



**MSUB VOLLEYBALL**  
**WEEKLY RELEASE**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 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*	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 returns to the friendly confines of Alterowitz Gym for five games. The Yellowjackets open the GNAC season, Thursday, Sept. 11 against Alaska Fairbanks. On Friday and Saturday, the 12th and 13th, MSUB is hosting the MSUB Tournament. A complete schedule of all games can be found on the web site.

**ALASKA FAIRBANKS:** The Nanooks are off to a 3-2 start. Both of their losses have come to top 25 ranked teams. Fairbanks leads the series 17-15.

**HAWAII-HILO:** The Vulcans are 6-2 following a 3-1 win over Colorado School of Mines on Sept. 8. Josimara Pinheiro leads the squad with 3.42 kills per game while Mary Claire Bolo is hitting .272. Hilo leads the series 8-7.

**NORTHERN STATE:** The Wolves went 4-0 to win the Las Vegas Tournament, Sept. 4-5. Kelsey Aden leads the charge with 3.69 kills per game and a .227 winning percentage. This is the second meeting between the two schools. NSU beat the Jackets on Sept. 5, 1997.

**NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR:** The Argonauts are off to an 0-8 start. It has been a tough road as four of their opponents were ranked among the top 25 in the country. Shauna Foland leads the defense with 4.57 digs per game. This is the first meeting between the two schools.

**UNIV. OF MARY:** The Marauders are currently 1-7 on the season. Amanda Hennessy is averaging 3.23 kills a game while Kendra Hobbs has 4.42 digs a game. The Yellowjackets lead the series 2-0.

**LAST WEEK:** The Yellowjackets went 1-3 at the Fort Lewis College Tournament, Sept. 5-6, in Durango, Colo. They lost 3-0 to Palm Beach Atlantic and Fort Lewis on the fifth. On the sixth, MSUB fell 3-0 to Abilene Christian and then came from behind to beat Dixie State 3-2. The Jackets were down 2-1 and fought off match point twice before winning the fourth game and then went on to win the fifth and deciding game.

## 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 seventh in block assists with 161, seventh in total blocks with 196 and ninth in games played with 338.

**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	Whitney Mickelsen	5-3	Fr.	DS	Aurora, UT (North Sevier)
5	Jill Trabing	5-8	Jr.	OH	Buffalo, WY (Buffalo)
6	Rosey Falemaka	5-10	Jr.	MB/RS	Grantsville, UT (Otero JC)
7	Devon Crotteau	6-0	Jr.	OH	Casper, WY (Northern Colorado)
8	Alohanui Pecipaki	5-8	So.	S	Kearns, UT (Otero JC)
9	Zahrah Zimmerer	5-7	Fr.	S/DS	Billings, MT (Central Catholic)
10	Amannda Torbert	5-6	Fr.	S/DS	Fromberg, MT (Fromberg)
11	Jandi Farnsworth	5-7	So.	OH/RS	Billings, MT (Senior)
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)

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

**GNAC Standings - September 8, 2001**



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

**THIS WEEK IN THE GNAC**

**TUESDAY - SEPT. 9**

Chaminade 3 Seattle Pacific 0  
Hawaii Pacific 3 Saint Martin's 1

**THURSDAY - SEPT. 11**

MSUB vs. Alaska Fairbanks  
Southern Oregon at Western Oregon

**FRIDAY - SEPT. 12**

Saint Martin's at Pacific Lutheran

**Concordia-St. Paul Invitational**

Augusta vs. Alaska Anchorage  
SW Minnesota State vs. Alaska Anchorage  
Concordia vs. Central Washington  
Truman State vs. Central Washington

**Montana State Billings Invitational**

Northern State vs. Alaska Fairbanks  
Hawaii-Hilo vs. Alaska Fairbanks  
MSUB vs. Notre Dame de Namur  
MSUB vs. Mary

**Minnesota State Duluth Invitational**

Minnesota State vs. Western Washington  
Bemidji State vs. Western Washington

**SATURDAY - SEPT. 13**

**Concordia-St. Paul Invitational**

SW Minnesota St. vs. Central Washington  
Augustana vs. Central Washington  
Truman State vs. Alaska Anchorage  
Concordia vs. Alaska Anchorage

**Montana State Billings Invitational**

Mary vs. Alaska Fairbanks  
Notre Dame de Namur vs. AK Fairbanks  
Northern State vs. MSUB  
Hawaii Hilo vs. MSUB

**Minnesota State Duluth Invitational**

New Haven vs. Western Washington  
Minnesota-Duluth vs. W. Washington