Montana State University-Billings

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This Week's Schedule:

Sep. 19 - at Rocky Mountain, 7:00 p.m.

Sep. 22 - vs. Dallas Baptist, 7:00 p.m., Alterowitz Gym

Sep. 23 - vs. Dallas Baptist, 2:00 p.m., Alterowitz Gym

The Week in Review

The Yellowjackets wrapped up a successful trip South with a pair of 3-0 sweeps of University of Texas-Permian Basin on Monday and Tuesday. The Jackets had gone 3-0 at the Lone Star/Heartland Crossover Tournament the previous Friday and Saturday. Against UTPB on Monday the Yellowjackets hit .224 as a team, winning 30-27, 30-26, 30-27. Setter Natalie Bills handed out 39 assists. Alicia Cazemier shared match-high honors with a dozen kills. Ali Watson and Jessica Bratton posted 10 kills apiece. Nicole Kruse picked up a team-high 18 digs and three service aces. Taylor Faught added 12 digs and Bills had 11.

On Saturday the Yellowjackets survived a 34-32 battle in the first game before cruising to 30-17 and 30-19 wins to close the road trip. Bills dished out 44 assists and the Yellowjackets hit a season-high .361. Watson led all players with 17 kills on a .500 attack percentage. Bratton added 15 kills, and Cazemier finished with 11. No Yellowjacket player had an attack percentage below .230. Kruse and Alexis Sandru had 10 digs each for match-high honors.

This Week's Opponents Rocky Mountain College

The Bears are 14-3 overall and 8-1 against four-year schools. Some NAIA teams count contests against junior colleges in their overall records. The Bears return 11 players from last year's team that went 13-15 overall and 4-10 in the Frontier Conference. Senior setter Melissa St. John returns after leading the team in assists a year ago. Senior middle blocker Courtney Arthun ranked second in the Frontier Conference for blocks as a junior and was the team offensive MVP two seasons ago. No current season statistics are available for the Bears.

Dallas Baptist University

The Patriots are 5-11 overall following their non-conference schedule. Friday's match in Billings will be the Heartland Conference opener for both MSU-Billings and Dallas Baptist. The Patriots, 11-22 last year, are picked to finish fifth in the six-team Heartland Conference. Seniors Jenny Pry and Brandi Moss lead the Patriot offense. The duo ranks fifth and sixth in the conference for kills with Pry averaging 3.38 per game and Moss 3.18. Moss is fourth in the conference for attack percentage at .224 and fifth for blocks at 0.92 per game. Defensively, Ashlee Hawkins leads the Patriots with 3.43 digs per game, currently eighth-best in the Heartland.

2006 Volleyball Schedule & Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	Time/Result
Aug. 25	vs. Quincy University	W, 3-0
Aug. 25	vs. Fort Lewis	L, 3-1
Aug. 26	vs. Armstrong Atlantic	L, 3-1
Aug. 26	at UC-Colorado Springs	W, 3-1
Sep. 1	vs. Dixie State College	W, 3-0
Sep. 1	vs. Eastern New Mexico	W, 3-0
Sep. 2	vs. Seattle Pacific	L, 3-2
Sep. 2	at Fort Lewis	W, 3-2
Sep. 8	vs. Central Oklahoma	W, 3-2
Sep. 8	vs. Texas A&M-Commerce	W, 3-0
Sep. 9	vs. Southwestern Oklahoma	W, 3-0
Sep. 11	at Texas-Permian Basin	W, 3-0
Sep. 12	at Texas-Permian Basin	W, 3-0
Sep. 19	at Rocky Mountain	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 22	Dallas Baptist*	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 23	Dallas Baptist*	2:00 p.m.
Sep. 29	Texas A&M-International	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 30	Texas A&M-International	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Incarnate Word*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Incarnate Word*	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	St. Edward's*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	St. Edward's*	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Rocky Mountain	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Oklahoma Panhandle*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Oklahoma Panhandle*	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	at St. Mary's*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	at St. Mary's*	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	HLC Tournament-Semifinals	3 & 6 p.m.
Nov. 4	HLC Tournament-Finals	7:00 p.m.

All game time are local to site played Home games are listed in **bold** * Heartland Conference games

Heartland Conference Standings (as of 9/17/06)

	Conf.	Pct.	<u>All</u>	Pct.
St. Edward's	1-0	1.000	3-9	.250
St. Mary's	2-1	.667	11-5	.686
MSU-Billings	0-0	.000	10-3	.769
Dallas Baptist	0-0	.000	5-11	.312
Incarnate Word	0-0	.000	3-10	.231
Panhandle State	0-2	.000	1-9	.100

NCAA Regional Rankings (Final 2005 rankings)

- 1. Nebraska-Kearney
- 2. Metropolitan State
- 3. Abilene Christian
- 4. Western New Mexico
- 5. Mesa State
- 6. West Texas A&M
- 7. Central Oklahoma
- 8. New Mexico Highlands
- 9. Fort Hays State
- 10. Colorado School of Mines

Ticket Information

General Admission Adult\$	5.00
Seniors\$	3.00
Faculty & Staff\$	3.00
Preschool & K-6F	
MSUB StudentsF	
For more information on tickets call 406-657-236	

Side Outs

The Yellowjackets probably couldn't be blamed for being a little road-weary after playing the first 13 matches of their 27-match regular season schedule on the road. But after racing out of the gates with a 10-3 mark, the Jackets have to feel pretty good when they look at the remainder of their schedule. Ten of their last 14 matches will be played in Billings as will the Heartland Conference Tournament....Much was made last year of the Jackets' having only eight players on the roster as they marched on to the Heartland Conference championship match. The addition of four players to the roster this season hasn't made much difference. All eight from 2005 returned this season and each has played in all 48 games of the 13 matches thus far while the newcomers have appeared in a combined 14 games....MSUB has built an impressive six-match winning streak dating back to September 2 when they upset Fort Lewis. The Jackets' last loss was at the Fort Lewis tournament to nationally-ranked Seattle Pacific. Even more impressive than the six-match winning streak is the fact that the Yellowjackets haven't lost a game in the last four matches. On September 8 they defeated Central Oklahoma 3-2 then ran off four-straight sweeps....Nearing the midpoint of the season, senior Jessica Bratton has 178 kills and needs 134 more to catch Olivia Munro for the school career record....Bratton was a sophomore teammate of Munro's when Munro broke the school record in 2004....Senior setter Natalie Bills eclipsed 3,000 career assists in last Saturday's win at UTPB....Junior middle blocker Alicia Cazemier keeps inching up the school career record lists. This week she will likely become the seventh player in school history with more than 800 career kills. She has also moved up to the top three all-time at MSUB for solo blocks and total blocks.

Career Record Watch

Jessica Bratton, 2nd, 1,154 (Olivia Munro, 1st, 1,288) Alicia Cazemier, 8th, 789 (Lori Brandon, 7th, 822) Ali Watson, 12th, 609 (Deb Dianda, 11th, 614)

Assists

Natalie Bills, 2nd, 3,017 (Gina Langer, 1st, 4,354)

Digs

Alexis Sandru, 6th, 759 (Diana Vargo, 5th, 870) Natalie Bills, 16th, 612 (Connie Meyer, 15th, 625) Ali Watson, 17th, 585 Nicole Kruse, 18th, 561

Jessica Bratton, 19th, 484 Service Aces

Natalie Bills, 2nd, 127 (Gina Langer, 1st, 178) Nicole Kruse, 7th, 78 (Jody Newberry, 6th, 79) Alicia Cazemier, 11th, 63 (Carmen Hegg, 10th, 65)

Total Blocks

Alicia Cazemier, 3rd, 323 (Katrina Dahlgren, 2nd, 342) Jessica Bratton, 14th, 147 (Fawn Nelson-Bartlett, 13th, 156)

Alicia Cazemier, 3rd, 111 (Jody Newberry, 2nd, 117)

Block Assists

Alicia Cazemier, T-4th, 212 (Deb Dianda, 3rd, 218)

Jessica Bratton, 11th, 120 (Brandee Sayles, Gina Langer, 9th, 146)

Attack Percentage

Alicia Cazemier, 1st, .303

Jessica Bratton, 13th, .179 (Cortney Lennan, 12th, .181)

Ali Watson, 11th, .183 (Brandee Sayles, 10th, .185)

Games Played

Jessica Bratton, T-6th, 332 (Olivia Munro, 5th, 354) Alexis Sandru, 9th, 287 (Katrina Dahlgren, 8th, 331) Natalie Bills, 14th, 253 (Deb Dianda, 13th, 256) Alicia Cazemier, 15th, 242 (Natalie Bills, 14th, 253)

2006	Volle	yball	Roster
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No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Nicole Kruse	L/DS	Jr.	Huntley, MT/MSU-Northern
2	Ali Watson	OH	Sr.	Calgary, AB/Sheridan College
3	Katrina Solomon	DS	Fr.	Billings, MT/Senior HS
4	Alexis Sandru	OH	Sr.	Twin Bridges, MT/Twin Bridges HS
5	Jill Trabing	OH	Fr.	Buffalo, WY/Buffalo HS
6	Leslie Boyd	OH	Fr.	Missoula, MT/Big Sky HS
7	Natalie Bills	S	Sr.	Provo, UT/Snow College
8	Taylor Faught	S	So.	Billings, MT/West HS
9	Jessica Bratton	OH	Sr.	Casper, WY/Natrona County HS
11	Alicia Cazemier	MB	Jr.	Vauxhall, AB/Vauxhall HS
13	Brooke Zent	MB	Fr.	Hysham, MT/Hysham HS
14	Jessica Lechner	RS	So.	Pompeys Pillar, MT/Huntley Project

Head Coach: Pa'ulasi Matavao (7th Season) Assistant Coach: Cortney Lennan (1st Season)

The Last Time in Yellowjacket Volleyball...

A player had an attack pct. over .500 (min. 12 kills) — Sep. 12, 2006 (Ali Watson, .500 vs. Texas A&M—Permian Basin)

A player had 30 or more kills in a match — Nov. 12, 2004 (Jessica Bratton, 33 vs. Western New Mexico)

A player had 25-29 kills in a match — Sept. 2, 2006

(Jessica Bratton (29) & Ali Watson (28) vs. Fort Lewis)

A player had 60 or more assists in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (Natalie Bills, 66 vs. Fort Lewis)

A player had 25 or more digs in a match — Sept. 8, 2006 (Nicole Kruse (28) & Ali Watson (25) vs. Central Okla.)

A player had 5 or more aces in a match — Nov. 5, 2005 (Alicia Cazemier, 7 vs. Incarnate Word)

A player had 10 or more blocks in a match — Sept. 9, 2006 (Alicia Cazemier, 11 vs. Southwestern Okla.)

A player had 5-9 blocks in a match — Sept. 9, 2006 (Jessica Lechner, 8 vs. Southwestern Okla.)

The team had an attack percentage over.300 — Sept. 12, 2006 (.361 vs. Texas A&M—Permian Basin)

The team had 70 or more kills in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (84 vs. Fort Lewis)

The team had 70 or more assists in a match — Sept. 2, 2006 (77 vs. Fort Lewis)

The team had 100 or more digs in a match — Sept. 8, 2006 (116 vs. Central Okla.)

The team had 10 or more blocks in a match — Sept. 9, 2006 (18.0. vs. Southwestern Okla.)

MSUB Season Stats Leaders

Kills/Game

Ali Watson - 4.06 Jessica Bratton - 3.71 Alicia Cazemier - 3.62

Assists/Game

Natalie Bills - 11.71

Blocks/Game

Alicia Cazemier - 1.75 Jessica Lechner- 0.67 Jessica Bratton - 0.54

Digs/Game

Nicole Kruse - 4.60 Ali Watson - 4.00 Taylor Faught - 3.33

Attack Percentage (min 1.00 kpg)

Alicia Cazemier - .277 Ali Watson - .198 Jessica Lechner - .165

Visit www.msubillings.edu/athletics/volleyball for complete stats

Heartland Conference Stats Leaders

Kills/Game

Ali Watson, MSUB - 4.06 Jessica Bratton, MSUB - 3.71 Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - 3.62

Assists/Game

Natalie Bills, MSUB - 11.71 Courtney Matula, STMU - 11.16 Stephanie Martin, SEU - 9.21

Blocks/Game

Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - 1.75 Samantha Weber, STMU - 1.34 Kari Chapman, UIW - 1.13

Digs/Game

Nicole Kruse, MSUB - 4.60 Valerie Teeter, STMU - 4.31 Kelsey Teal, SEU - 4.29

Attack Percentage

Samantha Weber, STMU - .324 Alicia Cazemier, MSUB - .277 Kristen Lozano, SEU - .246

2006 MSU-Billings Volleyball Mont. St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 18, 2006) All matches

RECORD:				OVERALL					OME		AWAY				NEUTRAL						
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1 Nicole Kruse	48		0.02	2	16	062		7 0.15		12	0.38		216	4.50	0	0					
2 Ali Watson	48		4.06	87		.198	16			29	0.42	18	192	4.00	5			0.33			
3 Katrina Solomon	9	1		1	3	.000		L 0.11		6	0.11	0	17	1.89	0	5		0.56			
4 Alexis Sandru	48		0.73	27		.059		L 0.85		12	0.19	4		3.31	4			0.40			
5 Jill Trabing	5		0.60	4	11	091		0.00		0	0.00	1	5 1.CE	1.00	0	0		0.00			
7 Natalie Bills	48	35		8 1	95	.284		2 11.71		11 8	0.35	1		3.44	5		23	0.48			
8 Taylor Faught	48	4 178		95	23 525	.130 .158		5 0.12 L 0.02			0.15	13 6		3.33	0	10	0	0.00			11.0 194.5
9 Jessica Bratton 11 Alicia Cazemier	48 48	174		62		.277		5 0.10		0 12	0.15	0	46 36	0.96 0.75	7 35	19 49	26	0.54			
14 Jessica Lechner	48	71		41		.165		2 0.04		0	0.15	0	16		13	19	84 32			4	
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Opponents	48	557	11.60	279	1839	.151	522	2 10.88	58	83	1.21	70	786	16.38	38	148	112.0	2.33	30	23	727.0
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Kills/Game	14.		11.6		Sep			Eastern				N.	3-0				,30-18				15
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Assists/Game	13.		10.9		Sep			Central		_		W.	3-2				,30-28				50
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Aces	7	9	58		Sep					Okla.		M.	3-0				,30-25				-
Errors	9	0	83	1	* Sep		at :	Cexas I	Permia	n Basi	n 1	NT.	3-0				,30-27				208
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Serve Pct	.91	1	.909																		
Aces/Game	1.	6	1.2																		
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Errors	6	3	70																		
Errors/Game	1.	3	1.5																		
Attempts	83	7	942																		
Reception Pct	.92	5	.926																		
DEFENSE																					
Digs	101		786																		
Digs/Game	21.	1	16.4																		
BLOCKING	_	_																			
Block Solo		9	38																		
Block Assist	13		148																		
Total Blocks	137.		112.0																		
Blocks Per Game	2.		2.3																		
Block Errors		4	30																		
BALL HANDLING ERRORS	2	7	23																		
ATTENDANCE		^	E 40																		
Total		0	748																		
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/		4/187																		
Neutral site #/Avg Current win streak	9/4																				
Current win streak		6	-																		

Home win streak...

2006 MSU-Billings Volleyball Mont. St.-Billings Category Leaders (as of Sep 18, 2006) All matches

## ATTACK (by K)	G	K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	##	KILL (by K)	G	K	K/Game			
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2 Ali Watson 9 Jessica Bratton		195	4.06	87		.198	2 9	Ali Watson		195	4.06			
9 Jessica Bratton 11 Alicia Cazemier	48		3.71	95		.158 .277	-	Jessica Bratton Alicia Cazemier	48 48	178 174	3.71			
14 Jessica Lechner		174	3.62	62				Jessica Lechner			3.62			
	48	71	1.48	41		.165			48	71	1.48			
4 Alexis Sandru	48	35	0.73	27		.059	7		48	35	0.73			
7 Natalie Bills	48		0.73	8		.284		Alexis Sandru	48	35	0.73			
8 Taylor Faught	48		0.08	1		.130	8	•	48	4	0.08			
5 Jill Trabing	5	3	0.60	4		091		Jill Trabing	5	3	0.60			
3 Katrina Solomon	9	1	0.11	1		.000		Katrina Solomon	9	1	0.11			
1 Nicole Kruse	48	1	0.02	2		062	1	Nicole Kruse	48	1	0.02			
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7 Natalie Bills			11.71				2		48	20		 166	.825	0.42
4 Alexis Sandru	48		0.85				1	Nicole Kruse		18		214	.944	0.38
2 Ali Watson			0.33				7		48	17		156	.929	0.35
1 Nicole Kruse		7	0.15				4		48	9		195	.938	0.19
8 Taylor Faught	48		0.12				8	Taylor Faught		7		131	.939	0.15
11 Alicia Cazemier	48		0.12				-	Alicia Cazemier		7		141	.915	0.15
14 Jessica Lechner	48	2	0.10					Katrina Solomon	9		6	7.4.1		0.13
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9 Jessica Bratton	48	_	0.02							0	0		1.000	0.00
3 Katrina Solomon	9	1	0.11				5	Jill Trabing	5	0	0		1.000	0.00
5 Jill Trabing	5	0	0.00					MONT. STBILLINGS		79	90 1		.911	1.65
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								Nicole Kruse		216	4.50			
11 Alicia Cazemier	48		49 8		1.75			Ali Watson		192	4.00			
14 Jessica Lechner	48	13	19 3		0.67		7		48	165	3.44			
9 Jessica Bratton	48	7	19 2		0.54		8	Taylor Faught	48	160	3.33			
7 Natalie Bills		5	18 2		0.48	7		Alexis Sandru	48	159	3.31			
4 Alexis Sandru	48			L9.0	0.40		9		48	46	0.96			
2 Ali Watson	48	5	11 1		0.33	2		Alicia Cazemier	48	36	0.75	1		
3 Katrina Solomon	9	0	5	5.0	0.56		3	Katrina Solomon	9	17	1.89	1		
8 Taylor Faught	48	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	14	Jessica Lechner	48	16	0.33	4		
MONT. STBILLINGS	48	69	136 13	37.0	2.85	54	5	Jill Trabing	5	5	1.00	1		
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								Opponents	48	786	16.38	23		
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11 Aligia Caramian							##	RECEPT (by TA)	G	RE	RE/Gm	TA	Pct	
11 Alicia Cazemier 2 Ali Watson		240. 225.						Ali Watson	48	18	0.38	235	.923	
9 Jessica Bratton		194.						Nicole Kruse	48	16	0.33			
14 Jessica Lechner	48	93.					8		48	13	0.27			
7 Natalie Bills	48	66.						Alexis Sandru	48	4	0.08			
4 Alexis Sandru	48	55.					9	Jessica Bratton	48	6	0.12			
1 Nicole Kruse	48	19.					5	Jill Trabing	5	1	0.20			
8 Taylor Faught	48	11.						TEAM	48	4	0.08			
3 Katrina Solomon	9	4.						Alicia Cazemier	48	0	0.00			
5 Jill Trabing	5	3.	0 0.6	50				Jessica Lechner	48	0	0.00	2	1.000	
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