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Yellowjacket Basketball 2003-2004
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This Week's Schedule:

Saturday, Dec. 13 – at Humboldt St. (Arcata, CA)

This Week's Opponent:

Humboldt State University Lumberjacks – The Jacks were the preseason No. 1-ranked team in almost every Division II poll in the country. They return All-Americans Fred Hooks (6-6 Sr., forward, San Diego, CA) and Austin Nichols (6-6 Jr., guard, Berkeley, CA) from last year's team that was seeded No. 3 at the NCAA West Regional and advanced to the regional semifinals. Hooks was the Great Northwest Athletic Conference MVP after averaging 18.6 points and 12.2 rebounds per game.

The inside-outside combination of Hooks and Nichols has started where it left off last season. The two are averaging 18.2 and 20.5 points per game respectively and both shoot over 50-percent from the field. Hooks is close to averaging a double-double again with 9.2 rebounds per game while connecting on 60-percent of his shots from the field. He also has a team-high seven blocked shots after blocking 65 last year.

Also returning for the Lumberjacks is senior point guard Mark White (6-2, Bozeman, MT) who missed all but seven games last season with injuries. He is the school record holder for assists in a season (181) and is averaging 6.33 apg through the first six games of this season.

Freshman Kejuan Johnson (6-3 guard, Lakewood, CA) is adding 13.5 ppg and the Lumberjacks have nine players averaging at least five points per game. As a team, HSU is netting 96.3 ppg while only surrendering 79.7 ppg.

Humboldt State's only loss of the season was 108-97 at BYU-Hawaii two weeks ago. An average of 1357 people have watched the Lumberjacks cruise to three home victories this season by an average score of 102-72. HSU had a 30-game home winning streak until Alaska-Fairbanks won in Arcata in the Lumberjacks' final home game last season.

Opponent Series Records:

Humboldt State University

Total Meetings: 8

MSUB Wins: 6; HSU Wins: 2

First Meeting: MSUB 79, HSU 74, 12/28/1987

Last Meeting: MSUB 82, HSU 73, 1/21/1999

MSUB Record at HSU: 1-2

Although the Yellowjackets hold a 6-2 series advantage over the Lumberjacks, the teams have only played once since 1991. The last time MSUB played in Arcata was at the Jacks' 1991 Thanksgiving tournament where HSU won 70-64.

2003-2004 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
11/22	Minot State	W, 98-95
12/1	Great Falls	W, 108-63
12/6	Chadron State	W, 85-81
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 selected 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. Games can also be heard live on the web at **www.msubillings.edu/athletics**.



Last Week's Results:

MSUB 108, Great Falls 63
MSUB 85, Chadron State 81

Last Week's Highlights:

The Yellowjackets scored more points in the first half (64) than Great Falls scored in the game. Jerett Skrifvars and Cameron Munoz each scored 20 to lead the Jackets. Munoz hit six 3-pointers and Skrifvars was just one assist short of a triple-double.

Dave Carse had five 3-pointers, including 4-of-4 in the first half, to finish with 19 points. Trae Fortier had 18 points and Bill Day added 13 as all five Yellowjackets starters scored in double figures.

Against Chadron, Munoz's steal and layup with less than 30 seconds on the clock gave the Jackets their second comeback victory of the season. The Eagles led 81-80 when Munoz poked the ball from the man he was defending. The ball bounced to half court into the hands of Fortier, who returned it to Munoz under the basket for the eventual game winner.

Munoz scored a team-high 18 and five Yellowjackets netted double figures. Skrifvars finished with 17 points on 13-of-16 from the free throw line. Carse added 16 points with three 3-pointers.

Fortier had 11 points, eight rebounds and four assists. He is averaging 18 points and a team-best 6.7 rebounds a game through the first three games.

Buddy Windy Boy was 3-of-3 from the field and 2-of-2 from the line for ten points, eight of which came in the first half to help MSUB erase an early 14-3 deficit.

Notes:

Senior guard Justin Hassell will miss the remainder of the season. He is scheduled to undergo surgery in mid-December to repair a chronic injury to his back. He could be eligible for a medical redshirt that would allow him to play one more season.

Skrifvars eclipsed the 800-point mark with his 37 points this week. He has 825 points for his career, leaving him just 134 points behind Wayne Boyd for No. 20 on the Yellowjackets' all-time scoring list. At his current pace of 20 ppg, he could reach Boyd's 959 during the Yellowjackets' first conference road trip to Hawaii in early January.

Carse moved over 300 assists for his career and is just three assists short of Mary Bertolette for eighth all-time.

Munoz moved over 100 3-pointers made, twelfth all-time, and is chasing backcourt mate Carse for tenth all-time. His next 3-pointer will tie him with Dan Thompson at No. 11.

Current Yellowjackets in the School Record Books

Career

Jerett Skrifvars – 329 FT made (6th)
Dave Carse – 304 assists (9th)
Dave Carse – 115 3-pointers (10th)
Cameron Munoz – 109 3-pointers (12th)

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**
2. Southern Indiana
3. South Dakota
4. Massachusetts-Lowell
5. Cal Poly Pomona
6. Northeastern State
7. Rollins
8. Tarleton State
9. Findlay
10. Queens (NC)
11. Metropolitan State
12. Kentucky Wesleyan
13. Millersville
14. Lenoir-Rhyne
15. South Dakota State
16. Northwest Missouri State
17. Florida Southern
18. Columbus State
19. Saint Rose
20. Florida Gulf Coast
21. Assumption
22. Kennesaw State
23. Bridgeport
24. Nebraska-Kearney
25. 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	3	0	1.000
BYU-Hawaii	0	0	.000	5	2	.714
Hawaii-Hilo	0	0	.000	5	2	.714
Western New Mexico	0	0	.000	2	4	.333
Chaminade	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Hawaii Pacific	0	0	.000	0	7	.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).

Montana St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (Through games of Dec 08, 2003)
All games

RECORD :	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-0)	(3-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(3-0)	(3-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

## Player	GP-GS	Avg Min	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----								PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg											
02 Skrifvars, Jerett...	3-3	30.7	17-27	.630	0-0	.000	26-35	.743	8	11	19	6.3	8	0	16	5	0	3	60	20.0			
23 Munoz, Cameron.....	3-3	29.3	21-32	.656	13-23	.565	1-2	.500	0	6	6	2.0	3	0	6	1	0	6	56	18.7			
03 Fortier, Trae.....	3-3	29.0	20-42	.476	2-9	.222	12-16	.750	8	12	20	6.7	10	1	11	10	4	8	54	18.0			
13 Carse, David.....	3-3	35.3	13-30	.433	10-21	.476	9-12	.750	1	5	6	2.0	7	0	13	3	0	4	45	15.0			
34 Galloway, Alex.....	3-0	18.0	7-22	.318	1-8	.125	10-12	.833	3	5	8	2.7	6	0	4	7	1	0	25	8.3			
40 Day, Bill.....	3-3	20.0	7-12	.583	0-0	.000	5-9	.556	5	8	13	4.3	8	0	6	4	0	2	19	6.3			
05 Windy Boy, Buddy....	3-0	12.3	4-8	.500	3-7	.429	3-4	.750	2	3	5	1.7	8	1	1	4	0	1	14	4.7			
04 Hynes, Justin.....	3-0	9.0	3-12	.250	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	4	4	8	2.7	6	1	0	0	0	0	11	3.7			
25 Hassell, Justin.....	2-0	6.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	2	2	0	0	4	2.0			
10 Taylor, Derek.....	2-0	7.0	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.0			
21 Wiley, Jonathan.....	3-0	7.7	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	0	2	2	0.7	4	0	1	5	0	2	1	0.3			
TM TEAM.....									7	7	14	4.7	0										
Total.....	3		95-196	.485	30-73	.411	71-100	.710	38	66	104	34.7	62	3	60	42	5	27	291	97.0			
Opponents.....	3		85-179	.475	19-39	.487	50-67	.746	36	79	115	38.3	80	-	48	68	2	11	239	79.7			

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	291	239	11/22/03	MINOT STATE	W	98-95	1140
Points per game.....	97.0	79.7	12/1/03	GREAT FALLS	W	108-63	1386
Scoring margin.....	+17.3	-	12/6/03	CHADRON STATE	W	85-81	1276
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	95-196	85-179	* denotes conference game				
Field goal pct.....	.485	.475					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	30-73	19-39					
3-point FG pct.....	.411	.487					
3-pt FG made per game.....	10.0	6.3					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	71-100	50-67					
Free throw pct.....	.710	.746					
REBOUNDS.....	104	115					
Rebounds per game.....	34.7	38.3					
Rebounding margin.....	-3.7	-					
ASSISTS.....	60	48					
Assists per game.....	20.0	16.0					
TURNOVERS.....	42	68					
Turnovers per game.....	14.0	22.7					
Turnover margin.....	+8.7	-					
Assist/turnover ratio.....	1.4	0.7					
STEALS.....	27	11					
Steals per game.....	9.0	3.7					
BLOCKS.....	5	2					
Blocks per game.....	1.7	0.7					
WINNING STREAK.....	3	-					
Home win streak.....	3	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	3802	0					
Home games-Avg/Game.....	3-1267	0-0					
Neutral site-Avg/Game.....	-	0-0					

BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total
Team.....	146	145	- 291
Opponents...	112	127	- 239

Montana St.-Billings Category Leaders (Through games of Dec 08, 2003)
All games

FG PERCENTAGE	FG ATT	Pct
Munoz, Cameron.....	21 32	.656
Skrifvars, Jerett...	17 27	.630
Day, Bill.....	7 12	.583
Hassell, Justin.....	2 4	.500
Taylor, Derek.....	1 2	.500
Windy Boy, Buddy....	4 8	.500
Fortier, Trae.....	20 42	.476
Carse, David.....	13 30	.433
Galloway, Alex.....	7 22	.318
Hynes, Justin.....	3 12	.250

3-POINT PERCENTAGE	3FG ATT	Pct
Munoz, Cameron.....	13 23	.565
Carse, David.....	10 21	.476
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3 7	.429
Hynes, Justin.....	1 3	.333
Fortier, Trae.....	2 9	.222
Galloway, Alex.....	1 8	.125

FT PERCENTAGE	FT ATT	Pct
Hynes, Justin.....	4 4	1.000
Galloway, Alex.....	10 12	.833
Fortier, Trae.....	12 16	.750
Carse, David.....	9 12	.750
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3 4	.750
Skrifvars, Jerett...	26 35	.743
Day, Bill.....	5 9	.556
Munoz, Cameron.....	1 2	.500
Wiley, Jonathan.....	1 3	.333

POINTS	G	Pts	Pts/G
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	60	20.0
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	56	18.7
Fortier, Trae.....	3	54	18.0
Carse, David.....	3	45	15.0
Galloway, Alex.....	3	25	8.3
Day, Bill.....	3	19	6.3
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3	14	4.7
Hynes, Justin.....	3	11	3.7
Hassell, Justin.....	2	4	2.0
Taylor, Derek.....	2	2	1.0
Wiley, Jonathan.....	3	1	0.3

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	G	Att	Att/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	42	14.0
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	32	10.7
Carse, David.....	3	30	10.0
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	27	9.0
Galloway, Alex.....	3	22	7.3

FIELD GOALS MADE	G	Made	Made/G
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	21	7.0
Fortier, Trae.....	3	20	6.7
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	17	5.7
Carse, David.....	3	13	4.3
Galloway, Alex.....	3	7	2.3
Day, Bill.....	3	7	2.3

3-POINT FG ATTEMPTS	G	Att	Att/G
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	23	7.7
Carse, David.....	3	21	7.0
Fortier, Trae.....	3	9	3.0
Galloway, Alex.....	3	8	2.7
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3	7	2.3

3-POINT FGS MADE	G	Made	Made/G
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	13	4.3
Carse, David.....	3	10	3.3
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3	3	1.0
Fortier, Trae.....	3	2	0.7
Galloway, Alex.....	3	1	0.3
Hynes, Justin.....	3	1	0.3

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	G	Att	Att/G
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	35	11.7
Fortier, Trae.....	3	16	5.3
Carse, David.....	3	12	4.0
Galloway, Alex.....	3	12	4.0
Day, Bill.....	3	9	3.0

FREE THROWS MADE	G	Made	Made/G
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	1	0.3
Fortier, Trae.....	3	12	4.0
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	26	8.7
Carse, David.....	3	9	3.0
Day, Bill.....	3	5	1.7
Galloway, Alex.....	3	10	3.3

POINTS AVERAGE	G	Pts	Avg/G
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	60	20.0
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	56	18.7
Fortier, Trae.....	3	54	18.0
Carse, David.....	3	45	15.0
Galloway, Alex.....	3	25	8.3
Day, Bill.....	3	19	6.3
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3	14	4.7
Hynes, Justin.....	3	11	3.7
Hassell, Justin.....	2	4	2.0
Taylor, Derek.....	2	2	1.0
Wiley, Jonathan.....	3	1	0.3

Montana St.-Billings Category Leaders (Through games of Dec 08, 2003)
All games

REBOUNDS	G	Reb	Reb/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	20	6.7
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	19	6.3
Day, Bill.....	3	13	4.3
Galloway, Alex.....	3	8	2.7
Hynes, Justin.....	3	8	2.7

REBOUND AVERAGE	G	Reb	Avg/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	20	6.7
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	19	6.3
Day, Bill.....	3	13	4.3
Galloway, Alex.....	3	8	2.7
Hynes, Justin.....	3	8	2.7

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	G	No.	Avg/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	8	2.7
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	8	2.7
Day, Bill.....	3	5	1.7
Hynes, Justin.....	3	4	1.3
Galloway, Alex.....	3	3	1.0

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	G	No.	Avg/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	12	4.0
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	11	3.7
Day, Bill.....	3	8	2.7
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	6	2.0
Galloway, Alex.....	3	5	1.7
Carse, David.....	3	5	1.7

FOULS	G	No.	Per/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	10	3.3
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	8	2.7
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3	8	2.7
Day, Bill.....	3	8	2.7
Carse, David.....	3	7	2.3

FOULOUTS	G	No.
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3	1
Hynes, Justin.....	3	1
Fortier, Trae.....	3	1

ASSISTS	G	No.	A/G
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	16	5.3
Carse, David.....	3	13	4.3
Fortier, Trae.....	3	11	3.7
Day, Bill.....	3	6	2.0
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	6	2.0

STEALS	G	No.	S/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	8	2.7
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	6	2.0
Carse, David.....	3	4	1.3
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	3	1.0
Wiley, Jonathan.....	3	2	0.7
Day, Bill.....	3	2	0.7

BLOCKED SHOTS	G	No.	Blk/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	4	1.3
Galloway, Alex.....	3	1	0.3

MINUTES	G	No.	Min/G
Carse, David.....	3	106	35.3
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	92	30.7
Munoz, Cameron.....	3	88	29.3
Fortier, Trae.....	3	87	29.0
Day, Bill.....	3	60	20.0

TURNOVERS	G	No.	TO/G
Fortier, Trae.....	3	10	3.3
Galloway, Alex.....	3	7	2.3
Wiley, Jonathan.....	3	5	1.7
Skrifvars, Jerett...	3	5	1.7
Day, Bill.....	3	4	1.3
Windy Boy, Buddy....	3	4	1.3