



Yellowjacket Baseball 2007

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This Week's Schedule:

Feb. 16—at Incarnate Word, noon & 2:30 p.m. MST
Feb. 17—at Incarnate Word, noon & 2:30 p.m. MST
Feb. 19—at Texas A&M—Int'l, 3 & 5:30 p.m. MST
Feb. 21—at St. Mary's, 1 & 3:30 p.m. MST
Feb. 22—at St. Mary's, 1 & 3:30 p.m. MST

Opponent Information:

Incarnate Word

The defending Heartland Conference Champions are off to a perfect 4-0 start to their season with wins over Texas A&M—Kingsville and Tarleton State. The Cardinals will play Abilene Christian before hosting the Yellowjackets on February 16.

Chris Alfieri leads Incarnate Word with a .438 batting average. Alfieri has scored three runs off seven hits. He has also driven in seven RBI. Drew Hamilton has five runs off six hits, two homeruns, and six RBI. Michael Ruiz leads the Cardinals' pitching staff with a 3.38 ERA and a 2-0 record. Ruiz has allowed four runs off eight hits in eight innings pitched.

As a team the Cardinals are hitting at a .299 clip and have turned in 29 runs off 41 hits. The team has combined for 28 RBI.

Opponent Series Records:

MSUB Wins: 1 UIW Wins: 7
First Meeting: UIW 9, MSUB 1 (3/7/06 at San Antonio, TX)
Last Meeting: UIW 12, MSUB 2 (5/6/06 at Cobb Field)
Streaks: The Cardinals won the first five meetings and the last two.

Texas A&M—International

The Dustdevils have opened their season 2-2 and are led by Mason Dixon. Dixon is batting .350 and has scored six runs off seven hits. He has drilled two triples, and one homerun for three RBI. Rick Sanchez and Torry Peterson have each added four runs and five RBI for the Dustdevils.

Adam Zorzit has a 1-0 record and a 1.29 ERA in his one appearance. Pitching the complete game, Zorzit allowed one run off three hits. Jason Bonugli leads the team with eight strikeouts in four innings pitched and has allowed two runs off six hits.

As a team the Dustdevils are batting .246 posting 24 runs off 34 hits. They have 17 RBI and are dangerous on the base paths, stealing nine bases already this season.

Opponent Series Records:

MSUB Wins: 0 TAMIU Wins: 0
First Meeting: This will be the first meeting between these two teams.

St. Mary's

The Rattlers enter the week 2-2 and were recently ranked in the top 25 in the nation by the NCAA. St. Mary's was the only Heartland Conference team ranked in the poll.

Ray Camacho leads St. Mary's with a .400 batting average scoring one run and driving in four RBI. Jason Anderson also has four RBI and has scored three runs off four hits.

Caleb Staudt is 1-1 on the season with a 6.48 ERA. He has pitched 8.1 innings allowing eight runs off eight hits and has seated a team-leading seven batters.

Opponent Series Records:

MSUB Wins: 1 STMU Wins: 7
First Meeting: STMU 9, MSUB 1 (3/2/06 at San Antonio, TX)
Last Meeting: STMU 13, MSUB 4 (4/29/06 at Cobb Field)
Streaks: St. Mary's won the first five games and the last two.

2007 Schedule & Results

0-0 overall, 0-0 Heartland

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Feb. 16	at Incarnate Word*	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Incarnate Word*	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Incarnate Word*	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Incarnate Word*	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Texas A&M—Int'l	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Texas A&M—Int'l	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at St. Mary's*	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	at St. Mary's*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	at St. Mary's*	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	at St. Mary's*	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 1	at St. Edward's*	noon
Mar. 1	at St. Edward's*	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	at St. Edward's*	11:00 a.m.
Mar. 2	at St. Edward's*	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 5	at Texas—Permian Basin	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	at Texas—Permian Basin	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 6	at Texas—Permian Basin	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 6	at Texas—Permian Basin	4:00 p.m.
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

Season Preview

The Yellowjackets return 16 players from the 2006 roster. Most notable is right-hand pitcher Kyle McBride (Billings, MT). McBride finished the 2006 campaign ranked ninth in the Heartland Conference with a 4.38 earned run average. He tallied a 6-4 record and forced a decision in all 10 appearances. McBride led the Jackets on the mound notching 45 strikeouts.

Four pitching newcomers transferring from other programs to the mix are left-hand pitchers James Lester (Missoula, MT), Steve Scott (Billings, MT), and Brian Strom (Littleton, CO); and right-hand thrower Jeremy Knowles (Three Forks, MT).

Shortstop Kyle Pryor (Billings, MT) returns for his senior season in a Yellowjacket uniform and was one of only three players last season that played in and started all 50 games. He batted .261, turned in 26 runs, and drove in 13 RBI. Jake Samuelson (Helena, MT) is the big hitter on the team that seems to make plays when plays are needed. Samuelson batted .328 during the 2006 season and drove in 22 RBI.

The Yellowjackets return outfielders Nick Hoskyn (Oelwein, IA), Willie Crtalic (Billings, MT), and Doug Longfellow (Lewistown, MT). Crtalic and Hoskyn are the only other two players that played in and started all 50 games during the 2006 season. Longfellow played in and started 49.

Hoskyn led the team in 2006 with 159 at bats where he turned in a .245 batting average. He scored 25 runs and had a team-leading 26 RBI. Crtalic is dangerous both at the plate and on the base paths. He posted a .265 batting average and tanked in eight doubles, one triple, and one homerun. Crtalic also went 15-of-16 in stolen bases to lead the Yellowjackets in stolen base percentage. Longfellow led the team with three triples in 2006. He scored 17 runs off 31 hits.

In the Dugout

The Yellowjackets are the only team in the Heartland Conference that have not seen competition. In fact, every other team has at least four games under their belt. Also, the Yellowjackets will travel to Texas for 10 games without having practiced outside once. The four-game series against Incarnate Word to open the 2007 campaign will be the first live situations the team has seen this season. Also, the Yellowjackets are the only team in the Heartland Conference opening the season with league action. Of the 22 total games played in the conference thus far, all have been against non-league opponents.

Heartland Conference Standings (as of 2/12/07)

	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct</u>
Incarnate Word	0-0	.000	4-0	1.00
Okla. Panhandle	0-0	.000	3-1	.750
St. Edward's	0-0	.000	4-2	.667
St. Mary's	0-0	.000	2-2	.500
Lincoln	0-0	.000	1-3	.250
MSU-Billings	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

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

Feb. 13	Abilene Christian @ UIW
Feb. 16	*LU @ STMU
	*MSUB @ UIW
	*OPSU @ SEU
Feb. 17	*LU @ STMU
	*MSUB @ UIW
	*OPSU @ SEU
Feb. 19	MSUB @ TAMIU

*Heartland Conference game

MSUB Heartland Conference Team Statistical Rankings (as of 2/12/07)

Batting Average - n/a. Runs - n/a. Hits - n/a. Doubles - n/a. Triples - n/a. Homeruns - n/a. Stolen Bases - n/a.

ERA - n/a. Innings Pitched - n/a. Strikeouts - n/a.

MSUB Heartland Conference Individual Statistical Rankings (as of 2/12/07)

Batting Average - n/a. At Bats - n/a. Runs - n/a. Hits - n/a. RBI - n/a. Doubles - n/a. Triples - n/a. Homeruns - n/a. Total Bases - n/a. Stolen Bases - n/a.

ERA - n/a. 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

<u>Batting Average (min. 75 Abs)</u>	
Mike Wardell	.333
<u>Runs</u>	
Willie Crtalic	27
<u>Hits</u>	
Willie Crtalic	40
Kyle Pryor	40
<u>Doubles</u>	
Willie Crtalic	8
Kyle Slater	8
<u>Triples</u>	
Doug Longfellow	3
<u>Home Runs</u>	
Matt Kakalecik	2
<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
Nick Hoskyn	26
<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
Kyle Pryor	15
Willie Crtalic	15
<u>Pitching Strikeouts</u>	
Kyle McBride	45
<u>Earned Run Average</u>	
Kyle McBride	4.38

MSUB Season Stats Leaders

<u>Batting Average</u>	
n/a	
<u>Runs</u>	
n/a	
<u>Hits</u>	
n/a	
<u>Doubles</u>	
n/a	
<u>Triples</u>	
n/a	
<u>Home Runs</u>	
n/a	
<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
n/a	
<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
n/a	
<u>Pitching Strikeouts</u>	
n/a	
<u>Earned Run Average</u>	
n/a	

The Last Time in Yellowjacket Baseball.....

A player had 3 hits in a game— Jake Samuelson vs. Incarnate Word, 5/05/06
 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— Kyle Slater vs. Lincoln, 4/14/06
 A player had three doubles in a game— n/a
 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— Luke Sansaver vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06
 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
 A pitcher had 12 strikeouts in a game— n/a

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 three times
Runs: 2 two times
RBI: 1 six times
Doubles: 1 two times
Triples: 1 three times
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: 2 vs. Inc. Word, 5/5/06

#2 Matt Schoonover

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

#3 Kyle Pryor

Hits: 3 three times
Runs: 2 five times
RBI: 1 ten times
Doubles: 1 two times
Stolen Bases: 2 two 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 three times
Homeruns:
Stolen Bases: 1 vs. Okla. Pan., 3/26/06

#5 Nick Hoskyn

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

#9 Pat Smith

Hits: 1 four times
Runs: 1 vs. Lincoln, 3/19/06
RBI: 2 vs. Okla. Pan., 3/25/06
Doubles: 1 vs. St. Mary's, 4/28/06
Homeruns: n/a
Stolen Bases: 1 vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06

#10 James Lester

Innings Pitched: n/a
Strikeouts: n/a

#11 Mike Cease

Hits: 3 vs. Cent. Washington, 4/11/06
Runs: 2 vs. Cent. Washington, 4/11/06
Stolen Bases: 1 two times
Innings Pitched: 2.2 vs. Lincoln, 3/29/06
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 seven 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: 2.2 vs. Okla. Pan., 4/22/06
Strikeouts: 3 vs. Okla. Pan., 4/22/06

#15 Brian Strom

Innings Pitched: n/a
Strikeouts: n/a

#16 Willie Crtalic

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

#18 Jordan Shine

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

#19 Tif Myers

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

#20 Steve Scott

Innings Pitched: n/a
Strikeouts: n/a

#21 Seth Moir

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

#22 Chris Martin

Innings Pitched: 7.0 vs. Okla. Pan., 3/25/06
Strikeouts: 5 two times

#23 Chris Harang

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

24 Patch Wirtzberger

Hits: n/a
Runs: n/a
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 vs. Okla. Pan., 3/26/06
Strikeouts: 3 four 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: n/a
Strikeouts: n/a

#30 Cody Clark

Innings Pitched: n/a
Strikeouts: n/a

#31 Bobby Henderson

Innings Pitched: n/a
Strikeouts: n/a