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2009-2010 MSUB MEN'S BASKETBALL



Dixie State College (5-1)
at
Montana State Billings (4-2)



Release #6 Monday, December 21 • 7:00 p.m.
 Alterowitz Gymnasium (3,000) • Billings, Montana

OPENING TIP

The Montana State Billings men's basketball team finished finals this past week and hosts Dixie State in the final game before the Christmas break, Monday at 7 p.m. at Alterowitz Gymnasium. The Yellowjackets enter with a 4-2 record on the year, while Dixie State enters with a 5-1 mark.

GAME THEME AND SPONSOR

Tonight's game theme is Santa Claus Night as Santa will be making an appearance at Alterowitz Gymnasium. The first 30 children will have the opportunity to have a picture with Santa for free while the cost will be \$3 after. Tonight's game sponsor is Montana Tobacco Awareness and Prevention. The Yellowjackets thank them for their support.

MAGIC NUMBER FOR 1,000TH VICTORY

The magic number for the 1,000th victory is three. MSUB is 997-889 all-time for a .529 winning percentage. If the Yellowjackets with the next three, the 1,000th victory would come as early as the Jan. 2 game versus the University of Great Falls at home.

SCOUTING MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

Leading the way for the Yellowjackets this season is DeAndre Chambers who leads the team averaging 13.8 points. He leads the team with 32 made field goals and 13 made 3-pointers. Second on the team in scoring is Derrick Wright who is averaging 11.7 points per game. Wright is shooting a team-best .575 from the field on 23 of 40. He also leads the team with 23 made free throws (23 of 32). Wright also leads the team in rebounding at a 5.5 average and leads the team with four blocks. Lasha Parghalava has come on as of late and is tied for third on the team in scoring at 11.2 points per game with Brad Hodge. Parghalava is second in triples with 11 and third in made field goals with 25. DaVell Jackson is averaging 9.7 points and leads the team with 35 assists and 19 steals. He almost has a 2:1 ratio in assists to turnovers (35:18).

As a team, the Yellowjackets are shooting 48 percent from the field on 159 of 331. The Jackets are 36 of 89 from downtown for 40 percent and are 95 of 135 from the line after a slow start for 70 percent. MSUB is rebounding 34.2 rebounds per game and scoring 74.8 points per game.

Conversely, the Jackets are holding opponents to 44 percent from the

GAME DAY INFORMATION

THE SERIES VS. DIXIE STATE

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Overall Record | 0-1 |
| in Billings | 0-0 |
| in St. George | 0-1 |
| at Neutral Sites | 0-0 |

BROADCAST

Play-by-Play: Ken Adelblue (Internet)

DIXIE STATE AT A GLANCE

Head Coach: Jon Judkins
Record at DSC: 66-52 (5th season)
Career Record: 350-179 (16th season)
Assistants: Jake Schreder, Ryan Sanchez
Nickname: Red Storm
Conference: Pacific West Conference
Location: St. George, Utah

YELLOWJACKET SCOREBOARD (4-2, 0-0 GNAC)

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 8 | at Eastern Wash. (Exhib.) | L, 67-58 |
| Nov. 18 | Colorado Christian | W, 72-70 |
| Nov. 21 | University of Mary | W, 72-68 |
| Nov. 24 | at Augustana (SD) | L, 82-63 |
| Dec. 4 | vs. Dominican! | W, 82-54 |
| Dec. 5 | at Dixie State! | L, 78-75 |
| Dec. 11 | Northern New Mexico | W, 85-64 |
| Dec. 21 | Dixie State | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 30 | at University of Mary | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 2 | University of Great Falls | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 7 | at Alaska Fairbanks* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 9 | at Alaska Anchorage* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 16 | Saint Martin's* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | at Northwest Nazarene* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 23 | at Seattle Pacific* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | Central Washington* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 30 | Western Washington* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 3 | Alaska Fairbanks* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | at Saint Martin's* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 13 | at Western Oregon* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 18 | Northwest Nazarene* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 20 | Seattle Pacific* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 25 | Western Oregon* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 27 | Alaska Anchorage* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 4 | at Central Washington* | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 6 | at Western Washington* | 7:00 p.m. |

* Great Northwest Athletic Conference game
 ! Dixie State Tournament (St. George, UT)
 All game times local to site



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MEDIA SERVICES

GEORGE PFEIFER INTERVIEWS

Media members wishing to arrange an interview with head coach George Pfeifer are asked to contact Kit Strief in the MSUB Sports Information Office.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Media members wishing to interview a MSUB player **MUST coordinate this through the MSUB Sports Information Office**. It is asked that at least three hours prior notice is given in order to arrange the interview and it must occur in a fashion that does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic schedule.

POST GAME INTERVIEWS

Post game interviews are to be conducted following the NCAA's recommended 10-minute cooling off period after the conclusion of the contest. Please alert a member of the MSUB Sports Information staff in advance about which players members of the media would like to interview. Coach Pfeifer will be made available as well.

field and 38 percent from beyond the arc. Opponents are shooting just 66 percent from the charity stripe and are averaging 31.2 rebounds and 69.3 points per game.

RECAPING NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE

The Yellowjackets had five players in double figures in a 85-64 victory over Northern New Mexico College in their last outing. Lasha Parghalava led the way with 18 points on 7 of 11 from the field and 4 of 8 from beyond the arc leading four starters in double figures. DaVell Jackson had 12 assists to just four turnovers in the contest, while DeAndre Chambers chipped in 14 points off the bench. MSUB kept the Eagles at bay for much of the contest. NNMC would cut the deficit to single digits on a number of occasions, but the Yellowjackets had the answer and would swell the lead each time. The Jackets shot 50 percent from the field for the game and held NNMC to just 38 percent and 26 percent from beyond the arc.

SCOUTING DIXIE STATE

The Red Storm enter with a 5-1 record and have won three straight. Tom

2009-10 GNAC Preseason Coaches Poll

| No. | Team | Pts. |
|-----|------------------------|------|
| 1. | Seattle Pacific (4) | 76 |
| 2. | Western Washington (4) | 72 |
| 3. | Central Washington (1) | 59 |
| 4. | Alaska Anchorage | 53 |
| 5. | Montana State Billings | 52 |
| 6. | Northwest Nazarene | 39 |
| 7. | Alaska Fairbanks | 22 |
| 8. | Saint Martin's | 21 |
| 9. | Western Oregon | 13 |

Whitehead leads the team in scoring at 14.7 points per game. Andy Palmer (12.0) and Donovan Plunkett (11.8) also are averaging double figures. Zach Robbins leads the team averaging 6.9 rebounds per game. As a team the Red Storm is scoring 71.3 points and shooting 46 percent from the field while allowing 66 points to their opponents.

A WIN OVER DIXIE STATE WOULD...

- Give the Yellowjackets a 5-2 record on the year.
- Only be two wins away from 1,000 career wins.
- Would give the Yellowjackets a 4-0 record at home this season
- Would even the series with Dixie State at 1-1 this season.

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | Exp. | Hometown/Previous School |
|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | Brett Taylor | G | 5-8 | Jr. | 2L | Billings, MT/West HS |
| 3 | Mike McCrary | F | 6-8 | Sr. | TR | Hanford, CA/Cal State Northridge |
| 4 | Derrick Wright | F | 6-7 | Sr. | 1L | Brooklyn, NY/Western Okla. State |
| 5 | Adam Weisz | G | 6-1 | Sr. | 1L | Melstone, MT/Dawson CC |
| 10 | DaVell Jackson | G | 6-1 | Sr. | TR | Las Vegas, NV/Oklahoma City College |
| 12 | DeAndre Chambers | G | 6-2 | Jr. | TR | Monroe, NC/Western Okla. State |
| 21 | Kirk Blaine | F | 6-6 | Jr. | 2L | Gillette, Wyo./Campbell County HS |
| 23 | Lasha Parghalava | G | 6-3 | Sr. | TR | Tbilisi, Georgia Republic/Hawaii |
| 25 | Joel Barndt | F | 6-8 | Fr. | HS | Billings, MT/Central HS |
| 32 | Robby Trabing | G | 6-3 | Fr. | HS | Buffalo, WY/Buffalo HS |
| 33 | Tyler Hentzen | F | 6-6 | Sr. | 2L | Brea, Calif./Orange Coast College |
| 34 | Brad Hodge | F | 6-8 | Sr. | 1L | Hillsboro, Ore./Grays Harbor College |
| 44 | Jason Tanascu | G | 6-2 | Jr. | TR | Gardner, MT/Carroll College |
| 50 | Andrew Hickman | C | 6-7 | Fr. | TR | Woodward, OK/NW Okla. State |

Head Coach: George Pfeifer (2nd season, 14-19)

Assistant Coach: Justin Wetzel (2nd season)

Student Managers: Maria Finken (2nd season), Madison Watson (1st season)

QUICK FACTS

Location: Billings, Montana
Enrollment: 4,799
Founded: 1927
Colors: Navy and Gold
Nickname: Yellowjackets
Confernece: Great Northwest Athletic
Arena: Alterowitz Gym (3,500)

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LAST TIME THEY MET

Dixie State posted a 78-75 victory over MSUB in the championship game of the Dixie State Classic earlier this month. Lasha Parghalava and De-Andre Chambers had 19 points each while Brad Hodge chipped in 11 in the losing effort. MSUB shot 48.1 percent for the game after shooting 57 percent in the first half and just 39 percent in the second half. Dixie State shot a blazing 67 percent from the field in the first half, yet MSUB held a 45-40 lead at halftime. Dixie cooled down to 45 percent in the second half, but went to the line 23 times and made 17 in the second half alone as a key difference in the game. MSUB went to the line just 11 times in the half.

ROAD UNKIND

The road has been unkind to the Yellowjackets in recent years. Last year MSUB was 1-10 on the road and the year before 0-10. Since the 2000-01 season, the Yellowjackets are just 18-76 in road games. Moreover, the Yellowjackets are just 2-31 on the road since 2005-06. MSUB is 0-2 on the road this season.

WENDY'S THREE'S

Anytime the Yellowjackets hit seven 3-pointers in a home game, everyone in the crowd will receive a free coupon for one small chili at Wendy's. The Yellowjackets hit exactly seven triples versus Colorado Christian. MSUB followed with six triples versus Mary and seven versus Northern New Mexico College. The Jackets have 20 for the year at home with two Wendy's Three's Winner. For the season, MSUB has 36 triples.

CHAMBERS OFF THE BENCH

Junior DeAndre Chambers leads the team in scoring, field goals made and 3-pointers made. The interesting thing is he has not had one start this season. He has come off the bench in all six games. Chambers has scored in double figures in all six games including an MSUB-best 19 in a 78-75 loss at Dixie State. He was named to the all-tournament team of the Dixie State Classic.

NEWCOMERS STEP UP

In their first outing of their MSUB ca-



GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Dec. 20, 2009)

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

This Week in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Sun., Dec. 20

Western New Mexico vs. Alaska Fairbanks..... 3:00 p.m.
Chaminade at Alaska Anchorage..... 7:00 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 21

Dixie State at Montana State Billings..... 7:00 p.m.

GNAC Player of the Week

- Nov. 23 - Chris Banchemo (SPU)
- Nov. 30 - Brandon Walker (UAA)
 Brian Barkdoll (NNU)
- Dec. 7 - Blake Poole (SMU)
 Chirs Banchemo (SPU)
- Dec. 14 - Casey Robinson (UAA)



New Look Jackets for 2009-2010

Much could be said about a team that rebounds from a 1-28 finish in 2007-08 to a 10-17 overall the following season, and that's just what the Montana State University Billings 2008-09 men's basketball team accomplished. This amazing turnaround in the inaugural year of head coach George Pfeifer's direction definitely exceeded expectations. As Pfeifer begins his second season at the helm of the Yellowjackets, he combines a core of six experienced, veteran players and ten talented newcomers—creating a new look for the 'Jackets. All on board are dedicated to continuing the momentum toward advancement in the very competitive Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

"Last year the Jackets were expected to place at the bottom of the conference," Pfeifer said. "Instead, with tremendous player effort and improvement, they placed in the middle of one of the elite NCAA Division II conferences in the country. The effort those players put forth took us from a place where it wasn't uncommon to drop games by an average of 27 points, to a point where ten of last season's losses were by five points or less and hinged on the bounce of the ball."

This tremendous improvement bodes well for the coming season and the 'Jackets' ability to keep the energy going, despite the loss of some key scoring power.

"We've lost 40 points from the roster with the loss of some of our scorers, including standouts Mike Hall and Travis Bunker," Pfeifer said. The group last

season came into a tough situation and battled from the beginning to the end. I'm extremely proud of the way they pioneered the start of our turnaround."

Looking to continue that impetus are four returning front line 'Jackets who all played in virtually every game last season. Honorable mention all-GNAC senior forward Derrick Wright (6'7, 225 lb.) is back in the best shape of his college career.

"Last year Derrick averaged 17.1 points per game in the GNAC and had some monster games shooting 53.3 percent and grabbed 5.8 rebounds per game," Pfeifer said. "Also returning is senior Brad Hodge (6'8, 225 lb.), who led the team in field goal accuracy last season at 59.2 percent scoring 8.2 points per game while taking down 4.7 rebounds per game. Wright and Hodge will be joined by blue collar warriors Kirk Blaine and Tyler Hentzen who scored a combined 5 points per game and grabbed close to 6 rebounds per game, together."

Returning to the perimeter are junior Brett Taylor (5-8, 170 lb.) and senior Adam Weisz (6-1, 175 lb.). Taylor was the most accurate three-point shooter last season, knocking down 45 percent of his attempts, while Weisz came on huge in the final game of the year making the difference in the Yellowjackets' road win over Northwest Nazarene University.

Adding to the new look of the 'Jackets will be nine key recruits, many carrying impressive accolades. Three key seniors, DaVell Jackson (6'1, 175 lb.), Lasha Parghalava (6'3, 205 lb.) and Mike

McCrary (6'8, 205 lb.) are in the lineup with Parghalava and McCrary bringing Division I experience to the MSUB back court. Jackson comes in as a former most valuable player in the Scenic West Conference and first team NJCAA all-America and National Tournament first team all-America. Parghalava comes to MSUB from the University of Hawaii, where he started 50 percent of the U of H games. Coming in from Cal State Northridge, McCrary also brings all-conference selection honors from the College of Eastern Utah.

Three junior transfers bring proven track records that impacted the programs they left before coming to MSUB. DeAndre Chambers (6'2, 170 lb.) comes in as a "combo guard" from nationally ranked Western Oklahoma State, while Jason Tanascu (6'2, 175 lb.) joins the Yellowjackets from Carroll College and Tyrone Williams (6'5, 215 lb.) comes in as a forward from Miles City Community College.

Three first year players will round out this year's roster. At post, look for Andrew Hickman (6'7, 250 lb.) from Woodward, Oklahoma. while Freshmen Joel Barndt (6'8, 185 lb.) comes in from Billings Central High School and Rob Trabling (6'3, 190 lb.), from Buffalo, Wyoming comes in at guard. In time, Hickman is expected to bring much needed size and girth to the program, while Barndt, who will redshirt this season, is expected to become a mainstay in the future of the program.

"I like the group of athletes we've brought in," Pfeifer said. "We have added some decent pieces to the puzzle. The key to our success will be in getting everyone to learn his respective roll and the roll of each team member. Our depth, which was an issue last year, is much improved this season."

The schedule will once again be challenging and the preseason polls have the 'Jackets picked fifth in the GNAC. The goal will be to continue the momentum and further advance the program in the GNAC.

"Our league will once again be one of the toughest in the country," Pfeifer said. "If you show up without your 'A' game, chances for success are not great. I like this team and believe in what it can become. We have guys who really like to play, practice and have been very exciting."



Tip of the season-opener in 2008-09 as MSUB traveled to Division I and preseason No. 10 Gonzaga as Derrick Wright goes up against All-American Josh Heytvelt.

TEAM COMPARISONS

| | MSUB | DSC |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| Record | 4-2 | 5-1 |
| Scoring Offense | 74.8 | 71.3 |
| Scoring Defense | 69.3 | 66.0 |
| Scoring Margin | +5.5 | +5.3 |
| FG Pct. | .480 | .463 |
| FG Pct. Defense | .446 | .400 |
| 3FG Pct. | .404 | .381 |
| 3FG Pct. Defense | .380 | .370 |
| Free Throw Pct. | .704 | .692 |
| Rebound Avg. | 34.2 | 34.0 |
| Opp. Rebound Avg. | 31.2 | 36.3 |
| TO Avg. | 16.2 | 15.0 |
| Opponent TO | 16.5 | 16.5 |
| TO Margin | +0.3 | +1.5 |
| Steals Avg. | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| Blocks | 1.5 | 3.7 |

reers, the new faces accounted for 47 points and 16 rebounds of the Yellowjackets' 72 points and 30 rebounds, respectively, versus Colorado Christian.

THE WRIGHT REJECTION

Senior Derrick Wright tallied two blocks on versus Colorado Christian, two of which were huge down the stretch. Wright swatted Jobi Wall twice on 3-pointers that would have cut the Yellowjacket lead to either one or two in the final two minutes of the game. Wright has two four on the

year and 22 for his MSUB career. He needs just five rejections to move into the top 10 all-time in school history.

CLOSING IN ON 1,000

The Montana State Billings men's basketball team stands at 997-879 and need just five wins to hit the 1,000 career victories list. The earliest MSUB would play for its 1,000th win would be a Jan. 2 home game versus University of Great Falls. There are 67 Division II schools that have over 1,000 career victories entering the 2009-2010 season.

DIVISION ONE FLAVOR

George Pfeifer continued the tradition of bringing in talent from Division I this year as he signed Lasha Parghava (Hawaii) and Mike McCrary (Cal State Northridge). Last season, Pfeifer had the services of Mike Hall (Idaho) and Travis Bunker (Wyoming).

NINE NEW JACKETS

Pfeifer has nine new faces for his 2009-2010 team. MSUB returned six players from his first season and now has two Division I transfers, to go

along with three junior college transfers (DaVell Jackson, DeAndre Chambers, Tyrone Williams), three freshmen (Joel Barndt, Robby Trabling, Andrew Hickman) and a transfer from Carroll College in Jason Tanascu.

JACKETS PICKED FIFTH

The Yellowjackets were picked pre-season fifth by the conference coaches. The Jackets tallied 52 points, one point behind fourth place Alaska Anchorage. Seattle Pacific was tabbed league favorite.

LISTEN TO COACH PFEIFER

Fans can listen to the weekly Coach Pfeifer Show on the internet each Tuesday. Log on to www.msubillings.edu/athletics to listen to Pfeifer's thoughts on the previous week and the coming weeks.

WATCH/LISTEN TO HOME GAMES

Fans can listen to all MSUB men's basketball home games by logging on to www.musbillings.edu/athletics and click on live broadcasts. Ken Adelblue provides the play-by-play for each home game.

SPECIALTY STATS

Below is a game-by-game breakdown of free throws, bench points, points in the paint, points off turnovers, TOs and second-chance points. (Shown as MSUB stats first, followed by opponents).

| Game | FT | Bench | Paint | Off TO | 2nd-Chance |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Colorado Christian | 17-14 | 19-8 | 30-22 | 12-16 | 4-10 |
| University of Mary | 10-16 | 22-10 | 32-26 | 19-26 | 5-5 |
| at Augustana (SD) | 16-19 | 18-41 | 34-24 | 9-19 | 4-10 |
| vs. Dominican | 20-20 | 27-22 | 38-20 | 19-15 | 9-2 |
| at Dixie State | 16-22 | 24-12 | 28-20 | 19-9 | 10-2 |
| Northern New Mexico | 16-12 | 21-18 | 42-32 | 17-20 | 13-8 |
| Dixie State | | | | | |
| at University of Mary | | | | | |
| University of Great Falls | | | | | |
| at Alaska Fairbanks | | | | | |
| at Alaska Anchorage | | | | | |
| Saint Martin's | | | | | |
| at Northwest Nazarene | | | | | |
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| Alaska Anchorage | | | | | |
| at Central Washington | | | | | |
| at Western Washington | | | | | |

GNAC STATS

Team Stats (rank)

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Scoring Offense..... | 8th (74.8) |
| Scoring Defense..... | 5th (69.3) |
| Scoring Margin..... | 8th (+5.5) |
| Field Goal Percentage..... | 3rd (.480) |
| Field Goal Percentage Def..... | 7th (.446) |
| Free Throw Percentage..... | 5th (.704) |
| 3-Point FG Percentage..... | T-1st (.404) |
| 3-Point FG Percentage Def..... | 8th (.380) |
| 3-Point FGs Made..... | T-5th (6.0) |
| Defensive Rebounds..... | 6th (24.7) |
| Offensive Rebounds..... | 8th (9.5) |
| Rebounding Offense..... | 8th (34.2) |
| Rebounding Defense..... | 5th (31.2) |
| Rebounding Margin..... | 7th (+3.0) |
| Assists..... | 6th (15.2) |
| Assist-Turnover Ratio..... | 6th (0.9) |
| Turnover Margin..... | 7th (0.33) |
| Blocked Shots..... | 9th (1.5) |
| Steals..... | T-5th (8.2) |

Individual Stats MSUB

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Scoring..... | Chambers (13th, 13.8) |
| Field Goal Pct..... | Hodge (5th, .614) |
| | Wright (7th, .575) |
| Assists..... | Jackson (1st, 35) |
| Steals..... | Jackson (1st, 19) |
| 3-FG Pct..... | Chambers (T-2nd, .500) |
| 3-FG Made..... | Chambers (4th, 13) |
| Asst./TO Ratio..... | Jackson (4th, 1.9) |



MSUB seeks 1,000 Career victories in 2009-2010

The Yellowjackets have enjoyed many successes during the 82 years since the program's inception in 1927. These include nine NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, one NCAA Final Four appearance, 11 NAIA National Tournament appearances, 16 NAIA District Tournament finishes and a total of 22 conference championships in four different conferences. MSUB is now in its third year in its fifth conference, the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

With the Yellowjackets only seven wins away from their 1,000th victory, the tradition of excellence continues as they close in on this milestone for the 2009-10 season. During the history of the program, the Yellowjackets have tallied 993 wins in school history to just 876 losses for a .531 all-time winning percentage. MSUB has had 43 winning seasons and 19 seasons of winning 20 or more games.

The men's basketball program is the longest-running intercollegiate athletic program at Montana State University Billings. Started when the University was known as Eastern Montana College, men's basketball has fielded a team every year except during World War II.

Having had only 13 head coaches since 1927, stability has been a hallmark of the men's basketball program. Recognition is still given today to some of the coaching stalwarts of the past in the naming of facilities and the busts displayed in the foyer of the gymnasium. The field behind the gymnasium bears the name of the school's first basketball coach, Oscar Bjorgum, while the gymnasium itself is named in honor of Coach Harold Alterowitz. A bust in the likeness of Mike Harkins, the most successful coach in the program's history, is among those featured in the foyer of the Alterowitz Gym.

Men's basketball was led by only four coaches in the years between 1927 and 1960: Bjorgum, Alterowitz, Walt Zimmerman and Allen Feldner. Although the program launched only two winning campaigns during its first 30 years, the drive to national prominence began in earnest with the arrival of Coach Harkins in the 1960-61 campaign. This hall of fame coach spent 16 years leading



the Yellowjackets, winning a school record 288 games, a dozen conference championships and qualifying for 10 NAIA national tournaments. During Harkins' tenure, he went 16-5 in his first season guiding the Yellowjackets to a second place finish in the conference. A 19-9 record his second year earned the 'Jackets a berth in the NAIA District Tournament. Harkins

would make his first NAIA National Tournament appearance in 1962-63 with an unblemished 10-0 conference record and a 19-6 mark. From 1961-1965, Harkins and the Yellowjackets went an astonishing 39-1 in conference play with three seasons of perfect 10-0 records. He would lead the Yellowjackets to six consecutive winning seasons in his first six years.

Harkins saw his first 20-win season in 1967-68 as the team went 20-9 with a Frontier Conference championship and earned a berth in the NAIA National Tournament. He would go on to win 20 games or more, five more times.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Harkins knew how to recruit, coaching 59 all-conference performers and 22 NAIA all-Americans. Among the notables he coached was Roy McPipe (1971-74), the all-time leading scorer in school history with 1,883 career points. He also coached Jim Soft (1964-68), who holds the all-time lead in rebounds with 1,338. In addition to McPipe and Soft, Harkins coached such standouts as Bill Drumm (1961-63), Harvey Mumford (1963-64), Joe Rinella (1960-64), Kas Ioane (1971-73) and Tom Osborne (1974-77), to name a few.

With the conclusion of the Harkins era in 1976, Elden Kamla and Dick Edwards coached the team for a combined five years, continuing to build upon the Harkins tradition. Kamla left the program in 1978 and Edwards ushered in the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II.

Coach Pat Douglass followed Edwards in 1981, leading the 'Jackets to 135 victories in seven seasons. With Douglas at the helm, the Yellowjackets executed one of the most successful seasons in school history in 1986-87 in what was to be the school's first NCAA Division II Final Four.

On the road to that milestone, the 'Jackets went 24-7, recording the most wins in a season in school history. The journey included going 9-1 in league play and defeating Cal State – Hayward (78-54) and Alaska Anchorage (79-73) to win the NCAA Division II West Region.

The Yellowjackets' ticket to the Final Four was assured with their victory over Florida Southern University in the NCAA Division II quarterfinals (75-62). Despite Gannon University besting the Yellowjackets 61-55 at the Final Four, the season concluded as one of the most memorable in school history.

Over the next seven years, Len Wilkins (1987-88), Ernie Wheeler (1988-91) and Gary Bays (1991-95) continued the tradition forged by their predecessors. It was also during this time that Eastern Montana College became Montana State University Billings in 1994. The Yellowjackets garnered four winning seasons and two 20-win seasons under Wheeler's direction.

In 1995, Coach Craig Carse took over the program, recording five 20-win seasons and 10 winning seasons in his 13-year tenure. With 211 wins, he holds second place in wins in the school's coaching history.

In July of 2008, MSUB hired George Pfeifer as its 13th head coach. Challenged with turning around the previous season's 1-28 record, Pfeifer set a rebuilding process. With just six returners from the previous season, Pfeifer brought in nine new players in just three months and led the Yellowjackets to a 10-17 record and sixth-place finish in the always competitive Great Northwest Athletic Conference. In his second season at MSUB, Pfeifer brought a new look to the team with 6 returning veterans and nine talented newcomers. The tradition of excellence at MSUB continues under his leadership.



POST-TIME REPORT

2009-2010 Season

Overall

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Overall | 4-2 |
| Home | 3-0 |
| Away | 0-2 |
| Neutral | 1-0 |

Monthly Records

| | |
|----------|-----|
| November | 2-1 |
| December | 2-1 |
| January | 0-0 |
| February | 0-0 |
| March | 0-0 |

Daily Records

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Monday | 0-0 |
| Tuesday | 0-1 |
| Wednesday | 1-0 |
| Thursday | 0-0 |
| Friday | 2-0 |
| Saturday | 1-1 |
| Sunday | 0-0 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Winning the tip | 2-2 |
| Losing the tip | 2-0 |
| Leading at halftime | 4-1 |
| Trailing at halftime | 0-1 |
| Tied at halftime | 0-0 |
| Score first | 2-1 |
| Opponent scores first | 2-1 |
| Leading with 5 min. to play | 3-0 |
| Trailing with 5 min. to play | 1-2 |
| Games decided by 3 pts. or less | 1-1 |
| Games decided by 4-10 pts. | 1-0 |
| Games decided by 11-plus pts. | 2-1 |
| Shoot 50% or better | 2-0 |
| Shoot less than 50% | 2-2 |
| Shoot higher % than opponent | 4-0 |
| Shoot lower % than opponent | 0-2 |
| Opp. shoot worse than 50% | 4-0 |
| Opp. shoot higher than 50% | 0-2 |
| Score less than 60 points | 0-0 |
| Score 60-plus points | 0-1 |
| Score 70-plus points | 2-1 |
| Score 80-plus points | 2-0 |
| Opp. score fewer than 50 pts. | 0-0 |
| Opp. score fewer than 60 pts. | 1-0 |
| Opp. score fewer than 70 pts. | 2-0 |
| Opp. score fewer than 80 pts. | 1-1 |
| Opp. score fewer than 90 pts. | 0-1 |
| Outrebound opponent | 3-0 |
| Outrebounded by opponent | 1-2 |
| Rebounds are even | 0-0 |
| Committ less turnovers than opp. | 2-1 |
| Committ more turnovers than opp. | 2-1 |
| Make more or same 3FGs than opp. | 3-0 |
| Make fewer 3FGs than opp. | 1-2 |
| Make more/same FTs than opp. | 3-0 |
| Make less FTs than opp. | 1-2 |
| Score more/same points in paint | 4-2 |
| Score less points in paint | 0-0 |
| Make more bench points than opp. | 4-1 |
| Make less bench points than opp. | 0-1 |
| Make more/same points off turnovers | 1-1 |
| Make less points off turnovers | 3-1 |
| Overtime | 0-0 |
| Games vs. Top 25 opponents | 0-0 |
| Games vs. Regional Ranked opp. | 0-0 |
| Games following loss | 2-0 |
| Games following win | 2-2 |
| Games vs. winning teams | 0-2 |
| Games vs. losing teams | 3-0 |
| Games vs. .500 teams | 1-0 |

MSUB CAREER LEADERS

Scoring (1,000-plus points)

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Roy McPipe (1972-74) | 1,883 |
| 2. Cameron Munoz (2002-06) | 1,879 |
| 2. Les Heins (1949-53) | 1,726 |
| 4. Jim Soft (1964-68) | 1,558 |
| 5. Bart Bauer (1978-82) | 1,547 |
| 6. Markus Hallgrimson (1997-99) | 1,470 |
| 7. Titus Warmlesley (1997-99) | 1,467 |
| 8. Mark Hamilton (1994-98) | 1,463 |
| 9. Reece Gliko (1995-97) | 1,388 |
| 10. Buddy Windy Boy (2002-06) | 1,278 |
| 11. Chris Herriford (1991-94) | 1,252 |
| 12. Jerrett Skrifvars (1999-04) | 1,240 |
| 13. Fred Johnston (1969-71) | 1,215 |
| 14. Bill Drumm (1960-63) | 1,188 |
| 15. Joe Rinella (1960-64) | 1,169 |

Rebounds (500-plus)

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Jim Soft | 1,338 |
| 2. Bill Drumm | 835 |
| 3. Roscoe Dudley | 815 |
| 4. Roy McPipe | 772 |
| 5. Brian Cook | 643 |
| 6. Jerome Reese | 613 |
| 7. Harvey Munford | 592* |
| 8. Jerett Skrifvars | 576 |
| 9. Ernie Fortney | 559 |
| 10. John Momper | 545 |
| 11. Chris Herriford | 541 |
| 12. Doug Borland | 511 |
| 13. Steve Brimmer | 501 |

* Missing stats from 1962-63

Assists

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Jamie Stevens | 813 |
| 2. Dominic Washington | 457 |
| 3. Tom Osborne | 451 |
| 4. Dave Carse | 437 |
| 5. Willy Davison | 415 |
| 6. Billy Foster | 408 |
| 7. Carlin Hughes | 405 |
| 8. Barry Green | 348 |
| 9. Ron Osborne | 315 |
| 10. Marty Bertolette | 307 |
| 11. Ty Elkin | 280 |
| 12. Titus Warmlesley | 239 |
| 13. Cameron Munoz | 233 |
| 14. Bart Bauer | 230 |

Steals

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Jamie Stevens | 167 |
| 2. Dominic Washington | 165 |
| 3. Titus Warmlesley | 147 |
| 4. Buddy Windy Boy | 120 |
| 5. Ty Elkin | 114 |
| 6. Darryl Roberts | 112 |
| 6. Jerrett Skrifvars | 112 |
| 8. Brian Cook | 101 |
| 9. Jonathan Wiley | 99 |
| 10. Jerome Johnson | 94 |

MSUB CAREER LEADERS

Blocks

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| 1. Chris Herriford | 97 |
| 2. Brian Cook | 89 |
| 3. Pat Reynolds | 88 |
| 4. Kyle Stirminger | 76 |
| 5. Buddy Windy Boy | 58 |
| 6. Djole Palfi | 48 |
| 7. Jonathan Wiley | 45 |
| 7. Robert Utterbannk | 45 |
| 9. Jaysun Mims | 43 |
| 10. Cody Samuelson | 27 |
| 10. Dominic Washington | 27 |

STANDOUT PERFORMANCES

30+ Scoring Games:

20+ Scoring Games:

Double Figure Points (25): DeAndre Chambers (6), Brad Hodge (5), Mike McCrary (4), Derrick Wright (4), DaVell Jackson (3), Lasha Parghalava (3)

Double Figure Rebounds (2): Brad Hodge (1), Mike McCrary (1)

Double-Doubles (Pts-Ast):

Double-Doubles (Pts-Rebs) (2): Brad Hodge (1), Mike McCrary (1)

Six or more Assists (3): DaVell Jackson (3)

Five or more Steals (2): DaVell Jackson (2)

Jackets vs. Conferences

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Rocky Mountain Athletic | 1-0 |
| Northern Sun | 1-1 |
| Pacific West | 1-1 |
| NAIA | 1-0 |
| Great Northwest Athletic | 0-0 |



Head coach George Pfeifer



George Pfeifer begins his second season as head coach of men's basketball at Montana State University Billings. He comes to the Yellowjackets with a rich background in resurrecting and building championship-level programs.

In one year, Pfeifer took the Yellowjacket program from a pre-season cellar predicted finish to the middle of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. He took over

a 1-28 and 6-22 program over the previous two years and not only getting the program competitive, but winning.

Pfeifer comes to MSUB after three years at the University of Idaho where he inherited a program that was in last place and predicted by every media and coaches poll to finish last. In the end they proved those predictions wrong, finishing in the middle of the Western Athletic Conference and winning three of their last five league games to give the program its highest finish in the WAC at that time.

Prior to Idaho, Pfeifer had a very successful tenure at Lewis-Clark State College where he was the head men's coach from 1989-2005 and the assistant coach from 1987-1989. He gained his 200th career win as the Warrior's head coach in 2001-02. He then set the school record for coaching career wins with 213 victories in a 105-79 win over the University of Great Falls, while garnering 294 career wins at his alma mater. During his tenure, he built L-C into one of the strongest programs in the Pacific Northwest and led the Warriors to national prominence.

During the 2002-03 season, the Warriors posted a school-record for wins with a 31-6 overall mark and an .837 winning percentage. Prior to his arrival as a coach, L-C had won only one playoff game in its basketball history as a four-year institution (1947). It took Pfeifer only three years to guide L-C to a conference title and their first berth in the NAIA championship beating Simon-Fraser University, Western Washington and St. Martin's College in a best two-out-of-three series. This marked the first time in the 99-year history of the men's basketball program that it qualified for a national tournament. That year the Warriors posted 23 wins, which was a school-record at the time for wins in one season. Two years later in 1995, Pfeifer led L-C to its second NAIA berth in a victory over Seattle University.

In his 16 years as the L-C head coach, his teams would play in eight title games, eight district

championships and reach the national tournament six times. When he took over the program, the school record for wins in a single season was 21. In Pfeifer's last six seasons, the Warriors averaged over 23 wins per year. He has been selected Coach of the Year five times and has recruited and coached 18 NAIA all-Americans as well as 18 Academic all-Americans. Of the 75 men's basketball records held at L-C, Pfeifer-coached teams posted 51 of them.

Not one to shy away from playing tough schedules, the Warriors under Pfeifer's rein faced 26 NCAA Division I opponents. In 2000, Lewis-Clark State defeated the University of Idaho 68-54 and Boise State by 14 points in 1995.

Prior to his position at L-C, Pfeifer had a two-year stint as an assistant basketball coach under legendary head coach, Dick Hannan. He also served as the head women's basketball coach at Rocky Mountain College for two years (1985-87). Pfeifer was an assistant coach for men's basketball at RMC during the 1984-85 campaign under Mark Adams. He was a part of RMC's first-ever NAIA National Tournament berth after being crowned District XII champions.

Pfeifer served as head coach for two years at Hardin High School in Hardin, Mont., and three years at St. Maries High School in his hometown of St. Maries, Idaho. In his two years at Hardin, Pfeifer led the team to back-to-back appearances at the Montana State High School Championships. Hardin had not been to the state tournament in over 20 years, and was 5-56 over the three years before his arrival. Pfeifer led St. Maries to a 21-3 record in his third year and a fourth place finish at the Idaho State Class A-2 Tournament. Prior to his arrival, St. Maries had only won one game in each of the previous three seasons.

Pfeifer graduated from Lewis-Clark State in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in social science and a minor in physical education and coaching. He received his master's degree in secondary education administration in 1989 from the University of Idaho.

Pfeifer has been married for 27 years to Susan, who teaches in the Billings School District. They have three children. Their oldest son, Duncan will graduate from the

University of Idaho in the spring with multiple engineering degrees. Daughter, Jennifer, works at Switzer Engineering in Pullman, Wash., and their youngest daughter, Abigail, who is a sophomore at MSUB, majoring in nursing and is a member of the Yellowjacket Cheerleading team. All three of their children have or are attending the University of Idaho. Pfeifer's son-in-law, Cassidy Probert, is in his second year as business manager at the Moscow Hospital and his daughter-in-law, Kylie is in graduate school at Idaho.



The Pfeifer Family: Top Row - Son, Duncan; Son-in-law Cassidy Probert. Second row - Daughter-in-law Kylie; George; Daughter Jennifer. First row - Wife Susan; Daughter Abigail.



Montana State University Billings
Montana State Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 20, 2009)
All games

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
| ALL GAMES..... | (4-2) | (3-0) | (0-2) | (1-0) |
| CONFERENCE..... | (0-0) | (0-0) | (0-0) | (0-0) |
| NON-CONFERENCE..... | (4-2) | (3-0) | (0-2) | (1-0) |

| ## Player | GP-GS | Min--Avg | ---TOTAL--- | | ---3-PTS--- | | FT-FTA | Pct | ---REBOUNDS--- | | | | PF | FO | A | TO | Blk | Stl | Pts | Avg |
|------------------------|-------|----------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|---------|-------|----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| | | | FG-FGA | Pct | 3FG-FGA | Pct | | | Off | Def | Tot | Avg | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Chambers,DeAndre... | 6-0 | 141 23.5 | 32-67 | .478 | 13-26 | .500 | 6-10 | .600 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 4.7 | 11 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 83 | 13.8 |
| 04 Wright,Derrick..... | 6-6 | 151 25.2 | 23-40 | .575 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 23-32 | .719 | 8 | 25 | 33 | 5.5 | 21 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 4 | 6 | 70 | 11.7 |
| 23 Parghalava,Lasha... | 6-6 | 139 23.2 | 25-63 | .397 | 11-32 | .344 | 6-12 | .500 | 4 | 18 | 22 | 3.7 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 6 | 67 | 11.2 |
| 34 Hodge,Brad..... | 6-6 | 164 27.3 | 27-44 | .614 | 0-0 | .000 | 13-15 | .867 | 6 | 22 | 28 | 4.7 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 67 | 11.2 |
| 10 Jackson,DeVell..... | 6-6 | 185 30.8 | 20-45 | .444 | 0-1 | .000 | 18-26 | .692 | 1 | 18 | 19 | 3.2 | 19 | 0 | 35 | 18 | 0 | 19 | 58 | 9.7 |
| 03 McCrary,Mike..... | 6-6 | 159 26.5 | 19-40 | .475 | 5-12 | .417 | 13-17 | .765 | 11 | 19 | 30 | 5.0 | 18 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 56 | 9.3 |
| 02 Taylor,Brett..... | 6-0 | 73 12.2 | 4-15 | .267 | 4-15 | .267 | 5-5 | 1.000 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0.7 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 2.8 |
| 21 Blaine,Kirk..... | 6-0 | 81 13.5 | 3-6 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 4-8 | .500 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 2.3 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 1.7 |
| 05 Weisz,Adam..... | 3-0 | 12 4.0 | 1-2 | .500 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 2-2 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1.7 |
| 33 Hentzen,Tyler..... | 6-0 | 51 8.5 | 2-4 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 4-5 | .800 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1.2 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1.3 | |
| 44 Tanascu,Jason..... | 5-0 | 14 2.8 | 2-2 | 1.000 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1.0 |
| 50 Hickman,Andrew..... | 6-0 | 24 4.0 | 1-3 | .333 | 0-0 | .000 | 1-3 | .333 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1.2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0.5 |
| 22 Williams,Tyrone.... | 1-0 | 6 6.0 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Team..... | | | | | | | | | 5 | 6 | 11 | 1.8 | 0 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Total..... | 6 | 1200 | 159-331 | .480 | 36-89 | .404 | 95-135 | .704 | 57 | 148 | 205 | 34.2 | 140 | 4 | 91 | 97 | 9 | 49 | 449 | 74.8 |
| Opponents..... | 6 | 1200 | 136-305 | .446 | 41-108 | .380 | 103-155 | .665 | 51 | 136 | 187 | 31.2 | 120 | - | 76 | 99 | 19 | 41 | 416 | 69.3 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | MSUB | OPP | DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | SCORE | ATTEND |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------------------|-----|-------|--------|
| SCORING..... | 449 | 416 | 11/18/09 | COLORADO CHRISTIAN | W | 72-70 | 723 |
| Points per game..... | 74.8 | 69.3 | 11/21/09 | UNIVERSITY OF MARY | W | 72-68 | 532 |
| Scoring margin..... | +5.5 | - | 11/24/09 | at Augustana (S.D.) | L | 63-82 | 2032 |
| FIELD GOALS-ATT..... | 159-331 | 136-305 | 12/04/09 | vs Dominican (CA) | W | 82-54 | 112 |
| Field goal pct..... | .480 | .446 | 12/05/09 | at Dixie State College | L | 75-78 | 2214 |
| 3 POINT FG-ATT..... | 36-89 | 41-108 | 12/11/09 | NORTHERN NEW MEXICO | W | 85-64 | 1804 |
| 3-point FG pct..... | .404 | .380 | | | | | |
| 3-pt FG made per game.. | 6.0 | 6.8 | | | | | |
| FREE THROWS-ATT..... | 95-135 | 103-155 | | | | | |
| Free throw pct..... | .704 | .665 | | | | | |
| REBOUNDS..... | 205 | 187 | | | | | |
| Rebounds per game..... | 34.2 | 31.2 | | | | | |
| Rebounding margin..... | +3.0 | - | | | | | |
| ASSISTS..... | 91 | 76 | | | | | |
| Assists per game..... | 15.2 | 12.7 | | | | | |
| TURNOVERS..... | 97 | 99 | | | | | |
| Turnovers per game..... | 16.2 | 16.5 | | | | | |
| Turnover margin..... | +0.3 | - | | | | | |
| Assist/turnover ratio.. | 0.9 | 0.8 | | | | | |
| STEALS..... | 49 | 41 | | | | | |
| Steals per game..... | 8.2 | 6.8 | | | | | |
| BLOCKS..... | 9 | 19 | | | | | |
| Blocks per game..... | 1.5 | 3.2 | | | | | |
| WINNING STREAK..... | 1 | - | | | | | |
| Home win streak..... | 3 | - | | | | | |
| ATTENDANCE..... | 3059 | 4358 | | | | | |
| Home games-Avg/Game.... | 3-1020 | 2-2123 | | | | | |
| Neutral site-Avg/Game.. | - | 1-112 | | | | | |

| SCORE BY PERIODS: | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Montana State Billings..... | 244 | 205 | - 449 |
| Opponents..... | 202 | 214 | - 416 |

