



Yellowjacket Baseball 2007

Weekly Release #3—March 7, 2007

This Week's Schedule:

Mar. 9—at Oklahoma Panhandle, noon & 2:30 p.m., CST
Mar. 10—at Oklahoma Panhandle, 11 & 1:30 p.m., CST

Opponent Information:

Oklahoma Panhandle

Oklahoma Panhandle State has struggled in the early going reflecting a 3-13 overall record and a dismal 0-12 in Heartland Conference play. The Aggies are on a 12-game losing streak and have not won a game since they swept Hillside Baptist back on February 8.

Josh Garcia leads the Aggies with a .382 batting average. He has scored 10 runs and a team-leading 16 RBI for Oklahoma Panhandle. Garcia also leads the Aggies with seven doubles, and three home runs. K.D. Bressler has scored a team-leading 12 runs off a .315 batting average. Andres Belandria has been dangerous on the base paths, stealing nine bases off 10 attempts.

The Aggies have produced decent results at the plate but have been hindered by a weak pitching staff who have given up a combined 193 runs for an opponent runs per game average of 12.1. Jeremy Hingtgen leads the Aggies with a 9.26 ERA allowing 27 runs off 40 hits in 23.1 innings pitched. Although Kyle Cremers has struck out a team-leading 21 batters, he has allowed 52 runs off 53 hits for a 10.68 ERA.

Opponent Series Records:

MSUB Wins: 6 OPSU Wins: 2
First Meeting: OPSU 5, MSUB 3 (3/25/06 at Goodwell, OK)
Last Meeting: OPSU 7, MSUB 5 (4/22/06 at Cobb Field)
Streaks: The Aggies won the first and last meeting between the two teams with the Yellowjackets winning the middle six games straight.

2007 Schedule & Results

7-11 overall, 2-10 Heartland

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb. 16 | at Incarnate Word* | L, 4-3 |
| Feb. 16 | at Incarnate Word* | L, 11-9 |
| Feb. 17 | at Incarnate Word* | L, 6-4 |
| Feb. 17 | at Incarnate Word* | W, 5-1 |
| Feb. 20 | at Texas A&M—Int'l | W, 8-5 |
| Feb. 20 | at Texas A&M—Int'l | L, 5-2 |
| Feb. 21 | at St. Mary's* | L, 18-0 |
| Feb. 21 | at St. Mary's* | L, 14-2 |
| Feb. 22 | at St. Mary's* | L, 5-2 |
| Feb. 22 | at St. Mary's* | W, 3-0 |
| Mar. 1 | at St. Edward's* | L, 6-5 |
| Mar. 1 | at St. Edward's* | L, 5-2 |
| Mar. 2 | at St. Edward's* | L, 10-2 |
| Mar. 2 | at St. Edward's* | L, 2-0 |
| Mar. 5 | at Texas—Permian Basin | W, 6-5 |
| Mar. 5 | at Texas—Permian Basin | W, 9-0 |
| Mar. 6 | at Texas—Permian Basin | W, 4-3 |
| Mar. 6 | at Texas—Permian Basin | W, 7-2 |
| Mar. 9 | at Oklahoma Panhandle* | noon |
| Mar. 9 | at Oklahoma Panhandle* | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 10 | at Oklahoma Panhandle* | 11:00 a.m. |
| Mar. 10 | at Oklahoma Panhandle* | 1:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 17 | at Central Washington | noon |
| Mar. 17 | at Central Washington | 3:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 18 | at Central Washington | noon |
| Mar. 18 | at Central Washington | 3:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 23 | at Lincoln* | noon |
| Mar. 23 | at Lincoln* | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 24 | at Lincoln* | 11:00 a.m. |
| Mar. 24 | at Lincoln* | 1:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Oklahoma Panhandle* | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Oklahoma Panhandle* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 31 | Oklahoma Panhandle* | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 31 | Oklahoma Panhandle* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 4 | Texas A&M—Int'l | 7:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 5 | Texas A&M—Int'l | 2:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 5 | Texas A&M—Int'l | 4:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 6 | Texas A&M—Int'l | 11:00 a.m. |
| Apr. 13 | Lincoln* | 2:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 13 | Lincoln* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 14 | Lincoln* | 2:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 14 | Lincoln* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 20 | St. Mary's* | 4:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 20 | St. Mary's* | 6:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 21 | St. Mary's* | 3:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 21 | St. Mary's* | 5:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 27 | Incarnate Word* | 2:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 27 | Incarnate Word* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 28 | Incarnate Word* | 2:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 28 | Incarnate Word* | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 7 | St. Edward's* | 2:00 p.m. |
| May 7 | St. Edward's* | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 8 | St. Edward's* | 1:00 p.m. |
| May 8 | St. Edward's* | 3:30 p.m. |

Home games listed in **bold**
Home games are played at Cobb Field

* Heartland Conference game All times local to game site

Week in Review

The Jackets had a see-saw week on the road. After losing four-straight Heartland Conference games to league-leader St. Edward's University, the Yellowjackets rebounded to win four-straight over conference provisional member Texas-Permian Basin.

The Yellowjackets nearly handed the Hilltoppers their first conference loss of the season on March 1 in Austin, but a dropped fly ball in the seventh inning proved costly as the Jackets fell 6-5 in eight innings. The Jackets held a 2-1 lead in game two, but back-to-back Hilltopper triples in the sixth vaulted St. Edward's into the 5-2 lead and the win. The Yellowjackets were overpowered by the Top-pers in the second-day series where they fell 10-2 in game one, and lost a 2-0 shutout in the late game.

In game one against the Falcons, the Yellowjackets made clutch plays when they needed them most. Rallying from a 5-0 deficit, the Jackets scored five runs in the sixth to eventually force the game into extra innings. A short single by Kyle Pryor plated Matt Schoonover for the winning run in the eleventh.

The Jackets' Brian Strom threw a complete game shutout in the Yellowjackets 9-0 win in game two. Willie Cratlic went 2-for-4 in the game with a double and two RBI.

The Yellowjackets complete the series sweep over the Falcons defeating them 4-3 in 12 innings before downing UTPB 7-2 in a darkness-shortened series finale. Jon Clark struck out a career-high seven batters in the win over the Falcons.

In the Dugout

Good things are happening for the Yellowjackets as 16 different players either matched or broke personal career records in the games against St. Edward's and Permian Basin last week...MSUB is proving they have talent on the mound. Six different Yellowjackets have now pitched to a win with Ben Lewerke leading the team with a 2-1 record...the Yellowjackets also have done their work at the plate. The team has already hit six triples this season as compared to eight for the entire 2006 campaign...Seth Moir, a redshirt last season, has a team-leading five doubles.

Heartland Conference Standings (as of 3/7/07)

| | <u>Conf.</u> | <u>Pct</u> | <u>All</u> | <u>Pct</u> |
|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| St. Edward's | 12-0 | 1.00 | 17-2 | .895 |
| St. Mary's | 11-1 | .917 | 13-4 | .765 |
| Incarnate Word | 10-2 | .833 | 16-3 | .833 |
| MSU-Billings | 2-10 | .167 | 7-11 | .388 |
| Lincoln | 1-11 | .083 | 2-14 | .125 |
| OK Panhandle | 0-12 | .000 | 3-13 | .188 |

Heartland Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll

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

This Week's Games in the Heartland

| | |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar. 5 | MSUB @ UTPB |
| Mar. 6 | LU @ Missouri-Rolla MSUB @ UTPB |
| Mar. 7 | Texas A&M-Kingsville W STMU |
| Mar. 9 | UTPB @ LU *MSUB @ OPSU *STMU @ SEU UIW @ TAMIU |
| Mar. 10 | UTPB @ LU *MSUB @ OPSU *STMU @ SEU UIW @ TAMIU |

*Heartland Conference game

MSUB HLC Team Statistical Rankings (as of 3/6/07)

Batting Average - 5th (.234). Runs - 6th (38). Hits - 6th (61). Doubles - 5th (10). Triples - 5th (4). Homeruns - 6th (0). Stolen Bases - 4th (11)

ERA - 4th (.862). Innings Pitched - 6th (63.2). Strikeouts - 6th (27).

MSUB HLC Individual Statistical Rankings (as of 3/6/07)

Batting Average - n/a. At Bats - n/a. Runs - n/a. Hits - n/a. RBI - n/a. Doubles - n/a. Triples - Jordan Shine, t-2nd (2). Homeruns - n/a. Total Bases - n/a. Stolen Bases - n/a.

ERA - Ben Lewerke, 1st (0.69). Innings Pitched - n/a. Strikeouts - n/a.

Yellowjacket Baseball Staff



Chris Brown is entering his second season at the helm of the Yellowjacket baseball program. In his first season, the team went 15-35 overall and 13-27 in the Heartland Conference. Brown was the head coach for two seasons at Bemidji State University, a Division II institution in Bemidji, MN, but left the Beavers immediately to begin recruiting at MSU-Billings. At Bemidji, Brown was the first coach in the program's 54 year history to post back-to-back seasons of more than 10 conference wins. Before he was promoted to head coach in the summer of 2002, Brown was an assistant coach at Bemidji State for two years. As an assistant he served as the team's recruiting coordinator and pitching coach. He spent one season as an assistant coach at Jamestown College (ND), where he was a pitcher for four years.



Assistant Coach
Luke Wheeler
(1st Season)



Athletic Trainer
Jeff Ernst
(2nd Season)

MSUB Career Stats Leaders

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Batting Average (min. 75 Abs) | |
| Mike Wardell | .333 |
| Runs | |
| Kyle Pryor | 35 |
| Hits | |
| Kyle Pryor | 60 |
| Doubles | |
| Willie Crtalic | 12 |
| Triples | |
| Doug Longfellow | 4 |
| Home Runs | |
| Matt Kakalecik | 2 |
| Runs Batted In | |
| Nick Hoskyn | 35 |
| Stolen Bases | |
| Kyle Pryor | 20 |
| Pitching Strikeouts | |
| Kyle McBride | 49 |
| Chris Martin | 39 |
| Earned Run Average | |
| Brian Strom | 3.38 |
| Steve Scott | 3.86 |
| Ben Lewerke | 3.86 |

MSUB Season Stats Leaders

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|------|
| Batting Average (min. 20 Abs) | |
| Kyle Pryor | .345 |
| Runs | |
| Doug Longfellow | 13 |
| Hits | |
| Kyle Pryor | 20 |
| Doubles | |
| Seth Moir | 5 |
| Triples | |
| Jordan Shine | 2 |
| Home Runs | |
| n/a | |
| Runs Batted In | |
| Kyle Pryor | 13 |
| Stolen Bases | |
| Nick Hoskyn | 5 |
| Kyle Pryor | 5 |
| Pitching Strikeouts | |
| Jon Clark | 12 |
| Earned Run Average (min. 10 innings) | |
| Ben Lewerke | 1.42 |
| Pitching Wins | |
| Ben Lewerke | 2 |

The Last Time in Yellowjacket Baseball.....

A player had 3 hits in a game— Nick Hoskyn vs. Permian Basin, 3/6/07
 A player had 4 hits in a game— Willie Crtalic vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06
 A player scored three runs in a game— Willie Crtalic vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06
 A player had two doubles in a game— Matt Schoonover vs. Permian Basin, 3/6/07
 A player had three doubles in a game— n/a
 A player had a triple in a game— Willie Crtalic vs. Permian Basin, 3/5/07
 A player had two triples in a game— n/a
 A player hit 1 home run in a game— Matt Kakalecik vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06
 A player hit 2 home runs in a game— n/a
 A player had 3 RBI in a game— Doug Longfellow vs. Permian Basin, 3/5/07
 A player had 4 RBI in a game— Kyle Slater vs. Okla. Panhandle, 4/22/06
 A player had 5 RBI in a game— Jake Samuelson vs. Northwest Nazarene, 3/18/06
 A player had 3 walks in a game— Doug Longfellow vs. Okla. Panhandle, 3/25/06
 A player had 4 walks in a game— n/a
 A player had 2 stolen bases in a game— Doug Longfellow vs. Incarnate Word, 5/05/06
 A player had 3 stolen bases in a game— n/a
 A pitcher had 8 strikeouts in a game— Kyle McBride vs. Lincoln, 3/28/06
 A pitcher had 9 strikeouts in a game— n/a
 A pitcher had 10 strikeouts in a game— n/a
 A pitcher had 11 strikeouts in a game— Kyle McBride vs. Okla. Panhandle, 4/21/06
 The team had 10 runs in a game—April 14, 2006 vs. Lincoln (12)
 The team had 5 RBI in a game—March 6, 2007 vs. Permian Basin (7)

2007 Yellowjacket Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Yr. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|-----|-------------------|--------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Doug Longfellow | OF | Sr. | Lewistown, MT/Miles CC |
| 2 | Matt Schoonover | IF | Fr. | Great Falls, MT/C.M. Russell HS |
| 3 | Kyle Pryor* | IF | Sr. | Billings, MT/Miles CC |
| 4 | Jake Samuelson* | C | Sr. | Helena, MT/Miles CC |
| 5 | Nick Hoskyn* | Ut | Sr. | Oelwein, IA/N. Iowa Area CC |
| 6 | Casey Miller | RHP | Sr. | Miles City, MT/Miles CC |
| 8 | Josh Wiley | IF | Sr. | Belgrade, MT/Eastern Utah |
| 9 | Patrick Smith | IF | Jr. | Flagstaff, AZ/Mesa State |
| 10 | James Lester | LHP | So. | Missoula, MT/Miles CC |
| 11 | Mike Cease | Ut/RHP | So. | Deer Lodge, MT/Powell County HS |
| 12 | Kyle Slater | C | Sr. | Missoula, MT/Miles CC |
| 13 | Kevin Roberts | RHP | Sr. | Terry, MT/Miles CC |
| 14 | Jon Clark | RHP | Sr. | Anaconda, MT/Bemidji State |
| 15 | Brian Strom | LHP | So. | Littleton, CO/Regis University |
| 16 | Willie Crtalic* | OF | Sr. | Billings, MT/Southern Idaho |
| 18 | Jordan Shine | Ut | Jr. | Great Falls, MT/Miles CC |
| 19 | Tif Myers | Ut | So. | Dillon,, MT/Grays Harbor CC |
| 20 | Steve Scott | LHP | Jr. | Billings, MT/Chapman Univ. |
| 21 | Seth Moir | IF | Jr. | Cody, WY/St. Martin's College |
| 22 | Chris Martin | RHP | Sr. | Billings, MT/Miles CC |
| 23 | Chris Harang | Ut | Jr. | Glenview, IL/North Iowa CC |
| 24 | Patch Wirtzberger | C/OF | Fr. | Havre, MT/Havre HS |
| 25 | Kyle McBride | RHP | Sr. | Billings, MT/Miles CC |
| 26 | Ben Lewerke | LHP | Sr. | Mason City, IA/Iowa CC |
| 28 | Kyle Ailes | IF | Fr. | Bozeman, MT/Bozeman HS |
| 29 | Jeremy Knowles | RHP | Jr. | Three Forks, MT/Miles CC |
| 30 | Cody Clark | RHP | Fr. | Billings, MT/Jamestown Coll. |
| 31 | Bobby Henderson | C/RHP | So. | Frenchtown, MT/Jamestown Coll. |

*Team Captain

Head Coach: Chris Brown (2nd season)
 Assistant Coach: Luke Wheeler (1st season)
 Athletic Trainer: Jeff Ernst (2nd season)

Current Yellowjacket Baseball Career Highs

#1 Doug Longfellow

Hits: 2 five times
Runs: 2 four times
RBI: 3 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/5/07
Doubles: 1 three times
Triples: 1 four times
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: 2 vs. Inc. Word, 5/5/06

#2 Matt Schoonover

Hits: 2 two times
Runs: 2 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/5/07
RBI: 1 two times
Doubles: 1 four times
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: 1 vs. Incarnate Word, 2/17/07

#3 Kyle Pryor

Hits: 3 three times
Runs: 2 six times
RBI: 3 vs. St. Edward's, 3/1/07
Doubles: 1 three times
Triples: 1 vs. Incarnate Word, 2/17/07
Stolen Bases: 2 three times

#4 Jake Samuelson

Hits: 4 vs. Lincoln, 4/14/06
Runs: 2 two times
RBI: 5 vs. NW Nazarene, 3/18/06
Doubles: 1 four times
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: 1 two times

#5 Nick Hoskyn

Hits: 4 vs. Lincoln, 3/28/06
Runs: 2 three times
RBI: 4 vs. Cent. Washington, 4/11/06
Doubles: 1 nine times
Triples: 1 vs. Inc. Word, 3/8/06
Homeruns: 1 vs. Okla. Pan., 4/21/06
Stolen Bases: 1 eight times

#6 Casey Miller

Innings Pitched: 3.1 vs. St. Mary's, 3/3/06
Strikeouts: 2 vs. St. Edward's, 4/8/06

#7 Nathan Herbig

Innings Pitched: 8.1 vs. NW Nazarene, 3/17/06
Strikeouts: 5 two times

#8 Josh Wiley

Hits: 2 two times
Runs: 1 five times
RBI: 3 vs. NW Nazarene, 3/18/06
Doubles: n/a
Triples: 1 vs. Incarnate Word, 2/17/07
Homeruns: n/a

#9 Pat Smith

Hits: 3 vs. St. Edward's, 3/1/07
Runs: 2 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/5/07
RBI: 2 vs. Okla. Pan., 3/25/06
Doubles: 1 three times
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: 1 two times

#10 James Lester

Innings Pitched: 5.0 vs. St. Edward's, 3/1/07
Strikeouts: 1 vs. St. Mary's, 2/21/07

#11 Mike Cease

Hits: 3 vs. Cent. Washington, 4/11/06
Runs: 2 vs. Cent. Washington, 4/11/06
RBI: 1 two times
Doubles: 1 vs. Incarnate Word, 2/16/07
Stolen Bases: 1 three times
Innings Pitched: 3.2 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/6/07
Strikeouts: 3 vs. Inc. Word, 3/8/06

#12 Kyle Slater

Hits: 3 vs. NW Nazarene, 3/17/06
Runs: 2 three times
RBI: 4 vs. Okla. Pan., 4/22/06
Doubles: 1 eight times
Homeruns: 1 vs. Inc. Word, 3/8/06
Stolen Bases: n/a

#13 Kevin Roberts

Innings Pitched: 5.0 vs. Lincoln, 4/15/06
Strikeouts: 4 vs. St. Mary's, 3/2/06

#14 Jon Clark

Innings Pitched: 7.0 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/6/07
Strikeouts: 7 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/6/07

#15 Brian Strom

Innings Pitched: 7.0 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/5/07
Strikeouts: 3 vs. Texas A&M—Int'l, 2/20/07

#16 Willie Crtalic

Hits: 4 vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06
Runs: 3 vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06
RBI: 3 three times
Doubles: 1 eleven times
Triples: 1 two times
Homeruns: 1 vs. NW Nazarene, 2/24/06
Stolen Bases: 2 vs. Cent. Washington, 4/11/06

#18 Jordan Shine

Hits: 2 vs. St. Mary's, 2/22/07
Runs: 1 three times
RBI: 3 vs. Incarnate Word, 2/16/07
Doubles: n/a
Triples: 1 two times
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: n/a

#19 Tif Myers

Hits: n/a
Runs: 1 vs. Incarnate Word, 2/17/07
RBI: n/a
Doubles: n/a
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: n/a

#20 Steve Scott

Innings Pitched: 4.2 two times
Strikeouts: 4 two times

#21 Seth Moir

Hits: 3 vs. St. Edward's, 3/1/07
Runs: 1 four times
RBI: 2 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/6/07
Doubles: 1 four times
Triples: n/a
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: n/a

#22 Chris Martin

Innings Pitched: 7.0 vs. Okla. Pan., 3/25/06
Strikeouts: 7 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/6/07

#23 Chris Harang

Hits: 1 vs. St. Edward's, 3/2/07
Runs: n/a
RBI: 1 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/6/07
Doubles: n/a
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: n/a

#24 Patch Wirtzberger

Hits: 1 two times
Runs: 2 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/6/07
RBI: n/a
Doubles: n/a
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: n/a

#25 Kyle McBride

Innings Pitched: 8.0 vs. St. Mary's, 4/28/06
Strikeouts: 11 vs. Okla. Pan., 4/21/06

#26 Ben Lewerke

Innings Pitched: 7.0 two times
Strikeouts: 3 five times

#28 Kyle Ailes

Hits: n/a
Runs: n/a
RBI: n/a
Doubles: n/a
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: n/a

#29 Jeremy Knowles

Innings Pitched: 6.0 vs. St. Mary's, 2/22/07
Strikeouts: 2 two times

#30 Cody Clark

Innings Pitched: 5.2 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/5/07
Strikeouts: 4 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 3/5/07

#31 Bobby Henderson

Innings Pitched: n/a
Strikeouts: n/a