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

Feb. 22 – at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.
 Feb. 25 – at Rocky Mountain College, 7 p.m.

This Week's Opponents:

Western Oregon University – The Wolves are the next hurdle between MSUB and the NCAA Tournament. Four straight wins will most likely assure the Jackets of a tourney appearance, and the stretch run starts in Monmouth, OR, on Tuesday.

WOU almost upset the Yellowjackets in Billings on Jan. 26 before MSUB pulled out a 65-56 win. Since then, the Wolves have struggled, winning just one of seven games. WOU is 5-18 overall and averaging 53.4 points per game. The Wolves rely primarily on two players. Shannon Talbott averages 14.9 points and 9.1 rebounds a game, and Kagney Kohne averages 13.5 points and 5.0 rebounds.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 6; Western Oregon Wins: 2
 First Meeting: MSUB 65, WOU 60 (2/13/99 at WOU)
 Last Meeting: MSUB 65, WOU 56 (1/26/05 at MSUB)
 Streaks: MSUB has won last four.

Rocky Mountain College – The Bears are 11-16 after splitting a pair of Frontier games last weekend. They defeated Montana Tech, 77-68, on Thursday before falling to Western Montana, 61-53, on Saturday. Sarah Bills scored 19 points with nine rebounds and eight blocks in Saturday's loss. Jenny Balsa had 11 points and Alyssa Root scored 10. Season statistics are not available for the Bears.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 53; Rocky Mountain Wins: 14
 First Meeting: MSUB 37, RMC 28 (1974)
 Last Meeting: MSUB 60, RMC 55 (12/1/03 at MSUB)
 Streaks: MSUB has won last eight dating to 11/24/98

Last Week's Results:

MSU-Billings 67, Grand Canyon 46
 MSU-Billings 80, Grand Canyon 77 (OT)

Last Week's Highlights:

Just one day after a 21 point win, Montana State-Billings needed overtime Saturday night to dispatch Grand Canyon University. The Lady Yellowjackets outscored the Antelopes 10-7 in the extra period, winning 80-77 to improve to 17-6.

Senior Robyn Milne capped off her final home game by hitting the game winning basket with 18 seconds left in overtime. The Yellowjackets swung the ball from left to right around the perimeter, setting up guard Jenny Langford's entry pass into Milne who had sealed her defender in the paint. Milne made the layup and was fouled; her free throw gave the Jackets their final margin of victory.

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	W, 67-46
2/19	Grand Canyon	W, 80-77 OT
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

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Back-to-back baskets from reserve forward Jessica Bratton ended an 11-3 Yellowjacket run that gave MSUB an 18-17. Bratton's second basket with 13:32 to play in the first half erased Grand Canyon's final lead of the game.

Behind 12 points from Milne, the Yellowjackets were able to build a tenuous 44-38 halftime lead. Tanya Petersen scored eight first half points, and Langford added nine.

The Yellowjackets had their opportunities to pull away midway through the second half. Michelle Lieber's put back at 12:59 gave MSUB a 55-47 lead. The Jackets held eight point leads on four different occasions over the next three minutes.

Both teams had their chances to win in the final seconds of regulation. Milne converted two free throws to give the Yellowjackets a two point lead with 43 seconds to play, but the defense wasn't able to hold. Grand Canyon tied the game with 25 seconds remaining.

The Jackets struck first in overtime and never trailed. Milne scored on a layup on a nice feed from Petersen to give MSUB a 72-70 lead. On the next two Yellowjacket possessions, Lieber and Milne converted four straight free throws, giving the Jackets a 76-72 advantage with 3:27 to play.

Grand Canyon responded with a Sherlyn Hatch jumper to cut the lead to two. After Langford hit one of two free throws, GCU's Jennifer Cobb struck again with her sixth 3-pointer to tie the game at 77-77 with 39 seconds on the clock. That set up Milne's game winner end on the next possession. Grand Canyon had a chance to tie the game with time running out, but Lieber blocked Cobb's 3-point attempt from the baseline and Lisa Jellum corralled the rebound.

Milne finished the night with 26 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots. Her three blocks moved her to No. 17 on the NCAA Division II all-time list. She was 12-of-17 from the free throw line and made her last seven attempts. Petersen netted 17 points, and Langford finished with 15. Lieber and Shannon Harvey each added six points off the bench.

The Yellowjackets put the clamps on Grand Canyon Friday night and coasted to a 67-46 win. Milne recorded her 27th career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds, and topped off the night by swatting five shots on the defensive end.

The Jackets' defense led to 38 first half points and a 12 point halftime lead. Fourteen was as close as Grand Canyon could get in the second half as the Yellowjacket defense held the 'Lopes to 7-of-27 shooting. After a 3-pointer with 15:35 to play cut the Jackets' lead to 43-29, MSU-Billings used a 16-2 run to break the game open.

MSUB's big three of Milne, Lieber and Petersen were a combined 17-of-31 from the field for 38 points. They also combined for 24 rebounds while none of the three played more than 26 minutes. The Yellowjackets held a 56-34 rebounding edge with 16 offensive rebounds leading to 16 second chance points.

Petersen led the Yellowjackets with 16 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the field. She was also 2-of-2 from beyond the arc. Lieber finished with 12 points and nine rebounds, and Harvey came off the bench to score 11 points. Eleven different Yellowjackets found the scoring column with the bench contributing 23 points—16 in the second half.

Notes: Robyn Milne needs just five points to reach 1,000 for her career. She is also just four rebounds short of 900. She is likely to accomplish both on Tuesday at Western Oregon. Brandy Hamblin is the only player in school history with 1,000 points and 900 rebounds. Milne is also chasing the school blocked shot record. She has 256 career blocks, 16 behind Jessie Henigman's 272. Henigman ranks 14th in NCAA Division II history, while Milne moved up to 17th with eight blocks last weekend. Jenny Langford moved to 4th in school history for career 3-pointers last weekend.

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 (256) [school record is 272]
(17th in NCAA II history for career blocks)
2nd for rebounds (896) [school record is 932]
3rd for rebounds per game (9.1)
16th for points scored (995)
3rd for FG % (53.3)
10th for FT made (223)

Season: 3rd for rebounds (313 in 03-04)
3rd for rebounds per game (11.6 in 03-04)
2nd for blocks (82 in 04-05)
3rd 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: 4th for 3-pointers made (128)
7th for 3-point % (36.9)

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)
8th for FG % (50.0)
20th for points scored (866)

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: **8th for 3-pointers made (48 in 04-05)**

Career: 12th for 3-pointers made (64)



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
Blocks: 1 vs. St. Leo, 12/24/04; 1 vs. Grand Canyon, 2/18/05

#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;
1 vs. Grand Canyon, 2/18/05
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 three times



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

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(17-6)	(13-2)	(3-3)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(17-6)	(13-2)	(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....	23-23	627 27.3	141-276	.511	24-63	.381	50-73	.685	37	83	120	5.2	34	0	45	66	16	26	356	15.5
41	Milne, Robyn.....	23-23	663 28.8	106-195	.544	0-0	.000	78-113	.690	59	170	229	10.0	38	0	78	63	82	19	290	12.6
50	Lieber, Michelle...	23-22	653 28.4	82-131	.626	0-1	.000	37-50	.740	65	123	188	8.2	48	0	42	38	13	17	201	8.7
30	Harvey, Shannon....	23-0	432 18.8	62-150	.413	48-116	.414	20-29	.690	9	32	41	1.8	36	1	24	43	0	10	192	8.3
43	Langford, Jenny....	23-23	623 27.1	57-165	.345	38-114	.333	24-30	.800	14	28	42	1.8	36	0	69	55	1	13	176	7.7
25	Jellum, Lisa.....	23-23	573 24.9	44-117	.376	22-63	.349	44-51	.863	9	50	59	2.6	40	1	57	57	1	17	154	6.7
13	Frize, Kayla.....	23-1	363 15.8	39-132	.295	11-56	.196	16-17	.941	11	42	53	2.3	25	0	41	41	2	21	105	4.6
44	Bratton, Jessica...	20-0	151 7.6	32-62	.516	0-2	.000	14-15	.933	13	19	32	1.6	17	0	5	13	4	1	78	3.9
22	Walking Bear, Sami.	10-0	61 6.1	6-29	.207	1-12	.083	7-8	.875	9	6	15	1.5	4	0	7	11	1	1	20	2.0
33	Lessard, Angela....	22-0	233 10.6	8-27	.296	1-6	.167	15-19	.789	11	20	31	1.4	37	1	25	25	0	13	32	1.5
11	Skrifvars, Jennifer	23-0	211 9.2	6-27	.222	1-3	.333	10-18	.556	16	17	33	1.4	16	0	25	18	0	8	23	1.0
14	Behrent, Colette...	12-0	62 5.2	5-13	.385	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	2	4	6	0.5	8	0	2	10	2	3	11	0.9
	TEAM.....									28	80	108	4.7	0		9					
	Total.....	23	4652	588-1324	.444	146-436	.335	316-428	.738	283	674	957	41.6	339	3	420	449	122	149	1638	71.2
	Opponents.....	23	4652	500-1427	.350	141-411	.343	228-312	.731	288	522	810	35.2	394	-	300	405	46	193	1369	59.5



2004-05 WOU Women's Basketball
 Western Oregon Season Box Score
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(5-18)	(2-7)	(3-10)	(0-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(2-13)	(1-6)	(1-7)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(3-5)	(1-1)	(2-3)	(0-1)

#	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								
3	Heitlauf,Lindsay...	9-0	111 12.3	3-10	.300	1-2	.500	1-4	.250	1	4	5	0.6	5	0	11	13	1	3	8	0.9
11	Laski,Michelle.....	23-23	789 34.3	23-86	.267	12-50	.240	35-50	.700	3	34	37	1.6	42	1	101	66	1	23	93	4.0
12	Pahl,Chelsea.....	15-9	360 24.0	14-58	.241	11-43	.256	5-6	.833	7	16	23	1.5	9	0	16	34	0	20	44	2.9
14	Bennett,Kellen.....	16-0	96 6.0	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	2-5	.400	1	4	5	0.3	2	0	4	12	1	3	5	0.3
20	Berkey,Leada.....	22-14	584 26.5	75-195	.385	3-21	.143	40-57	.702	49	63	112	5.1	34	1	32	66	3	27	193	8.8
22	Erickson,Somer.....	9-9	263 29.2	27-73	.370	12-38	.316	7-12	.583	15	31	46	5.1	17	1	14	34	8	11	73	8.1
23	Stephens,Libby.....	23-8	534 23.2	33-110	.300	14-65	.215	3-4	.750	7	24	31	1.3	34	0	22	44	0	18	83	3.6
24	Kirschenmann,Lindse	11-6	239 21.7	11-54	.204	3-27	.111	5-10	.500	7	34	41	3.7	29	0	21	21	3	6	30	2.7
25	Wolfrom,Kelli.....	8-0	108 13.5	8-24	.333	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	3	8	11	1.4	11	0	8	12	2	9	20	2.5
31	Goracke,Mary.....	15-0	46 3.1	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	4	3	7	0.5	5	0	1	5	0	1	11	0.7
32	Southall,Brie.....	6-0	40 6.7	6-15	.400	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	4	3	7	1.2	2	0	4	6	0	4	17	2.8
33	Kohne,Kagney.....	23-23	704 30.6	105-243	.432	5-32	.156	95-152	.625	43	73	116	5.0	82	2	21	98	18	32	310	13.5
35	Talbott,Shannon....	23-23	752 32.7	130-309	.421	26-72	.361	56-84	.667	56	154	210	9.1	77	3	47	91	18	59	342	14.9
	TEAM.....									54	59	113	4.9	0		13					
	Total.....	23	4626	440-1190	.370	93-363	.256	256-397	.645	254	510	764	33.2	349	8	302	515	55	216	1229	53.4
	Opponents.....	23	4625	585-1354	.432	127-397	.320	240-327	.734	304	557	861	37.4	403	-	393	427	71	271	1537	66.8