



Men's Basketball

Yellowjacket Basketball 2006-2007

Weekly Release #1 – November 28, 2006

This Week's Events:

at Shilo Inn Classic, Nampa, ID

Dec. 1 - vs. Central Washington, 5:30 p.m., AM 970

Dec. 2 - at Northwest Nazarene, 7:30 p.m., AM 970

This Week's Opponents:

Central Washington University

The Wildcats are picked to win the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, the Yellowjackets' home beginning in 2007-2008, and are ranked 12th in the nation in the NABC preseason coaches' poll. Nine players return from last season's squad that qualified for the NCAA Tournament as the No. 8 seed in the West Region. Central faced a grueling stretch of road games to start the season and enters the week with a 2-3 record. This weekend's appearance in the Shilo Inn Classic in Nampa will be the Wildcats' third tournament in as many weeks. They opened the year by going 1-2 at a tourney in Hawaii before going 1-1 at the Chico State tournament last weekend.

Tyler Monk was named to the all-tournament team in Chico. He has come off the bench in all five games this year, averaging 14.6 points in just 19.6 minutes a game. Lance Den Boer leads the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding at 18.6 ppg and 6.4 rpg. Monk and Den Boer have combined for 32 of the team's 48 three-pointers. Bryan Freshwater adds 12.0 ppg. Derek Groth has 13 steals.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 2 Central Washington Wins: 1

Last Meeting: MSUB 110, CWU 81 (Feb. 3, 2001 at MSUB)

Streaks: Neither team has won consecutive games in the series.

Northwest Nazarene University

The Crusaders are picked to finish eighth in the nine-team GNAC. They return just three players from last year's team that went 12-15. NNU lost its first three games out of the gates this year, falling to Colorado School of Mines, Mesa State, and Eastern Oregon. The Crusaders snapped their early season skid with a 61-53 win against Pacific last weekend.

Four players average double figures for scoring. Jason Simmons leads the Crusaders in both scoring and rebounding at 14.0 ppg and 7.8 rpg. Freshman Justin Parnell has started all four games and averages 13.3 ppg. He is second on the team for minutes played. Point guard Marcus Clift is averaging 38 minutes a game. Tim Ireland and Casey Fisher each average around 10 points a game.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 8 Northwest Nazarene Wins: 4

Last Meeting: NNU 71, MSUB 64 (Dec. 12, 2004 at MSUB)

Streaks: The teams split a home-and-home series two years ago.

2006-2007 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/21	vs. Central Washington ^	5:30 p.m.
12/2	at Northwest Nazarene ^	7:30 p.m.
12/6	at Texas A&M—Inter.	7:00 p.m.
12/8	at St. Mary's	7:30 p.m.
12/16	West Liberty State	2:00 p.m.
12/20	Northwest Nazarene	7:00 p.m.
12/21	Northwest Nazarene	7:00 p.m.
12/30	Oklahoma Panhandle *	7:30 p.m.
1/4	Texas A&M—Inter.	7:30 p.m.
1/6	St. Edward's *	7:30 p.m.
1/7	St. Edward's	7:30 p.m.
1/12	at Oklahoma Panhandle *	8:00 p.m.
1/13	at Oklahoma Panhandle	8:00 p.m.
1/15	at Texas—Permian Basin	7:30 p.m.
1/17	at Dallas Baptist *	7:00 p.m.
1/20	Lincoln University *	7:30 p.m.
1/24	St. Mary's *	7:30 p.m.
1/27	Uni. of Incarnate Word *	7:30 p.m.
1/28	Uni. of Incarnate Word	7:30 p.m.
2/2	at Lincoln University *	7:30 p.m.
2/3	at Lincoln University	7:30 p.m.
2/8	at St. Mary's *	7:30 p.m.
2/10	at Uni. of Incarnate Word *	8:00 p.m.
2/17	Texas—Permian Basin	7:30 p.m.
2/19	Dallas Baptist *	7:00 p.m.
2/20	Dallas Baptist	7:00 p.m.
2/24	at St. Edward's *	8:00 p.m.
<i>Heartland Conference Tournament</i>		
3/2	Semifinals (Denton, TX)	5 & 7:30 p.m.
3/3	Finals (Denton, TX)	5:00 p.m.

Home Games in Bold played at Alterowitz Gym

*Heartland Conference Game

^ Games at NNU Tournament

All times local to game site

Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

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The Week in Review

Last week was much like the previous five weeks for the Yellowjackets: practice and more practice. The Yellowjackets are probably one of the few teams in the nation—if not the only team—that haven’t played a game this season. When they open against Central Washington on Friday, the Wildcats will be playing their sixth game of the season. The same will be true for Northwest Nazarene on Saturday night.

Compounding the frustrations of not having a game in November (something that will be sure to change next year when the Jackets join the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and return to the West Region) was last week’s announcement that four players, including three possible starters, have been dismissed from the team for violating team rules. The dismissal of the four players trimmed the Yellowjackets’ roster to nine, including two freshmen that were probable redshirts.

MSU-Billings played three exhibition games during the preseason, facing Rocky Mountain College twice and an MSUB alumni team once. The Jackets lost at Rocky on November 6, 99-94. Freshman Jeff Miner scored a 28 points and knocked down seven 3-pointers. Senior Jonathan Wiley netted a game-high 30.

Between the Rocky games, the Yellowjackets scored 112 points against the MSUB Alumni. Miner had three 3-pointers and 17 points. Carl Johnson scored 15, Wiley had 14, and Tom D’Amore added 13.

The Jackets’ offense struggled in the second exhibition against Rocky, losing 81-66. MSUB shot just 39 percent from the field, 25 percent from 3-point, and 47 percent from the free throw line. Miner made five 3-pointers and finished the night with 18 points. Wiley added 10 points and five rebounds.

Tip Ins

The Yellowjackets will be the last Heartland Conference team to start the season when they tip off against Central Washington on Friday. No other team in the Heartland has played fewer than three games, and St. Mary’s has already played five times....Starting the season two and a half weeks after the official NCAA Division II start date means the Yellowjackets’ 27 games will be compressed into a span of about nine weeks. There will be a short turnaround following the trip to Nampa, returning on Sunday and flying to Texas on Tuesday for two games....Heartland teams haven’t fared too badly in the early non-conference season, posting a combined 11-11 record. Lincoln, St. Edward’s, and St. Mary’s are each above the .500 mark....Looking ahead to the home opener on December 16, Carse managed to match up the nation’s top two scoring teams from last season in MSUB (2nd) and West Liberty State (1st). The Hilltoppers are averaging 110 points a game through their first four games this season. The 2:00 p.m. game against West Liberty will be the first of seven-straight home dates for the Jackets.

Heartland Conference Standings through 11/26/06

<u>Team</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Conf</u>
1. Lincoln	3-1	0-0
2. St. Edward’s	2-1	0-0
3. St. Mary’s	3-2	0-0
4. Dallas Baptist	1-2	0-0
5. Oklahoma Panhandle State	1-2	0-0
6. Incarnate Word	1-3	0-0
7. Dallas Baptist	0-0	0-0

2006 Heartland Conference Preseason Coaches’ Poll

1. St. Edward’s
2. St. Mary’s
3. Montana State-Billings
4. Oklahoma Panhandle
5. Incarnate Word
6. Lincoln
7. Dallas Baptist

South Central Region Rankings (final 2005-2006)

1. Southwest Baptist
2. Tarleton State
3. Central Missouri State
4. Northwest Missouri State
5. Truman
6. West Texas A&M
7. Central Oklahoma
8. Southeastern Oklahoma
9. Texas A&M—Kingsville
10. Missouri Western State

This Week’s Games in the Heartland

Nov. 27	OPSU @ Angelo State Abilene Christian @ SEU Texas A&M-Kingsville @ STMU
Nov. 29	Central Missouri @ LU
Nov. 30	DBU @ Abilene Christian
Dec. 1	MSUB vs. Central Washington OPSU @ Western State SEU vs. Newman
Dec. 2	MSUB @ Northwest Nazarene OPSU vs. UC - Colorado Springs SEU @ Harris-Stowe Angelo State @ UIW

Current Yellowjackets in the School Record Books

Jonathan Wiley

Career:	9th for blocks (39) [needs 44 for 8th]
Season:	5th for FT % (85.70 in 05-06) 11th for FT % (83.80 in 04-05)



2006-2007 Yellowjacket Players and Coaches

2006-2007 Yellowjackets Numerical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
2	Tom D'Amore	6'6"	G	So.	Tucson, AZ/Univ. of AZ
5	Derek Taylor	6'1"	G	Jr.	Lewistown, MT/Dawson CC
10	Jeff Miner	6'3"	G	Fr.	Gresham, OR/Sam Barlow HS
21	Jonathan Wiley	6'6"	G	Sr.	Westlake Village, CA/Westlake HS
25	Mike Barton	6'8"	F	Fr.	Havre, MT/Havre HS
32	Troy Ruff	6'5"	F	Fr.	Custer, MT/Custer HS
33	Cody Samuelson	6'4"	F	Sr.	Broadus, MT/MSU-Bozeman
44	Carl Johnson	6'9"	C	So.	Rapid City, SD/Central HS
54	Ammar Harknell	6'6"	F	Jr.	Sweden/University of Maine

Head Coach: Craig Carse (12th Season)
Assistant Coach: David Carse (3rd Season)

Craig Carse (12th year):



The 2006-2007 season will be Coach Carse's twelfth at MSU-Billings, making him the second-longest tenured coach in the history of a program that began in 1927.

Carse's teams have posted winning seasons in 10 of his 11 years, giving him an overall record of 205-97 at MSU-Billings entering the 06-07 season. In 2005-2006 Carse guided the Yellowjackets to a share of the Heartland Conference regular season title and a runner up finish in the Heartland Conference playoffs. The Yellowjackets also led the nation in 3-pointers made for the seventh time in Carse's 11 years at the helm.

Current Career Highs for the 2006-2007 Yellowjackets

#2 Tom D'Amore

Points: n/a
Rebounds: n/a
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: n/a
Steals: n/a

#5 Derek Taylor

Points: 2 vs. Chadron State, 12/6/03
Rebounds: 2 vs. Great Falls, 12/1/03
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: 1 vs. Great Falls, 12/1/03
Steals: 1 vs. Humboldt State, 12/13/03

#10 Jeff Miner

Points: n/a
Rebounds: n/a
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: n/a
Steals: n/a

#21 Jonathan Wiley

Points: 27 vs. Lincoln, 2/3/06
Rebounds: 14 vs. Haskell, 12/31/04
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. Western new Mexico, 1/29/05; 3 vs. Lincoln, 2/3/06
Blocks: 4 vs. Green Mountain, 1/16/04
Steals: 5 vs. Great Falls, 2/5/04; 5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/8/04
Assists: 8 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 1/22/05

#25 Mike Barton

Points: n/a
Rebounds: n/a
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: n/a
Steals: n/a

#32 Troy Ruff

Points: n/a
Rebounds: n/a
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: n/a
Steals: n/a

#33 Cody Samuelson

Points: 18 vs. Emporia State, 12/19/05
Rebounds: 15 vs. Saint Leo, 12/20/04
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. BYU-Hawaii, 2/19/05
Assists: 8 vs. Saint Leo, 12/21/04
Steals: 5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/17/04
Blocks: 2 vs. Haskell, 12/31/04; 2 vs. Chaminade, 2/12/05

#44 Carl Johnson

Points: 6 vs. Johnson & Wales, 11/21/05
Rebounds: 3 vs. Minot State, 11/26/05; 3 vs. Emporia St., 1/22/06
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: n/a
Steals: n/a

#54 Ammar Harknell

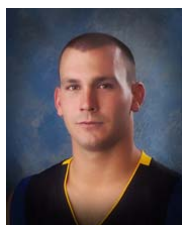
Points: n/a
Rebounds: n/a
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: n/a
Steals: n/a

The Last Time in Yellowjacket Basketball.....

A player scored over 50 points.....	Feb. 12, 2000 (Markus Hallgrimson, 50 vs. Western NM)
A player scored over 40 points.....	Jan. 28, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 45 vs. St. Edward's)
A player scored over 30 points.....	Feb. 4, 2006 (Cameron Munoz, 31 vs. Lincoln)
A player made at least 20 field goals.....	Dec. 15, 1972 (Roy McPipe, 20 vs. Dickinson State)
A player made at least 15 field goals.....	Feb. 16, 2001 (Dan Carter, 17 vs. Alaska-Anchorage)
A player made at least 15 3-pointers.....	Feb. 12, 2000 (Markus Hallgrimson, 16 vs. Western NM)
A player made at least 10 3-pointers.....	Nov. 21, 2005 (Cameron Munoz, 11 vs. Johnson & Wales)
A player made at least 5 3-pointers.....	Feb. 18, 2006 (Cameron Munoz, 7 vs. St. Mary's)
A player made at least 20 free throws.....	Nov. 14, 1998 (Titus Warmesley, 22 vs. Queens)
A player made at least 15 free throws.....	Feb. 3, 2006 (Jonathan Wiley, 16 vs. Lincoln)
A player made at least 10 free throws.....	Feb. 17, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 10 vs. St. Mary's)
A player had at least 25 rebounds.....	Jan. 28, 1971 (Bill Mummert, 28 vs. Northern Montana)
A player had at least 20 rebounds.....	Feb. 10, 1981 (Russell Murrey vs. Rocky Mountain)
A player had at least 15 rebounds.....	Feb. 10, 2005 (Justin Hassell, 18 vs. Chaminade)
A player had at least 15 assists.....	Feb. 4, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 15 vs. Lincoln)
A player had at least 10 assists.....	Feb. 18, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 14 vs. St. Mary's)
A player had at least five blocks.....	Feb. 19, 2004 (Bill Day, 5 vs. Chaminade)
A player had at least 10 steals.....	Feb. 5, 2004 (Jerrett Skrifvars, 11 vs. Great Falls)
A player had at least 5 steals.....	Dec. 11, 2005 (Carlin Hughes, 5 vs. Rocky Mountain)
A player had a triple-double.....	Feb. 26, 2005 (Carlin Hughes, 20p, 10r, 16a vs. Johnson & Wales)
The team scored at least 140 points.....	Feb. 1, 2003 (146 vs. Western New Mexico)
The team scored at least 130 points.....	Jan. 28, 2006 (136 vs. St. Edward's)
The team scored at least 120 points.....	Feb. 3, 2006 (128 vs. Lincoln)
The team scored at least 110 points.....	Dec. 19, 2005 (118 vs. Emporia St)
The team allowed at least 100 points.....	Feb. 18, 2006 (107 vs. St. Mary's)
The team made at least 50 field goals.....	Feb. 1, 2003 (51 vs. Western NM)
The team made at least 40 field goals.....	Feb. 3, 2006 (40 vs. Lincoln)
The team shot over 70 % from the field.....	Jan. 24, 1987 (71.7% vs. Alaska-Anchorage)
The team shot over 60% from the field.....	Jan. 17, 2004 (61.3% vs. Green Mountain)
The team shot over 50% from the field.....	Feb. 18, 2006 (51.5% vs. St. Mary's)
The team made at least 25 3-pointers.....	Feb. 18, 1999 (26 vs. Western NM)
The team made at least 20 3-pointers.....	Feb. 3, 2006 (20 vs. Lincoln)
The team made at least 15 3-pointers.....	Feb. 18, 2006 (16 vs. St. Mary's)
The team had at least 50 rebounds.....	Jan. 4, 2006 (50 vs. Western NM)
The team had at least 40 assists.....	Jan. 16, 2004 (40 vs. Green Mountain)
The team had at least 30 assists.....	Feb. 26, 2005 (30 vs. Johnson & Wales)
The team had at least 25 assists.....	Feb. 3, 2006 (26 vs. Lincoln)
The team had at least 10 blocked shots.....	Jan. 12, 2002 (10 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle)
The team had at least 5 blocked shots.....	Jan. 22, 2006 (6 vs. Emporia State)
The team had at least 20 steals.....	Feb. 5, 2004 (28 vs. Great Falls)
The team had at least 10 steals.....	Feb. 3, 2006 (13 vs. Lincoln)



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