Yellowjacket Basketball 2006-2007

This Week’s Events:
Feb. 2—at Lincoln University, 6:30 p.m. MST, AM 970
Feb. 3—at Lincoln University, 6:30 p.m. MST, AM 970

This Week’s Opponent:

Lincoln University
The Blue Tigers enter the week with a 3-13 overall record and are winless in the Heartland Conference at 0-5. They won their first 3 games out of the gate before going on a 13-game losing streak. The Tigers are the last team in the Heartland without a conference win but will have two shots at changing that this week at home. Lincoln hosts Dallas Baptist University on Monday in Jefferson City before the Yellowjackets pay the Tigers a visit on Friday and Saturday.

The Tigers and Yellowjackets met in a shootout on January 20 in Billings with MSUB winning 95-84. It was the highest points total for the Yellowjackets this season and the Tigers’ third-highest scoring game. Jared Boone hit seven 3-pointers and scored 23 points at Alterowitz. Ralph Mata added 20 points and five 3-pointers.

For the season, Boone is leading the Blue Tigers in scoring at almost 14 points a game. He is second on the team for made 3-pointers with 24. Mata is averaging 11.6 points per game and is 25-of-82 from behind the arc this season. James Edwards and Brandon Harris each average around 11 points a game. Marcus Warren leads the team in rebounding at 5.6 rebounds per game. Harris averages 4.9 rebounds, Boone adds 4.8 boards a game, and Edwards averages 4.4.

As a team, the Blue Tigers are averaging 69 points a game while giving up 76.6. They are shooting 40 percent from the field while allowing opponents to shoot 45 percent.

Opponent Series Records:
MSU-Billings Wins: 3  Lincoln: 0
Last Meeting: MSUB 99, Lincoln 85 (2/4/06 at MSUB)
Streaks: The Yellowjackets won all three meetings last year.

2006-2007 Schedule and Results

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Heartland Conference Tournament
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
^ Games at NNU Tournament
*Heartland Conference Game
All times local to game site

Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

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The Week in Review
The Jackets lost at home three times last week with two of the games counting in the conference standings. On Wednesday they were overpowered by St. Mary’s 67-51, on Saturday they fell to Incarnate Word 82-62, and on Sunday they lost again to the Cardinals 72-66.

After building a one-point halftime lead against St. Mary’s, the Jackets scored just 18 second-half points. No MSUB player scored in double figures and the Jackets hit just 5-of-22 three-point attempts. Jeff Miner and Jonathan Wiley each netted nine points.

Against UIW on Saturday, the Jackets dug themselves into a 13-point hole by halftime and couldn’t climb out with just 29 second-half points. Wiley hit for 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds. He was a perfect 7-of-7 from the line. Russell Steppling netted 10 points off the bench. Sunday’s non-conference game against the Cardinals was a different story with 13 ties and a dozen lead changes. The game was tied with two minutes to play, but the Cardinals outscored the Jackets 7-1 in the final 1:47. Wiley had 15 points and eight boards. Miner came off the bench to drop in five 3-pointers and 19 points. Cody Samuelson finished with 11 points and three steals.

Tip Ins
At the halfway point of the Heartland Conference season, the top three teams appear to be pulling away from the pack. St. Edward’s is 5-1 in the league, followed closely by Incarnate Word at 5-2 and St. Mary’s at 4-2. The battle for the fourth playoff spot is still up for grabs….If the Yellowjackets reach their goal of qualifying for the conference tournament, they’ll have to do it on the road. Even though the calendar has not yet turned to February, the Jackets have only one home conference game remaining. Four of their last five conference counters and five of their final eight games will be played on the road….There’s no question the Yellowjackets live or die by the 3-pointer. In their recent home stand, 46 percent of the Jackets’ field goal attempts were from behind the arc. For the season they are averaging 25.8 three-point attempts a game, about 44 percent of their percent of the Jackets’ field goal attempts were from behind the arc. For the season they are averaging 25.8 three-point attempts a game, about 44 percent of their total tries. But compared to last year, both of those numbers are still down. Last season they are averaging 25.8 three-point attempts a game, about 44 percent of their total tries. But compared to last year, both of those numbers are still down. Last year the Jackets averaged 33.3 attempts a game from long range, accounting for total tries. But compared to last year, both of those numbers are still down. Last year the Jackets averaged 33.3 attempts a game from long range, accounting for total tries. But compared to last year, both of those numbers are still down. Last year the Jackets averaged 33.3 attempts a game from long range, accounting for total tries. But compared to last year, both of those numbers are still down.

MSUB Heartland Conference Individual Statistical Rankings (as of 1/21/07):
Scoring Average – Miner, 2nd (16.9); Wiley, 7th (12.7). Rebounds p/g – Samuelson, 5th (6.9); Johnson, 7th (5.8); Wiley, 10th (5.7). FG% - Samuelson, 7th (.496); Wiley, 8th (.487). Assists p/g – Miner, 8th (3.27); Wiley, 11th (2.07). FT% - Wiley, 4th (.780). Steals p/g - Samuelson, 14th (1.13). 3FG% - Samuelson, 5th (.436); Harknell, 7th (.417); D’Amore, 8th (.415); Miner, 11th (.357). 3FG p/g – Miner, 1st (3.67); D’Amore, 4th (2.13); Samuelson, 11th (1.50). Blocked Shots p/g - Johnson, 5th (1.0); Samuelson, 11th (0.56). Assist/ Turnover Ratio - Miner, 8th (0.94). Off. Rebs p/g – Johnson, 5th (2.94); Samuelson, 7th (2.19). Def. Rebs p/g – Wiley, 4th (4.13); Samuelson, 9th (3.81).

MSUB Heartland Conference Team Statistical Rankings (as of 1/21/07):

NCAA Individual Statistical Rankings (as of 1/14/07):
3-Pters p/g – Miner, 23rd (3.4). 3-Pt% – Miner, 97th (.361).

NCAA Team Statistical Rankings (as of 1/14/07):
3-Pters p/g – 33rd (8.7). 3-Pt% – 77th (.379).

Heartland Conference Standings (through 1/28/07)

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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

2006 NCAA South Central Region Poll (released 1/24/07)
1. Central Missouri State
2. Emporia State
3. Southeastern Oklahoma State
4. Southwestern Oklahoma State
5. Midwestern State
6. Tarleton State
7. Texas A&M-Kingsville
8. Northwest Missouri State
9. Central Oklahoma
10. Truman

This Week’s Games in the Heartland
Jan. 29  *DBU @ LU
Feb. 1  TAMIU @ DBU
Feb. 2  *MSUB @ LU
Feb. 3  *DBU @ OPSU
*STMU @ UIW

* Heartland Conference Game

Current Yellowjackets in the School Record Books
Jonathan Wiley
Career: 8th for blocks (44) [needs 45 for 7th]
Season: 5th for FT % (85.70 in 05-06)
11th for FT % (83.80 in 04-05)
#2 Tom D’Amore
Points: 29 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
Rebounds: 7 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06
3-Point FGs: 8 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
Assists: 4 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06
Steals: 6 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07

#5 Eric Cunningham
Points: 15 vs. St. Edward’s, 1/7/07;
15 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07
Rebounds: 3 vs. St. Edward’s, 1/6/07; 3 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07; 3 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07
Assists: 12 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
Steals: 2 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 1/15/07;
2 vs. Incarnate Word, 1/27/07

#10 Jeff Miner
Points: 29 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07
Rebounds: 6 vs. St. Mary’s, 12/8/06
3-Point FGs: 9 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07
Assists: 10 vs. TX A&M-Int’l, 1/4/07
Steals: 4 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07

#21 Jonathan Wiley
Points: 30 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06
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

#23 Russell Steplight
Points: 23 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle, 1/13/07
Rebounds: 10 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 1/15/07
3-Point FGs: 2 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle, 1/13/07
Assists: 5 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
Steals: 2 vs. St. Edward’s, 1/7/07

#25 Mike Barton
Points: 4 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/2/06;
4 vs. St. Mary’s, 1/24/07
Rebounds: 3 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06; 3 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/2/06; 3 vs. St. Edward’s, 1/7/07
3-Point FGs: n/a
Assists: 1 three times
Steals: 1 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06; 1 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07
Blocks: 1 vs. St. Mary’s, 12/8/06; 1 vs. West Liberty, 12/16/07; 1 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle, 1/13/07

#32 Troy Ruff
Points: 11 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
Rebounds: 6 vs. St. Edward’s, 1/7/07
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
Assists: 2 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06
Steals: 2 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/21/06;
2 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07
Blocks: 2 vs. Dallas Baptist, 1/17/07;
2 vs. Incarnate Word, 1/28/07

#33 Cody Samuelson
Points: 24 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle, 1/12/07
Rebounds: 15 vs. Saint Leo, 12/20/04
3-Point FGs: 6 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle, 1/12/07
Assists: 8 vs. Saint Leo, 12/21/04
Steals: 5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/17/04
Blocks: 2 four times

#44 Carl Johnson
Points: 12 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06
Rebounds: 10 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle, 1/12/07;
10 vs. Lincoln, 1/20/07
3-Point FGs: 4 vs. Texas-Permian Basin, 1/15/07
Steals: 2 vs. Incarnate Word, 1/28/07
Blocks: 3 vs. Central Washington, 12/1/06

#54 Ammar Harknell
Points: 17 vs. TX A&M-Int’l, 1/4/07
Rebounds: 13 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06
3-Point FGs: 5 vs. TX A&M-Int’l, 1/4/07
Assists: 1 three times
Steals: 1 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle, 1/13/07
Blocks: 1 vs. St. Mary’s, 12/8/06; 1 vs. West Liberty St., 12/16/06
A player scored at least 50 points....  Feb. 12, 2000 (Markus Hallgrimson, 50 vs. Western NM)
A player scored at least 40 points....  Jan. 28, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 45 vs. St. Edward’s)
A player scored at least 30 points....  Dec. 21, 2006 (Jonathan Wiley, 30 vs. Northwest Nazarene)
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....  Jan. 20, 2007 (Tom D’Amore, 8 vs. Lincoln)
A player made at least 20 free throws....  Nov. 14, 1998 (Titus Warmsley, 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....  Dec. 21, 2006 (Jonathan Wiley, 13 vs. Northwest Nazarene)
A player had at least 25 rebounds....  Feb. 10, 1981 (Russell Murray 21 vs. Rocky Mountain)
A player had at least 20 rebounds....  Feb. 10, 2005 (Justin Hassell, 18 vs. Chaminade)
A player had at least 15 rebounds....  Feb. 4, 2006 (Carlin Hughes, 15 vs. Lincoln)
A player had at least 10 assists....  Jan. 20, 2007 (Eric Cunningham, 12 vs. Lincoln)
A player had at least five blocks....  Feb. 5, 2004 (Jerrett Skrifvars, 11 vs. Great Falls)
A player had at least 5 steals....  Jan. 20, 2007 (Tom D’Amore, 6 vs. Lincoln)
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.....  Dec. 16, 2006 (103 vs. West Liberty State)
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.....  Jan. 20, 2007 (54.5% vs. Lincoln)
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.....  Jan. 17, 2007 (15 vs. Dallas Baptist)
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.....  Jan. 20, 2007 (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.....  Dec. 16, 2006 (6 vs. West Liberty State)
The team had at least 20 steals.....  Feb. 5, 2004 (28 vs. Great Falls)
The team had at least 10 steals.....  Jan. 6, 2007 (10 vs. St. Edward’s)
## Mont. St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 29, 2007)

06-07 Yellowjacket Basketball

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Mont. St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 29, 2007)

- **Points per game:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 593 (31.2)
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 297 (15.6)
  - 25 Mike Barton: 152 (8.0)
  - 23 Russell Steplight: 193 (19.3)
  - 19 Jeff Miner: 626 (32.8)

- **Field goal percentage:**
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 2.3
  - 44 Carl Johnson: 26.2
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 31.2
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 65.6

- **Total points:**
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 279
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 279
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 265

- **Assists per game:**
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 12.3
  - 44 Carl Johnson: 18.0
  - 25 Mike Barton: 15.8
  - 19 Jeff Miner: 12.3

- **Total assists:**
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 233
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 233
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 233

- **Blocks per game:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 4.7
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 4.7
  - 25 Mike Barton: 2.3

- **Turnovers per game:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 15.8
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 12.3
  - 25 Mike Barton: 12.3

- **Total turnovers:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 176
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 176
  - 25 Mike Barton: 176

- **Turnover margin:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: -1.7
  - 32 Troy Ruff: -1.7
  - 25 Mike Barton: -1.7

- **Total rebounds:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 691
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 658
  - 25 Mike Barton: 625

- **Total blocks:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 121
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 108
  - 25 Mike Barton: 108

- **Total steals:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 233
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 233
  - 25 Mike Barton: 233

- **Total points:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 691
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 658
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- **Total assists:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 342
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 342
  - 25 Mike Barton: 342

- **Total rebounds:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 103
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 90
  - 25 Mike Barton: 83

- **Total blocks:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 102
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 102
  - 25 Mike Barton: 102

- **Total steals:**
  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 92
  - 32 Troy Ruff: 74
  - 25 Mike Barton: 16

- **Total points:**
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  - 33 Cody Samuelson: 145
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