



Lady Yellowjacket Basketball 2005-2006

Weekly Release #3 – November 29, 2005

This Week's Events:

Dec. 2 – at Metro State, 7 p.m., AM 970 KBUL

Dec. 4 – at Regis, 2 p.m., AM 970 KBUL

This Week's Opponents:

Metropolitan State College of Denver – The Roadrunners are off to a 3-1 start and will be well rested when the Yellowjackets come to town on Friday. Metro State will be playing its only game of the week and its only game between November 26 and December 9.

Following a season-opening loss to Tarleton State, the Roadrunners have run off three-straight wins in convincing fashion. They are averaging 73.8 points per game and have three players averaging in double figures. Paige Powers leads the team at 13.3 ppg followed by Danielle Ellerington at 12.0 ppg and Rianna Harris at 11.3 ppg. Powers, a preseason all-RMAC selection, is 8-of-13 from 3-point range this season.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 12; Metro State Wins: 4

First Meeting: MSUB 97, Metro 42 (1/7/85 at Metro)

Last Meeting: Metro 74, MSUB 64 (12/4/95 at Metro)

Streaks: The Yellowjackets won the first nine meetings between 1985 and 1989. Since then Metro is 4-3 against MSUB.

Regis University – The Rangers are the top team in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference East Division at 5-1. They were ranked 25th in the nation in the USA Today/ESPN Division II Preseason Coaches' Poll and have lived up to that ranking so far. The Rangers' only loss has been to 8th-ranked North Dakota.

When the Yellowjackets visit Regis Fieldhouse on Sunday afternoon, it will be the Rangers' first game since November 23. By that point the Yellowjackets will have been on the road for 11 of the last 12 days.

Junior guard Diana Lopez has been tearing up the opposition, averaging 23.8 points per game over the first six games. She is a solid 23-of-51 from 3-point range (45.1%) and also leads the team with 20 steals. Twin sister Denise is averaging 12.5 ppg and leads the team in rebounding at 8.2 rebounds a game. The Lopez sisters have accounted for just over 50 percent of the team's scoring and over 40 percent of the team's rebounding.

Opponent Series Records:

MSU-Billings Wins: 8; Regis Wins: 5

First Meeting: MSUB 58, Regis 56 (1/14/85 at Regis)

Last Meeting: Regis 69, MSUB 61 (11/25/00 at MSUB)

Streaks: The Rangers have won the last three meetings, all in Denver. The last Yellowjacket win was in 1989 in Denver.

2005-2006 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
11/7	at Montana St.-Bozeman#	L, 74-54
11/18	Fort Lewis	W, 75-56
11/19	Hillsdale College	L, 66-53
11/25	vs. Eastern New Mexico	L, 82-67
11/26	at West Texas A&M	L, 87-52
11/28	at Oklahoma Panhandle *	L, 67-56
12/2	at Metro State	7:00 p.m.
12/4	at Regis	2:00 p.m.
12/9	MSUB Alumni #	7:00 p.m.
12/16	St. Martin's	7:00 p.m.
12/20	Abilene Christian	7:00 p.m.
1/4	Western New Mexico *	6:00 p.m.
1/6	Oklahoma Panhandle *	6:00 p.m.
1/7	Oklahoma Panhandle	2:00 p.m.
1/11	at Incarnate Word *	6:00 p.m.
1/12	at Incarnate Word	6:00 p.m.
1/14	at St. Mary's *	5:30 p.m.
1/21	at Lincoln *	1:30 p.m.
1/28	St. Edward's *	6:00 p.m.
2/3	Lincoln *	6:00 p.m.
2/4	Lincoln	6:00 p.m.
2/10	at St. Edward's *	6:00 p.m.
2/11	at St. Edward's	6:00 p.m.
2/15	Incarnate Word *	6:00 p.m.
2/17	St. Mary's *	6:00 p.m.
2/18	St. Mary's	6:00 p.m.
2/24	at Western New Mexico *	5:30 p.m.
2/25	at Western New Mexico	5:30 p.m.
3/3-4	Heartland Conference Tournament	
3/10-13	NCAA South Central Regional	

Home Games in Bold played at Alterowitz Gymnasium. Call 657-2369 for ticket info.
 # Exhibition Game *Heartland Conference Game
 All times local to game site

Lady Yellowjackets on the Airwaves

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Last Week's Results:

Eastern New Mexico 82, MSU-Billings 67
 West Texas A&M 87, MSU-Billings 52
 Oklahoma Panhandle St. 67, MSU-Billings 56

Last Week's Highlights:

The Yellowjackets dropped three games during the first leg of a brutal 12 day road stretch. During that time they'll spend just two nights and one day in Billings, arriving late Tuesday night from Amarillo, TX and flying out for Denver early Thursday afternoon.

The ambitious non-conference schedule started last weekend at the West Texas A&M tournament in Canyon, TX. The Yellowjackets dropped the tournament opener to Eastern New Mexico despite hitting 14-of-28 from 3-point range. Shannon Harvey knocked down six 3-pointers against the Zias, just missing her own school record of seven 3-pointers in a game.

Despite the hot 3-point shooting, the Jackets still shot just 34 percent from the field. In a sign of things to come, MSU-Billings turned the ball over 23 times and shot just 60 percent from the line.

The Lady Jackets faced host West Texas A&M on Saturday and hung with the high-powered Lady Buffs for over a half. WTAMU's high-pressure took its toll, however, forcing the Yellowjackets into 26 turnovers. Alira Carpenter scored 13 points to lead MSUB, earning all-tournament honors. Tanya Petersen netted 10 points to become the 17th player in school history to score 1,000 career points.

MSU-Billings had Sunday off before making the drive north to Goodwell, OK, on Monday to face Oklahoma Panhandle State in the Heartland Conference opener for both teams. The Yellowjackets will play the first two conference counters of any Heartland team this season...and their next conference game won't come until January 4. The game at OPSU was rescheduled from February 22 to accommodate the Lady Jackets' trip to Amarillo for the West Texas A&M tournament.

With the loss at OPSU the Yellowjackets dropped their fourth-straight game to fall to 1-4 overall and 0-1 in the Heartland. Panhandle State will now sit atop the Heartland standings for at least the next 36 days since that's the length of time before the regular conference schedule starts in January.

As it had in the previous three losses, the offense proved to be the Yellowjackets' Achilles' heel again Monday night. MSU-Billings shot just 41.8 percent from the field and 50 percent from the free throw line. The Jackets were just 2-of-14 from 3-point range and also turned the ball over 25 times. For the season the Jackets are averaging 22 turnovers per game.

Michelle Lieber and Tanya Petersen each posted double-doubles against the Aggies. Lieber had career highs of 21 points and 13 rebounds while Petersen had 16 points and 10 boards.

**Heartland Conference Standings
 through games of 11/28/05**

<u>Team</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Conf</u>
1. Oklahoma Panhandle	3-2	1-0
2. St. Edward's	2-3	0-0
3. St. Mary's	1-4	0-0
4. Lincoln	0-3	0-0
5. Incarnate Word	0-6	0-0
6. Western New Mexico	0-6	0-0
7. Montana State-Billings	1-4	0-1

**Heartland Conference
 Preseason Coaches Poll**

1. Montana State-Billings – 40
2. Incarnate Word – 36
3. Oklahoma Panhandle State – 33
4. St. Edward's – 30
5. St. Mary's – 29
6. Lincoln – 18
7. Western New Mexico – 10

Current Lady Jackets in the Record Books

Shannon Harvey

Career: 11th for 3-pointers made (81) [needs 87 for 10th]
 6th for 3-point % (37.3)
Season: 7th for 3-pointers made (54 in 04-05)
 9th for 3-point % (40.9 in 04-05)
Game: T-1st for 3-pointers made (7)
 T-24th for 3-pointers made (4)

Lisa Jellum

Game: T-24th for 3-pointers made (4)

Jenny Langford

Career: 4th for 3-pointers made (139) [needs 149 for 3rd]
 8th for 3-point % (36.4)
Season: 2nd for 3-pointers made (68 in 03-04)
 10th for 3-pointers made (44 in 04-05)
 10th for 3-point % (40.7 in 03-04)
Game: T-4th for 3-pointers made (6)
 T-11th for 3-pointers made (5)
 T-24th for 3-pointers made (4)
 T-4th for 3-point % (83.3, 5/6)
 T-7th for 3-point % (80.0, 4/5)
 T-9th for 3-point % (75.0, 6/8)

Michelle Lieber

Season: 1st for FG % (63.4 in 04-05)

Tanya Petersen

Career: 3rd for blocks (74)
 10th for points per game (11.7)
 11th for FG % (48.8)
 17th for points scored (1019) [needs 1,066 for 16th]
Season: 10th for blocks (35 in 03-04)
Game: T-4th for blocks (7)
 5th for FG % (85.7%, 12/14)
 7th for FT made (12)
 8th for FT % (85.7, 12/14)



2005-2006 Yellowjacket Players and Coaches

2005-2006 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	Jr.	Brea, CA/Cal State-San Bernardino
13	Alira Carpenter	5'8"	G	Fr.	Lewistown, MT/Fergus County HS
14	Jetton Meadors	5'8"	G	Fr.	Billings, MT/Senior HS
22	Kayla McPherson	5'11"	F	Fr.	Glendive, MT/Dawson County HS
25	Lisa Jellum	5'7"	G	Sr.	Gillette, WY/Campbell County HS
30	Shannon Harvey	5'8"	G	Jr.	Billings, MT/Senior HS
33	Angela Lessard	5'7"	G	Sr.	Elizabeth, CO/Otero JC
34	Tanya Petersen	6'0"	F	Sr.	Billings, MT/West HS
41	Jen Smith	5'10"	F	Fr.	Belgrade, MT/Belgrade HS
43	Jenny Langford	5'6"	G	Sr.	Reedpoint, MT/UM-Western
50	Michelle Lieber	6'0"	F	Jr.	Gillette, WY/Univ. of Wyoming
RS	Rachel Hansen	5'9"	G	Fr.	Lolo, MT/Big Sky HS

2005-2006 Lady Yellowjacket Coaches



Kevin Woodin (2nd year): Woodin led the Yellowjackets to a 21-7 record and an NCAA Tournament berth in his first season. He was named the NCAA Division II Independent Coach of the Year. Woodin took over at MSU-Billings 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 in 2003-2004. 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. The Libby, Mont., native holds degrees from Carroll College and Seattle Pacific University.

Kami Malnaa (2nd year): Malnaa is in her second year with the Yellowjackets after spending 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 19th 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 (2nd 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 2005-2006 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 Alira Carpenter

Points: 13 vs. West Texas A&M, 11/26/05
Rebounds: 6 vs. West Texas A&M, 11/26/05
3-Point FGs: 3 vs. Eastern NM, 11/25/05; 3 vs.
West Texas A&M, 11/26/05
Assists: 4 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle St., 11/28/05
Steals: 2 vs. Fort Lewis, 11/18/05; 2 vs. West Texas
A&M, 11/26/05
Blocks: 1 vs. Eastern NM, 11/25/05

#14 Jetton Meadors

Points: 2 vs. Fort Lewis, 11/18/05
Rebounds: 1 vs. Eastern NM, 11/25/05
3-Point FGs: N/A
Assists: N/A
Steals: 2 vs. Eastern NM, 11/25/05
Blocks: N/A

#22 Kayla McPherson

Points: 2 vs. Hillsdale, 11/19/05; 2 vs. Eastern NM,
11/25/05
Rebounds: 2 vs. Eastern NM, 11/25/05; 2 vs. West
Texas A&M, 11/26/05
3-Point FGs: N/A
Assists: 2 vs. Eastern NM, 11/25/05
Steals: N/A
Blocks: N/A

#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: 4 vs. Western New Mexico, 3/3/05

#30 Shannon Harvey

Points: 21 vs. Humboldt, 12/18/04
Rebounds: 6 vs. Fort Lewis, 11/18/05
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: 7 vs. Eastern NM, 11/25/05
3-Point FGs: 1 vs. Montana Tech, 1/12/05;
1 vs. Western New Mexico, 3/3/05
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 Jen Smith

Points: 6 vs. West Texas A&M, 11/26/05
Rebounds: 5 vs. Fort Lewis, 11/18/05
3-Point FGs: N/A
Assists: N/A
Steals: N/A
Blocks: N/A

#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

#50 Michelle Lieber

Points: 21 vs. Oklahoma Panhandle St., 11/28/05
Rebounds: 13 vs. St. Martin's, 2/3/05; 13 vs.
Oklahoma Panhandle St., 11/28/05
Assists: 4 vs. Seattle, 11/30/04;
4 vs. Western New Mexico, 1/18/05
Steals: 4 vs. Seattle, 11/30/04
Blocks: 3 vs. Fort Lewis, 11/18/05

The Last Time in Lady Yellowjacket Basketball.....



A player scored over 40 points.....	Feb. 25, 1992 (Sherry McQuinn, 42 vs. Alaska-Fairbanks)
A player scored over 30 points.....	Nov. 26, 2004 (Robyn Milne, 31 vs. Ohio Valley)
A player had at least 15 field goals.....	Feb. 19, 2000 (Codi Schmitz vs. Seattle)
A player made seven 3-pointers.....	Dec. 18, 2004 (Shannon Harvey vs. Humboldt State)
A player made six 3-pointers.....	Nov. 25, 2005 (Shannon Harvey vs. Eastern New Mexico)
A player made five 3-pointers.....	Feb. 14, 2004 (Jenny Langford vs. Converse College)
A player made at least 15 free throws.....	Nov. 30, 2002 (Natalie Visger vs. St. Martin's)
A player made at least 10 free throws.....	Feb. 19, 2005 (Robyn Milne, 12/17 vs. Grand Canyon)
A player had at least 20 rebounds.....	Dec. 20, 2003 (Robyn Milne, 22 vs. Alaska-Fairbanks)
A player had at least 15 rebounds.....	Mar. 11, 2005 (Robyn Milne, 16 vs. Seattle Pacific)
A player had at least 10 assists....	Feb. 19, 2000 (Deena Bartu, 13 vs. Seattle)
A player had at least 5 assists.....	Nov. 18, 2005 (Jenny Langford, 5 vs. Fort Lewis)
A player had at least 5 blocked shots.....	Jan. 3, 2005 (Robyn Milne vs. Northwest Nazarene)
A player had at least 7 steals.....	Mar. 5, 1999 (Codi Schmitz vs. Western Washington)
A player had a double-double	Nov. 28, 2005 (Tanya Petersen & Michelle Lieber vs. OPSU)
The team scored at least 100 points.....	Jan. 18, 2005 (100 vs. Western New Mexico)
The team allowed at least 100 points.....	Jan. 22, 1998 (102 by Seattle Pacific)
The team made at least 40 field goals.....	Feb. 19, 2000 (44 vs. Seattle)
The team shot over 60 % from the field.....	Feb. 19, 2000 (64.7% vs. Seattle)
The team made at least 15 3-pointers.....	Feb. 12, 2000 (15 vs. Alaska-Fairbanks)
The team made at least 10 3-pointers.....	Nov. 25, 2005 (14 vs. Eastern New Mexico)
The team made at least 30 free throws.....	Feb. 24, 2001 (30 vs. Western Oregon)
The team had over 70 rebounds.....	Dec. 15, 1983 (74 vs. Great Falls)
The team had at least 55 rebounds.....	Dec. 11, 2004 (57 vs. Southern Oregon)
The team had at least 40 assists.....	Nov. 22, 1983 (40 vs. Rocky Mountain)
The team had at least 30 assists.....	Jan. 12, 2005 (30 vs. Montana Tech)
The team had at least 25 assists.....	Jan. 16, 2004 (28 vs. Green Mountain)
The team had at least 10 blocked shots....	Jan. 3, 2005 (10 vs. Northwest Nazarene)
The team had at least 20 steals.....	Feb. 14, 1998 (20 vs. Montana Tech)

2005-2006 Lady Yellowjacket Season Statistics

05-06 Yellowjacket Basketball
 Mont. St.-Billings Season Box Score
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-4)	(1-1)	(0-2)	(0-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-1)	(0-0)	(0-1)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-3)	(1-1)	(0-1)	(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								
11 Jennifer Skrifvars.	5-0	63 12.6	2-10	.200	0-1	.000	2-7	.286	4	5	9	1.8	8	0	7	4	0	3	6	1.2
13 Alira Carpenter....	5-2	115 23.0	14-47	.298	7-20	.350	5-5	1.000	5	8	13	2.6	6	0	10	7	1	7	40	8.0
14 Jetton Meadors.....	4-0	16 4.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.5
22 Kayla McPherson....	5-0	27 5.4	1-8	.125	0-5	.000	3-4	.750	1	4	5	1.0	0	0	4	3	0	0	5	1.0
25 Lisa Jellum.....	5-5	145 29.0	11-30	.367	5-12	.417	9-14	.643	1	10	11	2.2	17	0	16	25	0	4	36	7.2
30 Shannon Harvey.....	5-5	115 23.0	15-39	.385	11-31	.355	2-4	.500	3	13	16	3.2	10	0	5	10	0	2	43	8.6
33 Angela Lessard.....	5-1	79 15.8	3-15	.200	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	11	7	18	3.6	12	0	5	10	0	2	10	2.0
34 Tanya Petersen.....	5-5	164 32.8	28-65	.431	3-14	.214	19-28	.679	11	35	46	9.2	15	2	8	22	7	8	78	15.6
41 Jen Smith.....	5-0	47 9.4	2-6	.333	0-2	.000	6-15	.400	3	7	10	2.0	4	0	1	9	0	1	10	2.0
43 Jenny Langford.....	2-2	56 28.0	7-18	.389	5-10	.500	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1.0	7	0	6	3	0	0	21	10.5
50 Michelle Lieber....	5-5	172 34.4	22-40	.550	0-1	.000	8-21	.381	17	30	47	9.4	21	2	9	9	6	4	52	10.4
TEAM.....										8	13	21	4.2	0		8				
Total.....	5	999	105-281	.374	31-97	.320	62-108	.574	65	134	199	39.8	100	4	71	110	14	33	303	60.6
Opponents.....	5	999	123-299	.411	26-85	.306	86-124	.694	59	132	191	38.2	105	-	74	78	17	54	358	71.6

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
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Mont. St.-Billings.....	145	158	- 303
Opponents.....	168	190	- 358

