

# YELLOWJACKET SOFTBALL

## Weekly Release - Mar. 25, 2009

### 2009 Softball Schedule 15-5 GNAC, 24-10

#### FEBRUARY

7	vs. Davis & Elkins@	W, 11-0
	vs. CSU Dominguez Hills@	W, 3-2
8	vs. Central Washington@	L, 3-4
	vs. Sonoma State@	W, 2-1
	vs. San Francisco State\$	L, 0-6
11	at CSU Dominguez Hills	W, 3-2
		W, 2-0
13	vs. Dixie State#	L, 3-4
	vs. Western New Mexico#	W, 11-2
14	vs. Eastern New Mexico#	L, 4-5
	vs. New Mexico Highlands#	W, 7-3
15	vs. Grand Canyon#	L, 5-7
21	at Western Oregon*	L, 2-3
		L, 0-3
22	at Western Oregon*	W, 6-5
		W, 10-8
28	at Saint Martin's*	W, 13-1
		W, 7-0

#### MARCH

1	at Saint Martin's*	W, 14-0
		W, 4-3
6	at Western Washington*	L, 2-6
		W, 6-0
7	at Western Washington*	W, 3-0
		W, 8-0
13	Northwest Nazarene*	W, 11-10 (10)
		W, 10-8
14	Northwest Nazarene*	W, 8-0 (5)
		W, 11-2 (5)
18	Univ. of Mary	W, 8-2
		W, 8-2
21	at Central Washington*	L, 2-3 (11)
		W, 9-6
22	at Central Washington*	W, 3-1
		L, 2-3
28	Saint Martin's*	1:00 p.m.
29	Saint Martin's*	1:00 p.m.

#### APRIL

10	Western Oregon*	1:00 p.m.
11	Western Oregon*	1:00 p.m.
15	Univ. of Great Falls	1:00 p.m.
18	Western Washington*	1:00 p.m.
19	Western Washington*	1:00 p.m.
21	at Univ. of Mary	1:00 p.m.
24	at Northwest Nazarene	3:00 p.m.
25	at Northwest Nazarene	Noon
29	Univ. of Great Falls	1:00 p.m.

#### MAY

1	Central Washington*	1:00 p.m.
2	Central Washington*	1:00 p.m.

- \* GNAC Game
- @ Best of the West - Turlock, Calif.
- \$ Turlock, Calif.
- # Lead Off Classic - Phoenix, Arizona

**THIS WEEK:** Montana State Billings returns to the friendly confines of Cenex Stadium, Sat.-Sun., Mar. 28-29 for a pair of GNAC doubleheaders. MSUB, who is ranked 30th in the NFCA NCAA Division II national poll, will take on Saint Martin's. Both days are set to start at 1:00 p.m.

**SAINT MARTIN'S:** The Saints are 2-13 in the GNAC and 3-19 overall. At the plate, Morgan Klemm has scored six runs, driven in six runs and is batting .362. Kristine Kaneshiro has three doubles, one triple and one home run, scored 10 runs, driven in eight runs and is hitting .318.

MSUB leads the series 15-3. They have won the last eight meetings.

### NFCA NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL POLL MARCH 25, 2009

1	Angelo State (12)	30-4	396
2	Alabama-Huntsville (4)	23-1	387
3	North Georgia	27-3	359
4	Southeastern Oklahoma	33-5	341
5	Humboldt State	21-7	336
6	Ferris State	12-2	283
7	Valdosta State	27-5	272
8	Metro State	22-4	270
9	Lock Haven	15-4	260
10	Lenoir Rhyne	22-3	248
11	Hawaii Pacific	23-3	213
12	Kutztown	24-6	209
13	Winona State	16-5	179
14	LeMoyne	12-4	178
15	California (PA)	16-2	156
16	Abilene Christian	24-9	139
17	West Florida	28-7	138
18	Dixie State	24-4	128
19	Francis Marion	23-8	120
20	Georgian Court	12-6	106
21	Lewis	21-10	102
22	Minnesota State Mankato	19-5	74
23	Nebraska-Omaha	20-5	66
24	Rollins	28-4	64
25	West Texas A&M	26-12	56

**Others Receiving Votes:** Florida Southern 32, Adelphi 24, Missouri Western 19, C.W. Post 13, **Montana Billings 8**, Wayne State (Mich) 8, Wingate 6, NYIT 4, Cal State Dominguez Hills 3, Indiana Univ. of Pa. 2, Wayne State (Neb.) 1

## Montana State Billings Quick Facts

### UNIVERSITY

**Name:** ..... Montana State University Billings  
**Location:** ..... Billings, Mont.  
**Founded:** ..... 1927 (Formerly Eastern Montana College)  
**Enrollment:** ..... 4,799  
**Chancellor:** ..... Dr. Ronald Sexton  
**Director of Athletics:** ..... Dr. Gary Gray  
**Nickname:** ..... Yellowjackets  
**Colors:** ..... Navy Blue & Gold  
**Conference:** ..... Great Northwest Athletic Conference  
**Facility:** ..... Cenex Stadium (2002)  
**Capacity:** ..... 300

### COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** ..... Anthony Stone  
**E-Mail:** ..... AStone@msubillings.edu  
**Record at MSUB:** ..... 28-21, 1 yr  
**Overall Record:** ..... 70-58, 3 yrs  
**Assistant Coaches:** ..... Lisa Allen, Aaron Jackson  
**Softball Office Phone:** ..... 406-657-2398

### TEAM INFORMATION

**2008 Record:** ..... 28-21  
**GNAC Record/Finish:** ..... 16-8/3rd  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** ..... 10/3

### SOFTBALL HISTORY

**First Season:** ..... 2001  
**All-Time Record:** ..... 163-182 (Eight Years)  
**Conference Tournament Appearances:** ..... 2  
..... (2006, 07)  
**NCAA Appearances:** ..... 1  
..... (2005)  
**All-Conference Selections:** ..... 39  
**Academic All-Conference Selections:** ..... 22  
**Academic All-District Selections:** ..... 2  
**All-West Region Selections:** ..... 6  
**All-American Selections:** ..... 1  
..... Theresa Campbell - 2005 (3rd Team)

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**LAST WEEK:** Montana State Billings had a strong week winning four of six games. On Mar. 18, MSUB swept the University of Mary, 8-2 and 8-2. On Mar. 21-22, the Yellowjackets split a four game series with Central Washington to remain in first place in the GNAC.

On the 21st, MSUB lost 3-2 in 11 innings and then bounced back to win 9-6. On the 22nd they reversed it winning the first 3-1 and losing the nightcap 3-2.

For the week, Terina Stacks had two doubles, scored six runs, drove in one run and hit .500 while Steph Gosselin had two doubles, one home run, scored three runs and batted .474. Kelly Parsons had a strong week with three home runs, scored six runs, drove in six runs and hit .412.

On the mound, Lisa Moore was 2-0 and gave up 10 hits, three runs, walked eight and struck out 18 for a 1.17 ERA in 18 innings. Kasie Conder went 1-1 and gave up 11 hits, six runs, five of them earned, walked one and struck out 18 for a 2.62 ERA in 13 and 2/3rd innings.

**RBI RECORD:** On March 18 against the University of Mary, the career RBI record was broken, tied and broken. In the first game, Steph Gosselin drove in Terina Stacks in the first inning. That was Gosselin's 92nd career RBI breaking a three way tie.

In the second inning, Stacks doubles to drive in Kelly Parsons for her 92nd career RBI to tie Gosselin. In the first innings of the second game, Gosselin drove in Stacks to take back the RBI mark with 93.

**RECORD CHASERS:** The Yellowjackets are already hard at work rewriting the individual career record book. Earlier this season, Terina Stacks became the all-time leader in hits (184) and total bases (271). Four other records are being challenged as well.

Steph Gosselin is currently the all-time leader in RBI's with 95 and Stacks is close behind at 92. In addition, Gosselin has scored 103 runs tying the mark set by Joey Ehnes (2002-05). Once again, Stacks is right behind with 102 runs.

Stacks has 731 putouts to break the career record of 727 while Leslie Davis has accumulated 270 assists and needs 30 to break the record of 299.

**WEST REGION POLL:** Montana State Billings is currently ranked fourth in the NCAA Division II West Region Poll as of Mar. 25. In paranthese is where they are ranked nationally.

1. Humboldt State (5)
2. Hawaii Pacific (11)
3. Dixie State (18)
4. Montana State Billings (30)
5. Sonoma State
6. Cal State Stanislaus
7. Grand Canyon
8. UC San Diego
9. Central Washington
10. Cal State Dominguez Hills (34)

## 2009 Season Outlook

The 2008 season was a tale of two halves. Montana State Billings got off to a slow start winning just six of its first 21 games. After a pair of one-run losses to the University of Mary, the Yellowjackets suddenly caught fire. They finished as one of the hottest teams in the country winning 22 of their last 28 games. That run ended up producing a flashy 16-8 record in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, good for third place. MSUB finished the season at 28-21 overall.

For the 2009 season, Head Coach Tony Stone has set forth a goal of 23=8. There are 23 players on the Yellowjacket squad. Every single player needs to make valuable contributions to the team in order for MSUB to be one of the eight teams selected for regionals.

With Seattle moving to NCAA Division I, Montana State Billings is now the top offensive and fielding team in the GNAC. The Yellowjackets finished fifth in the conference for ERA last season. Lisa Allen, former Oregon State star, has been brought in to coach the pitchers this season.

MSUB returns 10 players from last year's squad. That experience will be needed as they face a very challenging schedule. The Yellowjackets open the season at the Best of the West Invitational facing the defending NCAA Division II national champions, Humboldt State. They will also face two West regional qualifiers at the tournament in Cal State Dominguez Hills and Cal State Stanislaus.

After a non-conference double header with Dominguez Hills, the Yellowjackets head to Phoenix to participate in the Lead-Off Classic. Among the teams they will face are Eastern New Mexico and Western New Mexico, two traditionally strong programs. MSUB will then open the GNAC season with West Region runner-up, Western Oregon, on Feb. 21.

## INFIELD

The Yellowjackets have lost two of their top five hitters in Jessica Frank (Shortstop) and Jenna Haacke (2nd Base). Frank earned All-GNAC 1st team honors in a solid season (9 doubles, 3 triples, 10 Home Runs, 43 Runs, 34 RBI's, 18 stolen bases, .352 BA). Her stolen bases were a single-season school record and she was the all-time career leader in stolen bases (34) and assists (298). Haacke earned 2nd team all-league honors for the third straight season. She had eight doubles and was the second leading hitter on the team with a .383 average. Leslie Davis and Terina Stacks return as regulars. Davis was All-GNAC 1st team in 2008 with 15 doubles, two triples and seven home runs, scored 31 runs, drove in 33 runs and hit .361. Stacks was equally impressive hitting six doubles, two triples and five home runs, scored 29 runs, drove in 28 runs and hit .373. Stevie Howard and Alyssa Frank saw considerable playing time as well in 2008 and will step into lead roles at second and shortstop, respectively. Whitney Whitemore is expected to challenge for a starting spot. She earned all-region honors at Bellevue CC last season.

## OUTFIELD

Midway through the 2008 season, the Yellowjackets saw significant injuries to the squad. Shay Oberg filled in nicely as a reserve during that time hitting .280. Steph Gosselin had 10 doubles and five home runs, scored 32 runs, drove in 27 and hit .408. Bobbie Lee gained a valuable season of practice as a redshirt in 2008 and will compete for a starting position. Three newcomers to MSUB will add depth and athleticism. Amanda Goings and Amanda Hood were both two-time all-conference selections in high school. Dawn Norcross was a two-time All-American at Bellevue CC.

## CATCHER

Kelly Parsons earned All-GNAC 2nd team honors as well as being named the GNAC Freshman of the Year in 2008. She had eight doubles and nine home runs, scored 21 runs and drove in 34 runs while hitting .341. Behind the plate she had 267 chances with just four errors and threw out seven runners. Backing her up will be freshman newcomer Jenna VanEykeren. VanEykeren was a two-time academic all-state selection at Centennial High School.

## PITCHING

Returning pitchers Lisa Moore and Rebekah Tsatsa combined to go 23-13 for the Yellowjackets last year. Moore threw to a 12-5 record with 87 strikeouts and a 2.40 ERA. Tsatsa went 11-8 with 101 strikeouts and a 3.29 ERA. Josie Grotbo and Kasie Conder add considerable depth as they join the Lady Jackets squad in 2009. Grotbo was a two-time all-conference selection at Helena HS (Mont.). Conder was a three-time All-State selection at Corvallis HS (Mont.)

**FIRST-FIRST:** Montana State Billings currently leads the GNAC with a mark of 15-5. In addition 11 times this season, the Yellowjackets have scored at least one run in the first inning of a GNAC game. MSUB is 11-0 in those games.

**GNAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:** They should start calling it the GNAC MSUB Player of the Week Award. The Yellowjackets have had at least one player been named POW five of the six weeks it has been awarded. The latest recipient is Lisa Moore for the week of Mar. 23.

**HOME COOKING:** They say there is no place like home. That is definitely true for Montana State Billings. Since Cenex Stadium was built in 2002, the Yellowjackets have won 84 games against just 19 defeats. That equates to a winning percentage of 815%. In addition, MSUB has won its last eight games at Cenex.

**GNAC POLL:** The bull's-eye has been hung on the Montana State Billings's softball team. The Yellowjackets have been picked to win the GNAC according to the Preseason Softball Poll. MSUB received 33 points to 32 points for defending champion, Western Oregon.

Both teams garnered three first places votes but MSUB got the edge with three second place votes to two seconds and one third for the Wolves. Western Washington received 23 points to take third place. Rounding out the poll was Central Washington (18), Saint Martin's (13) and Northwest Nazarene (7).

After a slow start, MSUB caught fire, winning 21 of its last 27 games. The Jackets finished 16-8, third in the GNAC and 28-21 overall. The Yellowjackets returned 10 letterwinners including five all-conference selections.

"As far as being picked the preseason number one in the coaches poll, it's no doubt a very high compliment," Said head coach Anthony Stone. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for the coaches in our conference, and I think it says something special not only for our team, but for the conference overall. The GNAC is highly competitive, and I think the rest of the coaches would agree with me that there are no "gimmies" here. You better come ready to play everyday, because the day you don't is the day you can get beat by anyone. I think that's what makes it so much fun, is that up and down the league, you have to play your best against everyone."

# Montana State Billings

No.	Name	YR	Pos.	Hometown – Previous School
2	Crystal Bentley	SR	OF	Kirkland, Wash. – Lake Washington HS
4	Stevie Howard	JR	INF	Prineville, Ore. – Crook County HS
6	Lisa Moore	SR	P/OF	Bakersfield, Calif. – Liberty HS
7	Whitney Whittemore	JR	INF	Puyallup, Wash. – Bellevue CC
8	Alyssa Frank	SO	INF	Great Falls, Mont. – C.M. Russell HS
9	Leslie Davis	SR	INF	Federal Way, Wash. – Federal Way HS
10	Steph Gosselin	SR	INF/OF	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada – Stelly's Secondary
11	Josie Grotbo	FR	P	Helena, Mont. – Helena HS
12	Jenna VanEykeren	FR	C/INF	Las Vegas, Nev. – Centennial HS
14	Kasie Conder	FR	P	Hamilton, Mont. – Corvallis HS
15	Bobbie Lee	FR	OF	Great Falls, Mont. – C.M. Russell HS
16	Rebekah Tsatsa	SR	P/INF	Eagle, Idaho – Eagle HS
17	Amanda Goings	FR	OF	Puyallup, Wash. – Puyallup HS
18	Dawn Norcross	JR	OF	Belfair, Wash. – Bellevue CC
20	Amanda Hood	FR	OF	Hamilton, Mont. – Hamilton HS
22	Kelly Parsons	SO	C	Seattle, Wash. – Mount Rainier HS
26	Terina Stacks	SR	P/INF	Washougal, Wash. – Washougal HS
30	Shay Oberg	SR	OF	Billings, Mont. – South Western Oregon CC
HC	Tony Stone			
AC	Lisa Allen, Aaron Jackson			

Montana State University-Billings  
Overall Statistics for Montana St. Billings (as of Mar 25, 2009)  
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 24-10 Home: 6-0 Away: 14-5 Neutral: 4-5 GNAC: 15-5

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
20 Hood, Amanda.....	1.000	6-0	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
25 Hilliard, Kielie.	1.000	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
26 Stacks, Terina...	.393	34-34	117	23	46	8	0	4	25	66	.564	6	0	6	0	.416	2	6	3-3	237	12	1	.996
10 Gosselin, Steph..	.364	34-34	107	27	39	9	0	8	29	72	.673	10	3	10	1	.419	4	0	4-5	21	1	1	.957
7 Whittemore, Whitne	.333	27-26	81	18	27	3	0	1	8	33	.407	2	4	13	0	.379	0	2	7-7	22	45	6	.918
12 VanEykeren, Jenna.	.318	16-13	44	8	14	1	0	2	10	21	.477	0	0	6	0	.311	1	2	1-1	60	12	1	.986
17 Goings, Amanda....	.310	27-9	29	16	9	1	1	0	7	12	.414	7	0	3	0	.444	0	1	1-1	4	0	0	1.000
6 Moore, Lisa.....	.308	6-5	13	0	4	1	0	0	1	5	.385	3	0	6	0	.438	0	0	0-0	0	20	0	1.000
16 Tsatsa, Rebekah...	.304	17-14	46	6	14	2	0	3	10	25	.543	5	0	13	0	.373	0	1	1-1	2	11	4	.765
4 Howard, Stevie...	.299	28-26	77	11	23	2	0	2	12	31	.403	3	2	9	0	.337	1	1	5-6	57	47	6	.945
22 Parsons, Kelly...	.295	29-27	78	13	23	7	0	5	20	45	.577	13	0	13	1	.391	1	0	0-0	166	13	2	.989
8 Frank, Alyssa....	.282	25-22	71	10	20	5	0	2	11	31	.437	3	1	8	1	.316	1	1	2-3	30	38	9	.883
30 Oberg, Shay.....	.279	26-21	68	13	19	2	1	1	9	26	.382	1	0	14	0	.290	0	5	4-5	20	0	0	1.000
9 Davis, Leslie....	.278	32-32	97	23	27	8	0	2	14	41	.423	15	0	8	0	.372	1	2	4-5	21	59	7	.920
18 Norcross, Dawn....	.222	20-18	54	11	12	0	0	3	7	21	.389	4	0	7	0	.276	0	1	4-5	12	0	1	.923
2 Bentley, Crystal.	.189	25-22	74	11	14	3	0	0	11	17	.230	4	1	15	0	.241	0	3	3-3	23	4	1	.964
15 Lee, Bobbie.....	.154	15-3	13	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	.154	3	0	4	0	.313	0	0	1-1	5	0	0	1.000
14 Conder, Kasie.....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	6	11	1	.944
Totals.....	.303	34-34	972	202	295	52	2	33	176	450	.463	79	11	136	3	.359	11	25	40-46	689	277	40	.960
Opponents.....	.214	34-34	852	103	182	29	1	15	86	258	.303	109	23	210	5	.318	3	27	20-29	686	295	58	.944

LOB - Team (216), Opp (228). DPs turned - Team (10), Opp (9). IBB - Team (0), Opp (2). Picked off - Bentley 1, Norcross 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
16 Tsatsa, Rebekah..	1.69	5-5	12	10	8	4/0	0	70.1	54	29	17	31	68	6	0	3	266	.203	3	6	0	1	6
14 Conder, Kasie.....	1.73	8-3	15	9	9	3/0	1	68.2	47	21	17	15	64	8	0	2	243	.193	3	8	0	2	8
6 Moore, Lisa.....	2.08	6-1	11	9	7	1/0	1	60.2	38	28	18	37	58	6	0	8	213	.178	0	7	0	0	9
11 Grotbo, Josie.....	5.60	5-1	6	6	2	0/0	0	30.0	43	25	24	26	20	9	1	2	130	.331	1	2	0	0	4
Totals.....	2.32	24-10	34	34	26	8/0	2	229.2	182	103	76	109	210	29	1	15	852	.214	7	23	0	3	27
Opponents.....	4.56	10-24	34	34	13	2/0	1	228.2	295	202	149	79	136	52	2	33	972	.303	20	11	1	11	25

PB - Team (10), Parsons 6, VanEykeren 4, Opp (14). Pickoffs - Team (2), Parsons 2, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Parsons (15-22), Tsatsa (9-13), VanEykeren (5-7), Conder (6-7), Moore (2-5), Grotbo (3-4).