

MEN'S GOLF

2012-13

Montana State Billings

Yellowjackets Add Two From Montana To Golf Roster (6/13/12)

Montana products Taylor Hanks and Wyatt Nielson have signed to play golf next season for Montana University Billings.

Hanks (5-11, Fr., Wolf Point, MT) earned four varsity letters in both golf and football while earning three letters in basketball at Wolf Point.

In golf, he was named the team's Most Valuable Player three years in a row (2010-12). He was also a two-time all-conference selection in 2011 and 2012. As a senior, Hanks posted an 81 stroke-count average and won the Harlem Invite.

Away from the links, he earned all-conference and all-state plaudits in basketball as a senior and was also an all-conference selection in football.

Nielson (6-6, Fr., Bozeman, MT) was one of the most sought after prospects from the state of Montana this year. He set two school records during his senior season en route to earning his second all-state honor of his career. His 71.9 stroke-count average per 18 holes this past season set a new school record in the category.

In a 36-hole tournament at Fairmont, he shot a six-under 138 (73, 65) to set the school mark in that category.

Nielson was a seven-time runner up in high school events and recorded top-five finishes in every tournament he participated in as a senior. He also recorded a pair of seven-under par 68s, once this season and once as a junior.

During his junior season, his team finished third at the State AA Championship. The team also was a four-time champion of the Bozeman Dual.

Western Washington

Woodinville's Lindor To Play Golf for Vikings (11/23/11)

Kyle Lindor, a senior at Woodinville High School, has signed a national letter of intent to play men's golf at Western Washington University.

Lindor was the KingCo 4A titlist this fall, winning by four strokes, and has qualified for the state championship in May. "Kyle is a fine young player who has a bright future at Western," said Viking coach Steve Card.

Lindor, the school's team captain and MVP for the second straight year, was a first-team all-KingCo League pick. He received honorable mention as a junior and was a second-team choice as a sophomore.

Lindor was voted Woodinville's Rookie of the Year as a freshman on a team that went undefeated and won the KingCo championship.

2011-12

Montana State Billings

Yellowjackets Add Two Golfers (4/12/11)

Marcus Drange and Peter "P.J." Thomas have completed institutional letters of intent to attend Montana State Billings and play golf next year for the Yellowjackets.

Drange, a native of Billings, attended Billings West High School where he lettered as a senior with three Top 10 finishes and finished sixth in the State AA Tournament. He earned all-state honors and was West High School's Most Improved Player.

While in high school, Drange was a manager on the basketball team where he earned four letters and had a basketball award named in his honor. He also earned two letters in the symphonic band.

He has played in the Montana Amateur Championship each of the last three years, placing 16th overall in the championship flight last year at Yellowstone Country Club. Drange also competed in the Gallatin Valley Open Championship at Cottonwood Hills Golf Course in September, 2010, where he finished with a final round 69 for 2-under for the championship.

Drange spent the last two years at Montana State as he was on the Dean's List as a freshman and will continue his pursuit of a degree in health and human performance.

Thomas, a native of Riverton, Wyo., prepped at Riverton High School and attended the University of Wyoming for one year. While in high school, Thomas was the 4-A West Conference champion in 2008 and was a three-time all-conference and all-state selection. He had 15 top 15 finishes including four wins, 10 top five finishes and 15 top 10 finishes. He fired a low-round of 68 at the Riverton Invitational in August, 2009.

Academically, Thomas also excelled as he was named Vice President of National Honor Society at Riverton High School and earned two academic awards and was member of the honor roll all four years with a 3.95 grade point average.

MSUB Signs Three Golfers To National Letters (11/16/10/Updated 5/26/11)

Three golfers - Gage Huft, Houston Bradbury and Eric Gravbrot - have signed National Letters of Intent to play golf for Montana State Billings in 2011-12.

"These three student-athletes will be a fantastic addition to our growing golf program," said MSUB coach Shawn O'Brien. "I feel fortunate to have found such great golf talent and individual social and academic skills, which all three of these players have displayed."

Huft is a bright talent that will bring a lot of golf success from his experiences playing in national competitions. The Idaho Falls, Idaho, native was a member, and low scorer, of Idaho's 2010 Hogan Cup team, which competes nationally with all other 50 states.

Huft was also a member of the Idaho team that competed at the 2010 America's Cup. He was named as the Southern Idaho Boys Golf Athlete of the Year in 2010, and won the district championship for the second time as an individual and team earlier this season. Huft also won 3A state medalist honors and helped his team to a second place finish at the Idaho 3A state championships.

During his career, Huft has also won medalist honors at the state 3A tournament in 2009 and won medalist honors at districts in 2009 and 2008. Huft placed fourth in 2009 and third in 2008 at the IGA state tournament as well.

Bradbury is a Billings native that attends Billings Skyview High School. He was a four year letterwinner for former MSUB basketball standout, Cass Ioane. Bradbury earned all-state honors in 2008 and 2009 after competing at the state championships for the Falcons.

A native of Yakima, Wash., Gravbrot also brings plenty of talent to the MSUB roster. He earned Yakima Herald Republic honors from 2008 through 2010. He was also the West Valley High School boy's golf points champion from 2008 through 2010.

During his junior season, Gravbrot shot an average of 74.2 per rounds played. He was the 2010 Nature Valley Men's Amateur TPC at Scottsdale winner, and has shot three tournament rounds in the 60s. Over this past summer Gravbrot had a scoring average of 74.6.

In his senior season, Gravbrot captured the Washington State 3A title with a 7-under 137 at the MeadowWood Golf Course in Liberty Lake, Wash.

Western Washington

Two College Transfers, High School Senior To Play for Vikings

Three players - Broc Johnson, who graduated from Todd Beamer High School and currently is attending Green River CC; Jack Kelly, who is a senior at Mount Si High School; and Dylan Stensland, a Snohomish High School graduate who is attending Cascadia College (Bothell) following a year at College of the Desert (Calif.) - have signed national letters-of-intent to play golf at Western Washington University.

"They're all going to have an immediate impact on our program, and come in next year and challenge to play in the top five," said Western coach Steve Card (18th year). "They're all very polished players who will help us continue the level of success that we've enjoyed of late."

Johnson was a first-team South Puget Sound League all-star all four years at Todd Beamer. He was the district and Class 4A state runner-up in both 2008 and 2010.

A three-time team MVP, Johnson competed in the 2008 Junior America's Cup.

Kelly won the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Public Links championship last summer. He will make his fourth straight Class 3A state tournament appearance this spring after placing 18th in 2010, seventh in 2009 and 32nd in 2008.

Kelly, who helped Mount Si to the state title in 2009, qualified for the Callaway Junior Worlds that same year, and received the Joan Teats Inspirational Award given out by the Washington Junior Golf Association.

Kelly earned first-team KingCo League all-star honors three times.

Stensland was a Foothill Conference all-star at College of the Desert last year. He competed at the Class 4A state tournament all four years at Snohomish, tying for first-place and losing in a three-way playoff as a senior while helping the Panthers to the state championship.

Stensland, who tied for 14th at the Junior America's Cup in 2009, placed among the top three at district three times, winning as a freshman. He was a four-time Western Conference all-star, being named to the first-team three times and being a second-team pick as a junior.

2010-11

Montana State Billings

Yellowjacket Golf Adds Seven Recruits for 2010-11

Seven players - four women and three men - have committed to play golf for Montana State Billings in the 2010-11 season.

On the women's side the signees are Capri Ingram, BreAnna Cameron, Melissa Saken and Billings native, Kai Yamamoto.

The men's side features Bradley Harrelson, Jeffrey Dalton and Jake Lettman. Billings native Mac Keating and Ryan Graham of Buffalo, Wyo., signed early.

Yamamoto prepped at Billings Senior where she was an academic all-state selection her junior and senior years. She played varsity for three years and she helped lead her team to a third place finish at state in 2009.

Cameron, a native of Whitefish, Mont., lettered all four years in golf and one in track. She was an all-state selection each year and placed ninth at state individually in 2006, eighth in 2007, second in 2008 and sixth in 2009.

In addition, she helped lead her team to two state team titles in 2006 and 2007 and a runner-up finish in 2008.

Ingram hails from Livingston, Mont., where she attended Park Senior High School. There, she lettered all four years in golf, two in basketball and two in track.

She finished second individually at state her junior year and first at divisionals. Her senior season, she finished second at divisionals and was an all-state selection as a junior and senior.

During her senior year, she finished first in four tournaments carding a low-round score of 73 at the PGA Sectional. She fired a 75 at the Riverside Invitational, 77 at Cottonwood Hills and a 78 at the Gallatin Valley Championship.

Saken, a native of Peers, Alberta, Canada, prepped at Parkland Composite High School where she competed in numerous CJGA (Canada Junior Golf Association) tournaments.

In 2009, she earned the CJGA Junior Girls Order of Merit and was selected to play on Team West for the Lipton Brisk Canada Cup in Toronto, Ontario. She also was selected by the PGA of Alberta to play in the Junior Masters in 2008 and 2009.

Harrelson, a native of Snoqualmie, Wash., prepped at Mount Si High School where he became the only player at Mount Si to compete all four years in the Washington State championships.

As a freshman, he had a nine-hole stroke average of 37.8 and was medalist in three of nine matches. He finished 27th of 80 players at state. As a sophomore, he finished 15th of 80 at state and earned medalist honors five times.

His junior year he helped lead his team to the state title and he finished ninth individually at state and earned medalist honors in six matches.

As a senior he was named first team All-King County and is captain of his team. He qualified for the WIAA state tournament which will be held the last week of May.

Yellowjackets Sign Two State Champions (11/19/09)

Timothy "Mac" Keating and Ryan Graham have signed letters-of-intent to play golf for Montana State University Billings.

Keating, a native of Billings and West High School, helped lead his team to a state championship in 2009. It was the fourth team state championship Keating has helped his team win.

Individually, Keating finished fourth at state in 2009 and had a stroke average of 77. He earned the Coaches' Award and all-state honors.

Graham hails from Buffalo, Wyo., where he lettered in golf all four years and won an individual state championship in 2009. He had a 73.8 stroke average, earning all-conference and all-state honors. He earned three all-conference awards and was a two-time all-state selection.

Northwest Nazarene

Crusaders Sign Two More For 2010-11 Golf Season (4/28/10)

Brock Sargent and Tyler Tompkins have each signed National Letter-of-Intent to attend Northwest Nazarene University and play golf for the Crusaders next fall.

Sargent, a senior at Centennial High School in Gresham, Ore., won twice last summer during his play in the Oregon Golf Association (OGA) Junior Series, taking or sharing medalist honors at both the Buffalo Peak Junior (74) and Sandpines Junior (74) tournaments.

Currently playing for Centennial High, Brock posted his highest finish at the Mt. Hood League Invitational, finishing third in the event played at Rose City Golf Course earlier in April.

Tompkins, a senior at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Ore., finished tied for 30th at the 2009 Oregon 6A Boys Golf State Championships and posted three Top-10 finishes during OGA Junior Series play last summer.

In action for Reynolds High this spring, Tyler carded a season-low 3-under-par 69 last week in finishing second at

the Liberty Invitational, played on Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club's Ghost Creek layout in North Plains, Ore.

Hanacek To Play Golf With Crusaders (4/27/10)

Thomas Hanacek, a senior at Lincoln High School in Portland, Ore., has signed a National Letter-of-Intent with Northwest Nazarene University.

Hanacek was the Portland Interscholastic League (PIL) champion as a sophomore (1-under par 71) and tied for first as a junior (3-over par 75), losing on the second playoff hole to finish as the runner-up last spring.

Following the PIL Championships, Thomas tied for ninth at the 2009 Oregon 6A Boys Golf State Championships, which included a second round 71 at the par-72, 6,873-yard Emerald Valley Golf Club in Creswell, Ore.

Thomas tied for 17th at the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Men's Amateur Public Links Championship last summer. His rounds of 2-under par 70 and 76 over the par-72, 7,030-yard Trysting Tree Golf Club, located in Corvallis, Ore., highlighted his junior play last summer.

"Thomas will make an immediate impact on our team next year," NNU coach Craig Stensgaard said. "He brings extensive junior golf experience and a solid academic foundation with him to campus next fall. We are excited that Thomas chose NNU to both receive his education and play college golf."

Western Washington

Vikings Add Transfer From University of Washington (8/20/10)

Dylan Goodwin, who lettered one year at the University of Washington, is transferring to Western Washington University.

A 6-foot, 145-pound sophomore, Goodwin played in two tournaments for the Huskies, tying for 35th place at the Husky Invitational during the 2008-09 season when he received a medical redshirt and tying for 45th place at the Palouse Collegiate during the 2009-10 campaign. In six competitive rounds at Washington, Goodwin averaged 76.0 strokes.

Born in South Africa, the 20-year-old Goodwin lived in Indonesia and England before locating in Mukilteo where he attended Kamiak High School.

In 2008, Goodwin tied for third place at the Class 4A state tournament in his third appearance, helping Kamiak to the state title.

A first-team all-Western Conference South Division selection for the fourth straight year, he won the 16-team Tom Dolan Memorial Tournament, shooting an 8-under par 64 at the Everett Golf and Country Club, and placed second at the Bill Egbers Memorial Tournament, firing a tourney record 65 in the final round.

Goodwin was runner-up at the Pacific Northwest Golf Association tournament in 2007, placed second at the U.S. Junior Amateur qualifier and was a member of Washington's Hogan Cup team.

Vikings Add Prep Standout From Kamiak (7/28/10)

Mark Strickland, a 2010 graduate of Kamiak High School in Mukilteo, will play golf at Western Washington University beginning this fall.

Strickland tied for fifth individually at the Class 4A state tournament in May after qualifying by winning the District 1 title in a playoff. It was his third straight state appearance.

Strickland helped Kamiak to the Western Conference South Division championship as a senior, and won the prestigious Bill Egbers Memorial Golf Tournament.

2009-10

Montana State Billings

Two Montana Freshmen To Play for Yellowjackets (8/17/09)

Freshman K.C. Kindle from Malta, Mont., and Aaren Remus from Great Falls, Mont., will play golf this fall and spring for Montana State Billings.

Kindle lettered all four years in goal and was a four-time all-state selection at Malta. During his senior year, he was the district and divisional champion and tied for seventh at state. He finished in the top 10 in state each of his four years.

Kindle helped lead his team to a second place finish at state in 2006, third place in 2007 and second in 2008. He also was a three year letterwinner in football and helped lead his team to the state championship in 2007.

Remus prepped at C.M. Russell High School where he played both golf and baseball. He was a three year varsity starter in golf and was team captain for three years. He was named Most Valuable Player in 2008/2009 and was an all-state selection those same years.

Northwest Nazarene

Crusaders Sign La Center Product (6/2/09)

Tanner Roggenkamp has signed a National Letter-of-Intent to attend Northwest Nazarene and play golf for the Crusaders this fall.

Roggenkamp will join the Crusaders from La Center, Wash. where he is a senior at La Center High School. Finishing tied for seventh at the 2009 Washington 1A State Golf Championships in May, Tanner fired rounds of 74-70 over the par-72 Columbia Point Golf Club in Richland, Wash.

"We are excited to add Tanner to our team," NNU golf coach Craig Stensgaard said. "He has the great combination of intense competitiveness and a relaxed personality that will make him a solid teammate and a successful collegiate golfer."

Roggenkamp qualified for the Washington 1A State Golf Championships all three years of his high school career and is a multi-sport prep athlete at La Center High, earning first-team All-Trico League honors on the basketball court this season.

Tanner becomes the second Roggenkamp to wear the Red and Black, joining his sister Brittney, who will be a senior forward on the NNU women's basketball team next season.

Saint Martin's

Whealdon, Jordan to Play Golf For Saints (11/19/08)

Jack Whealdon and Tre Jordan have signed National Letters of Intent to play golf at Saint Martin's University.

"I am pleased to have acquired Jack and Tre to our 2009-10 roster. Both are great students and fine players who hold a high respect for the game of golf," said first-year coach Kevin Bishop.

"Both have the competitiveness I'm looking for and will fit in well with our returning players on and off the course. I couldn't be more pleased with these early signings."

Whealdon, a standout from Ilwaco High School, finished second in the Washington Junior Golf Association State Championship this year. The two previous years he tied for 10th and sixth. He has also finished second at the WIAA 1A State Championships the past two years.

Whealdon also led team Washington in the 40 th Hogan Cup, at one over par 145, to a fourth place finish. "Jack is one of the top junior players in the NW having played on last year's Junior America Cup Team representing Washington and is consistently a high finisher in amateur tournaments," said Bishop.

Jordan is out of Syracuse High School in Syracuse, Utah. He was a member of the team that finished in third at the 5A State Championships this season after being the runners-up in 07-08. He was also honored with the All-Region Academic Athlete award.

Jordan has first place finishes at the Glen Eagle Amateur, the Footjoy Open and the Lakeside Junior Tournament.

"Tre plays for a fine 5A high school golf team and has placed well at state each year. He has a great work ethic and desire and will only get better and better," said Bishop.

Western Washington

Vikings Get Transfer From Washington State (6/24/09)

Xavier Dailly, a graduate of Burlington-Edison High School, is transferring from Washington State University and will play golf at Western Washington University this fall.

Dailly, 21, had a 76.1 scoring average this past season as a sophomore for the Cougars. He lettered two years and was twice a WSU Academic All-Excellence award winner. Dailly, who is majoring in finance, maintained a 3.85 grade point average (4.0 scale) at WSU.

The 5-foot-10 Dailly averaged 76.4 strokes as a freshman, competing in the PAC-10 Championships. He was a redshirt the previous season.

At Burlington-Edison, Dailly was a four-time, first-team Northwest League all-star. He qualified for the Class 3A state tournament as a freshman and placed among the top 15 at state as a junior, being the Tigers' team captain as a junior and senior.

Dailly, who tied for ninth at the 2007 Pacific Northwest Golf Association Men's Amateur, was valedictorian of his senior class and Associated Student Body President.

Ayotte Signs With Western Washington (11/19/08)

Sam Ayotte, a sophomore at Southwestern Oregon CC, has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Vikings next fall.

Ayotte earned NWAACC Western Region all-star honors as a freshman at SWOCC, helping the Lakers to the regional championship.

Last summer, Ayotte placed ninth at the Oregon State Men's Stroke Play Championships, tied for 31st at the U.S. Amateur Qualifier and tied for 13th in the stroke play portion of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Men's Amateur Championships.

"He's an experienced player, coming from a community college, who should make an immediate impact on our team," said Card. "He's a hard worker and very dedicated to his game."

Ayotte is a 2006 graduate of Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis, Ore. He lettered there in golf three years, playing on a team that placed fourth at the Class 4A state championships as a senior.

2008-09 Recruits

Northwest Nazarene

Grunig To Play For Crusaders (8/4/08)

Zach Grunig, from Eagle High School, has signed a National Letter-of-Intent to attend Northwest Nazarene and play golf for the Crusaders.

Grunig helped the Mustangs capture the 2008 Idaho 5A state championship this past spring and was also a part of three straight Idaho 5A District III championship teams. As a sophomore, he finished fifth overall at the 5A state championships, following the first of the three district team titles.

"To say that I am excited that Zach has chosen NNU is an understatement," NNU coach Craig Stensgaard said. "Zach is both a gifted player and a terrific student and I am really looking forward to his career at NNU."

In competition this summer, Grunig finished tied for 12th at the 2008 Idaho State Amateur Championship, held at Blackfoot Golf Course and has also been the medalist in three Idaho Junior Golf events this summer (Falcon Crest GC - 73, Warm Springs GC - 68, Shadow Valley GC - 69).

"Zach had a great spring with his Eagle High School team and has followed it up with some excellent play this summer," Stensgaard added. "The experience he has gained over the last three months is great and will serve him well this year. He will be a factor for us right away."

Most recently, Grunig finished tied for third at the Treasure Valley Junior Championships held at Spurwing Country Club in Boise, firing rounds of 69 and 72 to finish one-stroke back of the leader. Heading into the Idaho Junior State Championships he is ranked third overall on the 2008 Idaho Junior State Rankings list released on July 28th.

Western Washington

Two Sign To Play Golf For Vikings (11/21/07)

Sandy Vaughan, a senior at O'Dea High School in Seattle, and Jake Webb, a senior at Skyline High School in Issaquah, have each signed national letters of intent to play golf at Western Washington University.

Last summer Vaughan placed third at the Washington Junior Golf Association Championships after finishing first at sub-district and second at district. He won the Metro League fall championship and has been the Jefferson Park Golf Course Men's Club champion the last three years.

Webb finished second at the WJGA state championship in 2007 and fifth in 2005. He is a three-time KingCo league all-star, placing ninth at the 2006 Class 4A state championship,

and was a quarterfinalist at the 2007 Pacific Northwest Golf Association Boys Amateur.

2007-08 Recruits

MSU Billings

Three Golfers Sign With Yellowjackets (5/21/07)

Three Montana prep golfers have signed letters of intent to play for Montana State University Billings next season. Men's player Paul Johns of Anaconda and women's players Shayla Couture of Ronan and Lindsay Erickson of Clancy will become Yellowjackets in the fall.

Johns lettered four years at Anaconda High School. He placed sixteenth at this year's Class A state tournament, posting rounds of 79 and 77. Johns was a divisional champion in 2005 and earned all-conference honors in 2004 and 2005. The Copperheads won divisional titles in 2004 and 2005.

"MSU Billings appealed to me because it had both the academic and athletic programs I was interested in," said Johns. "I have looked over the golf program, and I think I will really enjoy it. I also enjoy the small campus along with the small class sizes."

Couture lettered three times in golf, four times in basketball, and once in softball at Ronan High School. She led the Maidens to a fourth place team finish at the state meet with rounds of 85 and 88. Couture earned all-state honors twice, placing fifth at the Class A state tournament as a senior and ninth as a junior. She had an 85 average this season and won three tournaments.

"I wanted to attend a home state college," said Couture. "MSU Billings is a smaller, friendlier college. I was looking to play golf, and MSUB offered me the opportunity."

Erickson lettered four years at Helena High School. She helped the Bengals to runner-up finishes at the state tournament in 2003 and 2004. As a senior, Erickson was the Bengals' team MVP, placing second at the Class AA state tourney. She carded rounds of 84 and 83 to finish three strokes off the lead. Erickson also played on the Montana team in the Montana/Alberta Cup.

"MSU Billings is a perfect fit for both my athletic and academic needs," said Erickson. "I will benefit by being at a relatively small college where my professors will acknowledge my commitment to the Yellowjacket golf team. I am eager for my future golf career at MSU Billings. Moreover, Billings is close to my hometown where my family resides, and I am blessed with all their support."