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GAME DAY INFORMATION

THE SERIES VS. GREAT FALLS

Overall Record	30-10
in Billings	19-3
in Great Falls	10-7
at Neutral Sites	1-0

BROADCAST

Play-by-Play: Ken Adelblue (Webcast)
 Color: None

GREAT FALLS AT A GLANCE

Head Coach: Steve Silsby
Record at UGF: 3rd Year/25-47
Assistants: Mike Miranto, Ron Riley
Nickname: Argos
Conference: Frontier Conference
Location: Great Falls, Montana

YELLOWJACKET SCOREBOARD (3-6, 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	W, 70-67 OT
Nov. 29	at Chadron State	L, 81-74
Dec. 1	at University of Mary	L, 83-72
Dec. 5	Colorado Christian	W, 62-59
Dec. 6	Colorado Christian	L, 76-71
Dec. 11	Montana Tech	L, 64-61
Dec. 20	Augustana	L, 81-79
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	at Northwest Nazarene*	7:30 p.m.

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



University of Great Falls (5-9) at Montana State Billings (3-6)

Release #8 Wednesday, Decemeber 31 • 5:30 p.m.
 Alterowitz Gymnasium (3,500) • Billings, Montana

Yellowjackets Complete Home Stand with Great Falls and Chadron State

The Montana State Billings men's basketball team concludes its six-game home stand this week with two games. First, the Yellowjackets battle Great Falls Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and then look to even the season series with Chadron State Friday at 7 p.m. at Alterowitz Gymnasium.

The Yellowjackets are looking to snap a three-game skid and have dropped five of six. Most recently, MSUB dropped a heartbreaking 81-79 decision to Augustana College Dec. 20. Both teams had chances to win the game in the final minute.

Leading the way for the Yellowjackets this season is senior guard Michael Hall who is averaging 15.5 points per game. He leads the team with 24 made 3-pointers and is third on the team in made field goals with 42. Second on the team in scoring is junior forward Derrick Wright. He is averaging 13.8 points per game and he leads at team with 48 made field goals and 28 made free throws. Travis Bunker is the only Yellowjacket to play and start all nine games thus far. He is third in scoring at 13.7 points and is averaging just under a double-double with a team-high 9.8 rebounds per game. Bunker leads the team in minutes played as well, playing 350 minutes of 365 total individual minutes this season. In addition, he is tied with Hall for the most 3-pointers made with 24. Junior guard Mario Burns also is averaging double figures at 11.7 points. He leads the team with 60 assists and just 24 turnovers for a 6.67 assists average.

As a team, the Yellowjackets are shooting just under 45 percent from the field for the season on 226 of 503. From downtown, the Yellowjackets are 61 of 167 for a .365 average. MSUB is 109 of 159 from the line for a .686 clip. The Jackets are pulling down an average of 32.3 rebounds per game and are averaging 17 assists per game and 5.2 steals per game. MSUB is averaging 69.1 points per game, while its opponents are averaging 74.4 points.

Great Falls enters the week with a 5-9 record and is scheduled to play King College Tuesday, prior to traveling to Billings Wednesday. The Argos enter the week winners of two of three prior to losing six-straight after starting the year 2-2. Leading the way for the Argos this season is Rayshaun Ames who leads the team at 19.9 points per game. He is shooting .545 percent from the field on a team-high 96 of 176. In addition, Ames is 66 of 86 from the line for a 76.7 average. Ames also leads the team in rebounds averaging 8.6 per game. B.J. Meridyth and Travoy Edwards are averaging 11.5 and 10.0 points, respectively. Aaron Skogen has 19 3-pointers.

MSUB leads the all-time series 30-10 and has won six straight and 16 of 18. The teams haven't played since MSUB won 132-54, Feb. 5, 2004 in Billings. The Yellowjackets own a 19-3 record in Billings and haven't lost at home to the Argos since a 47-45 decision on Jan. 29, 1982. The last five meetings in the series all have been in Billings.

PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UPS

Montana State Billings (3-6)		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	FG%	FT%
3	Travis Bunker	F	6-6	210	Sr.	13.7	9.8	.405	.600
4	Derrick Wright	F	6-7	240	Jr.	13.8	4.7	.500	.757
10	Mario Burns	G	6-0	157	Jr.	11.7	4.3	.474	.608
21	Kirk Blaine	F	6-6	203	So.	2.8	2.8	.500	.273
22	Michael Hall	G	6-2	175	Sr.	15.5	2.0	.382	.941

University of Great Falls (5-9)		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	FG%	FT%
34	Rayshaun Ames	G/F	6-4	--	Sr.	19.9	8.8	.545	.767
32	Travoy Edwards	G	6-7	--	So.	8.8	4.2	.442	.565
22	Keithan Gregg	G	6-1	--	Sr.	10.3	3.3	.377	.810
3	Levi Lopez	G	5-7	--	Jr.	12.3	1.5	.333	.885
13	Matt Neimeyer	F	6-6	--	Jr.	12.4	5.6	.469	.711



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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.

SCOUTING CHADRON STATE

Chadron State enters the week with a 4-5 record and has dropped four of five since an 81-74 victory over MSUB Nov. 29. The Eagles started the year 3-1.

Leading the way for the Eagles this season is Tim McLaurin who is averaging a team-high 18.6 points per game. He leads the team with 54 made field goals and is shooting .429 for the year. He is second in 3-pointers with 17 and leads the team with 42 made free throws. He also is averaging a team-high 5.8 rebounds per game. Second on the team in scoring is Kevin McClelland at an 11.1 clip. He leads the team from long range with 18 3-pointers and is second in field goals made and free throws.

As a team, the Eagles are shooting .428 percent from the field, down considerably from where they were the first time they played MSUB. The team is shooting .377 from beyond the arc and .744 from the line. Chadron State is averaging 36 rebounds per game and 74.4 points per game.

A WIN OVER GREAT FALLS WILL...

- Give the Yellowjackets their fourth win of the season, a first since 2006-07
- Snap a three game losing skid and five of six
- Be the fourth home win of the season

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

RECAPING LAST WEEK

The Yellowjackets suffered another last minute defeat before Christmas in an 81-79 loss at home to a good Augustana team. The Yellowjackets had opportunities to win the game late, but a inbounds pass and layup late sealed the victory for the Vikings. Mario Burns and Derrick Wright had 22 and 21 points, respectively, while Travis Bunker recorded another double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. The game saw 14 ties and 16 lead changes in the back-and-forth affair.

GET YELLOWJACKET GEAR

Fans can now purchase their Yellowjacket apparel through the MSUB athletic website. Please log on to www.msubillings.edu/athletics and click on the apparel icon. MSUB and Cuda Apparel have teamed together to bring Yellowjacket fans custom apparel. Fans are still encouraged to continue their support of Jackets and Company, too.

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
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

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Asst. Coaches: Josh McGee, Justin Wetzel

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TOUGH IN THE LAST MINUTE

In five of the six Yellowjacket losses this season, the Jackets have had leads in the final five minutes but have been unable to shut the door. In fact, the last three games versus Colorado Christian (Dec. 6) Montana Tech (Dec. 11) and Augustana (Dec. 20) have come down to the final minute as the visitors were able to get the victories in each game. The Dec. 5 Colorado Christian game, the Yellowjackets won in the last minute, 62-59.

ASSISTING MR. BURNS

Junior Mario Burns currently is ranked 16th nationally in assists at a 6.6 clip according to the first NCAA statistics of the year. He also is 32nd nationally in assist/turnover ratio at a 2.65 average. In addition, Burns leads the GNAC in assist/turnover ratio and is second in steals (2.13) and assists.

BUNKER ON THE GLASS

Senior Travis Bunker is 38th nationally in rebounds at a 9.5 pace. He leads the team in rebounds and is third in the league at that clip. Bunker leads the league in defensive rebounds, pulling down 7.5 defensive rebounds per game.

DOWN THE HALL

Senior Michael Hall currently is 30th nationally in 3-point field goals made per game at a 3.1 clip. In addition, also leads the GNAC in that same area. He is tied for the team lead in made 3-pointers with 22.

SEEING THE FLOOR

Senior Travis Bunker leads the GNAC in minutes played at a 38.88 clip. Fellow senior Michael Hall is third at 34.86 and junior Mario Burns is 11th at 32.25. Bunker has played in three complete games this season, including all 45 minutes against the University of Mary on Nov. 26.

BUNKER EARNS WEEKLY HONORS

Senior Travis Bunker earned honorable mention GNAC Player of the Week honors as he recorded his third double-double of the year at Chadron State and played his third consecutive 40-minute game.

TAYLOR STEPS UP

Sophomore Brett Taylor stepped into the Yellowjacket starting lineup against Chadron State (Nov. 29) and had the game of his life. He scored a career-high 23 points on 8 of 14 from the field, including 7 of 12 from beyond the arc.

TOUGH ON THE GLASS

In a 70-67 overtime victory over Mary Nov. 26, the Yellowjackets dominated the glass, outrebounding the Marauders 35-26, including 14-7 on the offensive end. All

GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Dec. 30, 2008)

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Saint Martin's	0-0	12-2
Northwest Nazarene	0-0	7-2
Central Washington	0-0	6-2
Western Washington	0-0	6-2
Western Oregon	0-0	5-3
Seattle Pacific	0-0	7-4
Alaska Anchorage	0-0	4-7
Montana State Billings	0-0	3-6
Alaska Fairbanks	0-0	3-6

This Week in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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)
Dec. 1 - Jake Linton (Saint Martin's)
Dec. 8 - Chris Banchemo (Seattle Pacific)
Dec. 15- Kenny Barker (Alaska Anchorage)



'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	UGF
Record	3-6	5-9
Scoring Offense	69.1	75.3
Scoring Defense	74.4	79.3
Scoring Margin	-5.3	-4.0
FG Pct.	.449	.458
FG Pct. Defense	.470	.477
3FG Pct.	.365	.368
3FG Pct. Defense	.369	.385
Free Throw Pct.	.686	.720
Rebound Avg.	32.3	36.6
Opp. Rebound Avg.	34.1	N/A
Assists	17.0	15.8
TO Avg.	13.9	13.2
Opponent TO	13.3	22.7
TO Margin	-0.6	-8.8
Steals Avg.	5.2	8.2
Blocks	2.0	1.5

but one of the eight players who played for MSUB tallied a rebound. It was the second consecutive game that the Jackets have won the battle of the boards, MSUB had a 40-38 advantage over Montana Western Nov. 22.

BUNKER DOUBLE-DOUBLE X6

Three straight games this season Travis Bunker has recorded double-doubles. The Yellowjackets had two double-doubles all of last season. Against Montana Western, Bunker recorded his first double-double and followed against Mary Nov. 26 and at

Chadron State with 14 points and 12 rebounds. He then tallied two more double-doubles - one against Colorado Christian (Dec. 5) and a season-best 22-point performance and 11 rebound night against Montana Tech (Dec. 11). Bunker leads the team with 9.5 rebounds per game through eight games.

OVERTIME YELLOWJACKETS

The Yellowjackets needed an extra period to down the Mary Marauders Nov. 26, 70-67. It was the first overtime game for MSUB since a 90-89 overtime loss on Dec. 21, 2006, against Northwest Nazarene at Alterowitz Gym. It was the first overtime victory since a 113-106 victory over Saint Leo on Dec. 21, 2004.

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 and a 24-10 lead. Then, on Nov. 22, the Jackets raced to a 16-6 lead through the first seven minutes against Montana Western. On Nov. 26, the Jackets continued that trend with a 21-11 lead through the first nine minutes against Mary.

SNAP THE SKID

With an 81-76 victory over Montana Western Nov. 22, the Yellowjackets snapped a

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	17-13	6-27	22-18	12-17	7-3
at Chadron State	7-20	8-29	32-22	14-19	17-10
at Mary	12-15	15-23	22-40	14-15	9-11
Colorado Christian	7-13	12-8	32-22	20-4	7-3
Colorado Christian	4-14	12-14	38-26	11-10	7-7
Montana Tech	8-4	12-12	28-34	6-15	8-13
Augustana	24-20	33-0	24-30	24-14	9-17
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					
Totals					

GNAC STATS

Team Stats (rank)

Scoring Offense	69.1 (8th)
Scoring Defense	74.4 (5th)
Scoring Margin	-5.3 (8th)
Field Goal Percentage	.449 (8th)
Field Goal Percentage Def	.470 (7th)
Free Throw Percentage	.686 (8th)
3-Point FG Percentage	.365 (5th)
3-Point FG Percentage Def	.369 (7th)
3-Point FGs Made	6.78 (3rd)
Defensive Rebounds	21.33 (9th)
Offensive Rebounds	11.00 (T-6th)
Rebounding Offense	32.3 (9th)
Rebounding Defense	34.1 (6th)
Rebounding Margin	-1.8 (8th)
Assist-Turnover Ratio	1.22 (2nd)
Turnover Margin	-0.56 (4th)
Blocked Shots	2.00 (9th)
Assists	17.00 (5th)
Steals	5.22 (9th)

Individual Stats Montana State Billings

Scoring

Michael Hall	15.5 (T-10th)
Derrick Wright	13.8 (13th)
Travis Bunker	13.7 (14th)
Mario Burns	11.7 (23rd)

Rebounding

Travis Bunker	9.58(3rd)
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Field Goal Percentage

Brad Hodge	.575 (9th)
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Assists

Mario Burns	6.67 (2nd)
Travis Bunker	3.67 (9th)

Free Throw Percentage

Michael Hall	.941 (1st)
Derrick Wright	.757 (16th)

Steals

Mario Burns	1.89 (3rd)
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3-Point Field Goal Pct.

Brett Taylor	.480 (4th)
Michael Hall	.364 (T-16th)
Travis Bunker	.364 (T-16th)

3-Point Field Goals Made

Michael Hall	3.00 (2nd)
Travis Bunker	2.67 (3rd)
Brett Taylor	1.33 (15th)

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Brett Taylor	2.67 (T-2nd)
Mario Burns	2.50 (T-5th)

Offensive Rebounds

Derrick Wright	2.33 (10th)
Travis Bunker	2.11 (14th)

Defensive Rebounds

Travis Bunker	7.67 (1st)
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Minutes Played

Travis Bunker	38.89 (1st)
Michael Hall	34.25 (3rd)
Mario Burns	32.33 (10th)



POST-TIME REPORT

2008-09 Season

Overall

Overall	3-6
Home	3-3
Away	0-3
Neutral	0-0

Monthly Records

November	2-2
December	1-4
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

Daily Records

Monday	0-1
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	1-0
Thursday	0-1
Friday	1-0
Saturday	1-4
Sunday	0-0

Miscellaneous

Winning the tip	2-5
Losing the tip	1-1
Leading at halftime	3-0
Trailing at halftime	0-6
Tied at halftime	0-0
Score first	3-5
Opponent scores first	0-1
Leading with 5 min. to play	2-3
Trailing with 5 min. to play	1-3
Games decided by 3 pts. or less	2-2
Games decided by 4-10 pts.	1-2
Games decided by 11-plus pts.	0-2
Shoot 50% or better	0-1
Shoot less than 50%	3-5
Shoot higher % than opponent	2-2
Shoot lower % than opponent	1-4
Opp. shoot worse than 50%	3-4
Opp. shoot higher than 50%	0-2
Score less than 60 points	0-1
Score 60-69 points	1-1
Score 70-79 points	1-4
Score 80-plus points	1-0
Opp. score fewer than 50 pts.	1-0
Opp. score 60-69 pts.	0-1
Opp. score 70-79 pts.	1-1
Opp. score 80-89 pts.	1-3
Opp. score more than 90 pts.	0-1
Outrebound opponent	2-2
Outrebounded by opponent	1-4
Rebounds are even	0-0
Committ less turnovers than opp.	2-1
Committ more turnovers than opp.	1-3
Make more or same 3FGs than opp.	0-3
Make fewer 3FGs than opp.	3-3
Make more/same FTs than opp.	2-2
Make less FTs than opp.	1-4
Score more/same points in paint	3-3
Score less points in paint	0-3
Make more bench points than opp.	1-1
Make less bench points than opp.	2-4
Make more/same points off turnovers	2-2
Make less points off turnovers	1-4
Overtime	1-0
Games vs. Top 25 opponents	0-1
Games vs. Regional Ranked opp.	0-0
Games following loss	2-3
Games following win	1-2
Games vs. winning teams	1-2
Games vs. losing teams	1-2
Games vs. .500 teams	1-1

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 (8): Michael Hall (3), Travis Bunker (1), Derrick Wright (2), Mario Burns (1), Brett Taylor (1)

Double Figure Points (26): Travis Bunker (7), Michael Hall (6), Mario Burns (6), Derrick Wright (6), Brett Taylor (1)

Double Figure Rebounds (6): Travis Bunker (5), Brad Hodge 1

Double-Doubles (Pts-Ast):

Double-Doubles (Pts-Rebs) (6): Travis Bunker (6)

Six or more Assists (10): Mario Burns (7), Travis Bunker (2), Derrick Wright (1)

Five or more Steals: Mario Burns (1)

Jackets vs. Conferences

Division I	0-1
NAIA	1-1
Northern Sun	1-3
Rocky Mountain Athletic	1-1
Great Northwest Athletic	0-0



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.

STOUT DEFENSE

MSUB held Montana Western to under 40 percent shooting in both halves Nov. 22. 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 Nov. 22 and followed with getting to the line 24 times against Mary on Wednesday. MSUB knocked down 19 free throws, including 9 of 10 in the final five minutes preserve the victory against UWM.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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 played at Mary and Chadron State this past week. From there, the Jackets have six-straight home games in December and early January 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 53 assists this season for a 6.6 average. He had eight assists and five steals, against Montana Western earlier in the season. He then followed with a nine assist outing against Mary Nov. 26 and just missed a double-double by one assist.

PAINTING THE PAINT

The Yellowjackets dominated the points in the paint against Montana Western Nov. 22. MSUB scored 34 points in the paint compared to 18 for the Bulldogs and followed with a 22-18 points in the paint advantage over Mary on Wednesday for a 56-36 lead in the Jackets' two wins this season.

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.

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.



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 Divi-

sion 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 Dec 30, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-6	3-3	0-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-6	3-3	0-3	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
22	Hall,Michael	8-7	274	34.2	42-110	.382	24-66	.364	16-17	.941	7	9	16	2.0	13	0	14	16	1	5	124	15.5
04	Wright,Derrick	9-8	236	26.2	48-96	.500	0-0	.000	28-37	.757	21	21	42	4.7	29	2	16	24	6	9	124	13.8
03	Bunker,Travis	9-9	350	38.9	45-111	.405	24-66	.364	9-15	.600	19	69	88	9.8	20	1	33	24	2	5	123	13.7
10	Burns,Mario	9-8	291	32.3	37-78	.474	0-5	.000	31-51	.608	10	29	39	4.3	18	0	60	24	2	17	105	11.7
34	Hodge,Brad	9-1	158	17.6	23-40	.575	0-1	.000	5-8	.625	13	21	34	3.8	26	0	6	11	4	3	51	5.7
02	Taylor,Brett	9-3	128	14.2	13-27	.481	12-25	.480	2-2	1.000	0	6	6	0.7	6	0	8	3	0	1	40	4.4
33	Hentzen,Tyler	5-1	103	20.6	4-12	.333	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	4	10	14	2.8	10	0	5	5	0	3	15	3.0
21	Blaine,Kirk	9-8	205	22.8	11-22	.500	0-1	.000	3-11	.273	12	13	25	2.8	21	0	4	6	2	3	25	2.8
23	Ruff,Troy	4-0	19	4.8	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	4-4	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	1	0	6	1.5
05	Weisz,Adam	7-0	14	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	0	1	1	0.1	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	0.6
42	Meehan,Ryan	6-0	8	1.3	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.5
01	Palmer,Kyle	6-0	30	5.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	1	3	0.5	2	0	5	1	0	1	2	0.3
32	Barton,Mike	3-0	5	1.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	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
44	Anderson,Lance	2-0	3	1.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....		9	1825		226-503	.449	61-167	.365	109-159	.686	99	192	291	32.3	147	3	153	125	18	47	622	69.1
Opponents.....		9	1825		239-509	.470	72-195	.369	120-152	.789	96	211	307	34.1	154	-	148	120	26	52	670	74.4

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	622	670	11/15/08	at #10 Gonzaga	L 52-83	6000
Points per game	69.1	74.4	11/22/08	MONTANA WESTERN	W 76-81	1107
Scoring margin	-5.3	-	11/26/08	UNIVERSITY OF MARY	Wot 67-70	857
FIELD GOALS-ATT	226-503	239-509	11-29-08	at Chadron State	L 74-81	397
Field goal pct	.449	.470	12/1/08	at University of Mary	L 72-83	902
3 POINT FG-ATT	61-167	72-195	12/05/08	COLORADO CHRISTIAN	W 59-62	817
3-point FG pct	.365	.369	12/06/08	COLORADO CHRISTIAN	L 76-71	817
3-pt FG made per game	6.8	8.0	12/11/08	MONTANA TECH	L 64-61	812
FREE THROWS-ATT	109-159	120-152	11/20/08	AUGUSTANA	L 81-79	657
Free throw pct	.686	.789	* - Conference game			
F-Throws made per game	12.1	13.3				
REBOUNDS	291	307				
Rebounds per game	32.3	34.1				
Rebounding margin	-1.8	-				
ASSISTS	153	148				
Assists per game	17.0	16.4				
TURNOVERS	125	120				
Turnovers per game	13.9	13.3				
Turnover margin	-0.6	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	1.2				
STEALS	47	52				
Steals per game	5.2	5.8				
BLOCKS	18	26				
Blocks per game	2.0	2.9				
ATTENDANCE	5067	7299				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-844	3-2433				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Montana State Billings	296	314	12	622
Opponents	309	352	9	670



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Augustana vs Montana State Billings
11/20/08 2:00 PM at Alterowitz Gym - Billings, Mont.

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##	Player	*	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	Blank, Marques	*	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	16	
10	Stephens, Lee	*	11-15	0-0	5-6	1	4	5	2	27	1	3	0	1	31			
21	Schilling, Cody	*	6-8	3-5	2-2	2	4	6	2	17	4	1	1	2	32			
24	Krogman, Eric	*	7-11	2-5	13-14	4	8	12	4	29	1	3	2	0	33			
30	Foster, David	*	2-9	1-4	0-0	1	3	4	2	5	1	0	0	0	29			
03	Dalton, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	5	5	0	0	22			
22	Hettermann, Chad		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	9			
32	Thomas, Elliot		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12			
33	De Zeeuw, Derrick		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4			
34	Truex, Nathan		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7			
44	Klepatz, Mike		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5			
Team						0	1	1			1							
Totals			27-52	7-20	20-22	9	22	31	22	81	15	15	3	4	200			

FG % 1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd half: 13-22 59.1% Game: 27-52 51.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 7-20 35.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 9-10 90.0% 2nd half: 11-12 91.7% Game: 20-22 90.9%

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Rebounds
0

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##	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
03	Bunker, Travis	f	5-15	2-6	3-3	3	9	12	3	15	2	1	0	1	39			
34	Hodge, Brad	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4			
33	Hentzen, Tyler	c	0-1	0-0	4-4	0	2	2	3	4	1	3	0	1	26			
02	Taylor, Brett	g	1-1	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	13			
10	Burns, Mario	g	7-13	0-0	8-9	1	3	4	4	22	7	4	0	0	33			
01	Palmer, Kyle		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3			
04	Wright, Derrick		8-12	0-0	5-7	2	1	3	1	21	1	4	1	0	26			
05	Weisz, Adam		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
21	Blaine, Kirk		1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	22			
22	Hall, Michael		3-10	2-7	2-2	0	0	0	2	10	0	3	0	1	30			
32	Barton, Mike		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
42	Meehan, Ryan		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Team						2	0	2										
Totals			25-54	5-14	24-27	10	18	28	21	79	16	15	1	3	200			

FG % 1st Half: 10-25 40.0% 2nd half: 15-29 51.7% Game: 25-54 46.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 5-14 35.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 15-15 100.0 2nd half: 9-12 75.0% Game: 24-27 88.9%

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Rebounds
0

Officials: Jason Hinch, Byron Lloyd, Mike Bernatz
 Technical fouls: Augustana-None. Montana State Billings-None.
 Attendance: 657

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Augustana	41	40	81
Montana State Billings	37	42	79

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
AUG	30	14	17	0	0
MSUB	24	24	9	0	33

Last FG - AUG 2nd-00:04, MSUB 2nd-00:13.
 Largest lead - AUG by 10 2nd-18:19, MSUB by 11 1st-11:35.

Score tied - 14 times.
 Lead changed - 16 times.

