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## AROUND MONTANA

# Spikes fall to Helena

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The Bozeman Spikes fell to division rival Helena 11-4 on Friday in the second round of the Southern A American Legion baseball tournament in Deer Lodge.

The Reps tacked on three runs in the first inning and later hammered Spikes starter Ean Weaver in the fourth with a seven-run inning. Bozeman had pulled within 3-2 with runs in the second and third before the Reps' big fourth inning.

Matt Hape went 4-for-4 with two doubles and Gorbin Gates was 2-for-5, but Helena starter Cole Andriolo gave up just four more hits.

The Spikes will face the host Wranglers in a loser-out game today at 11:30 a.m. Deer Lodge beat Anaconda, 19-9 to advance.

### GALLATIN VALLEY, LIVINGSTON PLAY INTO THE NIGHT:

Due to rain in Deer Lodge, the Gallatin Valley-Livingston game was moved to Butte and incomplete as of press time.

The game's victor will face the Helena Reps at 2:30 p.m. in Deer Lodge today. The loser faces the Dillon Cubs, a 14-4 winner over Butte, at 8:30 a.m. today in a loser-out game.

## Golf

### O'BRIEN NAMED

**MSU-B COACH:** At Billings, Montana State University-Billings has hired Shawn O'Brien as the Yellowjacket men's and women's golf coach.

Athletics Director Gary Gray announced the hiring Thursday.

O'Brien is a native of Gillette, Wyo., and is no

stranger to the MSUB athletic department.

He spent the past year as a volunteer assistant women's basketball coach for head coach Kevin Woodin.

O'Brien was an assistant coach for boys basketball at Belfield High School in North Dakota in 2006-07. He was an assistant varsity girls coach at Campbell County High School in Wyoming in 2007-08.

He had an outstanding collegiate career as a kicker in football at Dickinson State.

## Volleyball

### RMC TO RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARD:

The Rocky Mountain College women's volleyball team, coached by Laurie Kelly, has been selected as one of 35 teams in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to receive the all-academic award of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

Members of the 2008-09 team include Kaytlin Shows of Ennis, Jessica Overstreet of Three Forks, Bozeman's Ashley Coburn, Townsend's Alexa Audet, as well as Jessica Eliasson, Sarah Madinger, Stephanie Wolensky, Annie Krise, Kristin Barott, Katherina Hinrichsen, Sara Brunner, Jillian Stanek and Brittany Hodson.

This is the second year in a row the Battlin' Bears volleyball team has earned this award.

The award honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that display excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale.