

YELLOWJACKET SOFTBALL

Weekly Release - Apr. 8, 2009

2009 Softball Schedule 17-5 GNAC, 26-10

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

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

THIS WEEK: Montana State Billings is finally back in action after almost two weeks. The Yellowjackets will host Western Oregon, Apr. 10-11, Fri.-Sat., in a critical Great Northwest Athletic Conference series.

MSUB currently leads the GNAC at 17-5 with the Wolves in third at 13-8. Both days are scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m.

WESTERN OREGON: The Wolves are 13-8 in the GNAC and 15-15 overall. Tyler Sutherland leads the charge with 16 doubles and four home runs, 32 runs, 21 RBI's, 13 stolen bases and is hitting .434. On the mound, Jessica Wood is 7-5 with 85 strikeouts and a 2.95 ERA.

The two teams met in Monmouth on Feb. 21-22. On the 21st, Western Oregon took the sweep, 3-2, 3-0. In the first game, Western Oregon scored in its first at-bat. With runners at the corners, a wild pitch advanced both runners to make it 1-0. In the top of the second inning, Dawn Norcross homered to centerfield to tie the game at 1-1.

In the third inning, the Wolves found the plate twice. WOU led off with a walk and double. After two strikeouts, Krysta Pennington singled to centerfield to drive in both runners. That made it 3-1 in favor of Western Oregon.

Kelly Parsons led off the fourth with a walk and was replaced by Amanda Goings as a pinch runner. Whitney Whittemore singled down the right field line and advanced to third when the second baseman made a bad throw on the relay. That error allowed Goings to score and make it 3-2.

In the second game, Western Oregon scored one run each in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

On the 22nd, MSUB returned the favor winning 6-5, 10-8. In the first game, Montana State Billings started out strong. Amanda Goings drew a walk and Steph Gosselin blasted a pitch over the left field fence to make it 2-0. Rebekah Tsatsa followed her with a solo shot to right center field.

Western Oregon came back in the bottom of the first scoring a run off an error. In the second, Gosselin flew out to centerfield and Stevie Howard scored after the catch to make it 4-1. In the fifth inning, the Wolves got a two run, two out single from Jessica Lessard to close the gap to one, 4-3.

The Yellowjackets got a little breathing room in the top of the seventh. With two outs, Leslie Davis was on second and Whitney Whittemore was at first. Alyssa Frank came in to pitch hit and ripped a double to center field to score Davis and Whittemore.

WOU refused to go gentle into the night in the bottom of the seventh. Tyler Sutherland reached on an error and moved to third on a double by Amanda Flear. The Wolves got a ground out to advance both runners. Kylee Hancock singled to left field to score Flear and make it 6-5. Lisa Moore then fielded a ground ball and threw the runner out at first to end the game.

The Yellowjackets got off to a good start to open the second game. With runners on the corners, Frank walloped a double down the left field line to score both runners. In the second inning, Terina Stacks laid down a squeeze bunt. The pitcher threw the ball home but Goings slid under the tag.

Western Oregon picked up a run in the bottom of the second to make it 3-1. In the top of the third, Frank and Whittemore both reached on Wolves errors. Jenna VanEykeren singled to right center field to move Whittemore to second and score Frank.

Goings came in to pinch hit and grounded out to advance both runners. Shay Oberg then laced a triple down the right field line to score Whittemore and VanEykeren. Stacks stepped up to the plate and belted a double to left field to score Oberg and make it 7-1 Yellowjackets.

Western Oregon came back with two runs in the bottom of the third. MSUB scored one in the fourth and two in the fifth to push the lead to seven, 10-3. The Wolves came back with one in the fifth to make it 10-4.

In the sixth, Western Oregon started making things happen. Rachelle Knuth singled to the left side. Following a fly out, Emily Kenagy doubled down the left field line to move Knuth to third. Sutherland then hit a three run shot to make it 10-7. A single and a fielder's choice put a runner on first with two outs. With the runner going, Krystal Pennington hit a shot to left center field that scored the runner.

MSUB got the first two batters out to start the bottom of the seventh. WOU mounted a comeback attempt with a walk, single and error to load the bases. The Jackets got Flear to ground out to shortstop to end the game.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECORD CHASERS: The Yellowjackets are already hard at work rewriting the individual career record book. Earlier this season, Terina Stacks became the all-time leader in hits (187), runs (104) and total bases (274). Three other records are being challenged as well.

Steph Gosselin is currently the all-time leader in RBI's with 96 and Stacks is close behind at 93.

Stacks has 741 putouts to break the career record of 727 while Leslie Davis has accumulated 273 assists and needs 30 to break the record of 299.

WEST REGION POLL: Montana State Billings is currently ranked seventh in the NCAA Division II West Region Poll as of Apr. 8. In parentheses is where they are ranked nationally.

1. Humboldt State (6)
2. Hawaii Pacific (11)
3. Cal State Stanislaus
4. Dixie State (19)
5. UC San Diego
6. Sonoma State (39)
7. Montana State Billings
8. Cal State Dominguez Hills
9. San Francisco State
10. Grand Canyon

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 15-5. In addition 11 times this season, the Yellowjackets have scored at least one run in the first inning of a GNAC game. MSUB is 11-0 in those games.

GNAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: They should start calling it the GNAC MSUB Player of the Week Award. The Yellowjackets have had at least one player been named POW six of the eight weeks it has been awarded. The latest recipient is Kasie Conder for the week of Mar. 30.

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 86 games against just 19 defeats. That equates to a winning percentage of .819. In addition, MSUB has won its last 10 games at Cenex.

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

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

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

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

Montana State Billings

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

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---		FT-FTA		----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	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	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.....										47	51	98	3.9	0		12					
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-WEBB	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