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Lady Yellowjacket Basketball 2004-2005
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This Week's Schedule:

Feb. 12 – vs. North Dakota State, 6 p.m., Alterowitz Gym

This Week's Opponents:

North Dakota State – The Bison kept rolling last week with wins over Minnesota-Crookston (85-75) and Si Tanka University (84-52). They are now a perfect 21-0 on the season and will travel to Billings on Saturday. NDSU is 10-0 at home and 11-0 away from the Bison Sports Arena in Fargo.

The Bison defeated the Yellowjackets just two weeks ago in Fargo, pulling away from a close game at the half to win 82-56. Six-foot-four center Leah Klabo had a big game with 26 points and seven rebounds. She is averaging 11.8 points and 7.2 rebounds a game this season. The Jackets' center Robyn Milne played just 13 minutes in the game because of the flu.

The Bison had four double figures scorers against the Jackets in their first meeting, including 15 from Katie Lorenz. Lorenz leads the team in scoring at 13.5 ppg and has a team-high 27 3-pointers. Lorenz and Klabo each eclipsed 1,000 career points last week in the win over Si Tanka.

The Bison have an impressive 129 blocked shots as a team. Brandee Gibbs leads the team with 44, followed by Klabo with 33 and Lacey Johnson with 25. That stingy defense has led to a +23.9 scoring margin. Only nine teams this year have been within ten points of the Bison while NDSU has won by as many as 62.

While the quality of the Bison's opponents this year has been mixed, including several NAIA games, they have wins over teams like Cincinnati and South Dakota State. NDSU is in the second year of a five year transition period to Division I.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 1; North Dakota State Wins: 6
 First Meeting: MSUB 68, NDSU 66 (11/30/83 at NDSU)
 Last Meeting: NDSU 82, MSUB 56 (1/29/05 at NDSU)
 Streaks: NDSU has won six straight dating to 12/20/86

Last Week's Highlights:

The Montana State-Billings women's basketball team made a strong case for its NCAA Tournament hopes last Thursday, defeating St. Martin's 53-42. The game was a meeting of two regionally ranked teams with the Saints entering the game ranked fifth in the NCAA West Region and the Yellowjackets ranked ninth. With the win MSU-Billings improved to 15-5, dropping St. Martin's to 13-5.

2004-2005 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
11/13	Blue-Gold Scrimmage#	###
11/20	Western Washington	W, 88-78 OT
11/26	Ohio Valley	W, 79-55
11/27	Ohio Valley	W, 78-52
11/30	at Seattle	L, 61-55
12/1	at Seattle	W, 57-36
12/10	vs. Cal State-Chico ^	L, 77-65
12/11	vs. Southern Oregon ^	W, 81-58
12/17	Humboldt State	W, 58-44
12/18	Humboldt State	W, 77-45
12/20	Saint Leo	W, 76-59
12/21	Saint Leo	W, 79-44
12/31	Alumni Game#	W, 86-78
1/3	at Northwest Nazarene	W, 66-65
1/6	St. Martin's	L, 59-50
1/12	Montana Tech	W, 85-39
1/18	Western New Mexico	W, 100-63
1/19	Western New Mexico	W, 83-71
1/22	at Central Washington	L, 81-63
1/26	Western Oregon	W, 65-56
1/29	at North Dakota State	L, 82-56
2/3	at St. Martin's	W, 53-42
2/12	North Dakota State	6:00 p.m.
2/18	Grand Canyon	7:00 p.m.
2/19	Grand Canyon	7:00 p.m.
2/22	at Western Oregon	7:00 p.m.
2/25	at Rocky Mountain	7:00 p.m.
3/3	at Western New Mexico	5:00 p.m.
3/5	at Western New Mexico	4:00 p.m.

Home Games in Bold played at Alterowitz Gymnasium. Call 657-2369 for ticket info.
 # Exhibition Game
 ^ Played at Humboldt St. Tourney in Arcata, CA

Lady Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

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St. Martin's handed the Yellowjackets a tough 59-50 loss at home in January, propelling the Saints into the regional poll. Since that time St. Martin's has climbed from eighth to fifth in the West Region while the Yellowjackets have held tight at No. 9. Thursday's win should bump the Lady Jackets into the important top eight. The top eight ranked teams at the end of the season are invited to the NCAA Tournament.

Much like the game in Billings a month ago, Thursday's was a defensive battle. Neither team led by more than five points in the first half, and there were four ties. Martina Kartikova's basket with nine seconds remaining in the half gave St. Martin's a 22-21 halftime advantage.

"It was a close game in the first half, but we were able to get up four or five points in the second half," said Yellowjacket coach Kevin Woodin. "We played with an extended zone defense, and that was effective. They didn't shoot as well as they did in the first game."

The Yellowjackets took a 22-21 lead on their second possession of the second half when Robyn Milne scored from inside. MSU-Billings never trailed again, leading by as many as eight midway through the half and pulling away down the stretch. After the Saints had drawn to within six, Jenny Langford knocked down a 3-pointer with 1:28 to play to give the Jackets a 38-47 lead. Lisa Jellum (Jr., Gillette, WY) and Angela Lessard combined for four straight free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

Tanya Petersen led all players with 17 points. She added eight rebounds, three assists and four steals. Langford finished with 11 points, hitting 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

Milne and Michelle Lieber cleaned up on the glass, grabbing 10 and 13 rebounds respectively. Lieber's 13 boards were a career high. Milne added five points and three blocked shots. She is now ranked 21st in NCAA II history for career blocked shots with 245 and needs seven more blocks to break into the top 20.

Guards Shannon Harvey and Lessard combined for 13 points. Harvey finished with six and Lessard netted a career-high seven points. MSU-Billings was 6-of-25 from 3-point range with Harvey making two.

NCAA West Region Poll (as of 2/2/05)

Team (overall record, regional record)

1. Seattle Pacific (17-1, 14-0)
2. Western Washington (16-2, 12-2)
3. Cal State-Chico (14-3, 13-3)
4. Cal Poly Pomona (13-4, 9-3)
5. St. Martin's (13-4, 8-2)
6. Cal State-Bakersfield (13-4, 9-3)
7. Cal State-Dominguez Hills (10-6, 9-2)
8. Cal State-San Bernardino (12-5, 8-4)
9. Montana State-Billings (14-5, 8-4)

Lady Yellowjackets in the NCAA National Statistical Rankings (Stats through games of January 30, 2005)

Individual

Rebounds per Game

27th – Robyn Milne (9.8)

Blocked Shots per Game

7th – Robyn Milne (3.6)

3-point Percentage

25th – Shannon Harvey (40.8)

Team

Scoring Margin

36th – +12.4

Field Goal Percentage

26th – 45.1

Field Goal Percentage Defense

25th – 35.4

Free Throw Percentage

41st – 73.8

Rebound Margin

34th – +6.6

3-Point FG Per Game

41st – 6.3

Current Lady Jackets in the Record Books

Robyn Milne

Career: 2nd for blocks (245) [school record is 272]
 2nd for rebounds (864) [school record is 932]
 3rd for rebounds per game (9.0)
 17th for points scored (950)
 3rd for FG % (53.7)

Season: 3rd for rebounds (313)
 3rd for rebounds per game (11.6)
 2nd for blocks (74 in 03-04)
3rd for blocks (71 in 04-05)
 5th for blocks (57 in 01-02)
 6th for blocks (43 in 02-03)

Game: T-2nd for blocks (8)
 T-7th for blocks (6)
 T-5th for rebounds (22)
 T-10th for rebounds (19)

Jenny Langford

Career: 5th for 3-pointers made (122)
 8th for 3-point % (36.7)

Season: 2nd for 3-pointers made (68 in 03-04)
 9th for 3-point % (40.7 in 03-04)

Game: T-3rd for 3-pointers made (6)
 T-9th for 3-pointers made (5)
 T-4th for 3-Point % (5/6)
 T-7th for 3-Point % (4/5)
 T-9th for 3-Point % (6/8)

Tanya Petersen

Career: 6th for blocks (61)
 23rd for points scored (808)

Season: 8th for blocks (35 in 03-04)

Game: T-3rd for blocks (7)

Shannon Harvey

Game: T-1st for 3-pointers made (7)

Season: 11th for 3-pointers made (42 in 04-05)

Career: 12th for 3-pointers made (58)



2004-2005 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	So.	Brea, CA/Cal State-San Bernardino
13	Kayla Frize	5'6"	G	Jr.	Miles City, MT/MSU-Bozeman
14	Colette Behrent	5'9"	G	RFr.	Columbus, MT/Weber State
22	Sami Walking Bear	5'8"	G	Jr.	Billings, MT/Casper JC
25	Lisa Jellum	5'7"	G	Jr.	Gillette, WY/Campbell County HS
30	Shannon Harvey	5'8"	G	So.	Billings, MT/Senior HS
33	Angela Lessard	5'7"	G	Jr.	Elizabeth, CO/Otero JC
34	Tanya Petersen	6'0"	F	Jr.	Billings, MT/West HS
41	Robyn Milne	6'3"	C	Sr.	Richey, MT/Richey HS
43	Jenny Langford	5'6"	G	Jr.	Reedpoint, MT/UM-Western
44	Jessica Bratton	5'11"	F	So.	Casper, WY/Natrona County HS
50	Michelle Lieber	6'0"	F	So.	Gillette, WY/Univ. of Wyoming

2004-2005 Lady Yellowjacket Coaches

Kevin Woodin (1st year): Woodin takes over the Yellowjackets after a very successful career as the head coach at Billings West High School. He guided the Lady Bears to back-to-back State AA Championships in his final two seasons, including an unbeaten record last year. In ten seasons at West High, Woodin was a combined 138-81 for a .610 winning percentage. He was a two-time Montana Coach of the Year and a finalist two other times. The Libby, Mont., native holds degrees from Carroll College and Seattle Pacific University.

Kami Malnaa (1st year): Malnaa is in her first year with the Yellowjackets after spending the last two years as the head coach for Yellowstone Valley Christian Home School. The 2002 MSU-Billings graduate starred for the Lady Yellowjackets for four seasons and is currently ranked 17th in school history for career points scored. She also ranks second all-time with 171 made 3-pointers and helped the Jackets to three NCAA Tournament appearances.

Darryl Helmer (1st year): Helmer has been a longtime teacher and coach at Billings Skyview High School. He compiled a 108-96 record from 1990 to 1998 as the Falcon's head girls' basketball coach. Helmer guided the Falcons to a runner up finish at the 1996 State AA Tournament and was a two-time Coach of the Year finalist. At Skyview, Helmer produced several college players including former Yellowjacket standouts Shiloh Schwab and Betsy Morrison.



Current Career Highs for the 2004-2005 Lady Yellowjackets

#11 Jennifer Skrifvars

Points: 10 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 1/23/04
Rebounds: 8 vs. Humboldt St., 12/30/03
3-Point FGs: 1 vs. Green Mountain, 1/17/04;
1 vs. Montana Tech, 1/12/05
Assists: 6 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/19/05
Steals: 4 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05

#13 Kayla Frize

Points: 16 vs. Saint Leo, 12/20/04
Rebounds: 9 vs. St. Martin's, 1/6/05
3-Point FGs: 3 three times
Assists: 5 vs. Sonoma State, 11/17/03
Steals: 4 vs. Chico State, 12/10/04

#14 Colette Behrent

Points: 4 vs. Humboldt, 12/18/04;
4 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
Rebounds: 2 vs. Ohio Valley, 11/27/04;
2 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
3-Point FGs: 0
Assists: 1 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
Steals: 1 vs. Montana Tech, 1/12/05
Blocks: 1 vs. Humboldt, 12/18/04

#22 Sami Walking Bear

Points: 6 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
Rebounds: 5 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
3-Point FGs: 1 vs. Humboldt, 12/18/04
Assists: 2 vs. Ohio Valley, 11/27/04;
2 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
Steals: 0

#25 Lisa Jellum

Points: 16 vs. North Dakota State, 1/29/05
Rebounds: 6 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/19/05
3-Point FGs: 4 vs. North Dakota State, 1/29/05
Assists: 6 vs. Green Mountain, 1/16/04
Steals: 3 vs. Sonoma State, 12/8/02;
3 vs. Montana Tech, 1/12/05

#30 Shannon Harvey

Points: 21 vs. Humboldt, 12/18/04
Rebounds: 5 vs. Converse College, 2/14/04
3-Point FGs: 7 vs. Humboldt St., 12/18/04
Assists: 8 vs. Western New Mexico, 2/19/04
Steals: 3 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/9/04;
3 vs. Green Mountain, 1/17/04

#33 Angela Lessard

Points: 7 vs. St. Martin's, 2/3/05
Rebounds: 4 vs. Saint Leo, 12/21/04
3-Point FGs: 1 vs. Montana Tech, 1/12/05
Assists: 4 vs. Montana Tech, 1/12/05
Steals: 3 vs. St. Martin's, 2/3/05

#34 Tanya Petersen

Points: 26 vs. Converse College, 2/13/04;
26 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/19/05
Rebounds: 16 vs. Western N.M., 2/20/04
Assists: 8 vs. Western Washington, 12/15/03
Blocks: 7 vs. Green Mountain, 1/17/04; 7 vs.
Humboldt, 12/17/04
Steals: 5 vs. Humboldt St., 1/2/04
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. Central Washington, 1/22/05

#41 Robyn Milne

Points: 31 vs. Ohio Valley, 11/26/04
Rebounds: 22 vs. Alaska-Fairbanks, 12/20/03
Blocks: 8 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 1/3/05
Assists: 8 vs. Western Washington, 11/20/04;
8 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 1/3/05
Steals: 4 vs. Rocky Mountain, 2/6/03;
4 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/10/04

#43 Jenny Langford

Points: 21 vs. Central Washington, 11/21/03;
21 vs. Converse College, 2/14/04
Rebounds: 6 vs. AK-Fairbanks, 1/3/03
Assists: 8 vs. Humboldt St., 12/30/03
3-Point FGs: 6 vs. Central Washington, 11/21/03;
6 vs. Western Washington, 12/15/03; 6 vs. MSU-
Northern, 2/23/04
Steals: 3 five times

#44 Jessica Bratton

Points: 14 vs. Ohio Valley, 11/27/04
Rebounds: 7 vs. Green Mountain, 1/17/04
3-Point FGs: 1 vs. Western N.M., 2/20/04
Assists: 2 three times
Steals: 1 eight times
Blocks: 1 three times

#50 Michelle Lieber

Points: 16 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 1/3/05
Rebounds: 13 vs. St. Martin's, 2/3/05
Assists: 4 vs. Seattle, 11/30/04;
4 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
Steals: 4 vs. Seattle, 11/30/04
Blocks: 2 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 1/3/05



04-05 Yellowjacket Basketball
 Mont. St.-Billings Season Box Score

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(15-5)	(11-1)	(3-3)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(15-5)	(11-1)	(3-3)	(1-1)

#	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
34	Petersen, Tanya....	20-20	532 26.6	119-235	.506	19-53	.358	41-61	.672	35	71	106	5.3	30	0	37	58	16	21	298	14.9
41	Milne, Robyn.....	20-20	571 28.6	91-162	.562	0-0	.000	63-88	.716	49	148	197	9.9	34	0	72	56	71	16	245	12.3
50	Lieber, Michelle...	20-20	561 28.1	71-115	.617	0-0	.000	31-43	.721	55	111	166	8.3	39	0	36	32	9	16	173	8.7
30	Harvey, Shannon....	20-0	386 19.3	55-137	.401	42-107	.393	15-24	.625	8	28	36	1.8	31	1	15	37	0	10	167	8.4
43	Langford, Jenny....	20-20	535 26.8	49-146	.336	32-99	.323	16-20	.800	11	21	32	1.6	32	0	63	49	1	11	146	7.3
25	Jellum, Lisa.....	20-20	490 24.5	41-101	.406	21-55	.382	41-47	.872	7	43	50	2.5	34	1	45	49	1	17	144	7.2
13	Frize, Kayla.....	20-0	321 16.1	34-114	.298	9-48	.188	16-17	.941	11	39	50	2.5	24	0	37	39	1	19	93	4.7
44	Bratton, Jessica...	17-0	136 8.0	29-55	.527	0-2	.000	14-15	.933	12	18	30	1.8	16	0	5	13	4	1	72	4.2
22	Walking Bear, Sami.	9-0	57 6.3	6-25	.240	1-11	.091	5-6	.833	7	5	12	1.3	4	0	6	11	1	1	18	2.0
33	Lessard, Angela....	19-0	195 10.3	7-23	.304	1-6	.167	13-17	.765	10	17	27	1.4	31	1	24	21	0	10	28	1.5
14	Behrent, Colette...	10-0	57 5.7	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	2	4	6	0.6	8	0	1	9	2	3	11	1.1
11	Skrifvars, Jennifer	20-0	186 9.3	4-24	.167	1-3	.333	10-18	.556	15	14	29	1.5	13	0	23	16	0	7	19	1.0
	TEAM.....									23	66	89	4.5	0			8				
	Total.....	20	4027	511-1148	.445	126-384	.328	266-361	.737	245	585	830	41.5	296	3	364	398	106	132	1414	70.7
	Opponents.....	20	4027	429-1235	.347	111-341	.326	198-272	.728	253	449	702	35.1	342	-	263	363	42	169	1167	58.3



North Dakota State Women's Basketball
 North Dakota State Season Box Score

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(21-0)	(10-0)	(6-0)	(5-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(21-0)	(10-0)	(6-0)	(5-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
20	Katie Lorenz.....	21-21	590 28.1	104-240	.433	27-76	.355	49-54	.907	24	59	83	4.0	39	0	89	54	4	40	284	13.5
31	Brandee Gibbs.....	21-0	360 17.1	98-170	.576	0-0	.000	61-80	.763	26	93	119	5.7	46	0	21	42	44	11	257	12.2
34	Leah Klabo.....	21-21	435 20.7	97-184	.527	0-0	.000	53-85	.624	49	103	152	7.2	53	2	25	36	33	13	247	11.8
32	Lacey Johnson.....	21-21	503 24.0	76-178	.427	16-51	.314	58-71	.817	41	81	122	5.8	37	1	49	36	25	40	226	10.8
52	Danni Heintzelman..	21-0	346 16.5	51-95	.537	13-29	.448	38-54	.704	25	60	85	4.0	47	1	21	28	4	11	153	7.3
10	Amanda Girodat.....	2-0	28 14.0	5-14	.357	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	7	7	3.5	0	0	7	3	0	3	11	5.5
22	Lisa Bue.....	21-0	283 13.5	46-93	.495	4-17	.235	18-29	.621	25	44	69	3.3	9	0	21	22	4	20	114	5.4
04	Amanda Krenz.....	21-21	571 27.2	38-107	.355	22-69	.319	16-19	.842	25	40	65	3.1	13	0	72	33	4	19	114	5.4
14	Kayla Dahlen.....	21-21	485 23.1	38-83	.458	20-42	.476	9-13	.692	34	47	81	3.9	40	2	32	25	3	16	105	5.0
42	Brenda Slyt.....	21-0	212 10.1	33-98	.337	8-45	.178	16-19	.842	15	26	41	2.0	20	0	14	12	4	13	90	4.3
23	Katie Dahlen.....	20-0	251 12.6	21-41	.512	4-13	.308	12-16	.750	15	13	28	1.4	16	0	23	12	1	8	58	2.9
30	Liz Preller.....	15-0	106 7.1	6-20	.300	4-13	.308	4-4	1.000	6	7	13	0.9	8	0	6	4	2	5	20	1.3
33	Alison Hansen.....	6-0	30 5.0	2-11	.182	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	0	5	5	0.8	3	0	1	3	1	0	6	1.0
TEAM.....										39	44	83	4.0	0		4					
Total.....		21	4200	615-1334	.461	119-358	.332	336-450	.747	324	629	953	45.4	331	6	381	314	129	199	1685	80.2
Opponents.....		21	4200	415-1215	.342	88-322	.273	266-381	.698	236	465	701	33.4	365	8	238	374	33	144	1184	56.4