



MSUB VOLLEYBALL
WEEKLY RELEASE
OCTOBER 23, 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*	L, 0-3
4	Seattle Pacific*	W, 3-0
6	Alaska Anchorage*	W, 3-1
9	at Saint Martin's*	L, 1-3
11	at Western Oregon*	L, 0-3
14	at Rocky Mountain College	L, 2-3
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 has a pair of GNAC matches at home this week. The Yellowjackets will take on Western Washington, Thursday, Oct. 23 and Central Washington on Saturday, Oct. 25. Both matches are scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON: The Wildcats (13-8, 5-4 GNAC) are led by Rachael Schurman who is averaging 2.94 kills per game with 81 total blocks while hitting .294. Brandi Veja is averaging 6.33 digs per game, which currently leads NCAA Division II. CSU leads the series 4-1.

NO. 12 WESTERN WASHINGTON: The Vikings (14-2, 6-2 GNAC) knocked off Saint Martin's on Oct. 18 to snap a two match losing streak. Megan Amundson is pounding out 3.70 kills per game with three digs per game. Angie Alvord is sizzling the nets with a .337 hitting percentage. WWU leads the series 6-0.

LAST MATCH: Despite setting two school records, Montana State Billings watched as Rocky Mountain College rallied for a 3-2 (25-27, 20-25, 25-23, 25-22, 15-13) win on Oct. 14. Individual match records were set by Devon Crotteau (kills) and Hillary Morrison (assists).

Each game was back-and-forth action all the way. In Game 1, Rocky Mountain had the lead at 25-24. Jessica Lechner powered home the ball to tie the match. Crotteau then got back-to-back kills to finish off the Battlin' Bears. In Game 2, the key moment came when at 20-19, the Jackets got three kills and a service ace to go up 24-19. That effectively ended the game.

In Game 3, RMC came back from a 21-18 deficit to take the game 25-22. The two teams then slugged it out in each of the last two games. The Battlin' Bears used the momentum to take the fourth game. In Game 5, Crotteau smashed the ball off a RMC player to make it 14-13, Rocky. Kath Hinrichsen then sent the ball down the line to win the match for Rocky Mountain.

For Montana State Billings (5-18), Crotteau had a monster night with 34 kills, 21 digs and hit .444. It was her fourth straight double-double and her 34 kills broke the mark of 33 set by Oliva Munro against Western New Mexico (Nov. 14, 2003). She also tied the GNAC mark set by Mandy Veley (Western Oregon) in 2004. Morrison had a strong performance as well with 73 assists. That broke the mark of 66 set by Natalie Bills against St. Mary's (Texas) (Sept. 17, 2005). Jennifer Boe had 15 kills and 14 digs, Lechner had 13 kills and five total blocks while Ashley Welborn had 10 kills, 11 digs and hit .333. Jill Trabing collected 17 digs while Melissa Porter had five block assists.

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.

TOP 10 HIT: Devon Crotteau has hit the top 10, in kills that is. She is averaging 3.96 kills per game which ranks her second in the GNAC and 10th in NCAA Division II.

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 187, fifth in games played with 392 and seventh in total blocks with 229.

RECORD WATCH: Devon Crotteau is seventh in service aces (85) and 10th in hitting attempts (2041) and kills (786).

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 - October 22, 2008



	Conference	Overall
Western Oregon	9-0	16-1
Alaska Fairbanks	7-2	13-5
Western Washington	6-2	14-2
Central Washington	5-4	13-8
Northwest Nazarene	5-4	11-7
Alaska Anchorage	4-5	12-10
Montana State Billings	2-7	5-18
Saint Martin's	1-8	4-14
Seattle Pacific	1-8	3-15

THIS WEEK IN THE GNAC

THURSDAY - OCT. 23

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

SATURDAY - OCT. 25

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

GNAC STATISTICS

Kills

2. Devon Crotteau 3.96

Assists

7. Hillary Morrison 6.90

Service Aces

7. Devon Crotteau 0.32

Digs

9. Jill Trabing 3.38

Hitting Percentage

10. Devon Crotteau .244