



**MSUB VOLLEYBALL**  
**WEEKLY RELEASE**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

**2008 MSUB Volleyball Schedule**

**AUGUST**

29	Chico State!	L, 3-0
	Sonoma State!	L, 3-0
30	San Francisco State!	L, 1-3
	Cal State Stanislaus!	L, 0-3

**SEPTEMBER**

5	Palm Beach Atlantic@	Noon
	Fort Lewis College@	6:00 p.m.
6	Abilene Christian@	10:00 a.m.
	Dixie State@	4:00 p.m.
11	Alaska Fairbanks*	7:00 p.m.
12	Notre Dame De Namur#	1:00 p.m.
	University of Mary#	7:00 p.m.
13	Northern State#	3:00 p.m.
	Hawaii-Hilo#	7:00 p.m.
18	at Central Washington*	7:00 p.m.
20	at Western Washington*	7:00 p.m.
23	Rocky Mountain College	7:00 p.m.
27	Western Oregon*	7:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER**

2	Northwest Nazarene*	7:00 p.m.
4	Seattle Pacific*	7:00 p.m.
6	Alaska Anchorage*	7:00 p.m.
9	at Saint Martin's*	7:00 p.m.
11	at Western Oregon*	7:00 p.m.
14	at Rocky Mountain College	7:00 p.m.
23	Western Washington*	7:00 p.m.
25	Central Washington*	7:00 p.m.
30	at Northwest Nazarene*	7:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER**

1	at Seattle Pacific*	7:00 p.m.
6	at Alaska Fairbanks*	7:00 p.m.
8	at Alaska Anchorage*	7:00 p.m.
13	Saint Martin's*	7:00 p.m.

- Bold** Home Match  
 \* GNAC Match  
 ! Seawolf Spike- Rohnert Park, Calif.  
 @ Fort Lewis Tournament - Durango, Colo.  
 # MSUB Tournament - Billings, Mont.

**THIS WEEK:** Montana State Billings remains on the road as they head south to compete in the Fort Lewis Tournament, Sept. 5-6 in Durango, Colo. On Friday, the fifth, the Yellowjackets will play Palm Beach Atlantic and Fort Lewis College. On Saturday, the sixth, MSUB will close out the tournament with Abilene Christian and Dixie State.

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN:** The Wildcats went 4-0 at the Lady Buff Classic. This is the first 4-0 start since 1994. Shawna Hines and Ijeoma Moronu were named to the all-tournament team. This will be the second meeting between the two with ACU winning, 3-2, on October 2, 1992.

**DIXIE STATE:** The Rebels went 2-2 at the CSU-Pueblo Fall Classic. Katie Luna led the attack with 3.20 kills per game. Mariessa Nielson had a solid tournament with 13 service aces and 16 total blocks in 15 games. This will be the second meeting between the two with the Yellowjackets prevailing, 3-0, on September 1, 2006.

**FORT LEWIS COLLEGE:** The Skyhawks went 2-2 at the Lady Buff Classic. They beat Texas Permian Basin and Texas A&M International while falling to Findlay and West Texas A&M. Fort Lewis and Montana State Billings have met eight times and are dead even.

**PALM BEACH ATLANTIC:** The Sailfish started the season off with victories over Northwood (Mich.) and St. Thomas (Fla.). Kristin Carroll and Brittany Erickson both averaged over two kills per game in the victories. This will be the first time the two school have met on the floor.

**LAST WEEK:** Montana State Billings played tough as they finished 0-4 at the Seawolf Spike Tournament. Devon Crotteau led the attack with 3.08 kills per game (40) and 3.62 digs per game (47). Jill Trabling had a solid defensive effort with 60 digs for 4.62 per game. Melissa Porter had just 27 hitting attempts but had 16 kills with only four errors and hit .444 for the tournament.

## 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 ..... Alterowitz Gym  
Capacity .....3,500

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Dana Cordova (McPherson, '99)  
Record at MSUB..... First Season  
Overall Record.....174-155, 8 yrs  
Assistant Coach..... Maggie Petersen  
Student Assistant..... Alana Bowie  
Volleyball Office Phone ..... 406-657-2603

### 2008 TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Record ..... 18-10  
GNAC Record/Finish..... 10-8/5th  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost .....5/4  
Starters Returning/Lost.....2/4

### VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Season .....1977  
All-Time Record ..... 252-437 (24 years)  
Conference Championships .....2006  
NCAA Appearance.....2006  
Note - The coaching record is from 1984 to the present. No stats exist from the 1977 to 1980 seasons. MSUB did not field a team from 1981 through 1983.

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**NAME TAGS PLEASE:** With a new coaching staff and only five veterans on the roster, the Yellowjackets might want to buy some name tags for the early part of the season.

**HOWDY COACH:** Dana Cordova begins her first season as the head coach at Montana State Billings. She is no stranger to coaching as she has nine years of experience. Cordova was an assistant coach at McPherson College for one season. The last eight seasons has been spent as the head coach at Otero Junior College where she compiled a record of 174-155. Cordova guided the Lady Rattlers to six season of winning at least 20 matches.

**LECHNER MOVING UP:** Jessica Lechner, the lone senior on the squad, is taking aim at several categories in the career record book. She is tied for ninth in block assists with 147 and 10th in total blocks with 181. Lechner need to play in just six more games to move into the top 10 career for games played. She has participated in 326 games during her career.

**CAN YOU DIG IT:** Jill Trabling was all over the floor at the Seawolf Blitz, Aug. 29-30. She came away with 60 digs in 13 games averaging 4.62 per game. Pretty impressive considering that Trabling had 20 digs for the entire season last year.

**GNAC PRE-SEASON POLL:** Montana State Billings has been picked to finish sixth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference preseason poll. The Yellowjackets received 28 points.

If the poll is any indication, expect a wild and wooly volleyball season in the GNAC. Western Washington, who reached the NCAA Division II championship game, was picked to repeat as conference champs finishing with 69 points. Right behind them were Western Oregon (67), Central Washington (65) and Northwest Nazarene (62). Seattle Pacific received 49 points to finish in fifth.

Rounding out the standings were Alaska Fairbanks in seventh (26), Saint Martin's in eighth (21) and Alaska Anchorage in ninth (18). Of the top four teams, all but Central Washington qualified for the NCAA West Regional Championships last year.

2008 Montana State Billings  
Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	HT	YR	Pos.	Hometown (School)
1	Jennifer Boe	5-8	So.	OH	Casper, WY (Kelly Walsh)
2	Hillary Morrison	5-10	Jr.	S/RS	Evansville, WY (Chadron State)
3	Rosey Falemaka	5-10	Jr.	MB/RS	Grantsville, UT (Otero JC)
4	Ashley Welborn	6-0	Fr.	OH/MB	Billings, MT (Billings Senior)
5	Jill Trabing	5-8	Jr.	OH	Buffalo, WY (Buffalo)
6	Whitney Mickelsen	5-3	Fr.	DS	Aurora, UT (North Sevier)
7	Devon Crotteau	6-0	Jr.	OH	Casper, WY (Northern Colorado)
8	Jody Lutz	6-1	Fr.	MB/RS	Dugald, Manitoba (MBCU Mennonite)
9	Zahrah Zimmerer	5-7	Fr.	S/DS	Billings, MT (Central Catholic)
10	Amanda Torbert	5-6	Fr.	S/DS	Fromberg, MT (Fromberg)
11	Jandi Farnsworth	5-7	So.	OH/RS	Billings, MT (Senior)
12	Alohanui Pekiaki	5-8	So.	S	Kearns, UT (Otero JC)
13	Melissa Porter	6-3	Fr.	MB	Redmond, UT (North Sevier)
14	Jessica Lechner	5-11	Sr.	RS/MB	Pompeys Pillar, MT (Huntley Project)

Head Coach – Dana Cordova  
Assistant Coach – Maggie Petersen  
Student Assistant - Alana Bowie

GNAC Standings - September 1, 2001



	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Alaska Anchorage	0-0	4-1
Central Washington	0-0	3-1
Western Oregon	0-0	3-1
Northwest Nazarene	0-0	2-2
Alaska Fairbanks	0-0	1-1
Western Washington	0-0	0-0
Saint Martin's	0-0	1-2
Seattle Pacific	0-0	1-3
Montana State Billings	0-0	0-4

**THIS WEEK IN THE GNAC**

**THURSDAY - SEPT. 4**

**Central Washington Invitational**

Central Washington vs. St. Mary's (TX)

**UC San Diego Invitational**

Seattle Pacific vs. Cal State L.A.

**FRIDAY**

**Cal State Monterey Bay Invitational**

Western Washington vs. CSU Stanislaus  
W. Washington vs. CSU Monterey Bay

**Central Washington Invitational**

Central Washington vs. Sonoma State  
Central Washington vs. Chaminade  
Northwest Nazarene vs. Chaminade  
Northwest Nazarene vs. St. Mary's (TX)  
Saint Martin's vs. Hawaii Pacific

**Fort Lewis Invitational**

MSU Billings vs. Palm Beach Atlantic  
MSU Billings vs. Fort Lewis College

**Grand Canyon Invitational**

Alaska Anchorage vs. Western State  
Alaska Anchorage vs. Point Loma

**Humboldt State Invitational**

Western Oregon vs. Academy of Art  
Western Oregon vs. Humboldt State

**UAF Invitational**

Alaska Fairbanks vs. Catawba

**UC San Diego Invitational**

Seattle Pacific vs. CSU San Bernardino  
Seattle Pacific vs. CSU Dominguez Hills

**SATURDAY**

**Cal State Monterey Bay Invitational**

Western Washington vs. E. New Mexico  
Western Washington vs. William Jessup

**Central Washington Invitational**

Central Washington vs. Hawaii Pacific

Northwest Nazarene vs. Hawaii Pacific

Saint Martin's vs. Chaminade  
Saint Martin's vs. Sonoma State

**Fort Lewis Invitational**

MSU Billings vs. Abilene Christian  
MSU Billings vs. Dixie State

**Grand Canyon Invitational**

Alaska Anchorage vs. Grand Canyon  
Alaska Anchorage vs. Western State

**Humboldt State Invitational**

Western Oregon vs. Simpson

**UAF Invitational**

Alaska Fairbanks vs. St Cloud State  
Alaska Fairbanks vs. Ashland

**UC San Diego Invitational**

Seattle Pacific vs. UC San Diego