Montana State University-Northern women's basketball coach Chris Mouat is building a solid recruiting class for the upcoming season.

And adding to the list is 5-5 junior college transfer Nicole Tresch. The stellar shooting guard comes to MSU-N from Gillette College in Gillette, Wyo.

This season, Tresch averaged 15.7 points, 2.6 assists, and 2.4 steals per game. She connected on 109 3-point field goals while shooting 42% from beyond the arc. She finished 27th in 3-point percentage among all NJCAA Division I players and made more 3-point field goals than anyone ranked in the top 50.

"Nikki is as pure a shooter as we've signed here in a long time," Mouat said. "She put up some incredible numbers at Gillette College, and that's saying a lot given the caliber of competition she was seeing every night.

"Nikki took more three's than anyone in the country at the NJCAA Division I level and she shot a great percentage. Beyond that, she is also a good defender and finds open people. She has been well-coached both in high school and at the junior college level, she is competitive, and she loves to play. To top it off, she is a great student with a 3.85 grade point average. Nikki is a great addition to our program."

Tresch was the first-ever recruit at the newly-formed Gillette program two seasons ago. She made the first 3-point field goal and registered the first assist in program history, and has already set a number of records at the school. She holds marks for points in a game (31), 3-point field goals in a season (109), 3-point field goals made in a game (9), 3-point field goals made in a career (173), steals in a season (75), steals in a career (127), and assists in a career (158). Following her sophomore season, she was named an NJCAA Academic All-American.

As a high school athlete, Tresch was highly decorated as well. She played softball where she was the shortstop and leadoff hitter on a state championship team and an all-state selection. She was a three-year letter winner in volleyball where she still holds the school record for assists. In track and field, she was a four-year letter winner and two-time all-state selection. She holds the school record in the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles as well as the 4X100 relay, and was picked to run in the Wyoming Classic Track Meet for the top athletes from all classifications in the state of Wyoming.

On the basketball floor, Tresch was a four-year letter winner a Glenrock, where she helped lead her team to a school record for wins in her senior season. She was a three-year all-conference pick and a unanimous all-state selection her senior season. She played in the annual Montana-Wyoming, Wyoming-South Dakota, and Wyoming Coaches All-Star Games.

"Nikki has a fairly complete offensive game, but her biggest strength is obviously from the perimeter," Mouat said. "She is dangerous every time she gets a good look.

"One story that came up about Nikki’s competitiveness really stood out during our time recruiting her," he continued. "At the regional tournament her senior year in high school, her team was playing for third and fourth place. Down by 14 points in the fourth quarter, Nikki single-handedly brought her team back with
six 3-pointers and 21 points in the fourth quarter alone. She finished with 29 points and helped lead her team to a big win."

Tresch plans to major in elementary education at MSU-Northern. She is the daughter of Roger and Lori Tresch.