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# 2009-2010 MSUB MEN'S BASKETBALL



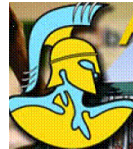
**Montana State Billings (5-2)**  
 at  
**University of Mary (4-5)**



**Release #7** Wednesday, December 30 • 7:00 p.m.  
 McDowell Activity Center • Bismarck, North Dakota



**University of Great Falls (5-2)**  
 at  
**Montana State Billings (5-2)**



**Release #7** Saturday, January 2 • 7:00 p.m.  
 Alterowitz Gymnasium (3,000) • Billings, Montana

### OPENING TIP

The Montana State Billings men's basketball team returns to the hardwood with a pair of non-conference games this week, prior to the start of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference slate next week in Alaska. The Yellowjackets enter the week with a 5-2 record after defeating Dixie State Dec. 21, 63-60 in a hard-fought thrilling contest. The University of Mary enters the week with a 4-5 mark after a pair of losses prior to the Christmas Holiday to No. 14 Minnesota State (86-71) and Southwest Minnesota 79-67.

University of Great Falls enters the week with a 4-9 record and play at the University of Lethbridge in Lethbridge, Alberta, Wednesday prior to coming to Billings for Saturday's matchup.

The Yellowjackets play their final non-conference road game of the season at Mary on Wednesday. MSUB is searching for its first road win of the year (0-2).

### GAME THEME AND SPONSOR - \$1 ADMISSION NIGHT

Saturday's game theme is \$1 Night for admission to the game and the game sponsor is Sign Pro.

### MAGIC NUMBER FOR 1,000TH VICTORY

The magic number for the 1,000th victory is two. MSUB is 998-889 all-time for a .529 winning percentage. If the Yellowjackets win at Mary on Wednesday, the 1,000th victory opportunity would come Saturday, Jan. 2, versus the University of Great Falls.

## GAME DAY INFORMATION

### THE SERIES VS. MARY

<b>Overall Record</b>	4-1
in Billings	3-0
in Bismarck	1-1
at Neutral Sites	0-0

### BROADCAST

None

### MARY AT A GLANCE

**Head Coach:** Randall Herbst  
**Record at Mary:** 4-5 (1st season)  
**Career Record:** 4-5 (1st season)  
**Assistants:** Jevin Budde, Rodney Kuhl  
**Nickname:** Marauders  
**Conference:** Northern Sun  
**Location:** Bismarck, North Dakota

### YELLOWJACKET SCOREBOARD (5-2, 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	W, 63-60
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.

## **SCOUTING MONTANA ST. BILLINGS**

The Yellowjackets are led by DeAndre Chambers who averages 13.7 points per game in seven games. He leads the team with 37 made field goals and 16 made 3-pointers. Second on the team in scoring is Lasha Parghalava who averages 11.6 points per game. He is second in made field goals (30) and 3-pointers (13). Derrick Wright, who is third in scoring (11.3) leads the team averaging 5.7 rebounds per game. He is shooting a team-best .587 from the field and is second in made free throws with 23 (23 of 32). DaVell Jackson is the fourth player in double figures averaging 10 points per game. Jackson leads the team and the conference in assists with 41 and first in both in steals with 23.

As a team, the Yellowjackets are shooting 47 percent from the field (181 of 384) and 43 of 109 from beyond the arc for 39 percent. The Yellowjackets are shooting just over 70 percent from the line on 107 of 152, while averaging 33.6 rebounds per game. MSUB is scoring 73.1 points per game.

Conversely, the opponents are shoot-

### **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

ing 44 percent from the field (158 of 359) and are at a 37 percent from beyond the arc and 69 percent from the line. MSUB is allowing 32.3 rebounds per game and 68 points per game.

### **RECAPPING DIXIE STATE**

The Yellowjackets had three players in double figures led by 14 points from Lasha Parghalava and 13 points off the bench from DeAndre Chambers to lead MSUB to a 63-60 victory Dec. 21. MSUB avenged a 78-75 loss to Dixie State earlier in the month in St. George, Utah. MSUB would lead the game early on and built as many as a 12 point lead, but the Red Storm would come back each time. In the end, the Yellowjackets sealed the victory on a steal and easy layup in the closing seconds. DSC had one look

### **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, 15-19)

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)

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Chancellor:** Dr. Ronald Sexton

**Director of Athletics:** Dr. Gary Gray

**Faculty Athletic Rep.:** Dr. Scott Harris

**Assoc. AD/Compliance:** Krista Montague

**Asst. AD/Media Relations:** Kit Strief

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL STAFF**

**Head Coach:** George Pfeifer

**Asstant Coach:** Justin Wetzel

**Student Assts.:** Maria Finken, Madison Watson

**Athletic Trainer:** Pat Hughes

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at the buzzer as a triple went off the front of the iron.

### A WIN OVER MARY WOULD...

- Give the Yellowjackets a 6-2 record on the year.
- Only be two one away from 1,000 career wins.
- Would give the Yellowjackets a 1-2 record on the road this season
- Would give MSUB a season sweep of the Marauders and a 5-1 record in the all-time series.

### SCOUTING UNIVERSITY OF MARY

The Marauders are led by Anthony Moody who averages 17.4 points per game. He leads the team with 57 made field goals and is second in triples with 13. Eric Erdmann is second in scoring at 16.2 points. He is second in made field goals with 56 and second to Moody in made free throws with 26. Jordan Wilhelm leads the team in rebounds averaging 5.6 per game and he is scoring 10.7 points per contest.

### LAST TIME THEY MET

The Yellowjackets and the Marauders played a nail-biter in Billings earlier this season with the Yellowjackets pulling out a hard-fought 72-68 victory. In that game, the Yellowjackets used a late tip-in from Brad Hodge and a free throw from DeAndre Chambers helping the Yellowjackets hold-off a feisty Marauder club. MSUB had four players in double figures led by Hodge with 19. DaVell Jackson was close to a triple-double with 10 points, eight assists and seven steals in the game. Eric Erdmann and Anthony Moody had 19 and 17 points, respectively, to lead the Marauders.

### SCOUTING GREAT FALLS

The Argos enter the week with a 4-9 record overall. Kevin Harris leads the team averaging 14.9 points per game. He has 81 made field goals for a .503 average. Harris is second on the team from long range with 14 made triples. Matt Niemeyer is second in scoring a 10.7 points, while Mark Celaya is third at 10 points per game. Dyston Madsen leads the team averaging 5.1 rebounds per game.



### GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Dec. 29, 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	5-2
Central Washington	0-0	4-4
Alaska Fairbanks	0-0	4-4

### This Week in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference

### 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	MARY
Record	5-2	4-5
Scoring Offense	73.1	73.0
Scoring Defense	68.0	67.2
Scoring Margin	+5.1	+5.8
FG Pct.	.471	.465
FG Pct. Defense	.440	.419
3FG Pct.	.394	.354
3FG Pct. Defense	.370	.309
Free Throw Pct.	.704	.747
Rebound Avg.	33.6	32.1
Opp. Rebound Avg.	32.3	40.0
TO Avg.	16.4	12.2
Opponent TO	17.0	14.8
TO Margin	+0.6	+5.1
Steals Avg.	8.6	8.6
Blocks	1.6	2.0

### LAST TIME VERSUS GREAT FALLS

MSUB had three players in double figures including 20 points from Travis Bunker in a 74-58 win over UGF on New Year's Eve last year. The Yellowjackets shot 44 percent for the game from the field and 44 percent from beyond the arc. The main difference was MSUB was 16 of 22 from the line, while the Argos were just 6 of 10 and 4 of 18 from beyond the arc. Rayshaun Ames had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds for UGF.

### WINNING THE CLOSE ONES

Of the seven games this season, the Yellowjackets have had four games decided by four points or less. MSUB is 3-1 in those games and three have happened at home where MSUB is 4-0 on the year.

### 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, seven versus Northern New Mexico College and seven versus Dixie State. The Jackets have 27 for the year at

home with two Wendy's Three's Winner. For the season, MSUB has 43 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 seven games. Chambers has scored in double figures in all seven 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.

### 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 five on the year and 23 for his MSUB career. He needs just four rejections to move into the top 10 all-time in school history.

## 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	12-13	21-23	30-26	24-12	8-10
at University of Mary					
University of Great Falls					
at Alaska Fairbanks					
at Alaska Anchorage					
Saint Martin's					
at Northwest Nazarene					
at Seattle Pacific					
Central Washington					
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Seattle Pacific					
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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	5-2
Home	4-0
Away	0-2
Neutral	1-0

#### Monthly Records

November	2-1
December	3-1
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

#### Daily Records

Monday	1-0
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	3-0
Leading at halftime	5-1
Trailing at halftime	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-0
Score first	2-1
Opponent scores first	3-1
Leading with 5 min. to play	4-0
Trailing with 5 min. to play	1-2
Games decided by 3 pts. or less	2-1
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%	3-2
Shoot higher % than opponent	5-0
Shoot lower % than opponent	0-2
Opp. shoot worse than 50%	5-0
Opp. shoot higher than 50%	0-2
Score less than 60 points	0-0
Score 60-plus points	1-1
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.	3-0
Opp. score fewer than 80 pts.	1-1
Opp. score fewer than 90 pts.	0-1
Outrebound opponent	3-0
Outrebounded by opponent	2-2
Rebounds are even	0-0
Committ less turnovers than opp.	3-1
Committ more turnovers than opp.	2-1
Make more or same 3FGs than opp.	4-0
Make fewer 3FGs than opp.	1-2
Make more/same FTs than opp.	3-0
Make less FTs than opp.	2-2
Score more/same points in paint	5-2
Score less points in paint	0-0
Make more bench points than opp.	4-1
Make less bench points than opp.	1-1
Make more/same points off turnovers	2-1
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	3-2
Games vs. winning teams	1-2
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 Warmesley (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 Bertollette	307
11. Ty Elkin	280
12. Titus Warmesley	239
13. Cameron Munoz	233
14. Bart Bauer	230

### Steals

1. Jamie Stevens	167
2. Dominic Washington	165
3. Titus Warmesley	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 Stirling	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 (28):** DeAndre Chambers (7), Brad Hodge (5), Mike McCrary (4), Derrick Wright (4), DaVell Jackson (4), Lasha Parghalava (4)

**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 (4):** DaVell Jackson (4)

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

### Jackets vs. Conferences

Rocky Mountain Athletic	1-0
Northern Sun	1-1
Pacific West	2-1
NAIA	1-0
Great Northwest Athletic	0-0



# Head coach George Pfeifer



**G**eorge 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 29, 2009)**  
**All games**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(5-2)	(4-0)	(0-2)	(1-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5-2)	(4-0)	(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...	7-0	159 22.7	37-75	.493	16-30	.533	6-10	.600	9	20	29	4.1	13	0	13	13	3	3	96	13.7
23 Parghalava,Lasha...	7-7	165 23.6	30-73	.411	13-38	.342	8-15	.533	5	19	24	3.4	13	0	13	15	0	9	81	11.6
04 Wright,Derrick.....	7-7	182 26.0	27-46	.587	2-2	1.000	23-32	.719	9	31	40	5.7	22	1	13	21	5	9	79	11.3
10 Jackson,DeVell.....	7-7	220 31.4	22-55	.400	0-2	.000	26-36	.722	1	21	22	3.1	20	0	41	23	1	23	70	10.0
34 Hodge,Brad.....	7-6	184 26.3	28-45	.622	0-0	.000	13-15	.867	6	24	30	4.3	23	2	3	14	1	4	69	9.9
03 McCrary, Mike.....	7-7	187 26.7	22-47	.468	5-14	.357	14-19	.737	11	20	31	4.4	20	1	9	7	0	5	63	9.0
02 Taylor, Brett.....	7-0	86 12.3	5-21	.238	5-21	.238	5-5	1.000	1	3	4	0.6	7	0	9	4	0	1	20	2.9
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.....	7-0	60 8.6	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	2	6	8	1.1	9	0	1	7	0	1	11	1.6
21 Blaine, Kirk.....	7-1	101 14.4	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	14	6	20	2.9	16	0	3	5	0	4	10	1.4
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	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.....										8	10	18	2.6	0		2				
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Total.....	7	1400	181-384	.471	43-109	.394	107-152	.704	68	167	235	33.6	156	4	107	115	11	60	512	73.1
Opponents.....	7	1400	158-359	.440	44-119	.370	116-169	.686	65	161	226	32.3	138	-	87	119	23	50	476	68.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
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SCORING.....	512	476	11/18/09	COLORADO CHRISTIAN	W	72-70	723
Points per game.....	73.1	68.0	11/21/09	UNIVERSITY OF MARY	W	72-68	532
Scoring margin.....	+5.1	-	11/24/09	at Augustana (S.D.)	L	63-82	2032
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	181-384	158-359	12/04/09	vs Dominican (CA)	W	82-54	112
Field goal pct.....	.471	.440	12/05/09	at Dixie State College	L	75-78	2214
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	43-109	44-119	12/11/09	NORTHERN NEW MEXICO	W	85-64	1804
3-point FG pct.....	.394	.370	12/21/09	DIXIE STATE	W	63-60	473
3-pt FG made per game..	6.1	6.3					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	107-152	116-169					
Free throw pct.....	.704	.686					
REBOUNDS.....	235	226					
Rebounds per game.....	33.6	32.3					
Rebounding margin.....	+1.3	-					
ASSISTS.....	107	87					
Assists per game.....	15.3	12.4					
TURNOVERS.....	115	119					
Turnovers per game.....	16.4	17.0					
Turnover margin.....	+0.6	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.9	0.7					
STEALS.....	60	50					
Steals per game.....	8.6	7.1					
BLOCKS.....	11	23					
Blocks per game.....	1.6	3.3					
WINNING STREAK.....	2	-					
Home win streak.....	4	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	3532	4358					
Home games-Avg/Game....	4-883	2-2123					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	1-112					
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SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total				
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Montana State Billings.....	276	236	-	512			
Opponents.....	228	248	-	476			

