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2009-2010 MSUB MEN'S BASKETBALL



Montana State Billings (6-3)
 at
Alaska Fairbanks (5-4)



Release #8 Thursday, January 7 • 7:00 p.m.
 • Fairbanks, Alaska



Montana State Billings (6-3)
 at
Alaska Anchorage (9-2)



Release #8 Saturday, January 9 • 7:00 p.m.
 Wells Fargo Complex (1,250) • Anchorage, Alaska

OPENING TIP

The Montana State Billings men's basketball team opens the 2010 Great Northwest Athletic Conference slate on the road for the second consecutive year this week at Alaska Fairbanks and at Alaska Anchorage. The Yellowjackets play at Alaska Fairbanks Thurs., Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. and at Alaska Anchorage Sat., Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. MSUB stands at 6-3 on the year, while the Nanooks enter with a 5-4 mark and winners of three straight. UAA is 9-2 on the year and has won six straight. The Yellowjackets enter winners of three of their last four.

MAGIC NUMBER FOR 1,000TH VICTORY

The magic number for the 1,000th victory is one. MSUB is 999-890 all-time for a .530 winning percentage. The Yellowjackets can become the sixth current GNAC school with 1,000 or more career wins with a win this week.

SCOUTING MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

The Yellowjackets are led this season by DeAndre Chambers who leads the team averaging 13.7 points per game. He leads the team with 45 made field goals, 17 made 3-pointers and is second in rebounding at 4.6 rebounds per game. Second on the team in scoring is Derrick Wright at 12.2 points per contest. He leads the team pulling down 5.9 rebounds per game and is shooting a team-best .603 from the field on 38 of 63. Lasha Parghava is third in scoring at 12 points per game and he is tied for the team lead in triples with 17 and is second in made field goals with 40. DaVell Jackson is fourth in scoring at 10.3 points per game and leads the team with 44 assist and 23 steals.

As a team, the Yellowjackets are shooting 47 percent from the field and

GAME DAY INFORMATION

THE SERIES VS. ALASKA

Overall Record	33-17
in Billings	23-2
in Fairbanks	8-15
at Neutral Sites	2-0

BROADCAST

None

ALASKA AT A GLANCE

Head Coach: Clemon Johnson
Record at Alaska: 17-46 (3rd season)
Assistants: D'Arcy Stanfield, Jon Mancuso
Nickname: Nanooks
Conference: GNAC
Location: Fairbanks, Alaska

YELLOWJACKET SCOREBOARD (6-3, 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	L, 76-62
Jan. 2	University of Great Falls	W, 88-61
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.

are shooting 37 percent from beyond the arc with 55 triples. The team is shooting just under 72 percent from the charity stripe and is pulling down 33.4 rebounds per game and scoring 73.6 points per contest.

Conversely, MSUB is holding opponents to 45 percent shooting from the field and 35 percent from beyond the arc. The opposition is shooting 67 percent from the line and is pulling down 31 rebounds per game and 68.3 points per game.

RECAPPING GREAT FALLS

The Yellowjackets used a number of big runs to blow past University of Great Falls, 88-61 last Saturday. MSUB had four players in double figures led by 17 points from Derrick Wright and eight assists. DeAndre Chambers had his team-best ninth game in double figures with 15 points and seven rebounds. Brett Taylor had 13 points off the bench in the winning effort. MSUB shot 50 percent for the game and 54 percent in the first half en route to a 45-25 lead at intermission. MSUB used a 39-15 run after a 10-6 deficit through the first five minutes of the game to take control.

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

SCOUTING ALASKA FAIRBANKS

The Nanooks enter the week with a 5-4 record and own a three game winning streak after a 2-4 start. Leading the way for UAF this season Parrish West who leads the team averaging 21.8 points per game. West also leads the team with 79 made field goals (.541) and 65 rebounds for a team-best 7.2 average. Emmanuel Jenkins also is averaging over 20 points per game at a 20.4 clip. He is second in field goals made (58) and leads the team with 23 made 3-pointers. Jenkins also leads the team with 48 assists and is tied for second on the team in blocks with six. Jon Moe is third in scoring at 16.9 points and leads the team with 23 assists.

As a team, the Nanooks are shooting

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

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46 percent from the field, 31 percent from beyond the arc and 68 percent from the line. UAF is pulling down 39.4 rebounds per game and allowing 39.6. UAF is averaging 83.8 points per game and allowing 84.6.

INSIDE THE SERIES

The Yellowjackets own a 33-17 record over the Nanooks, but are just 8-15 in Fairbanks. MSUB has won 11 of the last 17 in the series, but has lost six straight in Fairbanks and haven't won there since Feb. 8, 1997 (103-84).

SCOUTING ALASKA ANCHORAGE

The Seawolves enter the week with a 9-2 record and have won six straight. Leading the way for the Seawolves this season Brandon Walker who averages a team-best 15.5 points per game. He also leads the team with 23 made 3-pointers (.460) and is second in field goals made with 60. Walker is second in rebounds (66) and has 29 assists and 10 steals. Second on the team in scoring in Malcolm Campbell who is averaging 14.7 points. He leads the team with 64 made field goals.

As a team, the Seawolves are shooting 46 percent from the field, 40 percent from beyond the arc and 71 percent from the line. UAA is pulling down 39.2 rebounds per game and averaging 73.8 points per contest. The Seawolves defense is holding teams to just 40 percent shooting from the field, 31 percent from deep and 65 percent from the line. In addition, UAA has dominated the battle of the boards as the opponents are averaging just 26.2 rebounds per game and 59.1 points per contest.

INSIDE THE SERIES

UAA leads the all-time series 31-25 and has won five of the last six. MSUB downed the Seawolves last season 69-60 in Billings for the first win in five tries. Prior that, MSUB had won seven of nine. UAA owns a 25-4 record in Anchorage, while MSUB leads 20-6 in Billings. MSUB has not won in Anchorage since a 91-73 victory on Jan. 29, 1998.

WINNING THE CLOSE ONES

Of the seven games this season, the



GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS (January 6, 2009)

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Western Washington	0-0	13-1
Saint Martin's	0-0	10-1
Alaska Anchorage	0-0	9-2
Seattle Pacific	0-0	9-2
Northwest Nazarene	0-0	8-3
Montana State Billings	0-0	6-3
Western Oregon	0-0	7-4
Central Washington	0-0	6-4
Alaska Fairbanks	0-0	5-4

This Week in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Thurs., Jan. 7

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

Sat., Jan. 9

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

Thurs., Jan. 14

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

Sat., Jan. 16

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

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)



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	UAF
Record	6-3	5-4
Scoring Offense	73.6	83.8
Scoring Defense	68.3	84.6
Scoring Margin	+5.2	-0.8
FG Pct.	.474	.459
FG Pct. Defense	.453	.450
3FG Pct.	.369	.315
3FG Pct. Defense	.353	.391
Free Throw Pct.	.718	.687
Rebound Avg.	33.4	39.4
Opp. Rebound Avg.	31.0	39.6
TO Avg.	16.0	13.7
Opponent TO	16.6	16.9
TO Margin	+0.6	+3.2
Steals Avg.	7.6	8.8
Blocks	1.8	3.3

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 5-0 on the year.

TAYLOR MADE

Junior Brett Taylor came off the bench versus University of Great Falls last week 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.

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 18-77 in road games. Moreover, the Yellowjackets are just 2-32 on the road since 2005-06. MSUB is 0-3 on the road this season.

ONE IN THE CHAMBER(S)

Junior DeAndre Chambers has continued to have an impressive first season as a Yellowjacket. He has scored in double figures in every game this season to lead the team. Chambers leads the team averaging 13.7 points per game and garnered his first start at the University of Mary (12/30). He also started the game against Great Falls (1/2).

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.

THE WRIGHT REJECTION

Senior Derrick Wright leads the team with six blocks on the season and has 24 for his career. He needs just three blocks to move into the top-10 in career blocks at MSUB.

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.

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					
at Alaska Anchorage					
Saint Martin's					
at Northwest Nazarene					
at Seattle Pacific					
Central Washington					
Western Washington					
Alaska Fairbanks					
at Saint Martin's					
at Western Oregon					
Northwest Nazarene					
Seattle Pacific					
Western Oregon					
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	6-3
Home	5-0
Away	0-3
Neutral	1-0

Monthly Records

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

Daily Records

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

Miscellaneous

Winning the tip	3-2
Losing the tip	3-1
Leading at halftime	6-2
Trailing at halftime	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-0
Score first	2-2
Opponent scores first	4-1
Leading with 5 min. to play	5-0
Trailing with 5 min. to play	1-3
Games decided by 3 pts. or less	2-1
Games decided by 4-10 pts.	1-0
Games decided by 11-plus pts.	3-2
Shoot 50% or better	3-0
Shoot less than 50%	3-3
Shoot higher % than opponent	6-0
Shoot lower % than opponent	0-3
Opp. shoot worse than 50%	6-0
Opp. shoot higher than 50%	0-3
Score less than 60 points	0-0
Score 60-plus points	1-2
Score 70-plus points	2-1
Score 80-plus points	3-0
Opp. score fewer than 50 pts.	0-0
Opp. score fewer than 60 pts.	2-0
Opp. score fewer than 70 pts.	3-0
Opp. score fewer than 80 pts.	1-2
Opp. score fewer than 90 pts.	0-1
Outrebound opponent	4-1
Outrebounded by opponent	2-2
Rebounds are even	0-0
Committ less turnovers than opp.	4-1
Committ more turnovers than opp.	2-2
Make more or same 3FGs than opp.	5-0
Make fewer/same 3FGs than opp.	1-3
Make more/same FTs than opp.	4-0
Make less FTs than opp.	2-3
Score more/same points in paint	6-3
Score less points in paint	0-0
Make more bench points than opp.	5-1
Make less bench points than opp.	1-2
Make more/same points off turnovers	3-1
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	3-0
Games following win	3-3
Games vs. winning teams	1-2
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 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 (35): DeAndre Chambers (9), Brad Hodge (5), Derrick Wright (6), DaVell Jackson (5), Lasha Parghalava (5), Mike McCrary (4), Brett Taylor (1)

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 (5): DaVell Jackson (4), DeAndre Chambers (1)

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	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 Jan 04, 2010)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	6-3	5-0	0-3	1-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	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-fga	ft%	off	def	tot									avg
12	Chambers,DeAndre	9-2	223	24.8	45-95	.474	17-41	.415	16-21	.762	12	29	41	4.6	16	0	22	23	6	4	123	13.7
04	Wright,Derrick	9-9	237	26.3	38-63	.603	3-5	.600	31-44	.705	14	39	53	5.9	25	1	17	25	6	10	110	12.2
23	Parghalava,Lasha	9-9	219	24.3	40-95	.421	17-49	.347	11-19	.579	6	26	32	3.6	17	0	17	20	0	10	108	12.0
10	Jackson,DaVell	8-8	247	30.9	27-63	.429	0-2	.000	28-40	.700	2	22	24	3.0	21	0	44	25	1	23	82	10.3
03	McCrary,Mike	9-8	235	26.1	29-63	.460	7-21	.333	14-19	.737	13	24	37	4.1	23	1	10	8	0	6	79	8.8
34	Hodge,Brad	9-8	221	24.6	29-50	.580	0-0	.000	18-21	.857	6	31	37	4.1	30	3	4	16	2	4	76	8.4
02	Taylor,Brett	9-0	116	12.9	9-28	.321	9-28	.321	6-7	.857	1	4	5	0.6	13	1	10	4	0	2	33	3.7
33	Hentzen,Tyler	9-0	85	9.4	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	8-11	.727	3	10	13	1.4	10	0	1	8	0	3	18	2.0
21	Blaine,Kirk	9-1	134	14.9	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	6-10	.600	17	9	26	2.9	20	0	4	6	0	4	14	1.6
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	7-0	17	2.4	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	1	7	1.0
50	Hickman,Andrew	8-0	34	4.3	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2	6	8	1.0	13	0	0	3	1	1	6	0.8
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											10	11	21				3					
Total.....		9	1800		231-487	.474	55-149	.369	145-202	.718	86	215	301	33.4	191	6	132	144	16	68	662	73.6
Opponents.....		9	1800		209-461	.453	53-150	.353	144-213	.676	76	203	279	31.0	179	-	113	149	24	63	615	68.3

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSUB	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	662	615	11/18/09	COLORADO CHRISTIAN	w 72-70	723
Points per game	73.6	68.3	11/21/09	UNIVERSITY OF MARY	w 72-68	532
Scoring margin	+5.2	-	11/24/09	at Augustana (S.D.)	L 63-82	2032
FIELD GOALS-ATT	231-487	209-461	12/04/09	vs Dominican (CA)	w 82-54	112
Field goal pct	.474	.453	12/05/09	at Dixie State College	L 75-78	2214
3 POINT FG-ATT	55-149	53-150	12/11/09	NORTHERN NEW MEXICO	w 85-64	1804
3-point FG pct	.369	.353	12/21/09	DIXIE STATE	w 63-60	473
3-pt FG made per game	6.1	5.9	12/30/09	at University of Mary	L 62-76	823
FREE THROWS-ATT	145-202	144-213	01/02/10	GREAT FALLS	w 88-61	548
Free throw pct	.718	.676				
F-Throws made per game	16.1	16.0				
REBOUNDS	301	279				
Rebounds per game	33.4	31.0				
Rebounding margin	+2.4	-				
ASSISTS	132	113				
Assists per game	14.7	12.6				
TURNOVERS	144	149				
Turnovers per game	16.0	16.6				
Turnover margin	+0.6	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.8				
STEALS	68	63				
Steals per game	7.6	7.0				
BLOCKS	16	24				
Blocks per game	1.8	2.7				
ATTENDANCE	4080	5181				
Home games-Avg/Game	5-816	3-1690				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-112				

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Montana State Billings	353	309	662
Opponents	280	333	613

