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**Lady Yellowjacket Basketball 2003-2004**  
 Weekly Release #1 – November 13, 2003

**This Week's Schedule:**

11/17 vs. Sonoma State, (8:00 p.m.) Alterowitz Gym  
 11/18 vs. Sonoma State, (7:00 p.m.) Alterowitz Gym  
 11/21 vs. Central Washington (1:00 p.m.) in Seattle  
 11/22 at Seattle Pacific (5:00 p.m.)

**This Week's Opponents:**

Sonoma State Seawolves – The Yellowjackets and Seawolves have become West Region rivals over the past couple years, with SSU winning the last two match-ups, including a first round NCAA Tournament game in 2002. The Seawolves return Jessica Jones (6-0 Jr.), who averaged 14.6 points and 5.9 rebounds per game last season. Tara Whiteside (5-10 Jr.) averaged 13.0 ppg and was named second team All-CCAA. SSU beat MSUB 63-44 last season in the Lady Jackets' worst offensive game of the year. Jones scored a game-high 15 points and Whiteside added 12, including 5-of-6 from the free throw line.

Central Washington Wildcats – With last year's 91-69 runaway win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the Yellowjackets improved their all-time record against the Wildcats to 9-1. The 91 points was the most scored by MSUB all season, and freshman point guard Jenny Langford handed out a career-high seven assists. CWU returns Lindsay Weiss (5-9 Sr.) and Alayna Vincent (6-1 Jr.), who each averaged double figures last season. Weiss scored 15 against the Jackets in the tournament and Vincent had nine points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Seattle Pacific Falcons – The Falcons ended MSUB's season last year with an 86-70 win in the regional semifinals. SPU was unbeaten and ranked No. 1 in the nation for the entire season before losing in the regional championship game to Cal State-Bakersfield. The Falcons return Valerie Gustafson (6-0 Sr.) and Michelle Beaumont (5-11 Jr.) but lost three seniors to graduation who all averaged double figures. SPU was ranked No. 22 in the WBCA Preseason Poll.

**Opponent Series Records (MSUB-Opponent):**

- Sonoma State: 2-2
- The Yellowjackets won the first two meetings back in 1992 and 1993, but have lost to the Seawolves in each of the last two seasons. The first meeting was December

**2003-2004 Schedule and Results**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>11/17</b>	<b>Sonoma State</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>11/18</b>	<b>Sonoma State</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
11/21	vs. Cent. Washington	1:00 p.m.
11/22	at Seattle Pacific	5:00 p.m.
<b>12/1</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
12/4	at Montana	7:35 p.m.
12/13	at Wyoming	5:30 p.m.
12/15	at Western Washington	7:00 p.m.
12/19	at AK-Anchorage	8:00 p.m.
12/20	vs. AK-Fairbanks	6:00 p.m.
12/29	vs. Cent. Washington	6:00 p.m.
12/20	vs. Humboldt State	6:00 p.m.
1/2	at Humboldt State	2:00 p.m.
1/9	at Western N.M.	7:30 p.m.
1/10	at Western N.M.	7:30 p.m.
<b>1/16</b>	<b>Green Mountain</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>1/17</b>	<b>Green Mountain</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
1/22	at St. Martin's	7:00 p.m.
1/23	vs. NW Nazarene	7:00 p.m.
2/2	at Florida Southern	7:30 p.m.
2/4	at Nova Southeastern	7:00 p.m.
<b>2/13</b>	<b>Converse College</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>2/14</b>	<b>Converse College</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>2/17</b>	<b>Western N.M.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>2/19</b>	<b>Western N.M.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>2/20</b>	<b>Western N.M.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>2/23</b>	<b>MSU-Northern</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

**Home Games in Bold played at Alterowitz Gymnasium. Call 657-2369 for ticket info.**

**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. from the Rock Pile Restaurant. If you live outside of the Billings area, listen live on the web at [www.msubillings.edu/athletics](http://www.msubillings.edu/athletics).



2, 1992 at the Regis Tournament in Denver, a 68-48 Yellowjacket win. The last meeting was at SSU last year, a 63-44 loss.

Central Washington: 9-1

- The Yellowjackets have dominated the series with the Wildcats, including a 22-point win in the NCAA Tournament last year. MSUB's only loss was 75-63 on Nov. 30, 2000 in Ellensburg.

Seattle Pacific: 15-11

- The Falcons are one of the Jackets' biggest West Region rivals, dating back to their days in the PacWest Conference. SPU has won the last two meetings and the teams are an even 3-3 since 2000. The Yellowjackets are 4-10 all-time against the Falcons in Seattle, but have lost six in a row.

**Last Week's Results:**

Blue 70, Gold 58

**Last Week's Highlights:**

The Lady Jackets held a Blue-Gold scrimmage last Saturday in their final tune-up for the regular season. Kayla Frize scored a game-high 25 points in her first live action since having reconstructive knee surgery last year. She was 7-of-13 from 3-point range and also had four assists with no turnovers.

In all, eight different players scored double figures in the game, with Robyn Milne and Sophia Forney notching double-doubles. Milne scored 17 on 7-of-17 shooting and pulled down 12 boards. Forney scored 10 points and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

Along with Frize, three Yellowjacket newcomers lit up the scoreboard from behind the arc. Freshman Shannon Harvey was 4-of-8 from long range and finished with 14 points. Jenny Auer and Jamie Barker each hit three 3-pointers.

**Notes:**

Robyn Milne, a junior from Richey, MT, was named the Lady Jackets' team captain last week in a November-style team election. Milne is the only upperclassman returning from season. Sophomore Jenny Langford from Reedpoint, MT was selected as the co-captain.

**WBCA Top 25 Poll**

**Preseason Poll-November 7**

(Records and Previous Rank from 2002-2003 Season. Regular season poll begins Dec. 2.)

School	Record	Previous
1 S.D. State	32-3	1
2 Bentley	33-3	2
3 South Dakota	27-5	9
4 California (PA)	33-2	4
5 Central Ark.	28-6	7
6 North Dakota	26-6	12
7 Glenville St.	29-4	14
8 Quincy	25-8	24
9 Drury	27-5	15
10 Northern KY	26-8	3
11 Armstrong Atlantic	27-4	21
12 North Florida	20-12	11
13 Washburn	30-4	6
14 Shaw	31-3	18
15 N.D. State	26-7	16
16 Arkansas Tech	29-4	10
17 Indianapolis	29-3	13
18 Bellarmine	21-11	NR
19 Minn.-Duluth	25-5	22
20 Columbus St.	28-4	17
21 Cal St.-Bakersfield	29-2	5
<b>22 Seattle Pacific</b>	<b>29-1</b>	<b>8</b>
23 Nebraska-Kearney	25-6	NR
24 Grand Valley St.	24-7	NR
25 Chico State	17-10	NR

**Yellowjacket 2003-2004 Opponents in Bold**

**Current Lady Yellowjackets in the School Record Books**

**Robyn Milne**

**Career:** 2<sup>nd</sup> for blocks (100)

**Season:** 4<sup>th</sup> for blocks (57 in 01-02)  
5<sup>th</sup> for blocks (43 in 02-03)

**Game:** T-5<sup>th</sup> for blocks (6 vs. Nova Southeastern, 3/1/03; 6 vs. Alaska-Anchorage, 12/20/01)  
T-11<sup>th</sup> for blocks (5 vs. UC-San Diego, 12/31/01)  
T-19<sup>th</sup> for blocks (4 vs. UC-San Diego, 11/22/02; 4 vs. Montana, 11/25/02)



### 2003-2004 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	Fr.	Brea, CA/Cal State-San Bernardino
21	Kayla Frize	5-6	G	Jr.	Miles City, MT/MSU-Bozeman
22	Jenny Auer	5-7	G	So.	Billings, MT/MSU-Bozeman
25	Lisa Jellum	5-7	G	So.	Gillette, WY/Campbell County HS
30	Shannon Harvey	5-8	G	Fr.	Billings, MT/Senior HS
33	Sophia Forney	6-1	F	Fr.	Livingston, MT/Park County HS
34	Tanya Peterson	6-0	F	So.	Billings, MT/West HS
41	Robyn Milne	6-3	C	Jr.	Richey, MT/Richey HS
43	Jenny Langford	5-6	G	So.	Reedpoint, MT/UM-Western
44	Alisa Lordemann	6-0	F	Jr.	Glendive, MT/Miles CC
52	Jamie Barker	6-1	F	Jr.	Templeton, CA/Portland CC

### Lady Yellowjacket Coaches

**Melissa Slone (1<sup>st</sup> year):** Slone joins the Yellowjackets after spending the last five seasons as the head coach at College of Charleston, a Division I school in South Carolina. Slone is a native of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where she graduated from Highlands High School in 1987. In 1986 she became the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,604 career points before going on to star at Northern Kentucky University, a perennial Division II basketball power. She was a three-year starter at point guard, leading the Norse to an 88-23 record. Northern Kentucky captured three Great Lakes Valley Conference titles and qualified for the NCAA tournament four times in Slone's four years at the school. She graduated in 1991 with a degree in accounting.

**Julie Moehring (1<sup>st</sup> year):** Moehring was formerly an assistant coach at College of Mount St. Joseph, a Division III school in Cincinnati. In addition to her coaching duties, she will also work part time in the Yellowjackets' Marketing and Development Office. Moehring was an NCAA II Kodak All-American for Northern Kentucky in 1987-88 after leading the Norse to their third straight NCAA Tournament. In her junior season, Moehring led NKU to the NCAA II Final Four. At College of Mount St. Joseph last season, Moehring helped the Lions reach their first NCAA Tournament in school history. She coached guards and assisted in recruiting, travel and fundraising.