeaten Fort Lewis on the Skyhawks' home court. Bratton and Watson had huge matches with 29 and 28 kills respectively. Natalie Bills matched her career high with 66 assists. Watson, Alexis Sandru, Bills, Nicole Kruse, and Taylor Faught each had over 20 digs in the match.

This Week's Opponents

Central Oklahoma

MSUB couldn't have drawn a much tougher Lone Star opponent to open the Heartland/Lone Star Crossover Tournament. The Bronchos are picked to repeat as the Lone Star North Champions after going 27-8 last year, including a perfect 12-0 in conference play. They are off to a 5-3 start through the first two weekends of action this year. Kelsey Reynolds is averaging a team-best 3.07 kpg and is also second on the team for blocks. Penny Wascovich averages 2.58 kpg on a team-high .376 attack percentage.

Texas A&M-Commerce

The Lions were picked to finish sixth in the seven-team Lone Star North Division. They have started the season 3-6 with one of their losses coming to Heartland member Dallas Baptist. Colleen Favaro leads the team in kills at 4.93 per game while hitting at a .300 clip. Wannie Neal adds 3.77 kgp. Favaro and Neal led the team in blocks with 23 and 22 respectively.

Southwestern Oklahoma

The Bulldogs were picked to finish last in the Lone Star North Division, and they aren't off to a great start. They enter the week with a 1-8 record with their lone victory coming against Texas-Permian Basin. No Bulldogs average over three kills per game, but four different players are averaging over two kills a game. Kasandra Gurtner leads the way at 2.76 kpg. She also leads the team in blocks at 1.00 per game.

Texas-Permian Basin

The Falcons are off to a 1-7 start following a pair of early season tournaments. Their lone win came against Angelo State last weekend at the Angelo State tournament. UTPB is in its first year of reclassifying from NAIA to NCAA Division II, where it will become a member of the Heartland Conference. Matches against the Falcons this year will not count in the conference standings and will still count as a match against an NAIA team. UTPB doesn't start to count as an NCAA opponent until next year. Molly Atnip and Diondra Arenas lead the Falcons in kills. Amber Zant leads the team in digs.

2006 Volleyball Schedule & Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	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	W, 3-0
Sep. 1	vs. Eastern New Mexico	W, 3-0
Sep. 2	vs. Seattle Pacific	L, 3-2
Sep. 2	at Fort Lewis	W, 3-2
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.
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-Semifinals	3 & 6 p.m.
Nov. 4	HLC Tournament-Finals	7:00 p.m.

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

Heartland Conference Standings (as of 9/3/06)

	Conf.	Pct.	<u>All</u>	Pct.
MSU-Billings	0-0	.000	5-3	.625
St. Mary's	0-0	.000	5-3	.625
Incarnate Word	0-0	.000	2-2	.500
Dallas Baptist	0-0	.000	2-3	.400
Panhandle State	0-0	.000	1-5	.167
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-6Fre	
MSUB StudentsFre	е
For more information on tickets call 406-657-2369	

Side Outs

Senior Jessica Bratton went over 100 kills for the season at last weekend's tournament in Colorado. She entered the season needing 312 kills to catch Olivia Munro for the school career record, so she is approximately 1/3 the way there and the Jackets are approximately 1/3 the way through their regular season schedule. She will need to average about 11 kills per match from this point to catch

Munro....Another senior making moves in the career record books is Alexis Sandru. The outside hitter has played a big role defensively this year and climbed from 12th to 7th last week for career digs. She's averaging 3.84 dpg and could make a run at the top five in school history at her current pace....The Jackets' five-game win over Fort Lewis was good for building individual stats, but it was also a big step for the team. Fort Lewis had beaten MSUB 3-1 the previous week and hadn't lost a match prior to the Jackets' 3-2 upset of the Skyhawks on Saturday. Included in FLC's 7-0 start was a win over nationally ranked Seattle Pacific, which edged the Jackets 3-2 last week....MSU-Billings plays six away matches between now and September 22, when the Jackets open Heartland Conference play at home against Dallas Baptist. One of those matches will be in Billings when MSUB plays at Rocky on September 19. Starting with that Rocky match, all but four of the Jackets' remaining contests will be played in the Magic City. If they survive one more week of playing the role of road warriors, the Jackets should be fresh down the stretch....Senior setter Natalie Bills was named the Heartland Conference setter of the week.

Career Record Watch

Kills

Jessica Bratton, 2nd, 1,087 (Olivia Munro, 1st, 1,288) Alicia Cazemier, 8th, 734 (Lori Brandon, 7th, 822) Ali Watson, 13th, 543 (Rishay Vollertsen, 12th, 602)

Assists

Natalie Bills, 2nd, 2,813 (Gina Langer, 1st, 4,354)

Digs

Alexis Sandru, 7th, 719 (Mandi Paulson, 6th, 754) Natalie Bills, 16th, 556 (Connie Meyer, 15th, 625) Ali Watson, 17th, 513 Nicole Kruse, 18th, 492 Jessica Bratton, 19th, 469

Service Aces

Natalie Bills, 3rd, 119 (Brandee Sayles, 2nd, 120) Nicole Kruse, 7th, 73 (Jody Newberry, 6th, 79) Alicia Cazemier, 11th, 62 (Carmen Hegg, 10th, 65)

Total Blocks

Alicia Cazemier, 5th, 280 (Tegan Harris, 4th, 289) Jessica Bratton, 16th, 134 (Angie Hopes, 15th, 140)

Solo Blocks

Alicia Cazemier, 4th, 95 (Deb Dianda, 3rd, 100)

Block Assists

Alicia Cazemier, 5th, 185 (Tegan Harris, 4th, 212) Jessica Bratton, 12th, 109 (Amy Glas, 11th, 113)

Attack Percentage

Alicia Cazemier, 1st, .301

Jessica Bratton, 13th, .179 (Cortney Lennan, 12th, .181) Ali Watson, 16th, .166 (Billie Jo Greene, 15th, .167)

Games Played

Jessica Bratton, 9th, 315 (Katrina Dahlgren, 8th, 331) Alexis Sandru, 11th, 270 (RaeAnn Eustance, 10th, 280) Natalie Bills, 14th, 236 (Deb Dianda, 13th, 256) Alicia Cazemier, 16th, 225 (Diane Vargo, 15th, 232)

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 25-29 kills in a match — Sept. 2, 2006

A player had 25-29 kills in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (Jessica Bratton (29) & Ali Watson (28) vs. Fort Lewis)

A player had 60 or more assists in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (Natalie Bills, 66 vs. Fort Lewis)

A player had 25 or more digs in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (Taylor Faught (27) & Ali Watson (25) vs. Fort Lewis)

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 — Sept. 2, 2006 (Alicia Cazemier, 7 vs. Fort Lewis)

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 — Sept. 2, 2006 (84 vs. Fort Lewis)

The team had 70 or more assists in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (77 vs. Fort Lewis)

The team had 100 or more digs in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (138 vs. Fort Lewis)

The team had 10 or more blocks in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (10.0 vs. Fort Lewis)

MSUB Season Stats Leaders

Kills/Game

Ali Watson - 4.16 Alicia Cazemier - 3.84 Jessica Bratton - 3.58

Assists/Game

Natalie Bills - 11.55

Blocks/Game

Alicia Cazemier - 1.32 Jessica Bratton - 0.42 Natalie Bills - 0.39

Digs/Game

Nicole Kruse - 4.45 Ali Watson - 3.87 Alexis Sandru - 3.84

Attack Percentage (min 1.00 kpg)

Alicia Cazemier - .254 Jessica Lechner - .154 Jessica Bratton - .141

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

Heartland Conference Stats Leaders

Kills/Game

Ali Watson, MSUB - 4.16 Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - 3.84 Jessica Bratton, MSUB - 3.58

Assists/Game

Courtney Matula, STMU - 11.81 Natalie Bills, MSUB - 11.55 Stephanie Martin, SEU - 8.06

Blocks/Game

Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - 1.32 Samantha Weber, STMU - 1.00 Brandi Moss, DBU - 0.83

Digs/Game

Valerie Teeter, STMU - 4.76 Nicole Kruse, MSUB - 4.45 Hannah Werchan, UIW - 4.08

Attack Percentage

Samantha Weber, STMU - .352 Sarah Moreno, STMU - .274 Lauren Ashlock, DBU - .260

2006 MSU-Billings Volleyball Mont. St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 06, 2006) All matches

OVERALL HOME AWAY

NEUTRAL

RECORD:

Home win streak... 0

RECORD.				•				HOME					74477		NEUIRAL						
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l Nicole Kruse	31	0	0.00	2	12	167	6	0.19	11	7	0.35	7	138	4.45	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	11.0
2 Ali Watson	31	129	4.16	72	410	.139	14	0.45	9	20	0.29	14	120	3.87	1	7	8	0.26	1	0	142.5
3 Katrina Solomon	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
l Alexis Sandru	31	22		22	102	.000	31	1.00	6	7	0.19	1	119	3.84	0	7	7		1	3	31.5
5 Jill Trabing	2		1.00	1	5	.200	0	0.00	0		0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
7 Natalie Bills	31	29		7	84	.262		11.55	9		0.29	1		3.52	0	12	12	0.39	1	11	44.0
8 Taylor Faught	31	1		0	15	.067	6		3		0.10	6		3.39	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
9 Jessica Bratton		111		64	333	.141		0.03	0		0.00	4		1.00	5	8	13	0.42	1	0	120.0
11 Alicia Cazemier	31	119		43	299	.254	5		6		0.19	0	21	0.68	19	22	41	1.32	6	0	155.0
14 Jessica Lechner TEAM	31	48	1.55	29	123	.154	2	0.06	0	0	0.00	0 4	12	0.39	2	9	11	0.35	2	1	54.5
MONT. STBILLINGS	31	461	14.87	240	1383	.160	423	13.65	44	54	1.42	37	655	21.13	27	65	59.5	1.92	12	15	564.5
Opponents	31	413	13.32	219	1387	.140	395	12.74	36	67	1.16	46	589	19.00	21	127	84.5	2.73	19	23	533.5
TEAM STATISTICS	MSU	В	OPP		DATE		C	PPONENT			1	W/L	SCORE	SCOR	E-B	-GAM	Œ			ΑΊ	TEND
ATTACK					Aug	25	vs C	uincy				~ W	3-0	31-2	9.30)-16.	30-25				31
Kills	46	1	413		Aug		_	ort Lew	ri s			L	1-3				30-28,	23-30			107
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Assists	42	3	395		Sep			ort Lew				NT.	3-2					24-30,			175
Assists/Game	13.	6	12.7		=																
SERVE																					
Aces	4	4	36																		
Errors	5	4	67																		
Attempts	83	1	765																		
Serve Pct	.93	5	.912																		
Aces/Game	1.	4	1.2																		
SERVE RECEPTIONS																					
Errors	3	7	46																		
Errors/Game	1.	2	1.5																		
Attempts	70	0	780																		
Reception Pct	.94	7	.941																		
DEFENSE																					
Digs	65	5	589																		
Digs/Game	21.	1	19.0																		
BLOCKING																					
Block Solo	2	7	21																		
Block Assist	6		127																		
Total Blocks	59.		84.5																		
Blocks Per Game	1.		2.7																		
Block Errors	1		19																		
BALL HANDLING ERRORS	1	5	23																		
ATTENDANCE																					
Total		0	371																		
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/		2/186																		
Neutral site #/Avg	6/4																				
Current win streak		1	-																		

2006 MSU-Billings Volleyball Mont. St.-Billings Category Leaders (as of Sep 06, 2006) All matches

##	ATTACK (by K)	G	K	K/Game	e E	TA	Pct	##	KILL (by K)	G	K	K/Game	•		
	Ali Watson	31	129	4.16	72	410	.139		Ali Watson	21	129	4.16	· -		
	Alicia Cazemier		119	3.84	–		.254		Alicia Cazemier		119	3.84			
9	Jessica Bratton		111	3.58			.141	9	Jessica Bratton		111	3.58			
-	Jessica Lechner		48	1.55		123	.154	-	Jessica Lechner	31	48	1.55			
7	Natalie Bills	31		0.94		84	.262	7		31	29	0.94			
4	Alexis Sandru	31		0.71		102	.000		Alexis Sandru	31		0.71			
5	Jill Trabing	2		1.00			.200	5	Jill Trabing	2	2	1.00			
8	Taylor Faught	31	1	0.03		15	.067	8	Taylor Faught	31	1	0.03			
	Nicole Kruse	31	0	0.00		12	167	1	-	31	0	0.00			
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	Opponents	31	413	13.32	219	1387	.140		Opponents	31	413	13.32	2		
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	Natalie Bills			11.55					Nicole Kruse	31			178	.961	0.35
	Alexis Sandru	31		1.00				7		31			124	.952	0.29
	Ali Watson	31	14	0.45				=	Ali Watson	31			135	.852	0.29
	Nicole Kruse	31		0.19					Alicia Cazemier	31			118	.932	0.19
8	Taylor Faught	31	-	0.19					Alexis Sandru	31		•	164	.957	0.19
	Alicia Cazemier	31	5	0.16				8			3	•	111	.946	0.10
	Jessica Lechner	31	2	0.06				-	Jill Trabing	2	0	0		1.000	0.00
	Jessica Bratton	31	1					•	MONT. STBILLINGS		-	-	831	.935	1.42
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								1	Nicole Kruse	31	138	4.45	5 0		
11	Alicia Cazemier	31	19	22	41.0	1.32	6	2	Ali Watson	31	120	3.87	7 0		
9	Jessica Bratton	31	5	8	13.0	0.42	1	4	Alexis Sandru	31	119	3.84	! 3		
7	Natalie Bills	31	0		12.0	0.39		7		31	109	3.52			
	Jessica Lechner	31			11.0	0.35		8	Taylor Faught		105	3.39			
	Ali Watson	31	_		8.0	0.26		9		31	31	1.00			
	Alexis Sandru	31		7	7.0	0.23			Alicia Cazemier		21	0.68			
8	Taylor Faught	31	0	0	0.0	0.00			Jessica Lechner	31	12	0.39			
	MONT. STBILLINGS		27		59.5	1.92			Jill Trabing	2	0	0.00			
	Opponents	31	21	127	84.5	2.73	19	3	Katrina Solomon	1	0	0.00			
									MONT. STBILLINGS						
##	POINTS (by Points)								Opponents	31	589	19.00	23		
11	Alicia Cazemier		155.		.00			##	RECEPT (by TA)	G	DE	RE/Gm	n TA	Pct	
	Ali Watson		142.		.58				RECEFT (Dy IA)						
9	Jessica Bratton		120.		.87				Ali Watson	31	14	0.45			
_	Jessica Lechner		54.		.74			8	Taylor Faught	31	6	0.19			
7	Natalie Bills		44.		.42			-	Nicole Kruse	31		0.23			
4	Alexis Sandru		31.		.00				Alexis Sandru	31	1	0.03			
1	Nicole Kruse	31			.35			9		31	4	0.03			
8	Taylor Faught	31			.13			-	Alicia Cazemier	31	0	0.00		1.000	
5	Jill Trabing	2	2.		.00				Jill Trabing	2	0	0.00			
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	Opponents							7	Natalie Bills	31	1	0.03			
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