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Lady Yellowjacket Basketball 2003-2004
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This Week's Schedule:

Friday, Dec. 19 – at Alaska-Anchorage
 Saturday, Dec. 20 – vs. Alaska Fairbanks (at Anchorage)

This Week's Opponent:

University of Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves – The Seawolves are 4-2 after winning their first four games of the season. They have dropped back to back games to Humboldt State and Western Oregon. Before facing MSUB Friday at the Glacier Classic, UAA will play host to Western New Mexico on Wednesday.

Kami Massey (5-10 Sr., Payson, UT) leads the Seawolves in scoring at 14.7 ppg. Four different players average double figures. Tanya Nizich is averaging 2.3 3-pointers per game and is third in school history for career 3-pointers made. Fourteen of her 19 made field goals this year have been from behind the arc.

University of Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks – The Nanooks were picked to finish last in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference by the league's coaches, but have started the season 5-1. Their only loss was to Army at the end of November. Although the Nanooks won't be leaving Alaska for the games at the Glacier Classic, they will be playing for the first time this season away from Fairbanks.

Four players are averaging double-digits for UAF, led by Cody Burgess (5-10 Sr., Leavenworth, WA) who is scoring 19.3 ppg. She also leads the team in rebounding at 8.0 rpg. Cecilia Chan (5-4 Sr., Toronto, ON) is averaging 14.2 ppg. Chan has made twenty 3-pointers this season and the Nanooks are averaging 8.3 threes a game as a team. Forty-two percent of UAF's field goal attempts have been from 3-point range (compared to 27-percent of the Yellowjackets').

Opponent Series Records:

University of Alaska-Anchorage

Total Meetings: 36
 MSUB Wins: 23; UAA Wins: 13
 First Meeting: MSUB 66, UAA 50, 1/4/1985
 Last Meeting: MSUB 82, UAA 54, 12/20/01
 MSUB Record at Anchorage: 11-8

University of Alaska-Fairbanks

Total Meetings: 44
 MSUB Wins: 33; UAF Wins: 11
 First Meeting: MSUB 57, UAF 68, 3/10/1978
 Last Meeting: MSUB 71, UAF 81, 1/3/2003 (in Laie, HI)
 MSUB Record vs. UAF at neutral sites: 1-3

2003-2004 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
11/17	Sonoma State	W, 82-72
11/18	Sonoma State	L, 46-59
11/21	vs. Cent. Washington	W, 70-68
11/22	at Seattle Pacific	L, 42-66
12/1	Rocky Mountain	W, 60-55 OT
12/4	at Montana	L, 43-80
12/13	at Wyoming	L, 51-62
12/15	at Western Washington	L, 57-66
12/19	at AK-Anchorage	8:00 p.m.
12/20	vs. AK-Fairbanks	6:00 p.m.
12/29	vs. Cent. Washington	6:00 p.m.
12/20	vs. Humboldt State	6:00 p.m.
1/2	at Humboldt State	2:00 p.m.
1/9	at Western N.M.	7:30 p.m.
1/10	at Western N.M.	7:30 p.m.
1/16	Green Mountain	6:00 p.m.
1/17	Green Mountain	6:00 p.m.
1/22	at St. Martin's	7:00 p.m.
1/23	vs. NW Nazarene	7:00 p.m.
2/2	at Florida Southern	7:30 p.m.
2/4	at Nova Southeastern	7:00 p.m.
2/13	Converse College	7:00 p.m.
2/14	Converse College	8:00 p.m.
2/17	Western N.M.	7:00 p.m.
2/19	Western N.M.	7:00 p.m.
2/20	Western N.M.	7:00 p.m.
2/23	MSU-Northern	7:00 p.m.

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

Lady Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

Catch all Lady 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. Games can also be heard live on the web at www.msubillings.edu/athletics.



Last Week's Results:

MSUB 51, Wyoming 62
 MSUB 57, Western Washington 66

Last Week's Highlights:

The Lady Jackets continued to play improved offensively and defensively in terms of mastering coach Slone's system, but were again done in by turnovers and poor shooting. Against their second Division I opponent in as many weeks, the Yellowjackets turned the ball over 28 times and shot just 36-percent from the field at the Wyoming Shootout.

The 28 MSU-Billings turnovers led to 29 Cowgirls points in a game that the Yellowjackets lost by 11. Fifteen of those turnovers came in the first half, leading to a 21-5 advantage for Wyoming in points off turnovers in the first half alone.

Tanya Petersen led all Yellowjacket scorers with 13 points. Sophia Forney again showed flashes of being an explosive scorer, finishing with 10 points. The freshman swing player is connecting on 48-percent of her field goal attempts and is converting at a 77-percent clip at the free throw line this season.

Robyn Milne netted nine points to go with a game-high 11 rebounds against Wyoming. It was just the third time in seven games that she hasn't finished with a double-double and the second time she has missed a double-double with nine points.

Against Western Washington, the Jackets led by three at halftime and were tied with the Vikings late in the game. WWU hit 3-of-4 field goals and 6-of-7 free throws in the final 3:36 to seal the win.

Jenny Langford came within one 3-pointer of tying the school single-game record. She was 6-of-8 from behind the arc, providing an outside scoring punch that MSUB has lacked in the past few games. The school record for 3-pointers in a game is seven, set by Amy Winslow in 1997 and tied by Jenni Winter in 1998.

Milne notched her fifth double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds. She leads the Lady Jackets at 12.8 points and 12.5 rebounds a game.

Petersen scored 13 points for the second game in a row at Western Washington, upping her season average to 9.9 ppg. She is second on the team for rebounds, averaging 6.4 per game. She also handed out a career-high eight assists.

The Yellowjackets outscored the Vikings by 15 points from 3-point range, but made three fewer field goals all together and eight fewer free throws. MSUB found its way to the free throw line just ten times in the game and twice in the second half, connecting on 6-of-10 from the charity stripe. Western was 14-of-23 from the line.

**WBCA Top 25 Poll
 December 16, 2003**

School	Record	Previous
1 North Dakota	9-0	2
2 California (PA)	7-0	3
3 North Florida	6-0	5
4 South Dakota	11-1	4
5 Washburn	7-0	7
6 S.D. State	7-2	1
7 Shaw	6-0	8
8 Drury	11-1	9
9 Seattle Pacific	8-0	10
10 Glenville St.	5-1	6
11 Bellarmine	6-1	11
12 Emporia St.	6-0	15
13 Bentley	6-2	14
14 N.D. State	6-2	16
15 Indianapolis	6-2	13
16 American Intl'	9-1	18
17 Quincy	7-2	17
18 Arkansas Tech	4-1	19
19 Angelo St.	7-0	25
20 Northeastern St.	7-1	24
21 Cal St.-Chico	5-1	22
22 Cal St.-Bakersfield	3-2	12
23 Minn.-Duluth	4-2	20
24 Northern Ky	6-3	21
25 Georgia C&SU	9-0	NR

Yellowjacket 2003-2004 Opponents in Bold

**Current Lady Yellowjackets
 in the School Record Books**

Robyn Milne

Career: 2nd for blocks (115)
Season: 4th for blocks (57 in 01-02)
 5th for blocks (43 in 02-03)
Game: T-5th for blocks (6 vs. Nova Southeastern, 3/1/03; 6 vs. Alaska-Anchorage, 12/20/01)
 T-11th for blocks (5 vs. UC-San Diego, 12/31/01)
 T-19th for blocks (4 vs. UC-San Diego, 11/22/02; 4 vs. Montana, 11/25/02; 4 vs. Sonoma St., 11/17/03)

Jenny Langford

Game: T-2nd for 3-pointers made (6 vs. Western WA, 12/15/03)



Notes:

Other than dropping the Lady Yellowjackets below the .500 mark for the first time since December 2, 2000, the losses to Montana and Wyoming over the past two weeks shouldn't hurt much when it comes time for regional seeding. MSU-Billings will earn seven points in the regional power poll for each of the DI losses, exactly the same number of points they will get for defeating any NAIA team.

Whether or not the Lady Jackets make the NCAA Tournament for the third straight year will likely be determined in the eight-straight road games against West Region opponents, beginning with the loss at Western Washington on Monday and ending January 10 at Western New Mexico. After that road swing, MSU-Billings will have just five West Region games remaining (they are currently 2-3 in the region). Those who follow Division II basketball closely know that a team's in-region record is the No. 1 factor in earning an NCAA Tournament berth. If the Lady Jackets can find a way to win five or six of those West Region road games in December and January, they could still land themselves in the tournament mix come March.

The last time MSUB lost three games in a row was during the 2000-01 season, when they did it twice. The last time the Lady Jackets lost four straight in the same season was 1991-92.

2003-2004 Lady Yellowjackets Numerical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
11	Jennifer Skrifvars	5-9	G	Fr.	Brea, CA/Cal State-San Bernardino
14	Sophia Forney	6-1	F	Fr.	Livingston, MT/Park County HS
22	Jenny Auer	5-7	G	So.	Billings, MT/MSU-Bozeman
25	Lisa Jellum	5-7	G	So.	Gillette, WY/Campbell County HS
30	Shannon Harvey	5-8	G	Fr.	Billings, MT/Senior HS
34	Tanya Petersen	6-0	F	So.	Billings, MT/West HS
41	Robyn Milne	6-3	C	Jr.	Richey, MT/Richey HS
43	Jenny Langford	5-6	G	So.	Reedpoint, MT/UM-Western
44	Alisa Lordemann	6-0	F	Jr.	Glendive, MT/Miles CC
50	Jessica Bratton	5-11	F	Fr.	Casper, WY/Natrona County HS
52	Jamie Barker	6-1	F	Jr.	Templeton, CA/Portland CC
RS	Kayla Frize	5-6	G	Jr.	Miles City, MT/MSU-Bozeman

Lady Yellowjacket Coaches

Melissa Slone (1st year): Slone joins the Yellowjackets after spending the last five seasons as the head coach at College of Charleston, a Division I school in South Carolina. Slone is a native of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where she graduated from Highlands High School in 1987. In 1986 she became the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,604 career points before going on to star at Northern Kentucky University, a perennial Division II basketball power. She was a three-year starter at point guard, leading the Norse to an 88-23 record. Northern Kentucky captured three Great Lakes Valley Conference titles and qualified for the NCAA tournament four times in Slone's four years at the school. She graduated in 1991 with a degree in accounting.

Julie Moehring (1st year): Moehring was formerly an assistant coach at College of Mount St. Joseph, a Division III school in Cincinnati. In addition to her coaching duties, she will also work part time in the Yellowjackets' Marketing and Development Office. Moehring was an NCAA II Kodak All-American for Northern Kentucky in 1987-88 after leading the Norse to their third straight NCAA Tournament. In her junior season, Moehring led NKU to the NCAA II Final Four. At College of Mount St. Joseph last season, Moehring helped the Lions reach their first NCAA Tournament in school history. She coached guards and assisted in recruiting, travel and fundraising.

Montana St.-Billings Combined Team Statistics (Through games of Dec 15, 2003)
All games

RECORD :	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-5)	(2-1)	(0-3)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(3-5)	(2-1)	(0-3)	(1-1)

## Player	GP-GS	Avg Min	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----												
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
41 Milne, Robyn.....	8-8	29.6	33-91	.363	0-0	.000	36-64	.562	46	54	100	12.5	14	0	9	20	15	10	102	12.8
43 Langford, Jenny.....	8-8	33.6	26-68	.382	20-44	.455	14-16	.875	4	20	24	3.0	19	0	13	29	0	6	86	10.8
34 Petersen, Tanya.....	8-8	27.8	28-71	.394	6-12	.500	17-24	.708	9	42	51	6.4	11	0	14	27	7	12	79	9.9
42 Forney, Sophia.....	8-5	20.6	23-48	.479	2-6	.333	10-13	.769	5	24	29	3.6	25	0	5	27	5	6	58	7.2
44 Lordemann, Alisa....	8-5	20.8	13-36	.361	2-12	.167	9-10	.900	5	15	20	2.5	24	0	5	12	2	9	37	4.6
21 Frize, Kayla.....	5-3	20.0	6-25	.240	2-10	.200	10-12	.833	4	10	14	2.8	4	0	11	12	0	2	24	4.8
22 Auer, Jenny.....	8-0	10.0	8-23	.348	2-10	.200	3-4	.750	7	2	9	1.1	7	0	4	8	0	5	21	2.6
11 Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8-0	17.0	5-25	.200	0-1	.000	8-16	.500	6	6	12	1.5	18	0	11	14	1	1	18	2.2
30 Harvey, Shannon.....	7-0	11.6	4-15	.267	3-10	.300	4-7	.571	3	4	7	1.0	9	0	10	6	0	1	15	2.1
52 Barker, Jamie.....	8-0	8.5	2-16	.125	0-7	.000	3-5	.600	3	14	17	2.1	5	0	2	7	0	1	7	0.9
25 Jellum, Lisa.....	8-3	10.6	1-13	.077	0-6	.000	2-2	1.000	2	5	7	0.9	11	0	3	16	0	1	4	0.5
50 Bratton, Jessica....	4-0	4.2	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.8	3	0	1	2	0	2	0	0.0
TM TEAM.....										23	16	39	4.9	0		1				
Total.....	8		149-435	.343	37-119	.311	116-173	.671	117	215	332	41.5	150	0	88	181	30	56	451	56.4
Opponents.....	8		185-477	.388	35-131	.267	123-173	.711	99	197	296	37.0	155	-	127	126	25	79	528	66.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MSUB	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	451	528	11/17/03	SONOMA STATE	W	82-72	483
Points per game.....	56.4	66.0	11/18/03	SONOMA STATE	L	46-59	210
Scoring margin.....	-9.6	-	11/21/03	vs Central Washington	W	70-68	85
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	149-435	185-477	11/22/03	at Seattle Pacific	L	42-66	307
Field goal pct.....	.343	.388	12/1/03	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	W OT	60-55	654
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	37-119	35-131	12/4/03	at Montana	L	43-80	2752
3-point FG pct.....	.311	.267	12/13/03	vs Wyoming	L	51-62	-
3-pt FG made per game.....	4.6	4.4	12/15/03	at Western Washington	L	57-66	275
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	116-173	123-173	* denotes conference game				
Free throw pct.....	.671	.711					
REBOUNDS.....	332	296					
Rebounds per game.....	41.5	37.0					
Rebounding margin.....	+4.5	-					
ASSISTS.....	88	127					
Assists per game.....	11.0	15.9					
TURNOVERS.....	181	126					
Turnovers per game.....	22.6	15.8					
Turnover margin.....	-6.9	-					
Assist/turnover ratio.....	0.5	1.0					
STEALS.....	56	79					
Steals per game.....	7.0	9.9					
BLOCKS.....	30	25					
Blocks per game.....	3.8	3.1					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	1	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	1347	3419					
Home games-Avg/Game.....	3-449	3-1111					
Neutral site-Avg/Game.....	-	2-42					

BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Team.....	207	237	7	451
Opponents...	255	271	2	528

Montana St.-Billings Category Leaders (Through games of Dec 15, 2003)
All games

FG PERCENTAGE	FG ATT	Pct
Forney, Sophia.....	23 48	.479
Petersen, Tanya.....	28 71	.394
Langford, Jenny.....	26 68	.382
Milne, Robyn.....	33 91	.363
Lordemann, Alisa....	13 36	.361
Auer, Jenny.....	8 23	.348
Harvey, Shannon.....	4 15	.267
Frize, Kayla.....	6 25	.240
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	5 25	.200
Barker, Jamie.....	2 16	.125
Jellum, Lisa.....	1 13	.077

3-POINT PERCENTAGE	3FG ATT	Pct
Petersen, Tanya.....	6 12	.500
Langford, Jenny.....	20 44	.455
Forney, Sophia.....	2 6	.333
Harvey, Shannon.....	3 10	.300
Frize, Kayla.....	2 10	.200
Auer, Jenny.....	2 10	.200
Lordemann, Alisa....	2 12	.167

FT PERCENTAGE	FT ATT	Pct
Jellum, Lisa.....	2 2	1.000
Lordemann, Alisa....	9 10	.900
Langford, Jenny.....	14 16	.875
Frize, Kayla.....	10 12	.833
Forney, Sophia.....	10 13	.769
Auer, Jenny.....	3 4	.750
Petersen, Tanya.....	17 24	.708
Barker, Jamie.....	3 5	.600
Harvey, Shannon.....	4 7	.571
Milne, Robyn.....	36 64	.562
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8 16	.500

POINTS	G	Pts	Pts/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	102	12.8
Langford, Jenny.....	8	86	10.8
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	79	9.9
Forney, Sophia.....	8	58	7.2
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	37	4.6
Frize, Kayla.....	5	24	4.8
Auer, Jenny.....	8	21	2.6
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8	18	2.2
Harvey, Shannon.....	7	15	2.1
Barker, Jamie.....	8	7	0.9
Jellum, Lisa.....	8	4	0.5

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	G	Att	Att/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	91	11.4
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	71	8.9
Langford, Jenny.....	8	68	8.5
Forney, Sophia.....	8	48	6.0
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	36	4.5

FIELD GOALS MADE	G	Made	Made/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	33	4.1
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	28	3.5
Langford, Jenny.....	8	26	3.2
Forney, Sophia.....	8	23	2.9
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	13	1.6

3-POINT FG ATTEMPTS	G	Att	Att/G
Langford, Jenny.....	8	44	5.5
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	12	1.5
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	12	1.5
Frize, Kayla.....	5	10	2.0
Harvey, Shannon.....	7	10	1.4
Auer, Jenny.....	8	10	1.2

3-POINT FGS MADE	G	Made	Made/G
Langford, Jenny.....	8	20	2.5
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	6	0.8
Harvey, Shannon.....	7	3	0.4
Forney, Sophia.....	8	2	0.2
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	2	0.2
Auer, Jenny.....	8	2	0.2
Frize, Kayla.....	5	2	0.4

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	G	Att	Att/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	64	8.0
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	24	3.0
Langford, Jenny.....	8	16	2.0
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8	16	2.0
Forney, Sophia.....	8	13	1.6

FREE THROWS MADE	G	Made	Made/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	36	4.5
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	17	2.1
Langford, Jenny.....	8	14	1.8
Forney, Sophia.....	8	10	1.2
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	9	1.1

POINTS AVERAGE	G	Pts	Avg/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	102	12.8
Langford, Jenny.....	8	86	10.8
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	79	9.9
Forney, Sophia.....	8	58	7.2
Frize, Kayla.....	5	24	4.8
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	37	4.6
Auer, Jenny.....	8	21	2.6
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8	18	2.2
Harvey, Shannon.....	7	15	2.1
Barker, Jamie.....	8	7	0.9
Jellum, Lisa.....	8	4	0.5

Montana St.-Billings Category Leaders (Through games of Dec 15, 2003)
All games

REBOUNDS	G	Reb	Reb/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	100	12.5
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	51	6.4
Forney, Sophia.....	8	29	3.6
Langford, Jenny.....	8	24	3.0
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	20	2.5

REBOUND AVERAGE	G	Reb	Avg/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	100	12.5
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	51	6.4
Forney, Sophia.....	8	29	3.6
Langford, Jenny.....	8	24	3.0
Frize, Kayla.....	5	14	2.8

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	G	No.	Avg/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	46	5.8
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	9	1.1
Auer, Jenny.....	8	7	0.9
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8	6	0.8
Forney, Sophia.....	8	5	0.6
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	5	0.6

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	G	No.	Avg/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	54	6.8
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	42	5.2
Forney, Sophia.....	8	24	3.0
Langford, Jenny.....	8	20	2.5
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	15	1.9

FOULS	G	No.	Per/G
Forney, Sophia.....	8	25	3.1
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	24	3.0
Langford, Jenny.....	8	19	2.4
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8	18	2.2
Milne, Robyn.....	8	14	1.8

FOULOUTS	G	No.

ASSISTS	G	No.	A/G
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	14	1.8
Langford, Jenny.....	8	13	1.6
Frize, Kayla.....	5	11	2.2
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8	11	1.4
Harvey, Shannon.....	7	10	1.4

STEALS	G	No.	S/G
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	12	1.5
Milne, Robyn.....	8	10	1.2
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	9	1.1
Langford, Jenny.....	8	6	0.8
Forney, Sophia.....	8	6	0.8

BLOCKED SHOTS	G	No.	Blk/G
Milne, Robyn.....	8	15	1.9
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	7	0.9
Forney, Sophia.....	8	5	0.6
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	2	0.2
Skrifvars, Jennifer.	8	1	0.1

MINUTES	G	No.	Min/G
Langford, Jenny.....	8	269	33.6
Milne, Robyn.....	8	237	29.6
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	222	27.8
Lordemann, Alisa....	8	166	20.8
Forney, Sophia.....	8	165	20.6

TURNOVERS	G	No.	TO/G
Langford, Jenny.....	8	29	3.6
Forney, Sophia.....	8	27	3.4
Petersen, Tanya.....	8	27	3.4
Milne, Robyn.....	8	20	2.5
Jellum, Lisa.....	8	16	2.0