



MSUB VOLLEYBALL
WEEKLY RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

2008 MSUB Volleyball Schedule

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

5	Palm Beach Atlantic@	L, 0-3
	Fort Lewis College@	L, 0-3
6	Abilene Christian@	L, 0-3
	Dixie State@	W, 3-2
11	Alaska Fairbanks*	L, 1-3
12	Notre Dame De Namur#	W, 3-1
	University of Mary#	L, 2-3
13	Northern State#	L, 1-3
	Hawaii-Hilo#	L, 0-3
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 hits the road for a pair of GNAC matches. The Yellowjackets will play Central Washington on Thursday, Sept. 18 and Western Washington on Saturday, Sept. 20. Both matches are scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON: The Wildcats are 8-4 and open the GNAC season with MSUB. Rachel Schurman is averaging 3.17 kills per game with 38 blocks and is hitting .316. Erin Norris has served up 23 aces while Brandie Vea is pulling down 6.49 digs per game. CWU leads the series 3-1.

WESTERN WASHINGTON: The Vikings are 8-0 and are currently ranked ninth in NCAA Division II. Leading the hitting attack are Megan Amundson (4.28 kills pg, .284 hitting percentage) and Angie Alvord (3.13 kills pg, .379 hitting percentage). Kari Rice quarterbackes the offense with 11.39 assists per game. Allison Gotz is collecting 6.68 digs per game. WWU leads the series 5-0.

LAST WEEK: The Yellowjackets finished 1-3 at the MSUB Invitational, Fri-Sat., Sept. 12-13. On the 12th, the Jackets knocked off Notre Dame de Namur 3-1 (25-23, 25-16, 22-25, 25-18) and lost 3-2 (11-25, 12-25, 27-25, 25-12, 15-12) to the University of Mary. On the 13th, MSUB lost both matches, 3-1 (25-16, 25-18, 23-25, 25-19) to Northern State and 3-0 (25-13, 25-20, 25-17) to Hawaii-Hilo.

Jennifer Boe was named to the All-Invitational team. In 16 games, she had 30 kills (1.88 per game) and led the team in digs with 48 for three per game. Jessica Lechner led the invitational in hitting percentage with a sizzling .357.

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
Capacity3,500

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Dana Cordova (McPherson, '99)
Record at MSUB..... First Season
Overall Record174-155, 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/Lost5/4
Starters Returning/Lost2/4

VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Season1977
All-Time Record 252-437 (24 years)
Conference Championships2006
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 sixth in block assists with 161, sixth in games played with 358 and seventh in total blocks with 207.

CAN YOU DIG IT: Jill Trabing 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 Trabing 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	Whitney Mickelsen	5-3	Fr.	DS	Aurora, UT (North Sevier)
4	Jandi Farnsworth	5-7	So.	OH/RS	Billings, MT (Senior)
5	Jill Trabing	5-8	Jr.	OH	Buffalo, WY (Buffalo)
6	Alohanui Pecipaki	5-8	So.	S	Kearns, UT (Otero JC)
7	Devon Crotteau	6-0	Jr.	OH	Casper, WY (Northern Colorado)
8	Rosey Falemaka	5-10	Jr.	MB/RS	Grantsville, UT (Otero JC)
10	Amanda Torbert	5-6	Fr.	S/DS	Fromberg, MT (Fromberg)
12	Ashley Welborn	6-0	Fr.	OH/MB	Billings, MT (Billings Senior)
13	Melissa Porter	6-3	Fr.	MB	Redmond, UT (North Sevier)
14	Jessica Lechner	5-11	Sr.	RS/MB	Pompeys Pillar, MT (Huntley Project)
17	Zahrah Zimmerer	5-7	Fr.	S/DS	Billings, MT (Central Catholic)

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

GNAC Standings - September 15, 2001



	Conference	Overall
Alaska Fairbanks	1-0	7-3
Western Washington	0-0	8-0
Western Oregon	0-0	7-1
Northwest Nazarene	0-0	6-2
Central Washington	0-0	8-4
Alaska Anchorage	0-0	8-5
Saint Martin's	0-0	2-6
Seattle Pacific	0-0	2-7
Montana State Billings	0-1	2-11

THIS WEEK IN THE GNAC

TUESDAY - SEPT. 16

Zhejiang, China at Western Oregon (EXH)

THURSDAY - SEPT. 18

Northwest Nazarene at Alaska Anchorage
Seattle Pacific at Alaska Fairbanks
MSUB at Central Washington
Saint Martin's at Western Oregon

SATURDAY - SEPT. 20

Seattle Pacific at Alaska Anchorage
Northwest Nazarene at Alaska Fairbanks
Saint Martin's at Central Washington
MSUB at Western Washington

GNAC STATISTICS

Kills

5. Devon Crotteau 3.28

Blocks

7. Devon Crotteau 0.73

Digs

8. Jill Trabing 3.47

Assists

9. Alohanui Pecipaki 5.02

Service Aces

9. Devon Crotteau 0.36