

YELLOWJACKET SOFTBALL

Weekly Release - Apr. 22, 2009

2009 Softball Schedule 24-6 GNAC, 33-11

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

10	Western Oregon*	W, 2-1
		W, 4-2
11	Western Oregon*	W, 5-2
		L, 2-7
18	Western Washington*	W, 3-0
		W, 5-1
19	Western Washington*	W, 10-2
		W, 10-8
23	vs. Saint Martin's (Spokane, WA)	Noon
24	at Northwest Nazarene	3:00 p.m.
25	at Northwest Nazarene	Noon

MAY

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

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

THIS WEEK: Montana State Billings has six games on the docket this week. On Thursday, Apr. 23, the Yellowjackets will take on Saint Martin's in Spokane at Noon. Then on Fri.-Sat., Apr. 24-25, MSUB will play Northwest Nazarene in Nampa. The games are scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m. and noon, respectively.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE: The Crusaders are 5-25 in the GNAC and 8-35 overall. Haley Hevern has five doubles and seven home runs, scored 20 runs, driven in 16 and is batting .306. Arielle Chao has four home runs, scored 15 runs, driven in 18 runs and is hitting .304.

SAINT MARTIN'S: The Saints are 7-22 in the GNAC and 9-34 overall. Morgan Klemm has five doubles and four home runs, scored 16 runs, driven in 15 runs and is hitting .322. Holly Morris has eight doubles and nine home runs, scored 21 runs and driven in 22 runs.

NFCA NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL POLL

April 22, 2009

TEAM	W-L	PTS
1 Alabama-Huntsville (4)	41-4	390
2 North Georgia	43-3	382
3 Lock Haven	39-5	365
4 Southeastern Oklahoma	48-9	351
5 Angelo State (12)	38-8	314
6 Ferris State	30-6	306
7 Valdosta State	42-6	298
8 Humboldt State	33-14	282
9 Winona State	34-9	275
10 Kutztown	41-8-1	268
11 Metro State	32-8	230
12 Abilene Christian	39-11	194
13 Dixie State	30-9	169
14 C.W. Post	29-12	167
15 USC Aiken	34-14	152
16 Hawaii Pacific	36-10	143
17 Florida Southern	34-10	135
18 Bloomsburg	29-7	128
19 Wayne State (Mich.)	31-11	125
20 Minnesota State Mankato	31-10	77
21 Nebraska-Omaha	35-10	71
22 Lenoir Rhyne	34-9	69
23 LeMoyne	28-9	62
24 California (PA)	32-6	61
25 Saginaw Valley State	31-9	51

Others Receiving Votes: West Florida - 25, Georgian Court - 21, Missouri St. Louis, Central Missouri - 20, Caldwell - 16, Ashland - 7, Francis Marion - 5, Mid-western State, **Montana State Billings**, New Haven, Nova Southeastern - 4, NYIT - 3, Tampa, West Texas A&M - 1

Montana State Billings Quick Facts

UNIVERSITY

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

COACHING STAFF

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

TEAM INFORMATION

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

SOFTBALL HISTORY

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

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LAST WEEK: Montana State Billings kept its lead in the GNAC as they swept Western Washington, Apr. 18-19. The Yellowjackets won 3-0 and 5-1 on the 18th and completed the sweep on the 19th, winning 10-2 and 10-8.

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

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

RECORD CHASERS: The Yellowjackets are already hard at work rewriting the individual career record book. Earlier this season, Terina Stacks became the all-time leader in hits (193) and total bases (283). Stacks was the all-time leader in runs with 107 until Steph Gosselin passed her against Western Oregon. Gosselin now has 111 runs.

Gosselin is currently the all-time leader in RBI's with 105 and home runs with 24 and has tied Stacks in total bases.

Stacks has 794 putouts to break the career record of 737 while Leslie Davis has accumulated 289 assists and needs 11 to break the record of 299. Stacks is also chasing the at-bat record as she has 513 and needs 12 more.

HOME RUN RECORD: Steph Gosselin is chasing both the school and GNAC single season record for home runs. She currently has 13 with the GNAC being 14 by Brandi Harrison (Humboldt State) and Mallory Holtman (Central Washington), both in 2006. The school record is 15 by Theresa Campbell in 2004.

WEST REGION POLL: Montana State Billings is currently ranked fourth in the NCAA Division II West Region Poll as of Apr.22. In parentheses is where they are ranked nationally.

1. Dixie State (13)
2. Humboldt State (8)
3. Hawaii Pacific (16)
4. Montana State Billings (33)
5. Sonoma State
6. Cal State Stanislaus
7. Cal State Dominguez Hills
8. UC San Diego
9. Cal State Monterey Bay
10. San Francisco State

2009 Season Outlook

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

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

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

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

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

INFIELD

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

OUTFIELD

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

CATCHER

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

PITCHING

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

FIRST-FIRST: Montana State Billings currently leads the GNAC with a mark of 24-6. In addition 16 times this season, the Yellowjackets have scored at least one run in the first inning of a GNAC game. MSUB is 16-0 in those games.

GNAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: They should start calling it the GNAC MSUB Player of the Week Award. The Yellowjackets have had at least one player been named POW eight of the 10 weeks it has been awarded. The latest recipient is Steph Gosselin for the week of Apr. 20.

HOME COOKING: They say there is no place like home. That is definitely true for Montana State Billings. Since Cenex Stadium was built in 2002, the Yellowjackets have won 93 games against just 20 defeats. That equates to a winning percentage of .825. In addition, MSUB has won its 17 of its last 18 games at Cenex.

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

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

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

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

Montana State Billings

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

Women's Basketball

Montana State Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 04, 2009)
All games

RECORD:		OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES		(15-10)	(8-4)	(4-6)	(3-0)
CONFERENCE		(7-7)	(5-3)	(2-4)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE		(8-3)	(3-1)	(2-2)	(3-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		Pct		FT-FTA		Pct		----REBOUNDS----									
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg		
13	Carpenter, Alira	25-25	860 34.4	185-420	.440	74-177	.418	121-137	.883	27	61	88	3.5	41	1	35	64	4	32	565	22.6		
44	Ryan, Kayla	25-24	625 25.0	107-203	.527	4-13	.308	71-105	.676	71	95	166	6.6	73	2	32	63	24	18	289	11.6		
41	Smith, Jen	23-23	667 29.0	81-199	.407	22-63	.349	36-59	.610	50	122	172	7.5	58	3	39	49	6	24	220	9.6		
11	Marquis, Shantell	24-24	743 31.0	74-226	.327	8-42	.190	34-56	.607	23	105	128	5.3	72	4	152	97	29	84	190	7.9		
14	Meadors, Jetton	24-24	675 28.1	57-159	.358	21-64	.328	49-69	.710	33	48	81	3.4	59	2	98	68	7	47	184	7.7		
25	Stanhope, Kalli	25-1	409 16.4	37-92	.402	24-65	.369	11-17	.647	12	26	38	1.5	21	0	26	15	3	12	109	4.4		
22	Jacobs, Mandy	25-2	397 15.9	36-85	.424	14-36	.389	12-20	.600	24	48	72	2.9	20	0	19	30	10	15	98	3.9		
33	McPherson, Kayla	7-1	60 8.6	9-27	.333	6-19	.316	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	7	0	3	1	0	1	24	3.4		
34	Kautzmann, Callie	25-1	382 15.3	28-68	.412	2-15	.133	24-31	.774	31	61	92	3.7	43	1	44	35	2	22	82	3.3		
50	Porter, Melissa	12-0	61 5.1	9-17	.529	0-0	.000	4-9	.444	6	5	11	0.9	5	0	0	2	4	2	22	1.8		
21	Hansen, Rachel	5-0	28 5.6	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	3	0	3	0.6	3	0	3	2	0	1	8	1.6		
30	Halverson, Quinn	24-0	143 6.0	12-36	.333	4-21	.190	8-9	.889	10	14	24	1.0	6	0	6	4	0	5	36	1.5		
TEAM																							
Total		25	5050	637-1540	.414	179-515	.348	374-517	.723	337	639	976	39.0	408	13	457	442	89	263	1827	73.1		
Opponents		25	5050	608-1492	.408	147-422	.348	338-451	.749	314	649	963	38.5	458	-	371	523	71	239	1701	68.0		

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING	1827	1701	11/15/08	COLORADO STATE-PUEBLO	W	91-81	577
Points per game	73.1	68.0	11/21/08	UNIVERSITY OF MARY	L	70-73	857
Scoring margin	+5.0	-	11/23/08	COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES	W	91-82	431
FIELD GOALS-ATT	637-1540	608-1492	11/28/08	vs Minnesota-Crookston	W	93-81	-
Field goal pct .....	.414	.408	11/29/08	at University of Mary	L	73-84	822
3 POINT FG-ATT	179-515	147-422	12/06/08	METRO STATE	W	65-61	550
3-point FG pct .....	.348	.348	12/15/08	at Hawai'i Pacific University	W	86-71	-
3-pt FG made per game ..	7.2	5.9	12/17/08	vs Sheperd (W.V.)	W OT	96-89	-
FREE THROWS-ATT	374-517	338-451	12/18/08	vs CU-WBB	W	83-32	-
Free throw pct .....	.723	.749	01/02/09	at Metro State Women	L	61-67	107
REBOUNDS	976	963	01/03/09	at CSU-Pueblo	W	62-48	610
Rebounds per game	39.0	38.5	*01/07/09	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	77-64	412
Rebounding margin	+0.5	-	*01/10/09	SEATTLE PACIFIC	L	69-88	612
ASSISTS	457	371	*01/14/09	ALASKA FAIRBANKS	W	82-71	643
Assists per game	18.3	14.8	*01/17/09	WESTERN OREGON	L	64-68	612
TURNOVERS	442	523	*01/22/09	at Central Washington	W	71-60	208
Turnovers per game	17.7	20.9	*01/24/09	at Western Washington	L	73-86	464
Turnover margin	+3.2	-	*01/29/09	at Northwest Nazarene	LOT	64-73	532
Assist/turnover ratio ..	1.0	0.7	*01/31/09	at Seattle Pacific	L	46-66	713
STEALS	263	239	*02/07/09	ALASKA ANCHORAGE	L	55-56	1097
Steals per game	10.5	9.6	*02/12/09	at Saint Martin's University	L	63-66	370
BLOCKS	89	71	*02/14/09	at Western Oregon	W	77-63	85
Blocks per game	3.6	2.8	*02/18/09	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	67-62	901
WINNING STREAK	4	-	*02/21/09	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	W	77-48	786
Home win streak	3	-	*02/26/09	SAINT MARTIN'S	W	71-61	612
ATTENDANCE	8090	3911					
Home games-Avg/Game ..	12-674	10-391					
Neutral site-Avg/Game ..	-	3-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Montana State Billings	873	931	23	1827
Opponents	808	868	25	1701