



MSUB Sports Information
Kit Strief, Asst. AD/Media Relations/MBB Contact
 kstrief@msubillings.edu • 406-657-2130
Mike Bond, Assistant SID
 mbond@msubillings.edu • 406-896-5917
 Fax: 406-657-2919

www.msubillings.edu/athletics

GAME DAY INFORMATION

THE SERIES

Overall Record	2-0
in Billings	1-0
in Bismarck	1-0
at Neutral Sites	0-0

BROADCAST

Play-by-Play: Ken Adleblue (Web)
 Color: None

MARY AT A GLANCE

Head Coach: Juno Pintar
Record at UM: 48-71 (5th year)
Assistants: Kevin Forde, Nate Welstad
Nickname: Marauders
Conference: Northern Sun
Location: Bismarck, North Dakota

YELLOWJACKET SCOREBOARD (1-1, 0-0 GNAC)

Nov. 11	Dickinson State (Exhib.)	W, 94-91
Nov. 15	at Gonzaga	L, 83-52
Nov. 22	Montana-Western	W, 81-76
Nov. 26	University of Mary	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Chadron State	2 p.m.
Dec. 1	at University of Mary	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	Colorado Christian	7 p.m.
Dec. 6	Colorado Christian	4 p.m.
Dec. 11	Montana Tech	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	Augustana	2 p.m.
Dec. 31	Great Falls	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Chadron State	7 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Western Washington*	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Seattle Pacific*	2 p.m.
Jan. 15	Western Oregon*	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	Alaska Fairbanks*	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	Central Washington*	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	Northwest Nazarene*	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	Alaska Anchorage*	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Western Oregon*	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Saint Martin's*	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Alaska Anchorage*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Alaska Fairbanks*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Saint Martin's*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Seattle Pacific*	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	Western Washington*	7 p.m.
Mar. 5	at Central Washington*	7 p.m.
Mar. 7	Northwest Nazarene*	7:30 p.m.

* Great Northwest Athletic Conference game
 All game times local to site



University of Mary (0-3)
 at
Montana State Billings (1-1)



Release #3 Wednesday, November 26, 2008 • 7 p.m.
 Alterowitz Gymnasium (3,500) • Billings, Montana

Yellowjackets Host Mary Wednesday Evening

The Montana State Billings men's basketball closes out a two game homestand Wednesday evening versus the University of Mary. The Yellowjackets snapped a 13-game losing skid this past week with a hard-fought 81-76 victory over Montana Western giving first year head coach, George Pfeifer, his first coaching victory as a Yellowjacket.

The Yellowjackets are led by senior Michael Hall who is averaging a team-high 22 points per game. He leads the team with 13 made field goals, nine made 3-pointers and is a team-best 9 of 9 from the line. Juniors Derrick Wright and Mario Burns are second on the team in scoring at 10.5 points. Burns leads the team with 12 assists and five steals. Senior Travis Bunker is third in scoring at 9.5 points and leads the team averaging 9.0 rebounds per contest.

As a team, the Yellowjackets are shooting just north of 40 percent from the field on 45 of 111. They have drained 13 3-pointers thus far and are 30 of 42 from the charity stripe. MSUB has done a good job of not allowing its opponents to reach the line holding them to just 21 of 27 from the charity stripe through two games.

Mary enters the game playing its fourth game against the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. The Marauders went 0-3 this past weekend in Seattle against Saint Martin's, Seattle Pacific and Western Washington. The Marauders will play five straight game against GNAC schools t begin the season as they will return home and host MSUB Saturday in their home opener.

Leading the way for Mary this season is Geoff West who is averaging a team-best 20.3 points per game. He leads the team with 21 field goals (21 of 46) and 13 3-pointers (13 of 28). West also leads the team with six steals. Second on the team in scoring is Eric Erdmann who is averaging 11.5 points. Danny Sandvig leads the team with 15 rebounds at a 5.0 clip.

The then will hit the road and at Chadron State Saturday and then play at Mary on Monday, Dec. 1 in Mary's home opener. The Yellowjackets are the fourth GNAC team Mary has played to open the season and will have five games against GNAC schools after Dec. 1.

A WIN OVER MARY WILL...

- Give the Yellowjackets a 2-1 record
- Be the first time MSUB has been over .500 since the final game of 2005-06
- Give MSUB consecutive wins for the first time since 2005-06

PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UPS

Montana State Billings (1-1)		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	FG%	FT%
3	Travis Bunker	F	6-6	210	Sr.	2.0	8.0	.200	.000
4	Derrick Wright	F	6-7	240	Jr.	2.0	1.0	.000	.500
10	Mario Burns	G	6-0	157	Jr.	6.0	4.0	.273	.000
21	Kirk Blaine	F	6-6	203	So.	3.0	1.0	1.000	.250
22	Michael Hall	G	6-2	175	Sr.	24.0	4.0	.471	1.000
University of Mary (0-3)		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	FG%	FT%
5	Geoff West	G	5-11	--	Sr.	20.3	1.7	.457	.464
40	Jordan Engelhardt	G	6-2	--	Sr.	8.3	1.3	.526	.750
44	Zach Dosch	C	6-7	--	Sr.	6.0	4.0	.348	.500
15	Jordan Willhelm	G	6-5	--	So.	3.7	2.7	.235	.000
32	Eric Erdmann	F	6-5	--	Jr.	11.5	1.0	.450	.600



MEDIA RELATIONS STAFF

Kit Strief Asst. AD/Media Relations
Mike Bond Asst. Sports Information

CONTACT INFORMATION

(406) 657-2130 • Strief's Office
(515) 490-4627 • Strief's Cell
kstrief@msubillings.edu • Strief's Email
(406) 896-5917 • Bond's Office
(406) 591-9600 • Bond's Cell
mbond@msubillings.edu • Bond's Email
(515) 490-4627 • Press Row
(406) 657-2919 • Fax

MEDIA SERVICES

GEORGE PFEIFER INTERVIEWS

Media members wishing to arrange an interview with head coach George Pfeifer are asked to contact Kit Strief in the MSUB Sports Information Office.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Media members wishing to interview a MSUB player **MUST coordinate this through the MSUB Sports Information Office**. It is asked that at least three hours prior notice is given in order to arrange the interview and it must occur in a fashion that does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic schedule.

POST GAME INTERVIEWS

Post game interviews are to be conducted following the NCAA's recommended 10-minute cooling off period after the conclusion of the contest. Please alert a member of the MSUB Sports Information staff in advance about which players members of the media would like to interview. Coach Pfeifer will be made available as well.

LAST TIME OUT

The Montana State Billings men's basketball team snapped a 13-game skid with an 81-76 victory over Montana Western this past weekend. The Yellowjackets got off to a quick 16-6 start and held a 37-30 lead at halftime as UWM played catch-up for most of the first half. In the second half, the Yellowjackets shot 55 percent, but UWM pulled even and took the lead for a portion of the half. The tough-minded Yellowjackets dug deep and found a way to get the win. The Bulldogs stayed in the game due to knocking down 12 3-pointers. MSUB iced the game with free throw shooting down the stretch and held a 19-8 lead in made free throws for the game. Travis Bunker tallied the first double-double of the season for the Yellowjackets with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Mike Hall and Derrick Wright each had 20 points, while Mario Burns had 15 points, eight assists and five steals. MSUB held the Bulldogs who had played a number of Division I schools very tough, to under 40 percent from the field for the game.

SNAP THE SKID

With an 81-76 victory over Montana Western Saturday, the Yellowjackets snapped a 13-game skid dating back to last season. The Jackets defeated Alaska Fairbanks on Jan. 24, 2008 to snap an 18-game skid to that point. This is the first time MSUB has been .500 or better since the final game of the 2005-06 season.

RENEWING A RIVALRY WITH MARY

Two teams separated by 415 miles have not played each other since the 1983-84 season and only have played two games in each school's history. MSUB won both meetings, the first in Bismarck on Dec. 14, 1979, 83-74 and won in Billings on Jan. 16, 1984, 77-65. The University

2008-09 GNAC Preseason Coaches Poll

No.	Team	Pts.
1.	Central Washington (7)	86
2.	Western Washington (2)	61
3.	Alaska Anchorage	58
4.	Seattle Pacific	53
5.	Northwest Nazarene	50
6.	Saint Martin's	40
7.	Western Oregon	29
8.	Montana State Billings	22
9.	Alaska Fairbanks	19

of Mary is the closest NCAA Division II school to MSUB in terms of mileage and travel time. The Yellowjackets and the Marauders will meet twice this week.

IRONMAN BUNKER

Senior Travis Bunker played all 40 minutes last weekend. Bunker tallied the first double-double for the Yellowjackets this season last Saturday in an 81-76 victory over Montana Western. He had 17 points and 10 rebounds. Last season, John Brooks played all 40 minutes at Western Oregon on Jan. 19.

STOUT DEFENSE

MSUB held Montana Western to under 40 percent shooting in both halves this past weekend. For the game, the Bulldogs were 28 of 71 from the field for 39.4 percent.

GETTIN' TO THE LINE

The Yellowjackets got to the free throw line 25 times against Montana Western this past Saturday. MSUB knocked down 19 free throws, including 9 of 10 in the final five minutes preserve the victory.

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown
1	Kyle Palmer	G	5-9	So.	1L	Baton Rouge, La./Scotlandville HS
2	Brett Taylor	G	5-8	So.	1L	Billings, Mont./West HS
3	Travis Bunker	F	6-6	Sr.	TR	Beaver, Utah/Wyoming
4	Derrick Wright	F	6-7	Jr.	TR	Brooklyn, NY/W. Okla. State
5	Adam Weisz	G	6-1	Jr.	TR	Melstone, Mont./Dawson CC
10	Mario Burns	G	6-0	Jr.	TR	Las Vegas, Nev./W. Okla. State
21	Kirk Blaine	F	6-6	So.	1L	Gillette, Wyo./Campbell County HS
22	Michael Hall	G	6-2	Sr.	TR	Dayton, Ohio/Idaho
23	Troy Ruff	F	6-5	Jr.	2L	Custer, Mont./Custer HS
25	Marty Birky	F	6-4	So.	TR	Chinook, Mont./Dakota Wesleyan
32	Mike Barton	C	6-8	Jr.	2L	Havre, Mont./Havre HS
33	Tyler Hentzen	F	6-6	Jr.	1L	Brea, Calif./Orange Coast College
34	Brad Hodge	F	6-8	Jr.	TR	Hillsboro, Ore./Grays Harbor College
42	Ryan Meehan	G	6-2	Fr.	HS	Beaverton, Ore./Beaverton HS
44	Lance Anderson	F	6-6	Jr.	TR	Menlo, Wash./Grays Harbor College

Head Coach: George Pfeifer (1st season)

Assistant Coaches: Josh McGee (1st season), Justin Wetzel (1st season)

Student Manager: Maria Finken (1st season)

QUICK FACTS

Location: Billings, Montana

Enrollment: 4,799

Founded: 1927

Colors: Navy and Gold

Nickname: Yellowjackets

Confernece: Great Northwest Athletic

Arena: Alterowitz Gym (3,500)

ADMINISTRATION

Chancellor: Dr. Ronald Sexton

Director of Athletics: Dr. Gary Gray

Faculty Athletic Rep.: Dr. Scott Harris

Assoc. AD/Compliance: Krista Montague

Asst. AD/Media Relations: Kit Strief

MEN'S BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach: George Pfeifer

Asst. Coaches: Josh McGee, Justin Wetzel

Student Assistant: Maria Finken

Athletic Trainer: Pat Hughes

MBB Contact: Kit Strief



STAYIN' HOME

The Yellowjackets have just five road games between the beginning of the season at Feb. 5. MSUB started the year at No. 10 Gonzaga and plays at Mary and Chadron State this weekend. From there, the Jackets have six-straight home games prior to the beginning of conference play. For the season, the Jackets only have 11 road games and 16 home games.

BURNS DOES THE DISHES

Junior Mario Burns leads the team with 12 assists this season for a 6.0 average. He had eight assists and five steals, both game highs against Montana Western last weekend. His final steal came in the final minute of the game as he stripped the ball and scored a layup to help put the Jackets up 81-73 and won 81-76.

PAINTING THE PAINT

The Yellowjackets dominated the points in the paint against Montana Western Saturday. MSUB scored 34 points in the paint compared to 18 for the Bulldogs.

QUICK OUT OF THE GATES

The Yellowjackets have started quick out of the gates at home this season. Against Dickinson State (Nov. 11) MSUB raced to a 16-5 lead before the game was six minutes old. Then, on Saturday, the Jackets raced to a 16-6 lead through the first seven minutes.

HALL NAMED CO-GNAC POW

Senior Michael Hall earned co-GNAC Player of the Week honors for his 24-point outing against No. 10 Gonzaga in the season opener Nov. 15. Hall scored a game-high in points and was 8 of 17 from the field and 5 of 12 from beyond the arc. He scored the final 14 points of the first half to bring the Yellowjackets within five at intermission. Hall shares the first GNAC Player of the Week honor since MSUB joined the league last year with Blake Poole of Saint Martin's.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Last season, the Yellowjackets didn't have a senior on the team, in fact, MSUB had probably one of the youngest teams in the country with six freshmen and four sophomores. This season, two senior transfers and six junior transfers highlight the team.

FRESH FACES

As the 2007-08 roster featured six freshmen, the 2008-09 roster features nine new players, including two Division I senior transfers, six transfer juniors and one freshman.

JUCO INFUSION

MSUB has a number of junior college transfers this season. In fact, five of the nine new players all came from junior college. Derrick Wright and Mario Burns came from Western Oklahoma State College, while Lance Anderson and Brad Hodge transferred from Grays Harbor College and Adam Weisz came to MSUB from Dawson County Community College.

JACKETS PICKED EIGHTH

The Yellowjackets were picked preseason eighth by the conference coaches. The Jackets tallied 22 points, three ahead of ninth-place Alaska Fairbanks.

GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Nov. 24, 2008)

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Western Washington	0-0	3-0
Seattle Pacific	0-0	2-0
Central Washington	0-0	1-0
Saint Martin's	0-0	6-2
Northwest Nazarene	0-0	2-1
Western Oregon	0-0	2-1
Montana State Billings	0-0	1-1
Alaska Fairbanks	0-0	0-3
Alaska Anchorage	0-0	0-3

This Week in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Mon., Nov. 24

Walla Walla at Western Washington 7 p.m.
Saint Martin's at Colorado State 7 p.m.

Tue., Nov. 25

Seattle Pacific at Southern Utah 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 26

Mary at Montana State Billings 7 p.m.
Hampton vs. Alaska Anchorage 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 28

Sonoma State vs. Central Washington 3:30 p.m.
Colorado Mines vs. Northwest Nazarene 7 p.m.
Seattle Pacific vs. Cal State Monterey 7 p.m.
Cameron at Western Washington 7 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 29

Montana State Billings at Chadron State 2:30 p.m.
UC San Diego vs. Western Washington 3:30 p.m.
Regis vs. Northwest Nazarene 5 p.m.
Seattle Pacific vs. San Francisco State 5 p.m.
Linfield at Western Oregon 7 p.m.
Northwest at Western Washington 7 p.m.
Cameron at vs. Saint Martin's 7 p.m.

GNAC Players of the Week

Nov. 17 - Blake Poole (Saint Martin's)
Mike Hall (Montana State Billings)
Nov. 24 - Bill Richardson (Saint Martin's)
Jeff Downs (Seattle Pacific)



'JACKETS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Building Process

Head men's basketball coach George Pfeifer begins his first year at the helm of the Montana State University Yellowjackets for 2008-09. Pfeifer's inaugural season at MSUB follows a challenging and trying 2007-08 season in which the very young team finished 1-28 in their first campaign in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. After serious recruiting and dedicated team building, a solid core of six returnees and nine newcomers represent the reconstructed foundation that Pfeifer is assembling at MSUB.

Entering his 30th year of coaching, Pfeifer comes to MSUB as no stranger to the majority of teams in the GNAC. Some of his previous coaching positions include the University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College and Rocky Mountain College in Billings. In his third year at LCSC, Pfeifer led the Warriors to capture the school's first basketball championship and first national tournament appearance. His 16-year legacy as head coach at LCSC includes six NAIA national tournament appearances.

Pfeifer is enthusiastic about the job ahead for the Yellowjackets.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Pfeifer. "I know in time people will hear me say repeatedly that this is one of the premier NCAA Division II conferences in the country. In basketball, we are definitely playing the 'varsity league.' I have coached against and am very familiar with the majority of coaches in the GNAC and I know first hand the quality of my peers and how high they set the bar."

The Focus

"First, let me say that these are good young men who want to achieve," said Pfeifer. "We have been working toward learning how to play consistently with a fundamental tough-minded approach. We want the team to play the game together both defensively and offensively in a global team style of play."

Pfeifer believes that the road to success will require the returning players to elevate their performance from a year ago, while the new players must get in there and impact the program immediately. As the team strives to build a cohesive unit, Pfeifer favors the old saying 'First you form your habits and then your habits form you.'

The Yellowjackets

The returning veterans of the team include junior forwards Tyler Hentzen, Troy Ruff and Mike Barton, as well as sophomore guards Kyle Palmer and Brett Taylor and forward Kirk Blaine. These athletes are tasked with focusing their efforts on Pfeifer's skill sets and game plans, as well as transitioning into the reconstructed Yellowjacket brand.

Hentzen, who tied for the team lead in offensive rebounds last

season (52), brings a strong work ethic, 6-6 size and willingness to adjust as he focuses on playing with "efficient aggressiveness." Pfeifer also sees great potential in Ruff's ability to contribute, focusing on his athletic ability to be a "fly around" player with a "mixture of football and hockey attitude sprinkled into his game."

Barton, who was named to the GNAC Academic All-Conference team last season, is working to put his 6-8 size into "gladiator mode" at center, while Taylor brings the ability to play either guard spot, make open shots and throw his high basketball IQ into the equation.

At 6-6, Blaine combines a high degree of mental and physical effort with the spark and energy of reckless abandon in the Jackets' forward lineup, while Palmer's athletic ability, speed and strength is merging into the skill sets of Pfeifer's team game.

"I know we were young last year, however . . . it is the work and preparation you take inside that year that affects improvement," said Pfeifer.



Two seniors recruited by Pfeifer for the 2008-09 lineup include 6-0 Mike Hall and 6-6 Travis Bunker. Both are NCAA Division I transfers and both were huge impact players coming out of Junior College. Hall, an NJCAA All-American from Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas, holds three-point shooting records at the University of Idaho with a 9 of 10 shooting game vs. San Jose State. Bunker, a transfer from the University of Wyoming, was the captain of the College of Southern Idaho team that captured third place at the NJCAA tournament.

Two junior transfers from Western Oklahoma State include 6-1 Mario Burns and 6-7 Derek Wright. Burns, who possesses both speed and exceptional open court awareness, should provide an athletic presence at the point guard position. Wright brings the combination of crafty, versatile play which will generate some inside presence at forward.

Brad Hodge and Lance Anderson are two junior recruits who hail from Grays Harbor Community College in Washington. At 6-8, Hodge is a "bouncy, long athlete" who will be counted on at forward to utilize his mobility next to the rim, create a presence on defense and to be a factor at rebound. At 6-6, Anderson has the ability to give the 'Jackets a forward in the "bulky, front line player" tradition.

Three additional newcomers who are adding depth to the lineup include junior Adam Weisz, sophomore Marty Birky and freshman Ryan Meehan. Coming to MSUB from Dawson County Community College, Weisz (6-1) brings potential as a defensive stopper, while Birky brings talent as what Pfeifer refers to as a "tweener" with ability at both guard and forward. Meehan is making the transition from high school to college ball and is showing promise as an excellent catch and shoot player.



TEAM COMPARISONS

	MSUB	UM
Record	0-1	4-2
Scoring Offense	52.0	85.7
Scoring Defense	83.0	70.7
Scoring Margin	-31.0	+15.0
FG Pct.	.327	.495
FG Pct. Defense	.477	.447
3FG Pct.	.263	.344
3FG Pct. Defense	.296	.337
Free Throw Pct.	.647	.664
Rebound Avg.	31.0	37.8
Opp. Rebound Avg.	44.0	32.8
TO Avg.	18.0	17.5
Opponent TO	12.0	20.0
TO Margin	-6.0	+2.5
Steals Avg.	4.0	9.3

LISTEN TO PFEIFER

Fans can listen to the weekly Coach Pfeifer Show on the internet each Tuesday. Log on to www.msubillings.edu/athletics to listen to Pfeifer's thoughts on the previous week and the coming weeks throughout the season.

WATCH/LISTEN TO HOME GAMES

Fans can listen to all MSUB men's basketball home games by logging on to www.msubillings.edu/athletics and click on live broadcasts. Ken Adelblue provides the play-by-play for each home game.

SPECIALTY STATS

Below is a game-by-game breakdown of free throws, bench points, points in the paint, points off turnovers, TOs and second-chance points. (Shown as MSUB stats first, followed by opponents).

Game	FT	Bench	Paint	Off TO	2nd-Chance
at Gonzaga	11-13	16-25	18-42	7-28	2-7
Montana Western	19-8	9-16	34-18	22-6	10-11
Mary					
at Chadron State					
at Mary					
Colorado Christian					
Colorado Christian					
Montana Tech					
Augustana					
Great Falls					
Chadron State					
at Western Washington					
at Seattle Pacific					
Western Oregon					
Alaska Fairbanks					
Central Washington					
Northwest Nazarene					
Alaska Anchorage					
at Western Oregon					
at Saint Martin's					
at Alaska Anchorage					
at Alaska Fairbanks					
Saint Martin's					
Seattle Pacific					
Western Washington					
at Central Washington					
at Northwest Nazarene					

GNAC STATS

Team Stats (rank)

Scoring Offense.....
Scoring Defense.....
Scoring Margin.....
Field Goal Percentage.....
Field Goal Percentage Def.....
Free Throw Percentage.....
3-Point FG Percentage.....
3-Point FG Percentage Def.....
3-Point FGs Made.....
Defensive Rebounds.....
Offensive Rebounds.....
Rebounding Offense.....
Rebounding Defense.....
Rebounding Margin.....
Assist-Turnover Ratio.....
Turnover Margin.....
Blocked Shots.....
Assists.....
Steals.....

Individual Stats MSUB



POST-TIME REPORT

2008-09 Season

Overall

Overall	1-1
Home	0-0
Away	0-1
Neutral	0-0

Monthly Records

November	1-1
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

Daily Records

Monday	0-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	0-0
Saturday	1-1
Sunday	0-0

Miscellaneous

Winning the tip	1-0
Losing the tip	0-1
Leading at halftime	1-0
Trailing at halftime	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-0
Score first	1-0
Opponent scores first	0-1
Leading with 5 min. to play	1-0
Trailing with 5 min. to play	0-1
Games decided by 3 pts. or less	0-0
Games decided by 4-10 pts.	1-0
Games decided by 11-plus pts.	0-1
Shoot 50% or better	0-0
Shoot less than 50%	1-1
Shoot higher % than opponent	1-0
Shoot lower % than opponent	0-1
Opp. shoot worse than 50%	1-1
Opp. shoot higher than 50%	0-0
Score less than 60 points	0-1
Score 60-plus points	0-0
Score 70-plus points	0-0
Score 80-plus points	1-0
Opp. score fewer than 50 pts.	0-0
Opp. score fewer than 60 pts.	0-0
Opp. score fewer than 70 pts.	0-0
Opp. score fewer than 80 pts.	1-0
Opp. score fewer than 90 pts.	0-1
Outrebound opponent	1-0
Outrebounded by opponent	0-1
Rebounds are even	0-0
Committ less turnovers than opp.	0-0
Committ more turnovers than opp.	1-1
Make more or same 3FGs than opp.	0-0
Make fewer 3FGs than opp.	1-1
Make more/same FTs than opp.	1-0
Make less FTs than opp.	0-1
Score more/same points in paint	1-0
Score less points in paint	0-1
Make more bench points than opp.	0-0
Make less bench points than opp.	1-1
Make more/same points off turnovers	1-0
Make less points off turnovers	0-1
Overtime	0-0
Games vs. Top 25 opponents	0-1
Games vs. Regional Ranked opp.	0-0
Games following loss	1-0
Games following win	0-0
Games vs. winning teams	1-0
Games vs. losing teams	0-0
Games vs. .500 teams	0-0

MSUB CAREER LEADERS

Scoring (1,000-plus points)

1. Roy McPipe (1972-74)	1,912
2. Les Heins (1950-53)	1,909
3. Cameron Munoz (2003-06)	1,879
4. Jim Soft (1965-68)	1,552
5. Bart Bauer (1979-82)	1,547
6. Titus Warmesley (1997-99)	1,507
7. Markus Hallgrimson (1998-00)	1,502
8. Mark Hamilton (1995-98)	1,463
9. Reece Gliko (1996-97)	1,388
10. Buddy Windy Boy (2003-06)	1,278
11. Chris Herriford (1992-94)	1,252
12. Jerrett Skrifvars (2000-04)	1,240
13. Fred Johnston (1970-71)	1,214
14. Joe Rinella (1961-64)	1,124
15. Bill Drumm (1961-63)	1,114

Rebounds (500-plus)

1. Jim Soft (1965-68)	1,338
2. Bill Drumm (1961-63)	909
3. Roscoe Dudley (1970-71)	815
4. Harvey Munford (1962-64)	799
5. Roy McPipe (1972-74)	772
6. Bill Mummert (1971-72)	694
7. Brian Cook (1999-02)	647
8. Miodrag Babic (1996-99)	619
9. Jerome Reese (1977-80)	613
10. Jerrett Skrifvars (2000-04)	576
11. Ernie Fortney (1967-68)	559
12. Doug Borland (1966-69)	553
13. John Momper (1977-80)	545
14. Chris Herriford (1992-94)	541
15. Steve Brimmer (1983-86)	501

Assists

1. Jamie Stevens (1995-99)	813
2. Dominic Washington (1985, 87)	457
3. Dave Carse (2001-04)	437
4. Willy Davison (2000-03)	415
5. William Foster (1977-80)	408
6. Carlin Hughes (2005-06)	405
7. Marty Bertolette (1991-94)	358
8. Ron Osborne (1980-83)	315
9. Ty Elkin (1992-95)	280
10. Barry Green (1982-84)	278

Steals

1. Jamie Stevens (1995-1999)	167
2. Dominic Washington (1985-87)	165
3. Titus Warmesley (1997-99)	125
4. Buddy Windy Boy (2003-06)	120
5. Ty Elkin (1992-95)	114
6. Darryl Roberts (1985-86)	112
6. Jerrett Skrifvars (2000-04)	112
8. Brian Cook (1999-02)	101
9. Jonathan Wiley (2004-07)	99
10. Marty Bertolette (1991-94)	95

MSUB CAREER LEADERS

Blocks

1. Chris Herriford (1992-94)	107
2. Brian Cook (1999-02)	89
3. Pat Reynolds (1986-87)	88
4. Kyle Stirmlinger (2002-03)	76
5. Djole Palfi (1997-98)	48
6. Robert Utterback (1987-88)	45
6. Jonathan Wiley (2004-07)	45
8. Jaysun Mims (1990-91)	43
9. Jason Skrifvars (1998-92)	32
10. Dominic Washington (1985-87)	27

STANDOUT PERFORMANCES

30+ Scoring Games:

20+ Scoring Games (1): Michael Hall (2), Derrick Wright (1)

Double Figure Points (1): Michael Hall (2), Travis Bunker (1), Mario Burns (1), Derrick Wright 1

Double Figure Rebounds: Travis Bunker (1)

Double-Doubles (Pts-Ast):

Double-Doubles (Pts-Rebs): Travis Bunker (1)

Six or more Assists: Mario Burns (1)

Five or more Steals: Mario Burns (1)

Jackets vs. Conferences

Division I	0-1
NAIA	1-0
Northern Sun	0-1
Rocky Mountain Athletic	0-0
Great Northwest Athletic	0-0



HEAD COACH GEORGE PFEIFER



George Pfeifer begins his first season as head coach of men's basketball at Montana State University Billings. He comes to the Yellowjackets with a rich background in resurrecting and building championship level programs.

Pfeifer comes to MSUB after three years at the University of Idaho where he inherited a program that was in last place and predicted by every media and coaches poll to finish last. In the end they proved

those predictions wrong finishing in the middle of the Western Athletic Conference winning three of their last five league games to give the program the highest finish in the WAC.

Prior to Idaho, Pfeifer had a very successful tenure at Lewis-Clark State College where he was the head men's coach from 1989-2005 and the assistant coach from 1987-1989. He gained his 200th career win as the Warrior Head Coach in 2001—02, and then set the school record for coaching career wins with 213 victories in a 105-79 win over the University of Great Falls, while garnering 294 career wins at his alma mater. During his tenure, he built L-C into one of the strongest programs in the Pacific Northwest and led the Warriors to national prominence.

During the 2002-03 season, the Warriors team posted a school-record for wins with a 31-6 overall record and an .837 winning percentage. Prior to his arrival as a coach, L-C had won only one playoff game in its basketball history as a four-year institution in 1947. It took Pfeifer only three years to guide L-C to a conference title and their schools' first berth in the NAIA championships beating Simon-Fraser University, Western Washington and St. Martin's College in a best two-out-of-three series. At that time, it marked the first time in the 99- year history of the men's basketball program that it qualified for a national tournament. That year, the Warriors posted 23 wins which was a school-record at the time for wins in one season. Two years later in 1995, Pfeifer led L-C to its second NAIA berth in a victory over Seattle University.

In his 16 years as the L-C head coach his teams would play in eight title games, eight district championships and reach the national tournament six times. When he took over the program, the school record for wins in a single season was 21. In Pfeifer's last six seasons, the Warriors averaged over 23 wins per year. He has been selected Coach of the Year five times and has recruited and coached 18 NAIA All-Americans as well as 18 Academic All-Americans. Of the 75 men's basketball records held at L-C, Pfeifer

coached teams had posted 51 when he left.

Not one to shy away from playing tough schedules, the Warriors under Pfeifer's rein faced 26 NCAA Division I opponents. In 2000, the Lewis-Clark State defeated the University of Idaho 68-54 and Boise State by 14 points in 1995. In two meetings against Washington State, L-C dropped both decisions on a last second shot and by five points.

Prior to his current position at L-C, Pfeifer had a two-year stint as an assistant basketball coach under legendary head coach, Dick Hannan. He also served as the head women's basketball coach at Rocky Mountain College for two years (1985-87). Pfeifer also was an assistant coach for men's basketball at RMC during the 1984-85 campaign under Mark Adams. He was a part of RMC's first-ever NAIA National Tournament berth after being crowned District XII champions.

Pfeifer also served as head coach for two years at Hardin High School in Hardin, Mont., and three years at St. Maries High School in his hometown of St. Maries, Idaho. In his two years at Hardin, Pfeifer led the team to back-to-back appearances at the Montana State High School Championships. Hardin had not been to the state tournament in over 20 years, and were 5-56 over the three years before his arrival. He also led St. Maries to a 21-3 record in his third year and a fourth place finish at the Idaho State Class A-2 Tournament. Prior to his arrival, St. Maries had only won one game in each of the three seasons leading up to Pfeifer's arrival.

He graduated from Lewis-Clark State in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in social science and a minor in physical education and coaching. Pfeifer received his master's degree in secondary education administration in 1989 from the University of Idaho.

He has been married for 26 years to Susan, who teaches in the Billings School District. They have three children. Their oldest son, Duncan, who is in his final year of his engineering degree, Jennifer who just graduated with her business finance degree and their youngest daughter, Abigail, who is starting her freshman

year. All three of their children have or are attending the University of Idaho. Pfeifer's son-in-law, Cassidy Probert, graduated from Idaho in 2007 and his daughter-in-law, Kylie graduated from Idaho in 2008.



Montana State University Billings
Montana State Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 24, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-1)	(1-0)	(0-1)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-1)	(1-0)	(0-1)	(0-0)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
22 Hall,Michael.....	2-2	65 32.5	13-27	.481	9-19	.474	9-9	1.000	0	6	6	3.0	4	0	3	8	1	2	44	22.0
04 Wright,Derrick....	2-2	54 27.0	8-22	.364	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	6	2	8	4.0	4	0	2	7	0	3	21	10.5
10 Burns,Mario.....	2-2	68 34.0	8-21	.381	0-2	.000	5-7	.714	1	9	10	5.0	3	0	12	8	1	5	21	10.5
03 Bunker,Travis.....	2-2	75 37.5	6-16	.375	4-13	.308	3-6	.500	3	15	18	9.0	1	0	3	3	0	3	19	9.5
34 Hodge,Brad.....	2-0	34 17.0	7-14	.500	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	4	7	11	5.5	6	0	1	0	2	0	17	8.5
05 Weisz,Adam.....	2-0	5 2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
01 Palmer,Kyle.....	1-0	4 4.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
33 Hentzen,Tyler.....	1-0	21 21.0	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
21 Blaine,Kirk.....	2-2	46 23.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	0	1	1	0.5	7	0	1	2	0	0	3	1.5
44 Anderson,Lance....	1-0	1 1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
42 Meehan,Ryan.....	1-0	1 1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
32 Barton,Mike.....	1-0	2 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
25 Birky,Marty.....	1-0	1 1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
02 Taylor,Brett.....	2-0	18 9.0	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0.0
23 Ruff,Troy.....	2-0	5 2.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team.....									5	7	12	6.0	0		4					
Total.....	2	400	45-111	.405	13-38	.342	30-42	.714	20	51	71	35.5	30	0	25	34	4	14	133	66.5
Opponents.....	2	400	59-136	.434	20-57	.351	21-27	.778	30	52	82	41.0	37	-	33	26	10	12	159	79.5

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	133	159	11/15/08	at #10 Gonzaga	L	52-83	6000
Points per game.....	66.5	79.5	11/22/08	MONTANA WESTERN	W	81-76	1107
Scoring margin.....	-13.0	-					
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	45-111	59-136					
Field goal pct.....	.405	.434					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	13-38	20-57					
3-point FG pct.....	.342	.351					
3-pt FG made per game..	6.5	10.0					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	30-42	21-27					
Free throw pct.....	.714	.778					
REBOUNDS.....	71	82					
Rebounds per game.....	35.5	41.0					
Rebounding margin.....	-5.5	-					
ASSISTS.....	25	33					
Assists per game.....	12.5	16.5					
TURNOVERS.....	34	26					
Turnovers per game.....	17.0	13.0					
Turnover margin.....	-4.0	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.7	1.3					
STEALS.....	14	12					
Steals per game.....	7.0	6.0					
BLOCKS.....	4	10					
Blocks per game.....	2.0	5.0					
WINNING STREAK.....	1	-					
Home win streak.....	1	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	1107	6000					
Home games-Avg/Game....	1-1107	1-6000					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Montana State Billings.....	65	68	133
Opponents.....	63	96	159



Game 1 at No. 10 Gonzaga

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
 MONTANA STATE BILLINGS vs #10 Gonzaga
 11/15/08 4:00 p.m. at MCCARTHY ATHLETIC CENTER - SPOKANE, WA

VISITORS: MONTANA STATE BILLINGS 0-1															
##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A TO BLK S MIN			
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP				A TO BLK S MIN		
03	Bunker, Travis.....	f	1-5	0-4	0-0	1	7	8	0	2	1	1	0	1	35
04	Wright, Derrick.....	f	0-7	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	20
21	Blaine, Kirk.....	f	1-1	0-0	1-4	0	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	27
10	Burns, Mario.....	g	3-11	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	3	6	4	5	1	0	31
22	Hall, Michael.....	g	8-17	5-12	3-3	0	4	4	1	24	1	4	0	1	30
01	Palmer, Kyle.....	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
02	Taylor, Brett.....	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	11
05	Weisz, Adam.....	0-0	0-0	4-5	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
23	Ruff, Troy.....	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
25	Birky, Marty.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
23	Barton, Mike.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
33	Hentzen, Tyler.....	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	21
34	Hodge, Brad.....	3-7	0-1	2-2	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
42	Meehan, Ryan.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
44	Anderson, Lance.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM.....						5		4						4	
Totals.....		18-55		5-19		11-17		9		22		31		15 52 8 18 1 4 200	

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-30 33.3% 2nd Half: 8-25 32.0% Game: 32.7% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 1-8 12.5% Game: 26.3% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 64.7% 4

HOME TEAM: #10 Gonzaga 1-0															
##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A TO BLK S MIN			
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP				A TO BLK S MIN		
05	DAYE, Austin.....	f	5-12	0-4	5-5	3	9	12	4	15	0	4	4	0	25
42	HEYTVELT, Josh.....	f	5-9	1-1	4-4	3	5	8	2	15	0	2	3	0	25
02	PARGO, Jeremy.....	g	3-7	1-3	0-0	0	5	5	1	7	10	0	0	0	28
15	BOULDIN, Matt.....	g	5-9	2-5	0-2	2	2	4	0	12	0	1	2	29	
22	DOWNES, Michah.....	g	4-11	1-6	0-0	3	1	4	1	9	1	1	0	1	22
03	GOODSON, Demetri.....	2-3	0-1	2-3	0	1	1	5	6	3	2	0	1	18	
04	PONTAROLO-MAAG, Chris	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
11	SORENSEN, Andrew.....	2-2	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	2	
32	GRAY, Steven.....	3-8	1-5	0-0	1	2	3	0	7	4	1	1	1	27	
45	FOSTER, Will.....	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	
50	BROWN, Ira.....	2-3	0-0	2-2	0	4	4	6	0	0	1	0	17		
TEAM.....						3		3						3	
Totals.....		31-65		8-27		13-16		14		30		44		17 83 19 12 10 6 200	

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-35 40.0% 2nd Half: 17-30 56.7% Game: 47.7% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-16 25.0% 2nd Half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 29.6% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd Half: 12-13 92.3% Game: 81.3% 1

Officials: Randy Burkhart, Thomas Wood, J.T. Orr
 Technical fouls: MONTANA STATE BILLINGS-None. #10 Gonzaga-None.
 Attendance: 6000
 Score by Periods

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS.....	1st	2nd	Total
#10 Gonzaga.....	28	24	52
#10 Gonzaga.....	33	50	83

 GU's Daye second career double-double...GU's Pargo fourth career double digit assist game.
 Points in the paint-MSUB 18,GON 42. Points off turnovers-MSUB 7,GON 28.
 2nd chance points-MSUB 2,GON 7. Fast break points-MSUB 9,GON 20.
 Bench points-MSUB 16,GON 25. Score tied-0 times. Lead changed-0 times.
 Last FG-MSUB 2nd-00:55, GON 2nd-01:08.
 Largest lead-MSUB None, GON by 31 2nd-01:08.

Game 2 Montana Western

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
 Montana Western vs Montana State Billings
 11/22/08 7:00 PM at Billings, Mont.

VISITORS: Montana Western 4-3															
##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A TO BLK S MIN			
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP				A TO BLK S MIN		
21	Lawson, Brandon.....	f	4-8	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	5	8	2	1	0	1	29
32	Fink, Garrett.....	f	5-8	0-1	1-3	3	9	12	3	11	2	2	0	1	26
40	Brown, JaRon.....	c	4-8	0-0	4-4	2	1	3	0	12	0	1	0	0	21
05	Myers, Chad.....	g	6-17	6-10	0-0	1	4	5	3	18	0	2	0	1	32
11	Lipkin, Eric.....	g	4-12	1-7	2-2	0	1	1	3	11	8	3	0	0	29
12	Glaus, Layne.....	1-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	13	
22	Hauser, Terry.....	4-9	4-7	1-2	2	0	2	2	13	0	0	0	0	26	
30	Thueringer, Cody.....	0-5	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	4	0	1	1	0	1	16	
33	Erickson, Kyle.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	
54	Sawin, Nate.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
TEAM.....						5		2						7	
Totals.....		28-71		12-30		8-11		16		22		38		20 76 14 14 0 6 200	

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-28 39.3% 2nd Half: 17-43 39.5% Game: 39.4% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-15 40.0% 2nd Half: 6-15 40.0% Game: 40.0% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 6-7 85.7% Game: 72.7% 1

HOME TEAM: Montana State Billings 1-1															
##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A TO BLK S MIN			
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP				A TO BLK S MIN		
03	Bunker, Travis.....	f	5-11	4-9	3-6	2	8	10	1	17	2	2	0	2	40
04	Wright, Derrick.....	f	8-15	0-0	4-4	5	2	7	3	20	2	5	0	2	34
21	Blaine, Kirk.....	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	19
10	Burns, Mario.....	g	5-10	0-1	5-7	0	6	6	0	15	8	3	0	5	37
22	Hall, Michael.....	g	5-10	4-7	6-6	0	2	2	3	20	2	4	1	1	35
02	Taylor, Brett.....	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
05	Weisz, Adam.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	Ruff, Troy.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
34	Hodge, Brad.....	4-7	0-0	1-2	4	7	11	3	9	1	0	2	0	26	
TEAM.....						3		3						3	
Totals.....		27-56		8-19		19-25		11		29		40		15 81 17 16 3 10 200	

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-32 43.8% 2nd Half: 13-24 54.2% Game: 48.2% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 42.1% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd Half: 13-18 72.2% Game: 76.0% 2

Officials: Rob Tesch, Erin Starkovich, Jason Schaefer
 Technical fouls: Montana Western-None. Montana State Billings-None.
 Attendance: 1107
 Score by Periods

Montana Western.....	1st	2nd	Total
Montana Western.....	30	46	76
Montana State Billings.....	37	44	81

 Points in the paint-MWU 18,MSUB 34. Points off turnovers-MWU 6,MSUB 22.
 2nd chance points-MWU 11,MSUB 10. Fast break points-MWU 0,MSUB 0.
 Bench points-MWU 16,MSUB 9. Score tied-5 times. Lead changed-6 times.
 Last FG-MWU 2nd-00:01, MSUB 2nd-00:09.
 Largest lead-MWU by 4 2nd-09:23, MSUB by 10 1st-12:26.

