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

Feb. 18 – vs. Grand Canyon, 7 p.m., Alterowitz Gym
 Feb. 19 – vs. Grand Canyon, 7 p.m., Alterowitz Gym

This Week's Opponents:

Grand Canyon – The ‘Lopes are learning what life is like as an NCAA Division II independent. They are 10-11 overall and will play their final six games on the road. Located in Phoenix, AZ, Grand Canyon has traveled to California four times for games this year. The ‘Lopes have also had--or will have--games in Colorado, Alaska, New Mexico, Montana, South Carolina, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

The ‘Lopes have won three of their last four, including a 98-53 drubbing of La Sierra University last week. Their only common opponent with the Yellowjackets has been Western New Mexico, which both MSUB and GCU beat twice.

Senior Kelly McCree leads the team in scoring at 14.9 ppg. She became the school's all-time leading scorer last week with 804 career points. McCree was an all-region selection last year. Jennifer Cobb is adding 13.5 points a game, and Erin Yiakos is scoring 11.4 a night. Yiakos is also the team's leading rebounder at 6.1 rpg.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 18; Grand Canyon Wins: 4
 First Meeting: MSUB 63, GCU 60 (11/25/88 at MSUB)
 Last Meeting: MSUB 59, GCU 39 (11/24/02 at MSUB)
 Streaks: MSUB has won last five and nine of last ten.

Last Week's Results:

North Dakota State 79, MSU-Billings 77

Last Week's Highlights:

It was a classic match up of solid teams. North Dakota State only led for about four minutes the entire game Saturday, but it was enough for the Bison to remain unbeaten as they defeated Montana State-Billings, 79-77. NDSU won its 22nd-straight game to improve to 22-0 while MSUB fell to 15-6.

The Bison were knocked back on their heels with the Yellowjackets connecting from inside and from behind the arc early in the game. NDSU trailed by as many as 20 in the first half and were down 43-30 at halftime. For stretches in the opening half, the Jackets were scoring at will, and the Bison couldn't buy a bucket.

“We had a good week of practice,” said Yellowjacket coach Kevin Woodin after the game. “We saw some things on film and we thought we could do some things against them. We executed well. Our 3-point shooting was key in the first half and allowed us to get the ball inside. I never thought we'd be ahead like we were. It was one of those halves you dream of.”

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	L, 79-77
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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The Yellowjackets were 4-of-7 from 3-point range in the half and held a 14-6 points in the paint advantage. MSUB shot 54 percent from field in the opening half, holding the Bison to just 27 percent. The Jackets were also 5-of-6 from beyond the arc. North Dakota State connected on 10-of-11 from the free throw line in the first half to keep the game close.

NDSU ratcheted up the defensive pressure coming out of the locker room for the second half and quickly cut into the Jackets' lead. North Dakota State battled back from a double-digit deficit midway through the second half before finally catching the Jackets when Amanda Krenz hit one of her two 3-pointers with 2:42 to play to tie the game at 70. The Bison's Lacy Johnson and the Jackets' Michelle Lieber traded layups over the next minute and a half for a 72-72 tie, setting up the dramatic finish.

Following Lieber's layup with 1:16 remaining, the Bison ran the shot clock all the way down on their next possession. Johnson drove the right baseline, eluding the Jackets' shot blockers to lay the ball low off the glass. The shot was still above the rim when the shot clock rang, but it was let go just in time to give NDSU a 74-72 lead with 43 ticks on the clock.

MSUB's Jenny Langford turned the ball over on the Jackets' next possession, giving the ball to the Bison with just 24 seconds left. It took the Yellowjackets until there were just eight seconds on the clock to foul, sending Johnson to the line for a pair of free throws. She made both, seemingly icing the game.

The Bison's Lisa Bue made the mistake of holding Angie Lessard during the inbound play, sending her to the line for a 1-and-1. She knocked down both free throws to pull the Jackets to within 76-74 with five seconds left. MSUB immediately fouled Lorenz on the inbound, and she promptly drained both free throws to extend the lead back to four.

With only four seconds left, the Jackets' Lisa Jellum threw a baseball pass the length of the court to Tanya Petersen, who turned and fired at the top of the key with a defender on her. Petersen's shot was true and the Jackets were within one at 78-77 with three seconds remaining.

MSU-Billings again fouled immediately, this time sending Krenz to the line with 0.7 on the clock. She hit the front end of the two free throws and missed the second. Out of timeouts, the Yellowjackets were unable to advance the ball up the court fast enough for a game winning attempt.

"I'm very proud of our effort," added Woodin. "It was a great environment for a college basketball game. There was just a lot of spirit in the gym, and it was a fun game."

The Jackets' Petersen led all players with 25 points on 8-of-15 shooting from the field. She was also 7-of-8 from the line. Langford added 12 points on three 3-pointers, and Lieber finished with 10. Robyn Milne, who missed much of the first meeting against the Bison with the flu, scored nine points and grabbed 12 boards. She also blocked three shots and had three steals.

Note: Saturday's game against the 'Lopes will be the final home game of the season...it will be "Senior Night" for Robyn Milne and Kayla Frize...Milne is wrapping up a career that has placed her in both the school and NCAA career record book...Frize, a junior in terms of eligibility, will graduate this year and not return for her senior season.

Lady Yellowjackets in the NCAA National Statistical Rankings (Stats through games of February 13, 2005)

Individual

Rebounds per Game

34th – Robyn Milne (10.0)

Blocked Shots per Game

8th – Robyn Milne (3.5)

3-point Percentage

25th – Shannon Harvey (40.4)

Team

Scoring Margin

36th – +11.7

Field Goal Percentage

26th – 44.9

Field Goal Percentage Defense

16th – 35.1

Free Throw Percentage

35th – 73.8

Rebound Margin

46th – +5.4

3-Point FG Per Game

39th – 6.4

Current Lady Jackets in the Record Books

Robyn Milne

Career: 2nd for blocks (248) [school record is 272]
 (21st in NCAA II history for career blocks)
 2nd for rebounds (876) [school record is 932]
 3rd for rebounds per game (9.0)
 16th for points scored (959)
 3rd for FG % (53.5)

Season: 3rd for rebounds (313)
 3rd for rebounds per game (11.6)
2nd for blocks (74 in 04-05)
 2nd for blocks (74 in 03-04)
 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 (125)
 7th for 3-point % (37.1)

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)
 21st for points scored (833)

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: T-9th for 3-pointers made (44 in 04-05)

Career: 12th for 3-pointers made (60)



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



Mont. St.-Billings Season Box Score
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(15-6)	(11-2)	(3-3)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(15-6)	(11-2)	(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....	21-21	567 27.0	127-250	.508	21-58	.362	48-69	.696	35	74	109	5.2	31	0	41	61	16	23	323	15.4
41	Milne, Robyn.....	21-21	603 28.7	94-170	.553	0-0	.000	66-94	.702	50	159	209	10.0	38	0	75	56	74	19	254	12.1
50	Lieber, Michelle...	21-21	595 28.3	76-121	.628	0-1	.000	31-44	.705	56	114	170	8.1	43	0	37	37	9	17	183	8.7
30	Harvey, Shannon...	21-0	405 19.3	57-139	.410	44-109	.404	17-26	.654	8	28	36	1.7	33	1	20	40	0	10	175	8.3
43	Langford, Jenny...	21-21	566 27.0	52-151	.344	35-104	.337	19-24	.792	12	23	35	1.7	34	0	66	52	1	11	158	7.5
25	Jellum, Lisa.....	21-21	522 24.9	42-106	.396	21-55	.382	43-49	.878	8	44	52	2.5	38	1	50	52	1	17	148	7.0
13	Frize, Kayla.....	21-0	330 15.7	37-119	.311	10-50	.200	16-17	.941	11	39	50	2.4	25	0	37	39	1	19	100	4.8
44	Bratton, Jessica...	18-0	136 7.6	29-55	.527	0-2	.000	14-15	.933	12	18	30	1.7	16	0	5	13	4	1	72	4.0
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...	20-0	201 10.1	7-24	.292	1-6	.167	15-19	.789	10	17	27	1.4	33	1	24	23	0	11	30	1.5
14	Behrent, Colette...	11-0	57 5.2	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	2	4	6	0.5	8	0	1	9	2	3	11	1.0
11	Skrifvars, Jennifer	21-0	188 9.0	4-24	.167	1-3	.333	10-18	.556	15	14	29	1.4	14	0	23	16	0	7	19	0.9
TEAM.....										25	66	91	4.3	0		9					
Total.....		21	4227	536-1195	.449	134-399	.336	285-386	.738	251	605	856	40.8	317	3	385	418	109	139	1491	71.0
Opponents.....		21	4227	456-1299	.351	117-357	.328	217-295	.736	271	471	742	35.3	358	-	273	378	44	181	1246	59.3

NCAA West Region Basketball Poll (through games of 2/605)

Team (overall record, regional record)

1. Seattle Pacific (19-1, 16-0)
2. Western Washington (18-2, 14-2)
3. Cal State-Chico (16-3, 14-3)
4. Cal Poly Pomona (15-4, 11-3)
5. Cal State-Bakersfield (14-5, 10-4)
6. Cal State-Dominguez Hills (12-6, 11-2)
7. St. Martin's (14-5, 9-3)
8. Montana State-Billings (15-5, 9-4)
9. Cal State-San Bernardino (14-5, 10-4)
10. UC-San Diego (11-8, 9-5)