



MSUB VOLLEYBALL
WEEKLY RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 30, 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	W, 3-0
27	Western Oregon*	L, 0-3

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 is preparing themselves for three home conference matches in a span of six days. The Yellowjackets will take on Northwest Nazarene on Thursday, Oct. 2, Seattle Pacific on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Alaska Anchorage on Monday, Oct. 6.

ALASKA ANCHORAGE: The Seawolves (10-6, 2-1 GNAC) are led by Rhea Cardwell who is averaging 4.02 kills per game. Calli Scott quarterbacks the offense with 10.11 assists per game.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE: The Crusaders (7-5, 1-3 GNAC) are coming off a pair of five game losses that took 2 1/2 hours to play each. Cammy Dranginis is averaging 3.54 kills and 1.17 blocks a game while hitting .291. Lindsay Forseth is pounding home 2.86 spikes a game while Haley Hevern is collecting 5.11 digs per game. Northwest leads the series 4-3.

SEATTLE PACIFIC: The Falcons (3-10, 1-3 GNAC) are led by Nikki Finley with 3.32 kills and 2.68 digs per game. Anna Herold leads the defense with 5.04 digs per game. SPU leads the series 12-2, although the Jackets have won the last two meetings.

LAST WEEK: The Yellowjackets came away with a split beating Rocky Mountain College 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, 25-14) and falling 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-19) to Western Oregon.

The match against Rocky resembled a heavyweight championship fight. Both squads were throwing knockout punches and went back and forth. The third game was much the same until it was 17-14. Jessica Eliasson hit one in the net and Jill Trabling came up and served seven straight points to finish the match.

Devon Crotteau had a monster night with 23 kills and sizzled the nets for a .572 hitting percentage. She benefitted from outstanding setting from Hillary Morrison who had a career high 41 assists. That gives Morrison 80 assists (13.33 per game) over the last two matches. Trabling had six digs, two aces and served up 12 points on the night. Alohanui Pekipaki had 10 digs with four of them spectacular pancakes to keep several rallies alive.

Against Western Oregon, Crotteau had 11 kills while Jennifer Boe smashed home nine shots. Rosey Falemaka had a solid night with two service aces and four blocks.

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
FacilityAlterowitz 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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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 175, sixth in games played with 370 and seventh in total blocks with 214.

RECORD WATCH: A few other Yellowjackets are making moves on the career record book. Hillary Morrison sits in ninth place in assists with 331. Devon Crotteau is 10th in service aces (77) and needs eight kills and 57 hitting attempts to move into the top 10.

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	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 29, 2001



	Conference	Overall
Western Washington	3-0	11-0
Western Oregon	3-0	10-1
Alaska Fairbanks	3-1	9-4
Central Washington	3-1	11-5
Alaska Anchorage	2-1	10-6
Northwest Nazarene	1-3	7-5
Seattle Pacific	1-3	3-10
Saint Martin's	0-3	2-9
Montana State Billings	0-4	3-14

THIS WEEK IN THE GNAC

THURSDAY - OCT. 2

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

SATURDAY - OCT. 4

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

GNAC STATISTICS

Kills

4. Devon Crotteau 3.56

Digs

8. Jill Trabing 3.41

Service Aces

8. Devon Crotteau 0.31

Assists

10. Hillary Morrison 5.19