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Yellowjacket Basketball 2003-2004
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This Week's Schedule:

November 17 vs. MSUB Alumni (6 p.m.) Alterowitz Gym
 November 22 vs. Minot State (7 p.m.) Alterowitz Gym

This Week's Opponents:

MSUB Alumni – Ten former Yellowjackets will lace it up Monday night to help their former team tune up before it opens the regular season on Saturday. Four players from the 01-02 PacWest Championship team will be on the Alumni roster—Brian Cook, Willy Davison, Danny Phillips and Jethro Wilson—in addition to Ryan Beld, Joe Troitier, Trent Hickers, Eddie Cochrun, Donnie Wetzal and Ryan Wetzal. Wilson and Cochrun both suited up for Montana AAU last week in an exhibition game against the Jackets. Wilson had a team-high 19 points and eight rebounds while Cochrun scored three points to go with eight boards.

Minot State – The Beavers were 17-13 last year, but entered the 03-04 season ranked No. 16 in the NAIA. They opened the season with a 104-103 win over MSU-Northern in Havre. Minot will play the Lights once and Rocky Mountain twice before they come to Alterowitz to face the Yellowjackets in MSUB's season opener. Five players scored in double figures for the Beavers in the win over Northern, led by Jeff Brandt's 26 which included six 3-pointers. The Beavers' leading scorer and rebounder from last season, Kent Bloms (6-5 F), returns for his senior season. Bloms averaged 16 points and 5.3 rebounds a game last year and scored 17 in the Beavers' loss to the Yellowjackets in Billings. Lloyd Flanders (6-8 Sr. F) and Chad Jacobson (6-0 Jr. G) also return for Minot. They each averaged over ten points a game last year.

Opponent Series Records (MSUB-Opponent):

Minot State: 4-0

- The Yellowjackets have never lost to the Beavers. The first meeting between the schools was a 96-68 Yellowjacket win in 1962. The two teams didn't meet again until 2000, but have played each other every November since then. Last year the Jackets won 101-79 behind 20 points from Jerett Skrifvars. In just his third collegiate game, Cameron Munoz hit four 3-pointers against the Beavers. MSUB won 101-86 two years ago in the closest game between the schools.

2003-2004 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
11/17	Alumni Game#	6:00 p.m.
11/22	Minot State	7:00 p.m.
12/1	Great Falls	8:00 p.m.
12/6	Chadron State	7:00 p.m.
12/13	at Humboldt State	8:00 p.m.
12/16	at Western Oregon	7:00 p.m.
12/20	St. Martin's	7:00 p.m.
12/29	Humboldt State	7:00 p.m.
1/3	Western Oregon	7:00 p.m.
1/6	at Hawaii Pacific*	7:30 p.m.
1/8	at Hawaii Pacific*	7:30 p.m.
1/10	at BYU-Hawaii*	7:30 p.m.
1/16	Green Mountain	8:00 p.m.
1/17	Green Mountain	8:00 p.m.
1/20	Hawaii-Hilo*	7:00 p.m.
1/22	Hawaii-Hilo*	7:00 p.m.
1/24	Chaminade*	7:00 p.m.
1/29	at Western N.M.*	7:00 p.m.
1/31	at Western N.M.*	7:00 p.m.
2/5	Great Falls	7:00 p.m.
2/10	BYU-Hawaii*	7:00 p.m.
2/12	BYU-Hawaii*	7:00 p.m.
2/14	Hawaii Pacific*	7:00 p.m.
2/17	at Chaminade*	7:30 p.m.
2/19	at Chaminade*	7:30 p.m.
2/21	at Hawaii-Hilo*	7:30 p.m.
2/28	Montana AAU#	7:00 p.m.
3/4	Western N.M.*	7:00 p.m.
3/6	Western N.M.*	7:00 p.m.

Home Games in Bold played at Alterowitz Gymnasium. Call 657-2369 for ticket info.

*** PacWest Conference Game**
Exhibition Game

Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

Catch all Yellowjacket home games as well as select road contests on **News Radio AM 970 KBUL** as the Voice of the Yellowjackets, Pat Boland, calls the action live. Also tune in each week to the **Yellowjacket Coaches' Show**, broadcast live each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. from the Rock Pile Restaurant. If you live outside of the Billings area, listen live on the web at www.msubillings.edu/athletics.



Last Week's Results:

MSUB 121, Montana AAU 71

Last Week's Highlights:

Six players reached double-digits for points last Monday as the Yellowjackets ran past a team of former college players. Junior transfer Trae Fortier led all scorers with 26 points, hitting on 4-of-5 attempts from behind the arc. Fellow transfer Alex Galloway dropped in a quiet 22 points and was 7-of-10 from the free throw line.

The Yellowjackets made 19 three-pointers in the game, with Buddy Windy Boy leading all players with five triples. Fortier and Dave Carse each hit four long balls, and Galloway added three.

Two of the Yellowjackets' most dangerous scoring threats scored just ten points apiece even though the team still poured in 121. Jerett Skrifvars was 8-of-8 from the free throw line and Cameron Munoz was 4-of-11 from the field including a pair of three pointers. Skrifvars was the team's leading scorer last season before going down with a hand injury. Munoz led the PacWest with 96 three-pointers as a freshman.

Notes:

The first "Jacket Jackpot" of the season went unclaimed at last Monday's exhibition game. At every men's basketball game this season, MSUB and a local sponsor will try to give away \$1000 cash to one lucky fan in attendance. Every fan can enter the contest for just \$1 at each home game and a name will be drawn at the second full timeout of the second half for the \$1000 cash prize. If the person whose name is drawn is in attendance, he or she wins \$1000 cash. Every name stays in the lottery bin for the entire season. Thus, fans who attend all 20 home dates and enter the drawing will have their names in the pot 20 times by the end of the season. Last Monday's "Jacket Jackpot" was sponsored by First Interstate Bank in the Billings Heights, who also provided free admission for everyone who attended the game.

Current Yellowjackets in the School Record Books

Career

Jerett Skrifvars – 303 FT made (8th)

Dave Carse – 291 assists (9th)

Dave Carse – 105 3-pointers (11th)

Season

Cameron Munoz (02-03) – 96 3-pointers (8th)

Dave Carse (01-02) – 166 assists (8th)

Game

Jerett Skrifvars – 100% FG, 10/10 (1st)

Jerett Skrifvars – 100 % FT, 19/19 (1st)

Cameron Munoz – 12 3-pointers (4th)

Jerett Skrifvars – 100% FT, 13/13 (5th)

Jerett Skrifvars – 15 FT made (6th)

Cameron Munoz – 10 3-pointers (7th)

Jerett Skrifvars – 100% FT, 11/11 (8th)

Division II Top 25 Poll Preseason Poll

- 1. Humboldt State**
- Southern Indiana
- South Dakota
- Massachusetts-Lowell
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Northeastern State
- Rollins
- Tarleton State
- Findlay
- Queens (NC)
- Metropolitan State
- Kentucky Wesleyan
- Millersville
- Lenoir-Rhyne
- South Dakota State
- Northwest Missouri State
- Florida Southern
- Columbus State
- Saint Rose
- Florida Gulf Coast
- Assumption
- Kennesaw State
- Bridgeport
- Nebraska-Kearney
- Eckerd

Yellowjacket 2003-2004 Opponents in Bold



Pacific West Conference Men's Basketball Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>PacWest</u>			<u>Overall</u>		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct</u>
MSU-Billings	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
BYU-Hawaii	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Chaminade	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Hawaii-Hilo	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Hawaii Pacific	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Western New Mexico	0	0	.000	0	0	.000

PacWest Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Hawaii-Hilo
2. MSU-Billings
3. BYU-Hawaii
4. Chaminade
5. Hawaii Pacific
6. Western New Mexico

2003-2004 Yellowjackets Numerical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
2	Jerett Skrifvars	6'5"	F	Sr.	Brea, CA/Olinda HS
3	Trae Fortier	6'7"	F	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA/Antelope Valley
4	Justin Hynes	6'8"	F	Fr.	Upland, CA/Upland HS
5	Buddy Windy Boy	6'6"	F	So.	Lodge Grass, MT/Lodge Grass HS
10	Derek Taylor	6'1"	G	Fr.	Lewistown, MT/Fergus County HS
13	David Carse	6'0"	G	Sr.	Billings, MT/Huntley Project HS
21	Jonathan Wiley	6'7"	F	Fr.	Westlake Village, CA/Westlake HS
23	Cameron Munoz	6'3"	G	So.	Chino, CA/Claremont HS
25	Justin Hassell	6'4"	F	Sr.	New York, NY/City College of S.F.
32	Jason Dembek	6'7"	F	Fr.	Winnett, MT/Winnett HS
34	Alex Galloway	6'7"	F	Jr.	Berkeley, CA/City College of S.F.
40	Bill Day	6'8"	F	Sr.	Boise, ID/Skyline CC

2003-2004 Yellowjacket Coaches

Craig Carse (9th year): Carse is in his ninth season on the Yellowjacket bench and has firmly established MSU-Billings as one of the top offensive teams in the nation. Last year the Yellowjackets finished the year second in NCAA Division II for both scoring (89.3 ppg) and 3-point shooting (10.7 3-pointers per game). In the last eight seasons, MSU-Billings has been ranked in at least the top three in each category, including seven NCAA Division II scoring titles and four 3-point shooting titles. Over Carse's tenure at MSUB, the Yellowjackets have averaged 96.5 points and 11.7 3-pointers per game and have qualified for four NCAA Tournaments. Before arriving at MSU-Billings, Carse was an assistant under Dale Brown at Louisiana State University. Before going to LSU, Carse guided West Virginia State to the NAIA National Championship game in 1984, giving him appearances in national tournaments at the Division I, Division II and NAIA levels.

Mark Hamilton (1st year): Hamilton joins the Yellowjacket staff after replacing longtime assistant Brent Montague. A Columbus, Montana native, Hamilton played at MSU-Billings from 1994-1998, helping the Yellowjackets win two Pacific West Conference championships and earn three NCAA Tournament berths. He was the captain of the 1998 team that captured the PacWest title. Hamilton played in 110 games as a Yellowjacket, scoring 1,463 points and making 286 three-pointers. He's still No. 7 on MSUB's all-time scoring list and No. 2 for three-pointers made in a career. Hamilton is also in the Yellowjacket career record book for points per game (10th at 17.9), field goals made (6th with 496), and three-point percentage (4th at 42.56).