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Lady Yellowjacket Basketball 2004-2005
 Weekly Release #1 – November 15, 2004

This Week's Schedule:

November 20 vs. Western Washington

This Week's Opponents:

Western Washington University Vikings – Saturday's game in Billings will be the season-opener for the Vikings. They have played five exhibition games. They defeated Trinity Western British Columbia, 75-69, and British Columbia, 76-75, before losing to Simon Fraser, 73-58, in a three-game trip to Canada. The Vikings finished the exhibition season with two games at home, losing to Simon Fraser, 56-55, and trouncing Capilano College, 72-44.

Western Washington has been one of the West Region's top powers for a number of years. The Vikings have qualified for the last seven NCAA Tournaments, including a Final Four appearance in 1999-2000. Western was 21-8 last year, with a first round win in the NCAA Tournament. It was the seventh-straight 20-win season for the Vikings.

Head coach Carmen Dolfo returns to the bench in 2004 after a year on sabbatical. Interim head coach Sara Nichols will reassume her duties as the team's top assistant. Dolfo has built a 278-105 career record at Western for an impressive .726 winning percentage.

The Vikings return three starters from last season's tournament team. Guard Jodi Gerald is the team's only senior. She averaged 11.1 points and 5.1 rebounds a game in 2003-2004. In the final 14 games of the season, Gerald averaged 15.4 points.

The other two returning starters are both juniors. Forward Tina Donahue averaged 10.1 points and 4.0 rebounds last season. Guard Samantha Hubbard averaged 3.6 points and 3.4 assists.

The Vikings expect to get immediate help from transfer center Courtney Clapp. The junior averaged 20 points and 7.5 rebounds a game last year at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Opponent Series Records:

Western Washington University

Games to Date: 13

MSUB Wins: 6; WWU Wins: 7

First Meeting: MSUB 89, WWU 64, 11/23/94 (at MSUB)

Last Meeting: WWU 57, MSUB 66, 12/15/03 (at WWU)

Last Week's Results:

Blue/Gold Scrimmage – Blue 70, Gold 64

2004-2005 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
11/13	Blue-Gold Scrimmage#	###
11/20	Western Washington	6:00 p.m.
11/26	Ohio Valley	6:00 p.m.
11/27	Ohio Valley	6:00 p.m.
11/30	at Seattle	7:00 p.m.
12/1	at Seattle	5:30 p.m.
12/10	vs. Cal State-Chico ^	6:00 p.m.
12/11	vs. Southern Oregon ^	3:30 p.m.
12/17	Humboldt State	6:00 p.m.
12/18	Humboldt State	7:00 p.m.
12/20	Saint Leo	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Saint Leo	6:00 p.m.
12/31	Alumni Game#	6:00 p.m.
1/3	at Northwest Nazarene	7:00 p.m.
1/6	St. Martin's	7:00 p.m.
1/12	Montana Tech	7:00 p.m.
1/18	Western New Mexico	6:00 p.m.
1/19	Western New Mexico	7:00 p.m.
1/22	at Central Washington	5:00 p.m.
1/26	Western Oregon	7:00 p.m.
1/29	at North Dakota State	7:00 p.m.
2/3	at St. Martin's	7:00 p.m.
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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Last Week's Highlights:

The MSU-Billings women's basketball team exhibited an efficient balance in the Lady Jackets' annual Blue-Gold Scrimmage on Saturday. The Blue team prevailed 70-64 in the mixed squad game.

The Lady Jackets used a balanced inside/outside offensive attack to shoot 44 percent from the field and 47 percent from 3-point range. Junior guard Kayla Frize (Miles City, MT) looked strong in her first action in nearly a year. After missing the past two seasons because of a knee injury, Frize scored 20 points Saturday night, connecting on all five of her 3-point attempts.

Transfer forward Michelle Lieber (So., Gillette, WY) also netted 20 points in the game, shooting 10-of-12 from the field. She finished with a double-double, grabbing 11 rebounds. Senior center Robyn Milne (Richey, MT) also notched a double-double with 19 points and 12 boards. She added four blocked shots.

Junior guard Jenny Langford (Reedpoint, MT) joined Frize with a solid night from behind the arc. Langford connected on 5-of-10 from 3-point range, finishing with 15 points and four assists. Langford enters the season ranked ninth in school history for career 3-pointers.

In all, eight players scored in double figures. Jennifer Skrifvars (So., Brea, CA) scored 10 points; Tanya Petersen (Jr., Billings, MT) finished with 14 points; Sami Walking Bear (Jr., Billings, MT) added 10 points; and Shannon Harvey (So., Billings, MT) netted 12 points.

Notes:

- Saturday's game against Western Washington will be the first of 15 home dates for the Lady Yellowjackets in 2004-2005. MSU-Billings will have one of its most balanced schedules in the past several years with three home games in November, four home games in December, five home games in January, and three home games in February.
- Seven of the Jackets' 15 home games will be against West Region opponents. Beginning with Western Washington this weekend, Humboldt State, St. Martin's, Western New Mexico, Western Oregon and Grand Canyon will make trips to Billings.
- Yellowjacket head coach Kevin Woodin will tip off his collegiate head coaching career on Saturday against the Vikings. Woodin was a 10-year veteran high school coach with two State AA championships to his credit at Billings West High School.
- Forward Jessica Bratton rejoins the team this week after completing the volleyball season. She finished her sophomore campaign as one of the top hitters in the PacWest Conference.

WBCA Top 25

School	03-04 Record
1. California (PA)	35-1
2. Drury	36-2
3. Seattle Pacific	30-1
4. Merrimack	31-4
5. Emporia State	24-5
6. Henderson State	23-13
7. North Dakota	27-6
8. Rollins	29-4
9. Washburn	26-5
10. Concordia	28-4
11. Shaw	28-3
12. Glenville State	29-4
13. Quincy	29-5
14. Angelo State	26-5
15. Lake Superior State	28-4
16. Bentley	23-8
17. Augusta State	26-5
18. South Dakota	25-8
19. Anderson	25-7
20. Indianapolis	23-9
21. Cal State-Bakersfield	23-6
22. West Texas A&M	25-6
23. Georgia Coll. & State	28-6
24. Fort Valley State	24-7
25. Cal Poly Pomona	23-7

Current Lady Jackets in the Record Books

Robyn Milne

- Career:** 2nd for blocks (174)
 7th for rebounds (667)
 3rd for rebounds per game (8.8)
 23rd for points scored (705)
 4th for FG % (52.9)
- Season:** 3rd for rebounds (313)
 3rd for rebounds per game (11.6)
 2nd for blocks (74 in 03-04)
 5th for blocks (57 in 01-02)
 6th for blocks (43 in 02-03)
- Game:** T-7th for blocks (6)
 T-5th for rebounds (22)
 T-10th for FT made (10)
 T-14th for blocks (5)
 T-22nd for blocks (4)

Jenny Langford

- Career:** 9th for 3-pointers made (90)
 5th for 3-point % (38.6)
- 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:** T-8th for blocks (45)
Season: 8th for blocks (35 in 03-04)
Game: T-3rd for blocks (7)



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
Assists: 5 four times
Steals: 3 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/9/04;
3 vs. Converse College, 2/14/04

#13 Kayla Frize

Points: 14 vs. UC-San Diego, 11/22/02;
14 vs. Sonoma State, 11/17/03
Rebounds: 8 vs. St. Martin's, 11/30/02
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. UC-San Diego, 11/22/02;
3 vs. Cal State-Stanislaus, 12/6/02
Assists: 5 vs. Sonoma State, 11/17/03
Steals: 3 vs. MSU-Northern, 12/14/02

#14 Colette Behrent

Points: 0
Rebounds: 0
3-Point FGs: 0
Assists: 0
Steals: 0

#22 Sami Walking Bear

Points: 0
Rebounds: 0
3-Point FGs: 0
Assists: 0
Steals: 0

#25 Lisa Jellum

Points: 11 vs. Converse College, 2/13/04
Rebounds: 3 six times
3-Point FGs: 1 three times
Assists: 6 vs. Green Mountain, 1/16/04
Steals: 3 vs. Sonoma State, 12/8/02

#30 Shannon Harvey

Points: 13 vs. MSU-Northern, 2/23/04
Rebounds: 5 vs. Converse College, 2/14/04
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. Montana, 12/4/03;
3 vs. MSU-Northern, 2/23/04
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: 0
Rebounds: 0
3-Point FGs: 0
Assists: 0
Steals: 0

#34 Tanya Petersen

Points: 26 vs. Converse College, 2/13/04
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
Steals: 5 vs. Humboldt St., 1/2/04
3-Point FGs: 2 vs. Seattle Pacific, 3/15/03;
2 vs. Montana, 12/4/03

#41 Robyn Milne

Points: 22 vs. Nova Southeastern, 2/4/04
Rebounds: 22 vs. Alaska-Fairbanks, 12/20/03
Blocks: 6 six times
Assists: 4 three times
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 four times

#44 Jessica Bratton

Points: 10 vs. Converse College, 2/13/04
Rebounds: 7 vs. Green Mountain, 1/17/04
3-Point FGs: 1 vs. Western N.M., 2/20/04
Assists: 2 vs. Converse College, 2/13/04;
2 vs. Converse College, 2/14/04
Steals: 1 seven times

#50 Michelle Lieber

Points: 0
Rebounds: 0
3-Point FGs: 0
Assists: 0
Steals: 0
Blocks: 0