Lady Yellowjacket Basketball 2004-2005
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## This Week's Events:

Mar. 3 - at Western New Mexico (5 p.m., AM 970 KBUL)
Mar. 5 - at Western New Mexico (4 p.m., AM 970 KBUL)

## This Week's Opponent:

Western New Mexico University - The Mustangs and Yellowjackets meet for the final two times as independents this week. Both teams will become members of the Heartland Conference next year and will meet three times. The Mustangs are 5-18 overall and have lost their last six. Their last win was against N.M. Highlands on January 11.

Melanie Cleusix leads the team in scoring at 17.8 ppg . She gave the Jackets fits in the two games in Billings this year. However, Cleusix missed the Mustangs' last game with an injury and has missed three games this year. Her status for this week is questionable. Natalie Lara is averaging 12.1 ppg and leads the team with 53 three-pointers. Tamara Goodliffe is adding 10.1 ppg and a team-best 8.1 rpg .

## Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 23; Western New Mexico Wins: 7
First Meeting: WNMU 72, MSUB 61 (2/12/94 at WNMU)
This Year: MSUB 100, WNMU 63 (1/18/05 at MSUB)
MSUB 83, WNMU 71 (1/19/05 at MSUB
Streaks: MSUB has won last five, and nine of last ten
Last Week's Results:
MSU-Billings 59, Western Oregon 34
MSU-Billings 66, Rocky Mountain 44

## Last Week's Highlights:

Montana State-Billings overcame a slow start Friday night to pull away for an easy 66-44 win at cross-town rival Rocky Mountain College. The win was the fourth in a row for the Yellowjackets, who improved to 19-6. Rocky dropped to 11-17. MSU-Billings now holds a $54-14$ series edge against the Bears.

It took the Yellowjackets nearly 10 minutes to get any sort of offense going. The Bears built a 10-9 lead almost eight minutes into the game. MSU-Billings used a strong inside game in the middle of the first half, taking a 20-10 lead. A pair of Jenny Langford 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions late in the first half broke the game open. Shannon Harvey beat the halftime buzzer with her only 3-pointer of the game to give the Jackets a 34-20 lead at the break.

MSU-Billings went exclusively to the inside game in the second half. Robyn Milne and Michelle Lieber combined for 23 of the Jackets' 32 second half points, most of them coming in the paint. Milne and Lieber were a combined 10 -of- 17 from the field in the half, with Lieber hitting 5-of-5.

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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 | 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 | W, 59-34 |
| 2/25 | at Rocky Mountain | W, 66-44 |
| 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.

Milne finished the night with her $29^{\text {th }}$ career double-double, scoring 20 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. She also blocked five shots, giving her 266 for her career and leaving her just six short of the school record held by Jessie Henigman. Her next blocked shot will tie her for $16^{\text {th }}$ place all time in NCAA Division II history.

Lieber finished the night with 13 points and 10 rebounds. She scored 11 of her 13 in the second half. Tanya Petersen scored all 12 of her points in the first half, hitting 4 -of- 9 from the field and 3 -of- 3 from the free throw line to give the Jackets an offensive spark.

Langford finished with six points on her two 3-pointers. Langford and Angie Lessard led the Yellowjackets with three assists each. Lisa Jellum added five points and three rebounds. Harvey and Kayla Frize each had one 3-pointer in the game for three points apiece. Jennifer Skrifvars and Jessica Bratton added two points apiece off the bench.

The Yellowjackets cruised to an important West Region win Tuesday night, shutting down Western Oregon for a 59-34 win. The Yellowjacket defense was dominating, holding the Wolves to just 25 percent shooting from the field.

After building a 31-18 halftime lead, the Yellowjackets scored the first 14 points of the second half to blow the game open, building a 45-20 lead. Including the final 1:17 of the first half, in which the Wolves did not score, the Yellowjackets held WOU scoreless for a span of 12:01.

Tanya Petersen led a balanced Montana State-Billings attack with 19 points on 9 -of- 12 shooting. She also had six rebounds. Robyn Milne added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the $28^{\text {th }}$ double-double of her career. She was 7 -of- 9 from the floor and also blocked five shots.

Lieber was also in double figures with 12 points. She was 5-of-6 from the field and grabbed eight rebounds. Kayla Frize added seven points off the bench and handed out three assists. Lisa Jellum and Jenny Langford each scored three points. Langford had a game-high six assists.

NCAA West Region Poll (through games of 2/20/05)

1. Seattle Pacific (21-2)
2. Western Washington (21-3)
3. Cal State-Dominguez Hills (16-6)
4. Cal State-Chico (18-5)
5. St. Martin's (17-6)
6. Cal State-Bakersfield (17-6)
7. Cal Poly Pomona (17-6)
8. Montana State-Billings (17-6)
9. Cal State-San Bernardino (17-6)
10. UC-San Diego (14-9)

## Lady Yellowjackets in the NCAA <br> National Statistical Rankings <br> (Stats through games of February 20, 2005)

Individual<br>Rebounds per Game<br>$30^{\text {th }}$ - Robyn Milne (10.0)<br>Blocked Shots per Game<br>$6^{\text {th }}$ - Robyn Milne (3.6)<br>3-point Percentage<br>$19^{\text {th }}-$ Shannon Harvey (41.4)

## Team Scoring Margin $30^{\text {th }}-+11.7$

Field Goal Percentage $30^{\text {th }}-44.4$
Field Goal Percentage Defense
$13^{\text {th }}-35.0$
Free Throw Percentage
$38^{\text {th }}-73.8$
Rebound Margin
$36^{\text {th }}-+6.4$
3-Point FG Per Game $39^{\text {th }}-6.3$

Current Lady Jackets in the Record Books
Robyn Milne
Career: $\quad 2^{\text {nd }}$ for blocks (266) [school record is 272]
$2^{\text {nd }}$ for rebounds (920) [school record is 932]
$3^{\text {rd }}$ for rebounds per game (9.1)
$16^{\text {th }}$ for points scored $(1,030)$
$3^{\text {rd }}$ for $\mathrm{FG} \%$ (53.4)
$10^{\text {th }}$ for FT made (228)
Season: $\quad 3^{\text {rd }}$ for rebounds ( 313 in 03-04)
$\mathbf{1 0}^{\text {th }}$ for rebounds ( 253 in 04-05)
$3^{\text {rd }}$ for rebounds per game ( 11.6 in 03-04)
$2^{\text {nd }}$ for blocks ( 92 in 04-05)
$3^{\text {rd }}$ for blocks ( 74 in 03-04)
$5^{\text {th }}$ for blocks ( 57 in 01-02)
$6^{\text {th }}$ for blocks (43 in 02-03)
Game: $\quad$ T - $2^{\text {nd }}$ for blocks (8)
T-7 $7^{\text {th }}$ for blocks (6)
$\mathrm{T}-5^{\text {th }}$ for rebounds (22)
$\mathrm{T}-10^{\text {th }}$ for rebounds (19)
Jenny Langford

| Career: | $4^{\text {th }}$ for 3-pointers made (131) [needs 149 for $3^{\text {rd }}$ ] |
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|  | $7^{\text {th }}$ for 3-point $\%(36.4)$ |
| Season: | $2^{\text {nd }}$ for 3-pointers made (68 in 03-04) |
|  | 9 ht for 3-point $\%(40.7$ in 03-04) |
|  | $12^{\text {th }}$ for 3-pointers made (41 in 04-05) |
| Game: | $\mathrm{T}-3^{\text {rd }}$ for 3-pointers made (6) |
|  | $\mathrm{T}-9^{\text {th }}$ for 3-pointers made (5) |
|  | $\mathrm{T}-4^{\text {th }}$ for 3-Point $\%(5 / 6)$ |
|  | $\mathrm{T}-7^{\text {th }}$ for 3-Point $\%(4 / 5)$ |
|  | $\mathrm{T}-9^{\text {th }}$ for 3-Point $\%(6 / 8)$ |

Tanya Petersen
Career: $\quad 6^{\text {th }}$ for blocks (63) [needs 64 for $5^{\text {th }}$ ]
$8^{\text {th }}$ for FG \% (50.2)
$\mathrm{T}-19^{\text {th }}$ for points scored (897) [needs 923 for $18^{\text {th }}$ ]
Season: $\quad 8^{\text {th }}$ for blocks ( 35 in 03-04)
Game: $\quad$ T-3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ for blocks (7)

## Shannon Harvey

| Game: | $\mathrm{T}-1^{\text {st }}$ for 3-pointers made (7) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Season: | $\mathbf{8}^{\text {th }}$ for 3-pointers made (49 in 04-05) |
| Career: | $12^{\text {th }}$ for 3-pointers made (65) [needs 71 for $\left.11^{\text {th }}\right]$ |

## 2004-2005 Lady Yellowjackets Numerical Roster

| No. | Name | Ht. | Pos. | Yr. | Hometown/Previous School |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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
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 six 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 $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $(19-6)$ | $(13-2)$ | $(5-3)$ | $(1-1)$ |
| CONFERENCE $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ |
| NON-CONFERENCE $\ldots \ldots$ | $(19-6)$ | $(13-2)$ | $(5-3)$ | $(1-1)$ |



WNMU Women's Basketball
Western N.M. Season Box Score All games

| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ALL GAMES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $(5-18)$ | $(4-4)$ | $(0-13)$ | $(1-1)$ |
| CONFERENCE $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ | $(0-0)$ |
| NON-CONFERENCE $\ldots \ldots$ | $(5-18)$ | $(4-4)$ | $(0-13)$ | $(1-1)$ |



