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2009 MSUB VOLLEYBALL

2009 MSUB Schedule/Results '08-'09 Overall / 9-5 GNAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/27	at Hawaii Pacific !	W, 3-2
8/28	at BYU-Hawaii !	L, 3-1
8/29	vs. Hawaii Hilo !	L, 3-0
	at Chaminade !	W, 3-2
9/4	vs. Mont. St. Northern \$	W, 3-2
9/5	vs. Minot State \$	W, 3-0
	at University of Mary \$	L, 3-2
9/11	Northwest Nazarene *?	L, 3-1
	Northern State ?	L, 3-2
9/12	University of Mary ?	W, 3-0
	Dickinson State ?	W, 3-0
9/17	at Alaska Fairbanks *	L, 3-2
9/18	at Alaska Anchorage *	W, 3-0
9/22	at Rocky Mountain College	L, 3-0
9/26	Saint Martin's *	W, 3-0
9/28	Alaska Anchorage *	W, 3-1
10/1	at Northwest Nazarene *	L, 3-2
10/3	at Seattle Pacific *	W, 3-2
10/13	Rocky Mountain College	W, 3-1
10/15	Central Washington *	L, 3-1
10/17	Western Washington *	L, 3-0
10/22	at Saint Martin's *	W, 3-0
10/24	at Western Oregon *	W, 3-0
10/29	Seattle Pacific *	W, 3-1
11/5	Western Oregon *	W, 3-0
11/7	Alaska Fairbanks *	W, 3-0
11/12	at Central Washington *	7:00 p.m.
11/14	at Western Washington *	7:00 p.m.

! - AQUA Hotel Invitational (Oahu, Hawaii)

\$ - Expressway Inn and Suites Invitational (Bismark, N.D.)

? - Montana State Billings Tournament

* - Great Northwest Athletic Conference game

All times local to site

MSUB VOLLEYBALL 2009 Game Notes

ONE LAST ROAD TRIP...

Last week Montana State Billings was able to extend its winning streak overall and at home. Now, the 'Jackets will look to go on the road to finish off the 2009 season against Central Washington and Western Washington. The Yellowjackets are looking for the first at both schools' home court. Combined, MSUB is 1-15 against the two Washington schools all-time and dropped both matches at home this season to the pair. Since those two losses, MSUB is riding a five match winning streak where four of the victories have come via a sweep.

POW X2...

Devon Crotteau (OH, 6-0, Sr., Casper, WY) earned GNAC Player of the Week honors for the second time this season and was the fourth honor for the team this season. Crotteau had 32 kills and hit for a .391 percentage (32-7-64) leading the Yellowjackets to sweeps of Western Oregon and Alaska Fairbanks. MSUB has won five straight since sustaining back-to-back home losses to Central Washington and Western Washington in mid-October. Crotteau, who currently ranks sixth in GNAC history with 1,318 kills, also had 25 digs and three blocks in the two wins

THE STREAK IS ON...

Currently, MSUB is on a five game winning streak and have won seven of the last nine. The current winning streak is the longest of the season. The longest previous streak was three matches which was done from Aug. 29 to Sept. 5.

AND THAT'S WHY WE PLAY THE GAME...

Coming into the 2009 season, MSUB was picked eighth out of nine teams in the GNAC preseason polls. Currently, the Yellowjackets sit in third behind Alaska Anchorage (picked 7th) and SPU (picked 4th). MSUB has improved on last season's record by nine games and have assured a winning record overall and in conference play.

A LOOK BACK...

Continuing to carry momentum into the end of the season, MSUB swept both matches last week against Western Oregon and Alaska Fairbanks. MSUB completely dominated the Wolves on Thursday night at Alterowitz Gymnasium and then got revenge on senior night for an early season loss to the Nanooks in Fairbanks. The senior night match so one of the best performances at home this season. All three seniors, Crotteau, Morrison and Trabing, had outstanding matches as Crotteau came away with 17 kills and 11 digs on a night that saw her hit .538. Morrison racked up 34



2009 MSUB QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Name Montana State University Billings
 Location Billings, MT
 Founded 1927 (Formerly Eastern Montana College)
 Enrollment 5,041
 Nickname Yellowjackets
 Colors Navy Blue & Gold
 Conference Great Northwest Athletic Conference
 Chancellor Dr. Ronald Sexton
 Director of Athletics Dr. Gary Gray
 Facility Alterowitz Gymnasium
 Seating Capacity 3,500

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Steve Smith
 Alma Mater Western Oregon
 Record at MSUB 14-10
 Overall Record 44-82 (4 yrs)
 Assistant Coaches Catherine Losett & Filip Alimpic
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VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball 1981
 All-Time Record 270-469

TEAM INFORMATION

2008 Record 7-23
 GNAC Record/Finish 4-12/8th
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 7/6
 Starters Returning/Lost 3/3
 Newcomers 5

assists, while Trabing added 15 digs to lead both teams. The win cemented a winning season in conference play and extended a season-long winning streak to five games while closing at the home schedule with an 8-4 record this season, including winning the final three matches.

ABOUT CENTRAL WASH. (14-10, 6-7)

The Wildcats enter the week sixth in the conference at 6-7, 14-10 overall. They're coming off of a win against Western Washington at home and will have to make up the match against SPU in Seattle due to a power outage in their match last Thursday.

INSIDE THE SERIES...

The Yellowjackets have traditionally struggled against the Wildcats, dropping seven of the eight matches in which the two teams have played. The lone win for the Yellowjackets came at home on Sept. 29, 2007, winning 3-1. Four of the seven losses have been sweeps, including the last three of the last four.

ABOUT WESTERN WASH. (16-10, 9-6)

Last week, Western split a pair of GNAC matches, winning in four sets at Northwest Nazarene and then dropping a four set match to Central Washington in Ellensburg.

INSIDE THE SERIES...

The Yellowjackets are 0-8 all-time against the Vikings. In fact, MSUB has taken just one game from Western in those seven meetings, Oct. 10, 1998, a 3-1 defeat in Canada. MSUB dropped a 3-0 decision earlier this season.

LUTZ GARNERS POW HONORS...

Jody Lutz was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Week for Oct. 26. It is her first weekly

2008 MONTANA STATE BILLINGS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jennifer Boe	OH	5-8	Jr.	Casper, WY (Kelly Walsh HS)
2	Hillary Morrison	S	5-10	Sr.	Evansville, WY (Chadron State)
3	Kayla Neumiller	OH	5-8	Fr.	Colstrip, MT (Colstrip HS)
4	Morgan Moss	S	5-5	Fr.	Fowler, CO (Fowler HS)
5	Jill Trabing	DS	5-8	Sr.	Buffalo, WY (Buffalo HS)
6	Whitney Mickelsen	DS	5-4	So.	Aurora, UT (North Sevier HS)
7	Devon Crotteau	OH	6-0	Sr.	Casper, WY (Northern Colorado)
8	Jody Lutz	MB/RS	6-1	R-Fr.	Dugald, Manitoba (MBCI Mennonite)
12	Alyson Cookes	MB	6-1	Fr.	Aurora, CO (Eaglecrest HS)
13	Hannah Johnson	MB	6-2	Fr.	San Diego, CA (La Costa Canyon HS)
14	Melissa Porter	MB	6-3	So.	Redmond, UT (North Sevier HS)

Head Coach: Steve Smith (First Year)
 Assistant Coach: Catherine Losett
 Assistant Coach: Filip Alimpic
 Student Manager: Djeneba Toure



conference honor of the season and third for the volleyball program this season. The Dugald, Manitoba, Canada native recorded 13 kills and 10 blocks, nearly doubling her season set average in both categories, helping lead the Yellowjackets to consecutive 3-0 sweeps on the road at Saint Martin's and Western Oregon. Currently, Lutz is fourth in the conference in blocks per set with 0.99 but is third in total blocks with 89. She also ranks sixth in hitting percentage with a .266 average and 115 kills.

AMONG THE NATIONS ELITE...

Devon Crotteau currently ranks fifth in the nation with 4.39 kills per set, the leader, Tatiana Kuhn of Henderson State has 4.94. Crotteau's numbers currently rank her first in the GNAC and are also tops in the conference for points per set (4.92) and are fifth in hitting percentage and service aces per set.

PORTER CLAIMS POW...

Porter was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Week (Oct. 5) after helping the Yellowjackets to wins over Alaska Anchorage and previously unbeaten Seattle Pacific. In three matches, she had 29 kills and a team-best 16 blocks. Her third-set block ignited a comeback from a 17-11 deficit and she then later had a kill to break a 24-24 tie in a 26-24 set victory over the Seawolves. She finished with 10 kills and four blocks against UAA, then had 13 kills and seven blocks against NNU and then contributed six kills and five blocks against SPU.

CROTTEAU EARNS POW...

Senior outside hitter, Devon Crotteau, was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Week this past week. It is her first weekly conference honor of the season. The Casper, Wyo. native recorded 48 kills and 23 digs and hit for a .349 percentage as the Yellowjackets went 1-1 on their recent trip to Alaska. Her 31 kills at Fairbanks are a season-best for the conference and she now has four of the top eight kill totals in the conference this season. Crotteau leads the GNAC in kills (4.55) and points (5.20) and ranks 14th in career kills (1,114).

CROTTEAU EARNS ALL-TOURNAMENT

Devon Crotteau earned all-tournament honors for her 66 kills and .327 hitting percentage over the weekend. She also earned 42 digs, seven blocks and six aces during the tournament.

A GRAND MILESTONE...

Four Players in MSUB volleyball history have eclipsed 1,000 kills in their career. This season, Devon Crotteau made it five. Crotteau entered the 2009 season just 127 kills shy of the mark. With 19 kills in the final match against University of Mary (Sept. 5), Crotteau had exactly 1,000 kills. With her performance at the MSUB Invite., Crotteau is now fourth on the all-time kills list at MSUB, passing Brandee Sayles (1994-97) with 1,043 kills. Crotteau also became the 22nd player in GNAC history to

record 1,000 career kills.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2009

Former Fort Hays State coach Steve Smith (44-82, 4 years) takes over at Montana State Billings and has six letter winners available off last year's team, which looks to improve on last season and build a new winning tradition.

Among the six is outside hitter Devon Crotteau (6-0, Sr., Casper, WY – Northern Colorado), who was one of the top kill producers in the GNAC, averaging 3.89 to rank second in the conference.

Crotteau also ranked 10th in kill percentage (.246), netted 3.19 digs per contest and contributed 29 aces and 36 blocks.

Also back are outside hitter Jennifer Boe (5-8, Jr., Casper, WY – Kelly Walsh), setter Hillary Morrison (5-10, Sr., Casper, WY – Chadron State) and libero Jill Trabing (5-8, Sr., Buffalo, WY).

Boe averaged 2.51 kills and 2.75 digs. Morrison was credited with 7.36 assists and Trabing had 3.52 digs.

Smith's first MSUB team will include only two other letter winners – middle blocker Melissa Porter (6-3, So., Redmond, UT – North Sevier) and defensive specialist Whitney Mickelsen (5-4, So., Aurora, UT – North Sevier) – along with five freshmen.

YELLOWJACKETS TABBED EIGHTH...

The Montana State Billings volleyball team was selected eighth in the annual Great Northwest Athletic Conference preseason poll. The Yellowjackets received 15 points behind conference favorite Western Washington with 60 points. Returning for MSUB is one of the league's top kill producers in Devon Crotteau. Last season she ranked second in kills per game, averaging 3.89. Joining Crotteau as returning letter winners will be Jennifer Boe, Hillary Morrison, Jill Trabing, Melissa Porter, and Whitney Mickelson.

Yellowjackets Ink Two-Sport Product

Kayla Neumiller signed with the Yellowjackets for the 2009-2010 season. Neumiller plans on competing in both volleyball and track & field. Neumiller lettered all four years in high school in volleyball and was an all-state selection as a junior and senior. She was a first team all-conference selection for three years and earned state all-tournament honors as a senior. Neumiller recorded 330 kills, 48 blocks, 83 aces and 406 digs during her senior year and amassed over 1,000 kills (1,026), 211 aces and 161 blocks in her high school career.



Head Coach Steve Smith



Steve Smith begins his first season as the head coach at Montana State University Billings. He comes to the Yellowjackets after four seasons at Fort Hays State University where he guided the Lady Tigers to a 16-15 record in 2005 and a berth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference tournament. Smith led FHSU to double-digit wins in two of his four seasons and just missed his third this past year.

Prior to his tenure at FHSU, Smith served as the assistant coach at Western Oregon University for nine seasons under Judy Lovre, the program's leader in career victories. During his time at WOU, Smith helped guide the Wolves to a 170-122 record, including four-straight appearances in the NAIA National Championship tournament from 1996-99.

Smith also coached various club and high school teams, including the No Dinx Volleyball Club from 2003-05 in Corvallis, Ore., and the Salem (Ore.) Volleyball Club from 2001-03. Smith also served as a club coach for six years (1995-2001) for the Emerald City Volleyball Club in Eugene, Ore., and was the head coach at Stayton High School in Stayton, Ore., from 1993-96.

A native of Salem, Ore., Smith received his bachelor's degree and master's degrees in physical education from Western Oregon University.

GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Nov. 2, 2009)



	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Alaska Anchorage	12-2	20-7
Seattle Pacific	10-3	16-9
Montana State Billings	9-5	16-10
Western Washington	9-6	16-10
Northwest Nazarene	8-6	15-12
Central Washington	6-7	14-10
Alaska Fairbanks	5-9	11-14
Western Oregon	4-11	7-19
Saint Martin's	0-14	3-20

This Week in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference

THIS WEEK:

Monday – Central Washington at Seattle Pacific (conclusion of Thursday's suspended match).

Tuesday – Saint Martin's at Seattle.

Thursday – Northwest Nazarene at Alaska Anchorage; Seattle Pacific at Alaska Fairbanks; **MSU Billings at Central Washington**; Western Oregon at Saint Martin's.

Saturday – Seattle Pacific at Alaska Anchorage; Northwest Nazarene at Alaska Fairbanks, 5 p.m.; Saint Martin's at Central Washington; **MSU Billings at Western Washington. (End-of-regular season).**

LAST WEEK:

Wednesday – Alaska Fairbanks 0 at Alaska Anchorage 3 (25-18, 25-23, 25-22).

Thursday – Central Washington at Seattle Pacific, postponed until Monday, power outage; **Western Oregon 0 at MSU Billings 3 (25-15, 25-11, 25-22)**; Western Washington 3 at Northwest Nazarene 1 (25-13, 22-25, 25-15, 25-22).

Saturday – **Alaska Fairbanks 0 at MSU Billings 3 (25-20, 25-22, 25-11)**; Western Washington 2 at Central Washington 3 (11-25, 25-21, 25-15, 21-25, 15-11); Western Oregon 1 at Northwest Nazarene 3 (25-17, 20-25, 25-17, 25-19); Saint Martin's 0 at Seattle Pacific 3 (25-14, 25-11, 25-18).

**NEXT WEEK:
Season Ended**



MSUB RECORD WHEN...

Play GNAC Opponent	9-5
Play Non-Conference	7-5
Play at home	8-4
Play on the road	6-5
Play at neutral site	2-1
Play during day	2-2
Play during night	14-8
Play at Top 25 opponent	0-0
Play at Top 10 opponent	0-0
Play at Top 5 opponent	0-0
Wear gold at home	3-2
Wear blue at home	5-2
In August	2-2
In September	7-5
In October	5-3
In November	2-0
Play On...	
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	1-1
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	3-3
Friday	4-2
Saturday	7-4
Sunday	0-0

NATIONAL POLL

AVCA Coaches Top 25 November 9

Rank	Team	Prev.	W-L
1	Concordia-St. Paul	1	30-0
2	Cal St. San Bernardino	3	26-1
3	Nebraska-Kearney	4	31-1
4	UC San Diego	2	25-2
5	Central Missouri	6	31-4
6	West Texas A&M	5	31-3
7	Tampa	8	26-2
8	Washburn	9	30-4
T-9	Emporia State	7	27-4
T-9	Indianapolis	10	32-1
11	Lewis	11	28-3
12	Saint Leo	12	26-3
13	SW Minnesota State	15	22-7
14	Minnesota State	13	24-5
15	Wayne State (Neb.)	14	26-6
16	Hawai'i-Hilo	17	25-1
17	Minnesota Duluth	16	20-8
18	Sonoma State	18	22-6
19	Truman	19	23-11
20	Cal State L.A.	21	19-8
21	Pittsburg State	22	22-10
22	Nebraska-Omaha	20	20-12
23	Metro State	24	21-7
24	Wingate	23	31-1
25	Chico State	25	22-8

Dropped Out: None

WEST REGION POLL

NCAA D-II West Regional October 29

Rank	Team	Prev.	W-L
1.	Cal St. San Bernardino	22-1	19-1
2.	UC San Diego	22-1	16-1
3.	Sonoma State	18-5	18-5
4.	Hawaii Hilo	22-1	19-1
5.	Alaska Anchorage	17-6	16-6
6.	Cal State L.A.	16-7	15-6
7.	Cal State Chico	17-6	17-6
8.	Seattle Pacific	13-8	13-6
9.	Northwest Nazarene	13-8	13-6
10.	Western Washington	14-8	13-7

	MSUB	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1180	1191
Errors	527	588
Total Attacks	3376	3550
Attack Pct	.193	.170
Kills/Set	11.8	11.9
SET		
Assists	1118	1117
Assists/Set	11.2	11.2
SERVE		
Aces	151	123
Errors	143	179
Aces/Set	1.5	1.2
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	122	151
Errors/Set	1.2	1.5
DEFENSE		
Digs	1505	1432
Digs/Set	15.1	14.3
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	56	38
Block Assist	319	289
Total Blocks	215.5	182.5
Blocks/Set	2.2	1.8
Block Errors	23	22
Ball handling errors	48	38
ATTENDANCE		
Current win streak	5	-
Home win streak	3	-

2009 MSUB VOLLEYBALL STATISTICS

##	Player	ATTACK						SET		SERVE			
		SP	MP-MS	K	K/Set	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Set	SA	SA/Set	SE
7	Crotteau,Devon	100	26-	445	4.45	131	1083	.290	29	0.29	39	0.39	21
8	Lutz,Jody	100	26-	138	1.38	41	349	.278	10	0.10	21	0.21	32
2	Morrison,Hillary	100	26-	37	0.37	16	135	.156	975	9.75	17	0.17	21
14	Porter,Melissa	99	26-	145	1.46	84	406	.150	11	0.11	1	0.01	0
1	Boe,Jen	99	26-	279	2.82	158	890	.136	34	0.34	14	0.14	22
4	Moss,Morgan	100	26-	3	0.03	1	21	.095	14	0.14	33	0.33	19
13	Johnson,Hannah	95	25-	122	1.28	85	434	.085	26	0.27	11	0.12	11
5	Trabing,Jill	72	21-	3	0.04	2	26	.038	9	0.12	12	0.17	10
3	Neumiller,Kayla	16	11-	7	0.44	7	25	.000	1	0.06	0	0.00	0
6	Micklesen,Whitney	34	10-	1	0.03	2	6	-.167	7	0.21	3	0.09	7
	MSUB	100	26-	1180	11.80	527	3376	.193	1118	11.18	151	1.51	143
	Opponents.....	100	26-	1191	11.91	588	3550	.170	1117	11.17	123	1.23	179
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##	Player	DIG				BLOCKING							
		SP	RE	Dig	Dig/Set	BS	BA	Total	Blk/Set	BE	BHE		
7	Crotteau,Devon	100	24	311	3.11	6	31	37	0.37	2	3		
8	Lutz,Jody	100	1	64	0.64	11	86	97	0.97	3	1		
2	Morrison,Hillary	100	1	191	1.91	3	40	43	0.43	8	32		
14	Porter,Melissa	99	1	20	0.20	20	71	91	0.92	3	0		
1	Boe,Jen	99	19	281	2.84	4	25	29	0.29	3	5		
4	Moss,Morgan	100	5	198	1.98	0	0	0	0.00	1	1		
13	Johnson,Hannah	95	0	25	0.26	11	62	73	0.77	3	4		
5	Trabing,Jill	72	26	306	4.25	0	0	0	0.00	0	2		
3	Neumiller,Kayla	16	0	8	0.50	1	3	4	0.25	0	0		
6	Micklesen,Whitney	34	11	100	2.94	0	1	1	0.03	0	0		
	TEAM		34										
	MSUB	100	122	1505	15.05	56	319	215.5	2.15	23	48		
	Opponents.....	100	151	1432	14.32	38	289	182.5	1.83	22	38		

