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2009-2010 MSUB MEN'S BASKETBALL



Montana State Billings (8-4, 2-1)
 at
Northwest Nazarene (10-5, 2-2)



Release #10 Thursday, January 21 • 7:00 p.m.
 • Johnson Sports Center, Nampa, Idaho



Montana State Billings (8-4, 2-1)
 at
No. 12 Seattle Pacific (12-2, 3-0)



Release #10 Saturday, January 23 • 7:00 p.m.
 • Brougham Pavilion (2650), Seattle, Washington

GAME DAY INFORMATION

THE SERIES VS. SAINT MARTIN'S

Overall Record	10-9
in Billings	6-4
in Nampa	3-5
at Neutral Sites	1-0

BROADCAST

Live video through webcast on GNAC TV

NNU AT A GLANCE

Head Coach: Tim Hills (4th season)

Assistants: Brandon Rintna

Nickname: Crusaders

Conference: GNAC

Location: Nampa, Idaho

YELLOWJACKET SCOREBOARD (8-4, 2-1 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	L, 76-62
Jan. 2	University of Great Falls	W, 88-61
Jan. 7	at Alaska Fairbanks*	W, 82-68
Jan. 9	at Alaska Anchorage*	L, 80-72
Jan. 16	Saint Martin's*	W, 74-67
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

OPENING TIP

The Montana State Billings men's basketball team returns to the road at Northwest Nazarene and at No. 12 Seattle Pacific this week. The Yellowjackets play at NNU on Thursday at 7 p.m. and then at SPU on Saturday at 7 p.m.

1,000TH VICTORY

The Yellowjackets won their 1,000th career game this past week with an 82-68 victory at Alaska Fairbanks in the conference opener. MSUB now is 1,001-891 all-time and became the 68th Division II school to reach the 1,000 career victory mark.

SCOUTING MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

The Yellowjackets this season are led by junior guard DeAndre Chambers who averages 14.0 points per game tying him for 11th in the league. He leads the team with 62 made field goals, second in 3-pointers made (20), second in rebounding (4.8) and second in assists with 31. He leads the team with eight blocks as well. Second on the team in scoring in senior guard DaVell Jackson who averages 12.9 points. He leads the team and the league in assists at a 5.9 average and 65 total. Jackson is third in field goals made (50) and leads the team with 41 made free throws and 27 steals which ranks him third in the league. Lasha Parghalava is third on the team in scoring at 12.2 points. He is second in field goals made with 53 and leads the team with 24 triples. Parghalava is second in steals with 11. Derrick Wright leads the team in rebounding at 5.8 clip and is fourth in scoring at 10.5 points per contest.



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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.

As a team, the Yellowjackets are shooting 47.6 percent from the field and are shooting 36.3 percent from beyond the arc with 69 triples. The team is shooting 73 percent from the charity stripe and is pulling down 33.8 rebounds per game and scoring 74.2 points per contest.

Conversely, MSUB is holding opponents to 44.5 percent shooting from the field and 33.8 percent from beyond the arc. The opposition is shooting 68 percent from the line and is pulling down 31.8 rebounds per game and 69.2 points per game.

In conference play the numbers are up for the Yellowjackets as Jackson is averaging 20 points per game to lead five players in double figures. Jackson leads the team with 23 made field goals and 21 assists, while Parghalava (12.7ppg.) leads the team with seven triples and Mike McCrary and Brad Hodge lead the team with 5.3 rebounds per game.

RECAPING LAST WEEK

Down 16 points with four minutes left in the first half the Yellowjackets looked as if they were in some seri-

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

ous trouble in their conference home opener, but MSUB shot 70 percent in the second half from the field and erased the deficit to go on for a 74-67 victory. Mike McCrary had 15 points and 10 rebounds, while DaVell Jackson had 17 points and eight assists and Lasha Parghalava had 18 points and seven rebounds. Brad Hodge had 14 points and seven rebounds off the bench. It was the sixth consecutive home win for the Yellowjackets this season.

SCOUTING NORTHWEST NAZARENE

The Crusaders enter the week with a 10-5 record and a 2-2 record in conference play. NNU is led by reigning conference player of the week Drew Eisinger who leads the team averaging 16.1 points per game. He leads the

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, 16-20)

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
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team with 81 field goals made, tied for the team lead from downtown with 33 triples and leads the team with an 87 percent free throw percentage at 47 of 54. Eisinger is second in assists with 49 and leads the team with 27 steals. Brian Barkdoll is second in scoring at 12.1 points and leads the team in rebounding averaging 7.8 rebounds per game. Anthony Golden is third in scoring at 11.6 points and is tied for the team lead in 3-pointers with 33. Kendall Gielow is fourth in scoring at 10.9 points and is second in field goals made with 62.

As a team the Crusaders are shooting 48 percent from the field, 42 percent from beyond the arc and 76 percent from the line. NNU is pulling down 38.2 rebounds per game and is allowing 33.9. The Crusaders are averaging 81.7 points per game and allowing 74.

INSIDE THE SERIES

The Yellowjackets own a 10-9 record in the series and have won the past two meetings. The Crusaders were the only team MSUB swept last season in conference play. NNU owns a 5-3 record in Nampa and MSUB leads 6-4 in Billings and 1-0 in neutral sites. Prior to last season, NNU had won six straight and seven of eight.

SCOUTING SEATTLE PACIFIC

The 12th-ranked Falcons enter the week with a 12-2 record and a 3-0 mark in conference play. The Falcons play at No. 15 Western Washington on Thursday before hosting the Yellowjackets Saturday. Leading the way for SPU this season is Chris Banchemo who leads the team averaging 17.3 points per game. He leads the team with 82 made field goals, second in 3-pointers (15) and leads the team with 63 made free throws. Brandon Larriou is second in scoring at 14.6 points per game, while Rafael Moreira is third in scoring at 13 points per game and is second in rebounding at 6.2 rebounds per contest. Ryan Sweet leads the team at a 6.6 average.

As a team, the Falcons are shooting over 50 percent from the field (.512) to lead the league. They are shooting 32 percent from beyond the arc and 70 percent from the line. The Falcons



GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS (January 18, 2009)

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Seattle Pacific	3-0	12-2
Western Washington	3-1	16-2
Central Washington	3-1	9-5
Alaska Anchorage	2-1	11-3
Montana State Billings	2-1	8-4
Northwest Nazarene	2-2	10-5
Saint Martin's	1-3	11-4
Alaska Fairbanks	0-3	5-7
Western Oregon	0-4	7-8

This Week in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Thurs., Jan. 14

Saint Martin's at Alaska Anchorage
Western Oregon at Alaska Fairbanks
Montana State Billings at Northwest Nazarene
Seattle Pacific at Western Washington

Sat., Jan. 16

Western Oregon at Alaska Anchorage
Saint Martin's at Alaska Fairbanks
Western Washington at Central Washington
Montana State Billings at Seattle Pacific

Thurs., Jan. 21

Alaska Anchorage at Seattle Pacific
Alaska Fairbanks at Northwest Nazarene
Central Washington at Montana State Billings
Western Oregon at Western Washington

Sat., Jan. 23

Alaska Anchorage at Northwest Nazarene
Alaska Fairbanks at Seattle Pacific
Central Washington at Saint Martin's
Western Washington at Montana State Billings

GNAC Player of the Week

Nov. 23 - Chris Banchemo (SPU)
Nov. 30 - Brandon Walker (UAA)
 Brian Barkdoll (NNU)
Dec. 7 - Blake Poole (SMU)
 Chris Banchemo (SPU)
Dec. 14 - Casey Robinson (UAA)
Jan. 4 - Morris Anderson (WWU)
Jan. 11 - Blake Poole (SMU)
 Jon Clift (CWU)
Jan. 18 - Drew Eisinger (NNU)



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	NNU
Record	8-4	10-5
Scoring Offense	74.2	81.7
Scoring Defense	69.2	74.0
Scoring Margin	+5.0	+7.7
FG Pct.	.476	.480
FG Pct. Defense	.445	.440
3FG Pct.	.363	.419
3FG Pct. Defense	.338	.346
Free Throw Pct.	.730	.765
Rebound Avg.	33.8	38.2
Opp. Rebound Avg.	31.8	33.9
TO Avg.	15.0	18.1
Opponent TO	15.8	17.3
TO Margin	+0.8	-0.8
Steals Avg.	6.6	9.5
Blocks	1.8	3.3

average 35.7 rebounds per game and allow just 30.2 boards per contest. SPU averages 78.8 points per game and allows 65.7 points per game.

INSIDE THE SERIES

SPU owns a 28-27 record in the series overall and a 22-7 record in Seattle. Conversely, MSUB owns a 19-5 mark in Billings and both teams have won a neutral court matchup. SPU won both meetings last year and has won six straight and 17 of 24 since 1990. MSUB's last win in Seattle came Jan.

16, 1987 in a 74-73 victory

BIG SECOND HALF

The Yellowjackets erased a 16-point deficit en route to a 74-67 victory over Saint Martin's last weekend. The Jackets scored 47 points and shot a season-high 70 percent from the field in the second half.

KNOCKING DOWN THE FREE ONES

The Yellowjackets rank second in the league in free throw percentage at 73 percent. MSUB was 23 of 28 from the charity stripe against SMU this past weekend.

LASHA COMES UP BIG

Senior Lasha Parghalava scored a team-high 18 points on 6 of 12 from the field, 2 of 5 from deep and 4 of 5 from the line with seven rebounds. In the second half alone, Parghalava scored 14 points on 5 of 9 from the field, 2 of 5 from deep and 4 of 5 from the line to key the comeback.

DEEP BENCH

This season the Yellowjackets have a deep bench as it has scored 20 or

more points in four consecutive games and nine total for the year.

DAVELL AT HOME IN ALASKA

Senior DaVell Jackson made an impact in his first two GNAC games as a Yellowjacket. The Las Vegas, NV, native, tallied 43 points, including 28 against Alaska Anchorage in 76 minutes of basketball last week. he went 17 of 32 from the field (.531) with 13 assists and three steals and pulled down nine rebounds. Against Alaska Fairbanks, Jackson played all 40 minutes for the first time this season.

ONE IN THE CHAMBER

Junior DeAndre Chambers continues his impressive start to his MSUB career. Chambers scored 38 points (19.0 average) in his first two GNAC games. He was second on the team with 15 made field goals and pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds. Chambers has scored in double figures in all 11 games this season.

NATIONALLY SPEAKING

Senior DaVell Jackson is leading the conference and is 25th nationally in

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	12-18	7-12	30-24	9-22	10-3
University of Great Falls	26-10	27-31	34-28	29-13	13-6
at Alaska Fairbanks	14-13	29-18	44-22	21-14	21-16
at Alaska Anchorage	15-16	20-25	28-30	14-5	2-12
Saint Martin's	23-14	21-15	30-28	9-19	4-17
at Northwest Nazarene					
at No. 12 Seattle Pacific					
Central Washington					
Western Washington					
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at Western Oregon					
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Western Oregon					
Alaska Anchorage					
at Central Washington					
at Western Washington					

GNAC STATS

Team Stats (rank)

Scoring Offense.....	7th (74.2)
Scoring Defense.....	5th (69.2)
Scoring Margin.....	7th (+5.0)
Field Goal Percentage.....	2nd (.476)
Field Goal Percentage Def.....	7th (.457)
Free Throw Percentage.....	4th (.719)
3-Point FG Percentage.....	3rd (.371)
3-Point FG Percentage Def.....	7th (.353)
3-Point FGs Made.....	T-5th (6.0)
Defensive Rebounds.....	8th (23.5)
Offensive Rebounds.....	9th (9.7)
Rebounding Offense.....	9th (33.2)
Rebounding Defense.....	3rd (31.3)
Rebounding Margin.....	7th (+1.9)
Assists.....	7th (14.9)
Assist-Turnover Ratio.....	5th (1.0)
Turnover Margin.....	4th (1.27)
Blocked Shots.....	9th (1.6)
Steals.....	8th (7.0)

Individual Stats MSUB

Scoring.....	Chambers (11th, 14.6)
Field Goal Pct.....	Wright (2nd, .609)
.....	Hodge (6th, .581)
Assists.....	Jackson (1st, 5.7)
FT Pct.	Chambers (11th, .786)
Steals.....	Jackson (2nd, 2.6)
3-FG Pct.	Chambers (9th, .388)
3-FG Made.....	Parghalava (T-5th, 2.0)
Asst./TO Ratio.....	Jackson (6th, 1.8)
Minutes.....	Jackson (8th, 32.3)



assists per game at a 5.8 clip. He also leads the league and is eighth nationally in steals per game at a 3.2 average.

WINNING ON THE ROAD

For the first time since MSUB joined the GNAC, the Yellowjackets won back-to-back road conference games. The Yellowjackets won their season finale road game at Northwest Nazarene last season and followed with an 82-68 road win at Alaska Fairbanks in the 2010 conference opener. It was just the second road win in conference play since MSUB joined the league.

TAYLOR MADE

Junior Brett Taylor came off the bench versus University of Great Falls Jan. 2, for 13 points as he was deadly from long range. Taylor hit four triples in the game at opportune times to help the Yellowjackets build a big lead and the eventual 88-61 victory.

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 35 for the year at home with four Wendy's Three's Winners. For the season, MSUB has 69 triples.

WRIGHT & CHAMBERS REJECTION

Junior DeAndre Jackson leads the team with eight blocks on the year. He is one ahead of senior Derrick Wright who has six and needs just three more to break into the career top-10 blocks list in school history.

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.msubillings.edu/athletics and click on live broadcasts. Ken Adelblue provides the play-by-play for each home game.



MSUB Reach 1,000 Career victories in 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.

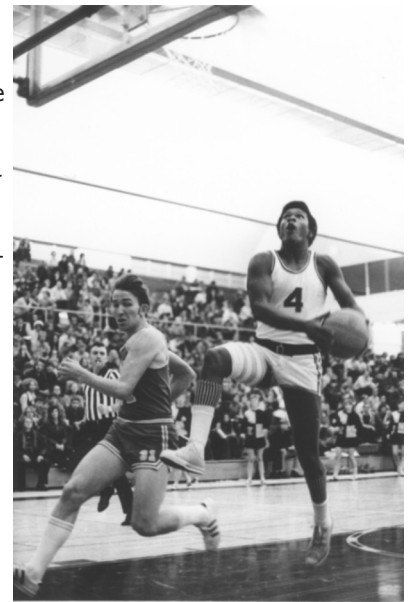
The Yellowjackets' ticket to the Final Four was assured with their victory over Florida Southern University in the NCAA Division II quarterfinals (75-62). Despite Gannon University besting the Yellowjackets 61-55 at the Final Four, the season concluded as one of the most memorable in school history.

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.

On Jan. 7, 2010, the Yellowjackets won their 1,000th game in school history at Alaska Fairbanks, 82-68, and now stand at 1,001-891 all-time. MSUB became the 68th NCAA Division II school to reach the 1,000 career wins plateau.



POST-TIME REPORT

2009-2010 Season

Overall

Overall	8-4
Home	6-0
Away	1-4
Neutral	1-0

Monthly Records

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

Daily Records

Monday	1-0
Tuesday	0-1
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	1-0
Friday	2-0
Saturday	3-2
Sunday	0-0

Miscellaneous

Winning the tip	4-2
Losing the tip	4-2
Leading at halftime	7-2
Trailing at halftime	1-2
Tied at halftime	0-0
Score first	3-2
Opponent scores first	5-2
Leading with 5 min. to play	7-0
Trailing with 5 min. to play	1-4
Games decided by 3 pts. or less	2-1
Games decided by 4-10 pts.	2-1
Games decided by 11-plus pts.	4-2
Shoot 50% or better	4-0
Shoot less than 50%	4-4
Shoot higher % than opponent	8-0
Shoot lower % than opponent	0-4
Opp. shoot worse than 50%	8-0
Opp. shoot higher than 50%	0-4
Score less than 60 points	0-0
Score 60-plus points	1-2
Score 70-plus points	3-2
Score 80-plus points	4-0
Opp. score fewer than 50 pts.	0-0
Opp. score fewer than 60 pts.	2-0
Opp. score fewer than 70 pts.	5-0
Opp. score fewer than 80 pts.	1-2
Opp. score fewer than 90 pts.	0-2
Outrebound opponent	6-1
Outrebounded by opponent	2-3
Rebounds are even	0-0
Committ less turnovers than opp.	6-2
Committ more turnovers than opp.	2-2
Make more or same 3FGs than opp.	6-0
Make fewer/same 3FGs than opp.	2-4
Make more/same FTs than opp.	6-0
Make less FTs than opp.	2-4
Score more/same points in paint	7-3
Score less points in paint	1-1
Make more bench points than opp.	6-1
Make less bench points than opp.	2-3
Make more/same points off turnovers	5-2
Make less points off turnovers	3-2
Overtime	0-0
Games vs. Top 25 opponents	0-0
Games vs. Regional Ranked opp.	0-0
Games following loss	4-0
Games following win	4-4
Games vs. winning teams	3-3
Games vs. losing teams	4-1
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 Bertolette	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 (2): DaVell Jackson (1), DeAndre Chambers (1)

Double Figure Points (46): DeAndre Chambers (11), DaVell Jackson (8), Lasha Parghalava (8), Brad Hodge (7), Derrick Wright (6), Mike McCrary (5), Brett Taylor (1)

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

Double-Doubles (Pts-Ast):

Double-Doubles (Pts-Rebs) (3): Mike McCrary (2), Brad Hodge (1),

Six or more Assists (9): DaVell Jackson (7), DeAndre Chambers (2)

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

Jackets vs. Conferences

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



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 Jan 20, 2010)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	8-4	6-0	1-4	1-0
CONFERENCE	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	6-3	5-0	0-3	1-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
12	Chambers,DeAndre	12-2	305	25.4	62-133	.466	20-54	.370	24-31	.774	17	40	57	4.8	23	0	31	27	8	7	168	14.0
10	Jackson,DaVell	11-11	359	32.6	50-103	.485	1-4	.250	41-61	.672	4	35	39	3.5	28	0	65	34	1	27	142	12.9
23	Parghalava,Lasha	12-12	294	24.5	53-123	.431	24-65	.369	16-26	.615	8	33	41	3.4	24	0	20	25	0	11	146	12.2
04	Wright,Derrick	11-11	262	23.8	39-68	.574	3-6	.500	34-48	.708	15	44	59	5.4	30	2	20	27	6	10	115	10.5
34	Hodge,Brad	12-10	314	26.2	42-72	.583	0-0	.000	28-32	.875	12	41	53	4.4	41	3	7	19	4	5	112	9.3
03	McCrary, Mike	12-11	332	27.7	38-80	.475	10-29	.345	24-30	.800	15	38	53	4.4	31	2	14	12	2	6	110	9.2
02	Taylor,Brett	10-0	123	12.3	9-29	.310	9-29	.310	6-7	.857	1	4	5	0.5	13	1	10	5	0	2	33	3.3
33	Hentzen,Tyler	12-2	140	11.7	10-20	.500	0-0	.000	9-13	.692	8	13	21	1.8	17	0	2	11	0	5	29	2.4
21	Blaine,Kirk	12-1	179	14.9	4-15	.267	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	21	14	35	2.9	29	0	7	9	0	4	16	1.3
05	Weisz,Adam	5-0	26	5.2	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	0	2	2	0.4	0	0	3	2	0	0	6	1.2
44	Tanascu,Jason	8-0	21	2.6	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	0.4	1	0	0	1	0	1	7	0.9
50	Hickman,Andrew	9-0	39	4.3	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2	6	8	0.9	14	0	0	3	1	1	6	0.7
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											13	15	28				5					
Total.....		12	2400		312-655	.476	69-190	.363	197-270	.730	116	289	405	33.8	253	8	179	180	22	79	890	74.2
Opponents.....		12	2400		285-641	.445	73-216	.338	187-273	.685	115	266	381	31.8	236	-	151	190	32	76	830	69.2

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	890	830	11/18/09	COLORADO CHRISTIAN	w 72-70	723
Points per game	74.2	69.2	11/21/09	UNIVERSITY OF MARY	w 72-68	532
Scoring margin	+5.0	-	11/24/09	at Augustana (S.D.)	L 63-82	2032
FIELD GOALS-ATT	312-655	285-641	12/04/09	vs Dominican (CA)	w 82-54	112
Field goal pct	.476	.445	12/05/09	at Dixie State College	L 75-78	2214
3 POINT FG-ATT	69-190	73-216	12/11/09	NORTHERN NEW MEXICO	w 85-64	1804
3-point FG pct	.363	.338	12/21/09	DIXIE STATE	w 63-60	473
3-pt FG made per game	5.8	6.1	12/30/09	at University of Mary	L 62-76	823
FREE THROWS-ATT	197-270	187-273	01/02/10	GREAT FALLS	w 88-61	548
Free throw pct	.730	.685	* 01/07/10	at Alaska Nanooks	w 82-68	243
F-Throws made per game	16.4	15.6	* 01/09/10	at Alaska Anchorage	L 72-80	746
REBOUNDS	405	381	* 01/16/10	SAINT MARTIN'S	w 74-67	623
Rebounds per game	33.8	31.8	* - Conference game			
Rebounding margin	+2.0	-				
ASSISTS	179	151				
Assists per game	14.9	12.6				
TURNOVERS	180	190				
Turnovers per game	15.0	15.8				
Turnover margin	+0.8	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.8				
STEALS	79	76				
Steals per game	6.6	6.3				
BLOCKS	22	32				
Blocks per game	1.8	2.7				
ATTENDANCE	4703	6170				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-784	5-1212				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-112				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Montana State Billings	451	439	890
Opponents	392	436	828



Montana State University Billings
Montana State Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 20, 2010)
Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
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10	Jackson, DaVell	3-3	112	37.3	23-40	.575	1-2	.500	13-21	.619	2	13	15	5.0	7	0	21	9	0	4	60	20.0
12	Chambers, DeAndre	3-0	82	27.3	17-38	.447	3-13	.231	8-10	.800	5	11	16	5.3	7	0	9	4	2	3	45	15.0
23	Parghalava, Lasha	3-3	75	25.0	13-28	.464	7-16	.438	5-7	.714	2	7	9	3.0	7	0	3	5	0	1	38	12.7
34	Hodge, Brad	3-2	93	31.0	13-22	.591	0-0	.000	10-11	.909	6	10	16	5.3	11	0	3	3	2	1	36	12.0
03	McCrary, Mike	3-3	97	32.3	9-17	.529	3-8	.375	10-11	.909	2	14	16	5.3	8	1	4	4	2	0	31	10.3
33	Hentzen, Tyler	3-2	55	18.3	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	5	3	8	2.7	7	0	1	3	0	2	11	3.7
04	Wright, Derrick	2-2	25	12.5	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	1	5	6	3.0	5	1	3	2	0	0	5	2.5
21	Blaine, Kirk	3-0	45	15.0	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4	5	9	3.0	9	0	3	3	0	0	2	0.7
50	Hickman, Andrew	1-0	5	5.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
44	Tanascu, Jason	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
02	Taylor, Brett	1-0	7	7.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team											3	4	7				2					
Total.....		3	600		81-168	.482	14-41	.341	52-68	.765	30	74	104	34.7	62	2	47	36	6	11	228	76.0
Opponents.....		3	600		76-180	.422	20-66	.303	43-60	.717	39	63	102	34.0	57	-	38	41	8	13	215	71.7

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	228	215	* 01/07/10	at Alaska Nanooks	w 82-68	243
Points per game	76.0	71.7	* 01/09/10	at Alaska Anchorage	L 72-80	746
Scoring margin	+4.3	-	* 01/16/10	SAINT MARTIN'S	w 74-67	623
FIELD GOALS-ATT	81-168	76-180	* - Conference game			
Field goal pct	.482	.422				
3 POINT FG-ATT	14-41	20-66				
3-point FG pct	.341	.303				
3-pt FG made per game	4.7	6.7				
FREE THROWS-ATT	52-68	43-60				
Free throw pct	.765	.717				
F-Throws made per game	17.3	14.3				
REBOUNDS	104	102				
Rebounds per game	34.7	34.0				
Rebounding margin	+0.7	-				
ASSISTS	47	38				
Assists per game	15.7	12.7				
TURNOVERS	36	41				
Turnovers per game	12.0	13.7				
Turnover margin	+1.7	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.9				
STEALS	11	13				
Steals per game	3.7	4.3				
BLOCKS	6	8				
Blocks per game	2.0	2.7				
ATTENDANCE	623	989				
Home games-Avg/Game	1-623	2-494				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Montana State Billings	98	130	228
Opponents	112	103	215

