Lady Yellowjacket Basketball 2004-2005
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This Week's Schedule:
Feb. 3 - at St. Martin's

## This Week's Opponents:

St. Martin's - Saturday's game against the Saints in Lacey could be the biggest of the year for the Yellowjackets. In last week's NCAA West Region poll, St. Martin's was ranked sixth and MSU-Billings was ranked ninth. The top eight teams in the final regional poll qualify for the NCAA Tournament in March.

The Saints gained momentum and important power points with their 59-50 win at MSU-Billings on January 6. That win propelled them into the regional poll for the first time and they have only climbed in the poll since then.

St. Martin's is 7-2 over the last nine games, including a pair of road wins in Alaska last week. A win on the road against the 13-4 Saints would put the Jackets in contention for an NCAA Tournament berth.

Senior center Martina Kartikova still leads the Saints in scoring and rebounding, averaging 18.5 points and 9.1 boards a game. The Jackets held her to just two points in the teams' first meeting.

Beth Layton is averaging 17.7 points a game and has made 48 3pointers. She scored 21 points in Billings last month. Julia Eisentrout, who is scoring 13.5 ppg , netted 17 points against the Jackets in their last meeting. The MSUB defense will have to do a better job of challenging the Saints' perimeter shooters the second time around. Layton, Eisentrout and Lindsay Ford were a combined 16-for-37 from the field and 8-for-19 from 3-point range in January.

## Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 9; St. Martin’s Wins: 3
First Meeting: MSUB 58, SMC 48 (2/15/84 at SMC)
Last Meeting: SMC 59, MSUB 50 (1/6/05 at MSUB)
Streaks: St. Martin's has won last two, including win in Billings on January 6 of this year that propelled them into regional ranking.

NCAA West Region Poll (as of $\mathbf{1 / 2 6} / \mathbf{0 5}$ )

1. Seattle Pacific
2. Western Washington
3. Cal State-Bakersfield
4. Cal State-Dominguez Hills
5. Cal State-Chico
6. St. Martin's
7. Cal Poly Pomona
8. Cal State-San Bernardino
9. Montana State-Billings
10. UC-San Diego

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## 2004-2005 Schedule and Results

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 ${ }^{\wedge}$ | L, 77-65 |
| 12/11 | vs. Southern Oregon ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 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 | 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
$\wedge$ Played at Humboldt St. Tourney in Arcata, CA

## Lady Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

Catch all Lady Yellowjacket home games as well as select road contests on News Radio AM 970 KBUL as the Voice of the Yellowjackets, Pat Boland, calls the action live. Also tune in each week to the Yellowjacket Coaches' Show, broadcast live each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. If you live outside Billings, you can listen at www.msubillings.edu/athletics.

Last Week's Results:<br>MSU-Billings 65, Western Oregon 56<br>North Dakota State 82, MSU-Billings 56

## Last Week's Highlights:

North Dakota State stayed unbeaten with an 82-56 win over Montana StateBillings Saturday night. The Bison, who play as a Division I independent, improved to 19-0. The Lady Yellowjackets fell to 14-5.

Leah Klabo, a 6-foot-4 senior center, led the Bison with 26 points on 10-of15 shooting from the floor and 6 -of-6 from the free throw line. Katie Lorenz finished with 15 points and nine assists. Brandee Gibbs and Amanda Krenz added 10 points apiece. The Bison blocked seven shots and out rebounded the Jackets 42-37. Lacey Johnson had three blocks for NDSU.

Tanya Petersen finished with 19 points to lead the Yellowjackets. She was 9 -of-20 from the field and also added seven rebounds. Lisa Jellum scored 16 points, hitting 4 -of- 5 from 3-point range. She has played solid over the last two weeks, scoring in double figures in four of the last five games and averaging 10.4 points.

Kayla Frize scored eight points for the Jackets, connecting on 3-of-3 from the line. MSU-Billings was 9 -of- 13 from the line in the game. Michelle Lieber added six points and nine rebounds. Senior center Robyn Milne played just 13 minutes in the game and two minutes in the second half. She had four rebounds and three blocked shots.

It was neither easy nor pretty, but the MSU-Billings women survived Western Oregon's upset bid Wednesday night, winning 65-56. The Yellowjackets contained the Wolves' outside shooting in the second half, holding them to 2-of-9 from 3-point range. MSU-Billings still wasn't able to pull away from a game that was tight throughout. There were seven ties in the first half and five in the second with a total of 17 lead changes in the game.

The Yellowjackets took the lead for good on a Tanya Petersen jumper with 10:56 to play, but Western was never down by more than two possessions. MSU-Billings finally found some breathing room in the final five minutes of the game, holding the Wolves scoreless from 5:29 to 1:27. In that span, Robyn Milne was 4-of-6 from the free throw line and Jenny Langford connected on a 3-pointer.

Milne led the Yellowjackets with 17 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots. The four blocks moved her from No. 23 to No. 22 in NCAA Division II history for career blocked shots with 239. Petersen finished with 14 points on 7 -of- 13 shooting and six boards. MSU-Billings shot 42 percent from the field in the game. Langford added 12 points, hitting 4-of- 9 from the field and 3-of-7 from beyond the arc.

Sophomore Shannon Harvey was 3-of-6 from 3-point range, netting 16 points in the game. She scored 10 first half points to help keep the Jackets close. Michelle Lieber finished with four points and Jessica Bratton added two for the Yellowjackets' only other scoring.

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

Individual<br>Rebounds per Game<br>$27^{\text {th }}-$ Robyn Milne (9.8)<br>Blocked Shots per Game<br>$7^{\text {th }}$ - Robyn Milne (3.6)<br>3-point Percentage<br>$25^{\text {th }}$ - Shannon Harvey (40.8)

Team
Scoring Margin
$36^{\text {th }}-+12.4$
Field Goal Percentage
$26^{\text {th }}-45.1$
Field Goal Percentage Defense
$25^{\text {th }}-35.4$
Free Throw Percentage
$41^{\text {st }}-73.8$
Rebound Margin
$34^{\text {th }}-+6.6$
3-Point FG Per Game
$41^{\text {st }}-6.3$

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| Robyn Milne |  |$\right]$

## 2004-2005 Lady Yellowjackets Numerical Roster

| No. | Name | Ht. | Pos. | Yr. | Hometown/Previous School |
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| 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 | $5^{\prime} 7 \prime$ | 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 (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ 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 ( $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ 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 $17^{\text {th }}$ 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 ( $1^{\text {st }}$ 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.

## \#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: 6 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
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: 2 vs. North Dakota State, 1/29/05
\#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: 12 vs. Seattle, 11/30/04;
12 vs. Saint Leo, 12/20/04
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
All games

| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
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| ALL GAMES . . . . . . . . | $(14-5)$ | $(11-1)$ | $(2-3)$ | $(1-1)$ |
| CONFERENCE . . . . . | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ |
| NON-CONFERENCE $\ldots \ldots$ | $(14-5)$ | $(11-1)$ | $(2-3)$ | $(1-1)$ |



Saint Martin's Season Box Score All games

| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
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| ALL GAMES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $(13-4)$ | $(5-1)$ | $(6-2)$ | $(2-1)$ |
| CONFERENCE $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $(7-2)$ | $(3-1)$ | $(4-1)$ | $(0-0)$ |
| NON-CONFERENCE $\ldots \ldots$ | $(6-2)$ | $(2-0)$ | $(2-1)$ | $(2-1)$ |



