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Yellowjackets' Milne Earns Academic Honor

BILLINGS, MT – Montana State-Billings senior Robyn Milne was named to the “ESPN The Magazine” 2005 College Division Academic All-District VII Women’s Basketball Team by CoSIDA on Thursday. Milne, a 6-3 center from Richey, MT, majors in English Education and has a 3.91 cumulative grade point average.

By being named one of the five first team members for District VII, Milne advances to the national ballot for the “ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Team.” She is the third Montana State-Billings student-athlete to reach the national balloting in the last two years. Last year men’s basketball player Jerett Skrifvars was named to the Academic All-America First Team. This fall women’s soccer player Margot Merrill-Johnson was named to the ESPN Academic All-America First Team.

The College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America program divides the country into eight districts. Sports Information Directors from each of the eight districts select their Academic All-District teams with student-athletes from the eight first teams advancing to national balloting for Academic All-America honors. Schools from Montana are part of District VII, which also includes Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Nominees for the District VII College Division can come from any Division II, Division III, or NAIA school in any of those states.

Along with excelling in the classroom, Milne has been a star on the court for the Yellowjackets in the past four years. She currently ranks second in school history and 21st in NCAA Division II history for career blocked shots with 248. With four more blocks, she will join former teammate Jessie Henigman in the all-time top 20.

Milne is also second in MSU-Billings history with 876 career rebounds and 16th with 959 career points. This season she is averaging a double-double of 12.1 points and 10.0 rebounds a game. She currently ranks eighth in the nation for blocked shots and 34th for rebounds. Her 74 blocked shots this season match her career high that she established as a junior.

Milne plays her final two home games as a Yellowjacket Friday and Saturday when MSUB hosts Grand Canyon. Tip off both nights is set for 7:00 p.m.

2005 College Division Academic All-District VII Women's Basketball Team

First Team

Name	School	Dist	Yr	Hometown	GPA	Major
Mariah Dreisinger	Westminster (Mo.)	VII	Sr	Jefferson City, MO	3.81	Biology
Katie Maguire	Buena Vista Univ.	VII	Jr	Treynor, IA	3.734	Elementary Education
Robyn Milne	Montana State-Billings	VII	Sr	Richey, MT	3.91	English Education
Amanda Newton	Drury Univ.	VII	Jr	Republic, MO	3.918	Education/Math
Carrie Snyder Administration	Maryville (Mo.)	VII	Jr	Manchester, MO	3.98	Business

Second Team

Name	School	Dist	Yr	Hometown	GPA	Major
Meagan Hoffman	Adams State	VII	Sr	Balley, CO	3.71	English/Communications
Megan Holtorf Banking/Economics	Buena Vista Univ.	VII	Sr	Pomeroy, IA	3.914	Finance and
Nicole Patry	Emporia State Univ.	VII	Sr	Wichita, KS	3.86	Health Promotions
Kara Rutledge	Drury Univ.	VII	Jr	Stockton, MO	3.966	Psychology/Sociology
Jacqueline (JJ) Smith	Univ of Nebraska at Omaha	VII	Jr	Lincoln, NE	3.95	Elementary Education

Third Team

Name	School	Dist	Yr	Hometown	GPA	Major
Brittany Carper	Morningside	VII	Sr	Sioux City, IA	3.35	Business Admin.
Jennifer Hake	Fort Hays State Univ.	VII	Sr	Oakley, KS	4.00	Physical Education
Hope Hunt	Drury Univ.	VII	Sr	Nixa, MO	3.666	Business Admin.
Kami Scrivner	Pittsburg State Univ.	VII	Sr	Mount Vernon, MO	3.45	Marketing
Gwyn Smith	Southwest Baptist Univ.	VII	Sr	Smithton, IL	3.655	Elementary Education