



# 2008 Montana State Billings Baseball RussMatt Invitational

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2008 Record: 1-3  
Home Record: 0-0  
Away/Neutral Record: 1-3  
2008 GNAC Record: 0-0  
Head Coach: Chris Brown  
(3rd Season 40-64)







## 2008 Schedule & Results

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME
2/22	vs. British Columbia\$	W, 3-2
2/22	at Lewis-Clark State\$	L, 18-5
2/23	vs. Western Oregon\$	L, 2-1
2/24	vs. Saint Martin's\$	L, 8-4
3/2	vs. Madonna^	1 p.m.
3/3	vs. St. Cloud State^	12 p.m.
3/3	vs. St. Cloud State^	2:30 p.m.
3/5	vs. Mayville State^	2 p.m.
3/6	vs. Madonna^	9:30 a.m.
3/6	vs. Madonna^	12 p.m.
3/7	vs. Mary^	9:30 a.m.
3/7	vs. Mary^	12 p.m.
3/15	at Saint Martin's*	1 p.m.
3/15	at Saint Martin's*	3:30 p.m.
3/16	at Saint Martin's*	12 p.m.
3/16	at Saint Martin's*	2:30 p.m.
3/22	at Central Washington*	12 p.m.
3/22	at Central Washington*	2:30 p.m.
3/23	at Central Washington*	12 p.m.
3/23	at Central Washington*	2:30 p.m.
3/25	Colorado Christian	12 p.m.
3/25	Colorado Christian	2:30 p.m.
3/26	Colorado Christian	12 p.m.
3/28	at Northwest Nazarene*	4 p.m.
3/28	at Northwest Nazarene*	6:30 p.m.
3/29	at Northwest Nazarene*	12 p.m.
3/29	at Northwest Nazarene*	2:30 p.m.
4/2	Dickinson State	2 p.m.
4/2	Dickinson State	4:30 p.m.
4/5	Western Oregon*	1 p.m.
4/5	Western Oregon*	3:30 p.m.
4/6	Western Oregon*	1 p.m.
4/6	Western Oregon*	3:30 p.m.
4/9	Mary	1 p.m.
4/9	Mary	3:30 p.m.
4/11	at Northern Colorado	2 p.m.
4/12	at Northern Colorado	1 p.m.
4/13	at Northern Colorado	12 p.m.
4/19	Saint Martin's*	1 p.m.
4/19	Saint Martin's*	3:30 p.m.
4/20	Saint Martin's*	1 p.m.
4/20	Saint Martin's*	3:30 p.m.
4/25	Northwest Nazarene*	1 p.m.
4/25	Northwest Nazarene*	3:30 p.m.
4/26	Northwest Nazarene*	1 p.m.
4/26	Northwest Nazarene*	3:30 p.m.
5/3	Central Washington*	1 p.m.
5/3	Central Washington*	3:30 p.m.
5/4	Central Washington*	1 p.m.
5/5	Central Washington*	3:30 p.m.
5/9	at Western Oregon*	1 p.m.
5/9	at Western Oregon*	3:30 p.m.
5/10	at Western Oregon*	12 p.m.
5/10	at Western Oregon*	2:30 p.m.

\* Great Northwest Athletic Conference Game  
\$ Lewis-Clark State Tournament (Lewiston, Idaho)  
^ RussMatt Invitational (Chandler, Ariz.)  
Times Local to Site



## MSUB HEADS TO ARIZONA FOR RUSSMATT INVITATIONAL

	<b>Montana State Billings</b> (1-3, 0-0 GNAC)		
	vs.	<b>Saint Cloud State</b>	<b>Mary</b>
	<b>Madonna University</b> (2-0)		
		<b>Mayville State</b>	<b>Madonna</b>

### IN THE BATTER'S BOX

MSUB heads to Arizona for the RussMatt Invitational where it will play eight games in five days. The Yellowjackets will see some Division II competition in Saint Cloud State and the University of Mary and some NAIA competition in Mayville State and Madonna University. MSUB's games will be in Chandler, Ariz. and Mesa, Ariz. during the week of March 1-8.

### ABOUT RUSSMATT INVITATIONAL

The RussMatt Invitational is a tournament where teams come from all over the country to play games in Arizona. The Yellowjackets will be playing eight games in five days against two NAIA teams and two NCAA Division II teams. MSUB will be playing in Chandler, Ariz. and Mesa, Ariz. during the week. The Greater Phoenix Invitational has hundreds of teams playing at sites throughout the Phoenix metro area throughout February, March and April.

### FANS CAN LISTEN TO GAMES

Yellowjacket fans can listen on the web to the games from Arizona. Log on to <http://www.teamline.cc/teampage?teamcode=3735> and you can listen to the games as there will be a player reporting the score throughout each game.

### SITES FOR RUSSMATT INVITATIONAL

The Yellowjackets will be playing at two different sites for the RussMatt Invitational. The first site is the Gene Autry complex at 4125 East McKellips Road, Mesa, AZ 85215 and the other site is the Snedigar Complex at 4500 South Basha Road, Chan-

andler, AZ 85248.

### THE SERIES'

The Yellowjackets have not faced any teams in this tournament since baseball added as a sport in 2006.

### MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

The Yellowjackets are looking to get back on the winning track after a 1-3 start at the Lewis-Clark State Tournament last weekend. The Yellowjackets got the season off to a good start with a 3-2 win over British Columbia, but struggled in the final three games, losing each one. Offensively, the Yellowjackets are hitting .206 compared to their opponents' .264 average. MSUB is led by Nick Rupert and Levi Johnson who each are batting .333. Rupert, Seth Moir and Matt Schoonover lead the team with four hits a piece. Rupert, Moir and Joe Via lead the team with two RBI's each. On the mound, the Yellowjackets have a 5.06 ERA compared to their opponents' 2.91. Cody Clark and James Lester pitched a masterful performance in the opener. The ERA's blossomed through the last three games. MSUB is in its third year of baseball since the program was reinstated in 2006. This is the first year that the Yellowjackets will be a part of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

The Crusaders enter the week with a 2-0 record after having their last game rained out. Madonna, an NAIA school out of Livonia, Mich. The Crusaders are led by Levi Cheshire who is batting .667 for the year with four hits, one home run and



one RBI. Patrick Kennny leads the team with two home runs and three RBI and is batting .429 on the young season. Sean Maher and Carl McDevitt each are 1-0 on the mound as the team has a 3.86 ERA as does its opponents.

**SAINT CLOUD STATE**

The Huskies bring a 2-2 record into the week. SCSU has had four games rained out already this season. Leading the way for SCSU this season is Bruce Thomson who is hitting .500 thus far. He leads the team with two hits and a double. The staff has an ERA of 9.69 on the year.

**MAYVILLE STATE**

The Comets enter the week with a 2-2 record. Mayville State is led by Erik Scott who is hitting a team-best .533 thus far. He also leads the team in hits with eight and doubles with five. Brock Gnadt is second on the team in batting average at .438. As a team, the Comets are hitting .263, while their opponents are hitting .319. On the mound, Mayville has a team ERA of 5.56 for the year. The Comets have had two solid pitching performances in their wins, but have struggled in their losses. Their opponents have a 5.14 ERA.

**MARY**

The Marauders enter the week with a 0-2 record and have had seven games rained out, including their last six. Mary hasn't played since a 6-5 loss to Colorado State-Pueblo Feb. 16. The Marauders are struggling hitting as they are batting just .177 on the year. Michael Feldman leads the team with three hits, a triple and a home

run. He also has a team-best three RBI. The pitching staff also has struggled this season with an ERA of 10.34. Teams are hitting .360 off Mary pitching as well.

**RECAPPING LAST WEEK**

The Yellowjackets got the season off to a good start with a 3-2 victory over British Columbia in the Lewis-Clark State Tournament last weekend, but dropped the final three games in the tournament to finish fourth. After the 3-2 win, MSUB dropped an 18-5 decision to Lewis-Clark State, the defending NAIA National Champion, and suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Great Northwest Athletic Conference member Western Oregon. The Yellowjackets then blew a 4-0 lead for an 8-4 loss to fellow GNAC member Saint Martin's to close the tournament.

**BROWN FAMILIAR WITH THE SCSU**

Head coach Chris Brown is familiar with St. Cloud State and has a 4-2 record against the Huskies. Brown was the head coach at Bemidji State and played against SCSU in the Northern Sun Conference.

**ERRORS PROVE COSTLY**

MSUB had 11 errors in the first four games of the season which proved to be very costly in the three losses. The 11 errors led to 12 runs, including the run that led WOU to a 2-1 victory over MSUB in the third game of the season. Despite the 11 errors, MSUB's opponents have committed 13. In the MSUB vs. SMU game on Sunday, the teams combined for 11 errors in the game.

**BATS NEED TO COME ALIVE**

The Yellowjackets' bats have been slow to start the season as the team is hitting just .206. Nick Rupert and Levi Johnson lead the team with a .333 average.

**WHERE ARE THE HOME RUNS?**

The Yellowjackets have not hit a home run through the first four games of the season. However, MSUB's opponents haven't gone deep either this year. Last season, it took MSUB 19 games to hit its first home run.

**FLEET OF FOOT**

The Yellowjackets are 3 of 4 in the stolen base department this season. Matt Schoonover, Jonathan Schlender and Jeff Ridgeway have each swiped a bag.

**LEFT STRANDED**

The Yellowjackets have left 41 on base in four games compared to 26 by their opponents.

**NEW FACES A PLENTY**

The Yellowjackets have a number of new faces this season. All but two position

players are new, including an entirely new outfield. Though most of the team is new, there is a lot of talent in the new players. Overall, MSUB has 17 new players.

**PIRTZ FIELD IS HOME IN 2008**

While renovation is being done on Cobb Field this season, the Yellowjackets will

**MSUB QUICK FACTS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**School:** Montana State Billings  
**Location:** Billings, Montana  
**Address:** 1500 University Drive  
**Enrollment:** 4,799  
**Founded:** 1927  
**Chancellor:** Dr. Ronald Sexton  
**Director of Athletics:** Dr. Gary Gray  
**FA:** Dr. Scott Harris  
**Conference:** Great Northwest Athletic  
**Nickname:** Yellowjackets  
**Colors:** Navy Blue and Gold  
**Ballpark:** Cobb Field, Pirtz Field (2008)

**TEAM INFORMATION**

**2007 Overall Record:** 24-26  
**2007 Heartland Conference:** 16-20  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 11/23  
**Starters R/L:** 2/7

**COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Chris Brown  
**Alma Mater:** Jamestown College  
**Career Record:** 68-126  
**School Record:** 39-61  
**Assistant Coach:** Luke Wheeler  
**G.A. Coach:** Jake Samuelson

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<b>MSUB's 2008 Team Stats</b>	
Record	1-3 (0-0 GNAC)
<b>HITTING</b>	
Batting Avg.	.206
Doubles	4
Triples	1
Home Runs	0
RBI	13
Slugging Pct.	.250
On-Base Pct.	.303
Stolen Bases	3-4
Fielding Pct.	.928
<b>PITCHING</b>	
ERA	5.06
Runs	30
Earned Runs	18
Strikeouts	21
Walks	20
Opp. Batting Avg.	.264

<b>GNAC Preseason Poll</b>		
<u>Rk.</u>	<u>Team (1st place votes)</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1.	Western Oregon (4)	28
2.	Central Washington (1)	20
3.	Montana State Billings	13
4.	Northwest Nazarene	10
5.	Saint Martin's	9



play all of their home games at Pirtz Field in Billings. MSUB will be back at Cobb Field in 2009.

### DIRECTIONS TO PIRTZ FIELD

From the University, take Rimrock Road West to 17th Street West. Turn south on 17th street and follow to Colton Blvd. Turn right onto Colton and follow to 24th Street West. Turn left on 24th Street and follow to Central. Turn right on Central and just West of Rimrock Mall will be Stewart Park on your left. Turn in and follow to Pirtz Field.

### JACKETS THIRD

The Yellowjackets were picked third in the preseason GNAC poll. Western Oregon was tabbed league favorite, followed by Central Washington, MSUB, Northwest Nazarene and Saint Martin's.

### 2008 OUTLOOK

Montana State Billings Yellowjackets baseball team is poised to begin its inaugural season in the Great Northwest Atlantic Conference under the direction of third-year head coach Chris Brown which was reinstated three years ago following an absence of 30 years. Assistant coach Luke Wheeler is in his second season with the program. The move to the GNAC comes on the heels of a fourth-place Yellowjacket finish in the Heartland Conference, with a 16-20 league record and overall season of 24-26 in 2007.

The excitement is palpable as the Yellowjackets prepare to compete in the GNAC against such teams as Central Washington, St. Martin's, Northwest Nazarene and Western Oregon University in conference play. Coach Brown believes the GNAC is a good fit for the 'Jackets, as it's geographically a little closer and levels the playing field by including teams that battle the same types of weather-related issues that MSUB regularly encounters.

Coach Brown sees the GNAC as a more hitter-dominant style of play than the Heartland. "Our move could be compared to going from the National League to the American League," said Brown. "We won't change the way we play, but will continue to play good defense and drive the ball gap to gap. We plan to stretch the defense offensively and come out aggressively on the base paths. Good pitching beats good hitting every day. All in all, it will be a good fit for us."

Despite losing all but two position players and a majority of the staff to graduation, the Yellowjackets return 11 letter winners from a year ago and four starters. While former shortstop talent Kyle Pryor, capable catcher Jake Samuelson, and outstanding pitcher Ben Lewerke will

be sorely missed this season, along with much of the Yellowjacket outfield, Brown is looking positively upon a solid core of returning veterans and an array of talented recruits.

"Defensively we should be able to pick it and throw it with anyone," said Brown. "We've got six to seven glove guys that can pick and throw, and in the outfield we shouldn't have many balls drop. Defense and our team speed is as good as any I have coached. We will be aggressive on the bases and look to steal when the opportunity presents itself."

Depth is also a strong point for the 2008 'Jackets. "On paper this is the most talent and depth we have had since I have been here," Brown said. "I honestly think we are two-deep at every position and that's a good thing when not having a lot of returners at a lot of positions."

MSUB returns its top two hitters off of that team and three of its top four pitchers in terms of earned run average (minimum 30 innings). Second baseman Matt Schoonover batted .378 and had four home runs and 24 RBI last season to earn first team Heartland all-conference honors, while first baseman Seth Moir, who started his career at Saint Martin's, hit .333 and had two home runs and 26 RBI.

Six pitchers return from MSUB's 2007 staff that had a 5.56 earned run average, including Brian Strom, who made nine starts and had a 4-5 record and 4.88 earned run average, and Jeremy Knowles, who started eight games and had a 1-4 record and 6.02 ERA.

Among the newcomers for the Yellowjackets are one four-year transfer and three JC all-stars. Junior College recruit, infielder Cole Pryor, earned conference and region MVP honors at Miles CC. Pryor, whose brother Kyle batted .328 and led the 'Jackets in stolen bases last season with 17, hit .301, scored 60 runs and drove in 33 for Miles.

### 2008 MSUB RECORD BREAKDOWN

Total	1-3
Conference	0-0
Non-Conf	1-3
Home	0-0
Away	0-1
Neutral	1-2
Day	1-3
Night	0-0
vs. Left	0-0
vs. Right	1-3
1-Run Games	1-1
2-Run Games	0-0
5+Run Games	0-1
Extra Innings	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
Scoring 0-2 Runs	0-1
Scoring 3-5 Runs	1-2
Scoring 6-9 Runs	0-0
Scoring 10+ Runs	0-0
Opponent 0-2 Runs	1-1
Opponent 3-5 Runs	0-0
Opponent 6-9 Runs	0-1
Opponent 10+ Runs	0-1
Scored in 1st Inning	1-1
Scored First	1-1
Opp. Scores First	0-2
After 6 leading	0-0
After 6 trailing	0-2
After 6 tied	1-1
After 7 leading	1-0
After 7 trailing	0-2
After 7 tied	0-0
After 8 leading	1-0
After 8 trailing	0-2
After 8 tied	0-0
Hit 0 home runs	1-3
Hit 1 home run	0-0
Hit 2+ home runs	0-0
Opponent 0 home runs	1-3
Opponent 1 home run	0-0
Opponent 2+ home runs	0-0
Made 0 Errors	0-0
Made 1 Error	1-1
Made 2+ Errors	0-2
Opponent Made 0 Errors	0-1
Opponent Made 1 Error	0-0
Opponent Made 2+ Errors	1-2
Out-hit opponent	0-2
Out-hit by opponent	0-1
Hits are tied	1-0





## Media Information

### Interviews:

All interviews with players and the coaching staff need to be cleared through the MSUB media relations office. If you wish to talk to a Yellowjacket player or head coach Chris Brown, please contact Kit Strief, Director of Operations and Media Relations at 406-657-2130 or kstrief@msubillings.edu.

### Media Brochures:

Media brochures will be available to working press only. Fans can purchase the media brochure as well. In addition, fans and media can pick up schedule cards as well at each home game.

### Statistics:

Statistics will be distributed to all working media on game day. A box score also will be available in the press box for working media following each home game. All information will be made available to fans and MSUB supporters through the school's official athletic website, [www.msubillings.edu/athletics](http://www.msubillings.edu/athletics).

## Projected Lineup

**C** - Steve Larson

**1B** - Seth Moir

**2B** - Cole Pryor

**SS** - Nick Rupert

**3B** - Matt Schoonover

**LF** - Jeff Ridgeway

**CF** - Jonathan Schlender

**RF** - Stefan Malkuch

**DH** - Joe Via

## Division Weekly II Poll

No.	Name	Record	Pts.	LW
1.	Mount Olive	16-1	480	2
2.	Ouachita Baptist	12-1	464	3
3.	Tampa	10-2	440	1
4.	Delta State	10-2	438	5
5.	Grand Valley State	2-0	406	7
6.	Franklin Pierce	0-0	398	6
7.	Francis Marion	14-2	394	9
8.	Armstrong Atlantic	7-0	370	T10
9.	UC San Diego	13-3	336	16
10.	West Alabama	12-3	334	12
11.	Georgia College	9-3	326	8
12.	Sonoma State	13-1	318	NR
13.	Central Oklahoma	11-2	284	T10
14.	USC Aiken	11-3	258	19
15.	Southern Arkansas	11-3	256	13
16.	Columbus State	11-5	242	15
17.	West Chester	3-0	234	20
18.	Emporia State	2-1	202	14
19.	Cal State Chico	8-4	196	4
20.	St. Edward's (Texas)	11-3	190	RV
21.	Minnesota State	0-0	164	17
22.	SIU Edwardsville	0-0	126	24
23.	Tusculum	8-5	124	27
24.	California (Pa.)	0-0	114	28
25.	Wayne State (Neb.)	3-1	68	RV
26.	Erskine	14-0	62	29
27.	Colo. State-Pueblo	7-3	40	RV
28.	Central Missouri	6-4	36	T30
29.	Southern Indiana	2-4	30	22
	Sipperry Rock	0-0	30	RV
	North Alabama	9-2	30	T30

**Receiving Votes:** Carson Newman (28), Nebraska-Omaha 26, Catawba 12, Bellarmine 4, New Mexico Highlands 2, West Virginia State 2, Mesa State 1, **Western Oregon 1**, Indianapolis 1, Northern Kentucky 1, Ashland 1, St. Mary's (Texas) 1, Texas A&M Kingsville 1, Abilene Christian 1, West Florida 1, Montevallo 1, Rollins 1, Barry 1, Florida Tech 1, Nova Southeastern 1, Florida Southern 1, Adelphi 1.

## GNAC Players of the Week

**Feb. 25** Eric Renadner (3B, WOU)  
Andrew Neisinger (P, SMU)



## UPCOMING GNAC SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Feb. 21

\$Saint Martin's vs. Lewis-Clark State, 1 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 22

\$British Columbia vs. MSUB, 10 a.m.

\$MSUB at Lewis-Clark State, 12:30 p.m.

\$Saint Martin's vs. Western Oregon, 3 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 23

Corban at Central Washington (2), 12 p.m.

\$Saint Martin's vs. British Columbia, 10 a.m.

\$Western Ore. at Lewis-Clark St., 12:30 p.m.

\$MSUB vs. Western Oregon, 3 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 24

\$MSUB vs. Saint Martin's, 10 a.m.

\$British Colum. vs. Western Ore., 12:30 p.m.

\$ denotes Lewis-Clark State Tournament (Lewiston, Idaho)

## 2008 GNAC BASEBALL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

Team	CONFERENCE				OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.
Northwest Nazarene	0	0	.000	--	6	0	1.000
Western Oregon	0	0	.000	--	9	8	.529
Saint Martin's	0	0	.000	--	4	4	.500
Central Washington	0	0	.000	--	3	7	.300
Montana State Billings	0	0	.000	--	1	3	.250



# Yellowjacket Coaching Staff

## Head Coach Chris Brown



Chris Brown is entering his third season at the helm of the Yellowjacket baseball program in 2007-2008. In his first season, the team went 15-35 overall and 13-27 in the

Heartland Conference. In the Jackets' second year of competition, they were 24-26 overall and 16-20 in the conference. He has a 39-61 record at MSUB and a career mark of 68-126.

Brown was the head coach for two seasons at Bemidji State University, a Division II school in Bemidji, Minn., but left the Beavers immediately to begin recruiting at MSU Billings. At Bemidji, Brown was the first coach in the program's 54 year history to post back-to-back seasons of more than 10 conference wins.

Before he was promoted to head coach in the summer of 2002 and was an assistant coach at Bemidji State for two years. As an assistant, he served as the team's recruiting coordinator and pitching coach. He spent one season as an assistant coach at Jamestown College (ND), where he was a pitcher for four years and graduated in 2000.

During the summers, Brown has taken USA baseball team of mostly college seniors who have completed their eligibility and did not get drafted overseas to compete in different tournaments. Most notably, he went to the World Down Under Games in Australia where his team won a gold medal. Over the summer, he has taken teams to Belgium, Prague, Holland and Aruba.

He and his wife Heather (Kelley) have one son named Brevik who is five months old.

four seasons as an assistant coach at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO, one season at National American University in Rapid City, SD, and one season as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma Christian University. While at OC, he received his bachelors degree in physical education.

Wheeler's playing experiences include two years at Seward County Community College. He then signed and played one year at the University of Southern Mississippi. After one year, he transferred to Oklahoma Christian University and finished his senior season.

Yellowjacket head coach Chris Brown says of Wheeler, "He is a Rapid City, SD, guy that is very familiar with this area and surrounding states. He was an integral part of the success that the Northeastern Junior College program has had over the last four years. He has stepped right in and made an immediate impact."

Originally from Rapid City, SD, Luke and his wife Angie, reside in Laurel, MT.

## Assistant Coach Luke Wheeler



Luke Wheeler is in his second season as the Yellowjacket baseball team's assistant coach in 2007-2008.

Wheeler's primary responsibilities include coaching the infielders and hitters.

Prior to coming to MSUB, Luke spent

### Brown's Career Record

Alderson-Broaddus	0-1
Ashland	0-1
Benedictine	0-1
British Columbia	1-0
Cameron	0-2
Central Missouri	0-1
Central Oklahoma	0-3
Central Washington	2-4
Concordia-St. Paul	4-4
Incarnate Word	4-12
Jamestown	1-3
Lewis-Clark State	0-1
Lincoln University	8-8
Lock Haven	0-1
Minnesota-Crookston	8-0
Minnesota-Duluth	1-7
Minnesota-Morris	3-1
Morningside	0-1
Mount Marty (SD)	0-2
North Dakota	1-4
North Dakota State	0-2
Northeastern State	0-1
Northern State	2-2
Northwest Nazarene	2-6
Oklahoma Panhandle State	10-2
Pittsburgh State	0-3
Sioux Falls	0-1
South Dakota	0-4
Southwest Minnesota State	1-5
St. Cloud State	4-2
St. Edward's	4-12
St. Martin's	0-1
St. Mary's (TX)	3-13
Stonehill	0-1
Texas A&M International	1-1
Texas-Permian Basin	4-0
Winona State	2-2
Wayne State (Mich.)	1-1
Wyane State (Neb.)	1-7
West Liberty	1-1
Western Oregon	0-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69-125</b>



# Montana State Billings Baseball

## 2008 Roster

### PITCHERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
3	Brian Howe	LHP	L/L	5-9	160	Fr.	Whitefish, Mont./Loyola Marymount
4	Triston Spehar	LHP	L/L	5-9	165	Fr.	Anaconda, Mont./Anaconda HS
6	Stefan Malkuch	OF/RHP	R/R	6-1	175	Jr.	Kalispell, Mont./Spokane Falls CC
7	Nathan Herbig	RHP	R/R	6-2	175	Sr.	Noxon, Mont./Miles CC
10	James Lester	LHP	L/L	6-2	180	Jr.	Missoula, Mont./Miles CC
13	Leo Hansen	RHP	R/R	6-2	185	Sr.	Florence, Mont./Rocky Mountain College
15	Brian Strom	LHP	R/L	6-1	175	Jr.	Littleton, Colo./Regis University
17	Nick Harris	INF/RHP	R/R	6-0	185	Jr.	Helena, Mont./Miles CC
19	Hap Purden	RHP	R/R	5-10	155	Sr.	Wilsonville, Ore./Clackamas CC
20	Steve Scott	LHP	L/L	6-3	200	Jr.	Billings, Mont./Chapman Univeristy
28	Andy Barham	OF/RHP	R/R	6-4	230	Jr.	Bozeman, Mont./Columbia Basin CC
29	Jeremy Knowles	RHP	R/R	6-1	205	Sr.	Three Forks, Mont./Miles CC
30	Cody Clark	RHP	R/R	6-1	190	So.	Billings, Mont./Jamestown College
31	Bobby Henderson	RHP	R/R	6-1	240	Jr.	Frenchtown, Mont./Jamestown College
34	Chase Castloo	RHP	R/R	5-11	190	Fr.	Havre, Mont./Havre HS

### CATCHERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
14	Steve Larson	C	R/R	6-0	210	Jr.	Ronan, Mont./Miles CC
24	Patch Wirtzberger	C/OF	L/R	6-0	175	So.	Havre, Mont./Havre HS
25	Joe Via	C	R/R	5-11	215	Jr.	Helper, Utah/College of Eastern Utah

### INFIELDERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
1	Bryce Thomas	INF	R/R	5-7	160	Jr.	Billings, Mont./Rocky Mountain College
2	Cole Pryor	INF	R/R	5-9	165	Jr.	Billings, Mont./Miles CC
8	Matt Schoonover	INF	R/R	5-11	165	So.	Great Falls, Mont./CM Russell HS
12	Kyle Ailes	INF	R/R	6-0	185	So.	Bozeman, Mont./Bozeman HS
16	Levi Johnson	UTL	R/R	6-0	180	Jr.	Great Falls, Mont./Miles CC
18	Ryan Duncan	INF	R/R	5-8	165	Fr.	Kuna, Idaho/Kuna HS
21	Seth Moir	INF	L/R	6-1	185	Sr.	Cody, Wyo./Saint Martin's College
22	Nick Rupert	INF	R/R	6-1	170	Jr.	Bozeman, Mont./Minnesota State-Mankato
26	Matt Kakalecik	INF	R/R	6-2	205	So.	Great Falls, Mont./CM Russell HS

### OUTFIELDERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
5	Jonathan Schlender	OF	R/R	6-2	200	Jr.	Bozeman, Mont./Columbia Basin CC
9	Tyler Nelson	OF	R/R	6-3	180	Jr.	Helper, Utah/College of Eastern Utah
23	Jeff Ridgeway	OF	L/R	6-0	190	Fr.	Billings, Mont./College of Southern Idaho
32	Nathan Enslow	OF	R/R	6-1	200	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska/University of Charleston

**Head Coach:** 27 - Chris Brown (3rd year)

**Assistant Coach:** 33 - Luke Wheeler (2nd year)

**Graduate Assistant Coach:** Jake Samuelson (1st year)



# 2008 YELLOWJACKET BASEBALL SEASON HIGHS

		TEAM
<b>Batting</b>		
At Bats:	39	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Runs Scored:	5	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Hits:	8	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
	8	vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
RBI's:	5	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Doubles:	2	vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Triples:	1	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Home runs:	0	N/A
Total bases:	11	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Walks:	7	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
Strikeouts:	8	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Sac hits:	1	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
Sac flies:	0	N/A
Stolen bases:	2	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Hit by pitch:	3	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Caught stealing:	1	vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Runners LOB:	12	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	12	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Hit into DP:	1	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	1	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
<b>Fielding</b>		
Putouts:	27	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	27	vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Assists:	12	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	12	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Errors:	5	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Passed balls:	1	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	1	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
	1	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
DP's turned:	2	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
<b>Pitching</b>		
Innings pitched:	9.0	vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	9.0	vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Runs allowed:	18	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Earned runs:	13	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Walks allowed:	8	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Strikeouts:	8	vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Hits allowed:	14	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Doubles allowed:	5	at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Triples allowed:	0	N/A
Home runs allowed:	0	N/A
Wild pitches:	3	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Hit batters:	4	vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)

		INDIVIDUAL
<b>Batting</b>		
At Bats:	5	5 Games
Runs Scored:	2	Cole Pryor, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Hits:	2	Nick Rupert, vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
	2	Cole Pryor, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
RBI's:	2	Joe Via, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
Doubles:	1	4 Games
Triples:	1	Jeff Ridgeway, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Home runs:	0	N/A
Total bases:	3	Jeff Ridgeway, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Walks:	2	Nick Rupert, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
Strikeouts:	2	Steve Larson, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	2	Tyler Nelson, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
Sac hits:	1	Nick Rupert, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
Sac flies:	0	N/A
Stolen bases:	1	Jeff Ridgeway, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	1	Cole Pryor, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
	1	Jonathan Schlender, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Hit by pitch:	2	Matt Kakalecik, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Caught stealing:	1	Nick Rupert, vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Runners LOB:	6	Nick Rupert, vs. Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
<b>Fielding</b>		
Putouts:	10	Seth Moir, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	10	Steve Larson, vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Assists:	5	Matt Schoonover, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
Errors:	2	Matt Schoonover, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
	2	Nick Rupert, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Passed balls:	1	Steve Larson, vs. British Columbia (2/22/08)
	1	Steve Larson, vs. Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
	1	Joe Via, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
<b>Pitching</b>		
Innings pitched:	6.2	Steve Scott, vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Runs allowed:	6	Hap Purden, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
	6	Brian Howe, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Earned runs:	6	Brian Howe, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
	6	Hap Purden, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Walks allowed:	5	Brian Howe, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Strikeouts:	6	Steve Scott, vs. Western Oregon (2/23/08)
Hits allowed:	7	Brian Howe, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Doubles allowed:	4	Hap Purden, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
Triples allowed:	0	N/A
Home runs allowed:	0	N/A
Wild pitches:	3	Triston Spehar, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)
Hit batters:	2	Nick Harris, at Lewis-Clark State (2/22/08)
	2	Brian Strom, vs. Saint Martin's (2/24/08)





# Montana State Billings Baseball

## 2008 Season Statistics

Montana State Billings  
 Overall Statistics for Montana St. Billings (as of Feb 27, 2008)  
 (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 1-3 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-1 Neutral: 1-2 GNAC: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
22 Rupert, Nick.....	.333	4-4	12	2	4	0	0	0	2	4	.333	2	0	1	0	.429	0	1	0-1	8	10	3	.857
16 Johnson, Levi....	.333	3-1	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
21 Moir, Seth.....	.286	4-4	14	0	4	0	0	0	2	4	.286	3	0	3	0	.412	0	0	0-0	31	2	1	.971
14 Larson, Steve....	.273	4-3	11	1	3	2	0	0	0	5	.455	0	0	3	0	.273	0	0	0-0	17	5	2	.917
23 Ridgeway, Jef....	.273	4-4	11	2	3	1	1	0	0	6	.545	1	2	2	0	.429	0	0	1-1	4	0	0	1.000
8 Schoonover, Matt.	.235	4-4	17	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	.235	0	1	1	0	.278	0	0	0-0	1	9	2	.833
2 Pryor, Cole.....	.188	4-4	16	4	3	0	0	0	1	3	.188	2	0	3	0	.278	0	0	1-1	14	9	1	.958
26 Kakalecik, Matt..	.167	2-2	6	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	.333	0	2	1	1	.375	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
5 Schlender, Jonath	.125	4-4	16	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.125	2	0	0	0	.222	0	0	1-1	9	0	0	1.000
6 Malkuch, Stefan..	.111	2-2	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.111	0	0	1	0	.111	0	0	0-0	6	2	0	1.000
25 Via, Joe.....	.091	3-3	11	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	.091	1	1	1	1	.231	0	0	0-0	3	1	1	.800
9 Nelson, Tyler....	.000	2-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.167	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
12 Ailes, Kyle.....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
24 Wirtzberger, Patc	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
1 Thomas, Bryce....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.206	4-4	136	13	28	4	1	0	13	34	.250	13	6	22	2	.303	0	1	3-4	96	45	11	.928
Opponents.....	.264	4-4	121	30	32	8	0	0	19	40	.331	20	7	21	3	.393	2	2	7-11	102	39	13	.916

LOB - Team (41), Opp (26). DPs turned - Team (4), Opp (2). Picked off - Pryor 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
30 Clark, Cody.....	0.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	12	.000	0	0	0	0	0
6 Malkuch, Stefan..	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	7	.143	0	0	0	0	0
31 Henderson, Bobby.	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	.167	0	0	0	0	0
28 Barham, Andy.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	.000	0	1	0	0	0
7 Herbig, Nathan...	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0
20 Scott, Steve.....	1.35	0-1	1	1	0	0/0	0	6.2	6	2	1	4	6	1	0	0	24	.250	0	0	1	0	0
15 Strom, Brian.....	1.59	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.2	4	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	19	.211	0	2	0	0	1
10 Lester, James....	1.80	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	0	17	.294	2	0	0	1	1
3 Howe, Brian.....	13.50	0-1	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	7	6	6	5	1	0	0	0	16	.438	0	1	0	1	0
4 Spehar, Triston..	13.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	.200	3	1	0	0	0
13 Hansen, Leo.....	27.00	0-1	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0	0
19 Purden, Hap.....	81.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	6	6	6	0	0	4	0	0	8	.750	0	0	0	0	0
17 Harris, Nick.....	99.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0		1	2	0	0	0
Totals.....	5.06	1-3	4	4	0	0/0	0	32.0	32	30	18	20	21	8	0	0	121	.264	6	7	1	2	2
Opponents.....	2.91	3-1	4	4	0	0/0	1	34.0	28	13	11	13	22	4	1	0	136	.206	2	6	0	0	1

PB - Team (3), Larson 2, Via 1. Pickoffs - Team (1), Larson 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - Larson (5-8), Lester (2-3), Scott (2-3), Strom (1-2), Malkuch (1-2), Via (2-2), Spehar (1-1).





# Montana State Billings Baseball

## 2008 Season Results

Montana State Billings

Game Results for Montana St. Billings (as of Feb 27, 2008)

(All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r h e/ r h e	Inns	Overall	GNAC	Pitcher of record	Attend Time
Feb 22, 2008	vs British Columbia	W 3-2	3 5 1/ 2 5 3	9	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	Clark (W 1-0)	110 2:12
Feb 22, 2008	at Lewis-Clark State	5-18 L	5 7 4/18 14 4	7	1- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Howe (L 0-1)	165 2:20
Feb 23, 2008	vs Western Oregon	1-2 L	1 8 1/ 2 7 0	9	1- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	Scott (L 0-1)	75 2:29
Feb 24, 2008	vs Saint Martin's	4-8 L	4 8 5/ 8 6 6	9	1- 3- 0	0- 0- 0	Hansen (L 0-1)	115 2:55

() extra inning game

