



**MSUB VOLLEYBALL**  
**WEEKLY RELEASE**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 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*	L, 0-3
20	at Western Washington*	L, 0-3
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 begins a five-game homestand, Tuesday, Sept. 23. The Yellowjackets will take on crosstown rival, Rocky Mountain College. On Saturday, Sept 27, MSUB is back in GNAC action playing Western Oregon. Both matches are scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE:** The Battlin Bears are currently 8-3 with a three match winning streak. Jessica Eliason leads the offense with 118 kills (3.11 per game) and is hitting .322. She is also strong on the defensive end with 31 total blocks for 0.82 per game. The Yellowjackets lead the series 27-9 and have won the last eight meetings.

**WESTERN OREGON:** The Wolves are 8-1 with their only loss to NCAA Division I North Dakota. Stacey Bennett is averaging 3.56 kills per game while Danielle English is collecting 5.46 digs per game. The Wolves lead the series 5-1.

**LAST WEEK:** The Yellowjackets had an up-and-down week. On Thursday, Sept. 18, Central Washington controlled the action in a 3-0 (25-8, 25-20, 25-9) win.

Undefeated and No. 6 Western Washington had their hands full in a 3-0 (25-23, 25-20, 25-18) win over the Jackets on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Western Washington controlled the tempo in the early stages of game one jumping to an 18-11 lead. Montana State Billings then came charging back with a 6-1 run to close the gap to 19-17. The Vikings reeled off three straight points to appear to be on the verge of winning. Those pesky Yellowjackets though kept attacking. Hillary Morrison made two straight nice sets that MSUB converted to make it 24-23. WWU came back with a kill to take the game.

The Vikings could never really pull away from the Jackets in the final two games until near the end of both. In the second game, MSUB fought off game point three times before finally falling. In the third game, they forced WWU into two errors to stave off match point before Tiana Roma finally connected to end the battle.

## 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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**LETS GO BOEING:** Jennifer Boe was named to the all tournament team at the MSUB Invitational, Fri.-Sat., Spet. 12-13. In 16 games, she had 30 kills (1.88 per game) and led the team with 48 digs for three per game.

**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 172, sixth in games played with 364 and seventh in total blocks with 210.

**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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>HT</b>	<b>YR</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown (School)</b>
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 Pekiapaki	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	Jessica Lechner	5-11	Sr.	RS/MB	Pompeys Pillar, MT (Huntley Project)
14	Melissa Porter	6-3	Fr.	MB	Redmond, UT (North Sevier)
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**



	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Central Washington	2-0	10-4
Alaska Anchorage	2-0	10-5
Western Washington	1-0	9-0
Western Oregon	1-0	8-1
Alaska Fairbanks	2-1	8-4
Northwest Nazarene	1-1	7-3
Saint Martin's	0-2	2-8
Seattle Pacific	0-2	2-9
Montana State Billings	0-3	2-13

**THIS WEEK IN THE GNAC**

**TUESDAY - SEPT. 23**

Rocky Mountain at MSUB

**THURSDAY - SEPT. 25**

Central Washington at W. Washington  
Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene  
Saint Martin's at Seattle Pacific

**SATURDAY - SEPT. 27**

Central Washington at Seattle Pacific  
W. Washington at Northwest Nazarene  
Alaska Anchorage at Alaska Fairbanks  
Western Oregon at MSUB

**GNAC STATISTICS**

**Kills**

5. Devon Crotteau 3.32

**Digs**

8. Jill Trabing 3.53

**Assists**

10. Alohanui Pekiapaki 4.64

**Blocks**

10. Jessica Lechner 0.70