



# BYUBASKETBALL

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## 2020-21 BYU SCHEDULE

Overall: 15-5 | Home: 8-2 | Away: 5-2 | Neutral: 2-1  
All times local to site

| Date | Day | Opponent            | Score       | W/L | Time   | Network |
|------|-----|---------------------|-------------|-----|--------|---------|
| N25  | Wed | Westminster         | 108-59      | W   | 6pm    | BYUtv   |
| N26  | Thu | New Orleans         | 86-61       | W   | 7pm    | BYUtv   |
| N28  | Sat | Utah Valley         | 82-60       | W   | 7pm    | BYUtv   |
| D1   | Tue | vs. USC+            | 79-53       | L   | 2:30pm | ESPN2   |
| D2   | Thu | vs. St. John's      | 74-68       | W   | 5pm    | ESPN2   |
| D5   | Sat | at Utah State       | 67-64       | W   | 7pm    | MWC     |
| D9   | Wed | Boise State         | 74-70       | L   | 7pm    | BYUtv   |
| D12  | Sat | Utah                | 82-64       | W   | 4pm    | BYUtv   |
| D18  | Fri | at San Diego State  | 72-62       | W   | 2pm    | CBSSN   |
| D21  | Mon | Texas Southern      | 87-71       | W   | 7pm    | BYUtv   |
| D23  | Wed | vs. Weber State#    | 87-79       | W   | 5pm    | BYUtv   |
| J7   | Thu | Gonzaga             | 86-69       | L   | 5pm    | ESPN    |
| J14  | Thu | at Saint Mary's     | 62-52       | W   | 8pm    | ESPN2   |
| J16  | Sat | at San Francisco    | 72-63       | W   | 5pm    | ESPN    |
| J21  | Thu | Portland            | 95-67       | W   | 7pm    | CBSSN   |
| J23  | Sat | Pepperdine          | 65-54       | W   | 8pm    | ESPN*   |
| J27  | Wed | at Pepperdine       | 76-73       | L   | 12pm   | TBD     |
| J30  | Sat | Pacific             | 95-87 (2OT) | W   | 4pm    | CBSSN   |
| F4   | Thu | at Portland         | 105-60      | W   | 4pm    | Stadium |
| F8   | Mon | Gonzaga             | 82-71       | L   | 9pm    | ESPN    |
| F11  | Thu | Saint Mary's        |             |     | 9pm    | ESPN*   |
| F13  | Sat | San Diego           |             |     | TBD    | TBD     |
| F18  | Thu | at Pacific          |             |     | 5pm    | CBSSN   |
| F20  | Sat | at Loyola Marymount |             |     | 12pm   | CBSSN   |
| F25  | Thu | Santa Clara         |             |     | 7pm    | CBSSN   |

M4-9 WCC Championships

+ Legends Classic Presented by Old Trapper

# at Vivint Smart Home Arena

\* Specific ESPN Network to be determined at a later date  
WCC Game

## BYU QUICK FACTS

### BYU Cougars (15-5, 6-3 WCC)

- Head Coach: Mark Pope
- Alma Mater: Kentucky, 1996
- Division I Career Record: 116-69 (6th Season)
- Record at BYU: 39-13 (2nd Season)
- No. 18/16 AP/USA Today Coaches Polls in 2019-20

## BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV/Streaming: CBSSN

RADIO: BYU Sports Network

BYURadio SiriusXM 143, BYURadio.org/BYURadio app, BYUCougars.com/BYU Cougars app, KSL Newsradio 102.7 FM/1160 AM

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: BYUCougars.com

Facebook: /BYUBasketball | /BYUCougars

Twitter: @BYUBasketball | @BYUCougars

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Hashtags: #BYUHoops #GoCoug

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## UP NEXT FOR THE 15-5 COUGARS — PACIFIC

BYU men's basketball will face Pacific (6-6, 3-5) Thursday night at the Alex G. Spanos Center in Stockton, Calif. The Cougars are coming off of an 82-71 loss to No. 1 Gonzaga more than a week ago, and have not played since then due to a pair of postponed matchups this past week.

### BYU NOTES (15-5, 6-3 West Coast Conference)

- The Cougars are 15-5, most recently falling to No. 1 Gonzaga at home on Feb. 8.
- BYU is No. 2 in the WCC standings.
- BYU has wins over Portland (twice), Pacific, Pepperdine, San Francisco, Saint Mary's, Weber State, Texas Southern, No. 18 San Diego State, Utah, Utah State, St. John's, Utah Valley, New Orleans and Westminster. The four losses were to USC, Boise State, No. 1 Gonzaga (twice) and Pepperdine.
- BYU is led by senior guard Alex Barcello who is averaging 15.5 points, 4.6 assists and 4.6 rebounds per game. Barcello has been among the top three-point shooters in the nation this season, but has cooled off a bit recently. He led BYU in scoring against Gonzaga with 20 points. It was his eighth performance with 20+ points this season.
- Brandon Averette and Matt Haarms, BYU's other two senior leaders along with Barcello, are the next behind Barcello in scoring with 11.4 and 10.8 points per game respectively.
- BYU's bench production has been big this season, outscoring opponents in 18 of 20 games played.
- BYU has never lost back-to-back games in the Mark Pope era and has the third-longest active streak of games played without consecutive losses at 54. The two teams above them are Houston and Gonzaga.

### PACIFIC NOTES (6-6, 3-5 West Coast Conference)

- Pacific is 6-6, with its most recent result being an 80-76 loss at LMU last Saturday.
- Pacific is No. 7 in the WCC standings.
- The Tigers have lost five of their last six games, after starting the season 5-1.
- Pacific has wins this season over UC Riverside, Montana State, Westmont College, Santa Clara, LMU and Portland. Its losses have come to Nevada, Pepperdine, Gonzaga (twice), BYU and LMU.
- The Tigers have played only 12 games this season. From Dec. 4 through Jan. 13, Pacific played just one game, and have had a total of 15 games cancelled or postponed this season.
- Pacific is led by guard Dannis Jenkins who is averaging 12.9 points per game. Jenkins was Pacific's first ever WCC All Freshman Team selection last season.
- Forward Jeremiah Bailey is right behind Jenkins, averaging 12.3 points per game. He's coming off of a career-high 28 points scored last Saturday against LMU.

Head Coach – Damon Stoudamire

- Alma Mater: Arizona, 1995
- Division I Career Record: 68-74 (5th Season)
- Record at Pacific: 68-74 (5th Season)

### SERIES INFORMATION

- All-Time Series: BYU leads 11-6
- Last Meeting: BYU won 95-87 in double overtime on Jan. 30 in Provo

## LAST GAME'S STARTERS AND STATS



3

**Matt Haarms**

7-3 / 240 / C / Sr.  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

P R Blk  
10.8 4.3 1.7



4

**Brandon Averette**

5-11 / 185 / G / Sr.  
Richardson, Texas

P R A  
11.4 3.0 3.4



13

**Alex Barcello**

6-2 / 180 / G / Sr.  
Chandler, Arizona

P R A  
15.5 4.6 4.6



5

**Gideon George**

6-6 / 190 / F / Jr.  
Minna, Nigeria

P R A  
5.3 3.3 0.4



33

**Caleb Lohner**

6-8 / 230 / F / Fr.  
Dallas, Texas

P R A  
6.1 6.6 1.2

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

**Brandon Averette**

- Played his junior season at Utah Valley in 2019-20
- Earned a spot on the All-WAC Newcomer Team
- Averaged 12.8 points, 2.1 rebounds and 3.0 assists while adding 27 steals
- Posted season highs of 23 points, six rebounds, seven assists and three steals
- Played his freshman and sophomore seasons (2016-18) at Oklahoma State
- As a sophomore in 2017-18, averaged 6.3 points, 1.8 rebounds and a team-best 2.9 assists per game
- Played in all 36 games with six starts on a team that finished 21-15 overall and advanced to the third round of the 2018 NIT
- Posted season highs of 22 points, four rebounds, seven assists and three steals
- As a freshman in 2016-17 averaged 5.2 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1.8 assists
- Played in all 33 games, helping the Cowboys finish 20-13 overall and earn an at-large bid in the 2017 NCAA Tournament
- Posted season highs of 17 points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals

**Alex Barcello**

- Played in and started all 32 games for BYU in 2019-20
- Averaged 9.3 points, 3.1 rebounds and 1.8 assists
- Shot 49.3 percent from the field, 48.6 percent from 3-point range and 87.9 percent from the free-throw line
- Posted season highs of 18 points (twice), 7 rebounds (twice), 5 assists (twice), 3 steals (twice), 2 blocks (Cal State Fullerton) and 6 3-point field goals (at Loyola Marymount)
- In the BYU record book for a single season, finished fourth all-time in 3-point field goal percentage (minimum 35 attempts), fifth in points available percentage and 10th in effective field goal percentage
- Scored in double figures 14 times
- Had three-plus steals twice and three-plus 3-pointers nine times
- Let the team in scoring three times, rebounds three times and assists twice

**Matt Haarms**

- Played three seasons at Purdue from 2017-20 and appeared in 102 games with 40 starts and averaged 7.5 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.1 blocks
- In the Purdue record book is fourth all-time in school history with 210 blocks and sixth in career field goal percentage at 58.2
- Set career highs of 26 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocks
- As a junior in 2019-20, averaged 8.6 points and 4.6 rebounds while ranking fifth in the Big Ten with 2.0 blocks per game
- As a sophomore in 2018-19, led the Big Ten in blocks with 2.1 per game and field goal percentage at 63.2 to go with averages of 9.4 points and 5.4 rebounds
- Helped the Boilermakers finish with a record of 26-10 and advance to the Elite Eight of the 2019 NCAA Tournament
- In Purdue's four 2019 NCAA Tournament games, averaged 12.0 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.3 blocks while shooting 65.6 percent from the field
- As a freshman in 2017-18, averaged 4.8 points and 3.2 rebounds and was second in the Big Ten at 2.1 blocks per game
- Helped Purdue advance to the Sweet 16 in the 2018 NCAA Tournament and finish with a record of 30-7
- Earned a spot on the 2017-18 Big Ten All-Academic Team

BYU BASKETBALL 2020-21 PREVIEW

BYU men's basketball enters year two of the Mark Pope era with a promising roster in what will likely be one of the most unique seasons in college basketball history. In 2019-20, Pope led the Cougars to a final national ranking of No. 18/16 in the AP/USA Today Coaches polls and a 24-8 overall record. BYU was poised to return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2016 until the NCAA Tournament was canceled due to the pandemic.

**Preseason Recognition**

Several Cougars have earned recognition heading into the 2020-21 season. Senior center Matt Haarms has been named one of 20 watch list members for the 2021 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. In the WCC Preseason Polls, BYU was picked to finish second and senior guard Alex Barcello was named to the Preseason All-WCC Team. Finally, college basketball writer Jon Rothstein named Mark Pope one of 12 coaches on the rise entering 2020-21. Check out a position breakdown below.

**Point Guard**

The lead guard position will be captured by a pair of seniors who will likely play together for a majority of the minutes. Alex Barcello, who transferred from Arizona before last season, started all 32 games at the two-guard in 2019-20 and averaged 9.3 points, 3.1 rebounds and 1.8 assists in his debut season with the Cougars. He will be lioned in the backcourt by Brandon Averette, who comes to BYU as a graduate transfer from Utah Valley. Averette, who played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Oklahoma State, averaged 12.8 points, 2.1 rebounds and 3.0 assists while starting all 30 games at UVU in 2019-20.

Jesse Wade also returns to the program after an injury-riddled 2019-20. A junior, Wade played his freshman season at Gonzaga before sitting out 2018-19 at BYU due to NCAA transfer rules. Wade can play either guard spot in 2020-21. In addition to Wade, walk-on Cameron Pearson returns for his sophomore season.

**Wing**

Connor Harding, a two-year letterwinner with starting experience, is one of the more versatile players on the roster. A capable ball-handler and passer who can attack the basket and shoot from the outside. Last season he averaged 6.1 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.3 assists while shooting 51.8 percent from the field and 44.2 percent from 3-point range.

Trevin Knell returns for his sophomore season and has his sights set on an increased role. Knell played his freshman season just off a mission and missed significant time due to a hand injury. He has the potential to be a significant threat as an outside shooter. Wyatt Lowell is eligible after sitting out last season due to NCAA transfer rules. The 2018-19 WAC Freshman of the Year while playing at Utah Valley, has the ability to score in a variety of ways. At 6-foot-10, he gives Pope the ability to go big without sacrificing 3-point shooting.

The returnees are joined by a very intriguing group of newcomers on the wing. Hunter Erickson and Caleb Lohner are two highly touted freshmen who prepped in Utah. Erickson played at Timprview High School where he was a two-time first-team all-state honoree and averaged 22.0 points as a junior and 22.6 as a senior. The high-scoring guard served an LDS mission following high school. Lohner graduated from Wasatch Academy in 2020 and brings a college-ready 6-foot-8 frame to the Cougars. Playing with several other Division I level athletes, Lohner averaged 14.5 points and 5.8 rebounds while helping lead Wasatch to a record of 27-2 in 2019-20 and No. 2 national ranking. As a junior, he helped lead to the GEICO H.S. Nationals Townsend Tripple rounds out the incoming freshman class. A 6-foot-8 wing, Tripple earned first-team all-state honors at Rocky Mountain High School in Idaho and is a threat to shoot from the outside.

The incoming class also features three transfers, including Gideon George and Spencer Johnson from the junior college ranks. George, who played at New Mexico Junior College, was a two-time NJCAA Region V Team and All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference Team honoree. Last season he averaged 14.5 points and 8.0 rebounds and has two years of eligibility remaining. Johnson played his freshman season at Salt Lake Community College in 2019-20. He averaged 13.2 points and 4.9 rebounds while earning All-Region 18 Second Team honors and helping SLCC to a record of 29-4 and the No. 4 overall seed in the NJCAA National Tournament. Johnson has three years of eligibility remaining. Brandon Warr comes to BYU after three seasons at Westminster in Salt Lake. He averaged 15.3 points and 8.9 rebounds last season while earning second-team all-conference honors. He will play his senior year in 2021-22.

**Post**

BYU's leading returning player in the post is junior Kolby Lee. After dealing with injuries as a freshman, Lee started 28 games last season and averaged 7.0 points and 3.2 rebounds on 62.5 percent shooting, the third-best field goal percentage in a season in BYU history. Utah Valley transfer Richard Harward gives BYU experience and a big body in the post. The 6-11, 255-pound junior is eligible after sitting out last season. He had a breakout sophomore season playing for Pope in 2018-19, when he averaged 6.9 points and 4.9 rebounds and shot 63.8 percent.

Purdue transfer and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award watch list member Matt Haarms comes to BYU after playing three years at Purdue, where is fourth all-time in career blocks and sixth in field goal percentage. Last season he posted averages of 8.6 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.0 blocks. During his sophomore campaign, Haarms averaged 9.4 points and 5.4 boards while leading the Big Ten in blocks at 2.1 per game. He helped the Boilermakers finish 26-10 and advance to the Elite Eight of the 2019 NCAA Tournament. Unfortunately, Gavin Baxter, a 2017-18 All-WCC Freshman Team honoree will miss the 2020-21 season with an ACL injury suffered in the second game of the year versus New Orleans.

| POSITION BREAKDOWN |      |     |                  |      |     |                 |      |     |
|--------------------|------|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----------------|------|-----|
| Point Guard        |      |     | Wing             |      |     | Post            |      |     |
| Brandon Averette   | 5-11 | Sr. | Hunter Erickson  | 6-3  | Fr. | ^Gavin Baxter   | 6-9  | Jr. |
| Alex Barcello      | 6-2  | Sr. | Gideon George    | 6-6  | Jr. | Matt Haarms     | 7-3  | Sr. |
| Cameron Pearson    | 6-0  | So. | Connor Harding   | 6-6  | Jr. | Richard Harward | 6-11 | Jr. |
| Jesse Wade         | 6-1  | Jr. | Spencer Johnson  | 6-5  | So. | Kolby Lee       | 6-9  | Jr. |
|                    |      |     | Trevin Knell     | 6-5  | So. | ^Wyatt Lowell   | 6-10 | So. |
|                    |      |     | Caleb Lohner     | 6-8  | Fr. |                 |      |     |
|                    |      |     | Wyatt Lowell     | 6-10 | So. |                 |      |     |
|                    |      |     | Townsend Tripple | 6-8  | Fr. |                 |      |     |
|                    |      |     | Brandon Warr     | 6-5  | Sr. |                 |      |     |

*^ Will miss the 2020-21 season*

**QUICK FACTS**

**University Information**

Location: Provo, Utah 84602  
 Elevation: 4,553 feet  
 Enrollment: 33,511 (Daytime)  
 Founded: October 15, 1875  
 Owned: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
 Nickname: Cougars  
 Mascot: Cosmo  
 Colors: Blue and White  
 Arena (capacity): Marriott Center (18,987)  
 Conference: West Coast Conference  
 President: Kevin J Worthen (BYU, 1979)  
 Athletic Director: Tom Holmoe (BYU, 1983)  
 Athletic Website: BYUCougars.com  
 Tickets: (801) 422-BYU1 or (800) 322-BYU1

**2020-21 Preview**

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 6/8  
 Newcomers: 8  
 Returning Redshirts: 3  
 Starters Returning/Lost: 2/4  
 Returning Scoring: 29.0% (739 of 2,548)  
 Returning Rebounding: 30.3% (810 of 1,118)  
 Returning Assists: 22.7% (126 of 556)  
 Returning Blocks: 17.9% (12 of 67)  
 Returning Minutes: 36.9% (2,391 of 6,475)

**2019-20 Review**

Overall Record: 24-8  
 H/A/N Record: 14-1/6-5/4-2  
 Conference Record/Finish: 13-3 (2nd)  
 2020 Postseason: Canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic  
 2020 Final National Ranking: 18/16

**BYU Coaching Staff**

Head Coach: Mark Pope  
 Alma Mater (year): Kentucky (1996)  
 Record at School (years): 24-8 (2nd year)  
 Career Division I Record (years): 101-64 (6th)  
 Assistant Coach: Chris Burgess (Utah, 2014)  
 Assistant Coach: Cody Fueger (Utah, 2006)  
 Assistant Coach: Nick Robinson (Stanford, 2005)  
 Director of Basketball Operations:  
 Bobby Horodyski (Central Florida, 2013)

**BYU History**

First Year of Basketball: 1903  
 All-Time On-Court Record: 1853-1103 (.627)  
 All-Time Adjusted Record: 1806-1101 (.621)  
 Winning Seasons: 92/90 (last 2018-19)  
 Regular Season Conf. Championships: 29 (last 2010-11)  
 Postseason Appearances (record):  
 43/41 (33-44/30-42)\*  
 Total NCAA Appearances (record): 29 (15-32)  
 Last NCAA Appearance: 2015  
 First Round: L vs. No. 11 seed Ole Miss, 90-94  
 Total NIT Appearances (Record):  
 14/12 (18-12/15-10)\*  
 Last NIT Appearance: 2018  
 First Round: L at No. 3 seed Stanford, 86-89  
 \*On court record/official adjusted record

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 Play-By-Play Announcer: Greg Wrubell  
 Beat Writers: Jeff Call, Deseret News  
 Darnell Dickson, Daily Herald  
 Norma Gonzalez, Salt Lake Tribune

| No. | Name             | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (Previous School)          |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 0   | Hunter Erickson  | G    | 6-3  | 180 | Fr. | Provo, Utah (Timpview HS)           |
| 1   | Wyatt Lowell     | F    | 6-10 | 205 | So. | Gilbert, Arizona (Utah Valley)      |
| 2   | Brandon Warr     | G    | 6-5  | 210 | Sr. | Salt Lake City, Utah (Westminster)  |
| 3   | Matt Haarms      | F/C  | 7-3  | 250 | Sr. | Amsterdam, Netherlands (Purdue)     |
| 4   | Brandon Averette | G    | 5-11 | 185 | Sr. | Richardson, Texas (Utah Valley)     |
| 5   | Gideon George    | F    | 6-6  | 190 | Jr. | Minna, Nigeria (New Mexico JC)      |
| 10  | Jesse Wade       | G    | 6-1  | 175 | Jr. | Kaysville, Utah (Gonzaga)           |
| 13  | Alex Barcello    | G    | 6-2  | 180 | Sr. | Chandler, Arizona (Arizona)         |
| 15  | Cameron Pearson  | G    | 6-0  | 175 | So. | Lakewood, Colorado (Chatfield HS)   |
| 20  | Spencer Johnson  | G    | 6-5  | 175 | So. | American Fork, Utah (Salt Lake CC)  |
| 21  | Trevin Knell     | G    | 6-5  | 190 | So. | Woods Cross, Utah (Woods Cross HS)  |
| 24  | Townsend Tripple | G    | 6-8  | 200 | Fr. | Meridian, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS) |
| 25  | Gavin Baxter     | F    | 6-9  | 210 | Jr. | Provo, Utah (Timpview HS)           |
| 33  | Caleb Lohner     | F    | 6-8  | 230 | Fr. | Dallas, Texas (Wasatch Academy)     |
| 40  | Kolby Lee        | F    | 6-9  | 240 | Jr. | Meridian, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS) |
| 42  | Richard Harward  | C    | 6-11 | 255 | Jr. | Orem, Utah (Utah Valley)            |
| 44  | Connor Harding   | G    | 6-6  | 185 | Jr. | Pocatello, Idaho (Highland HS)      |

**Head Coach:** Mark Pope, 2nd year (Kentucky, 1996)

**Assistant Coaches:** Chris Burgess (Utah, 2014), Cody Fueger (Utah, 2006), Nick Robinson (Stanford, 2005)

**Director of Basketball Operations:** Bobby Horodyski (Central Florida, 2013)

**Video Coordinator:** Keegan Brown (BYU, 2017)

**Graduate Assistants:** Luke Worthington (BYU, 2019), Brad Kitchen (Utah Valley, 2020), Evan Troy (BYU, 2020)

**Athletic Trainer:** Robert Ramos (BYU, 1995)

**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Erick Schork (Springfield, 1995)

| GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN |   |   |              |
|----------------------|---|---|--------------|
| Arizona              | Alex Barcello<br>#Wyatt Lowell                      |   |              |
| Colorado             | Cameron Pearson                                     |   |              |
| Idaho                | Connor Harding<br>Kolby Lee<br>Townsend Tripple     |   |              |
| Texas                | Brandon Averette<br>Caleb Lohner                    |   |              |
| Utah                 | #Gavin Baxter<br>Hunter Erickson<br>Richard Harward | Spencer Johnson<br>Trevin Knell<br>Jesse Wade | Brandon Warr |
| Netherlands          | Matt Haarms   |   |              |
| Nigeria              | Gideon George                                       |   |              |

#Injured and will miss the 2020-21 season

| CLASS BREAKDOWN  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Seniors  | Juniors  | Sophomores  | Freshmen  |
| Brandon Averette<br>Alex Barcello<br>Matt Haarms<br>Brandon Warr | #Gavin Baxter<br>Gideon George<br>Connor Harding<br>Richard Harward<br>Kolby Lee<br>Jesse Wade | Spencer Johnson<br>Trevin Knell<br>#Wyatt Lowell<br>Cameron Pearson | Hunter Erickson<br>Caleb Lohner<br>Townsend Tripple |

**BY THE NUMBERS IN 2019-20**

- 6** The number of consecutive games BYU made 10-plus 3-pointers in 2019-20 on two occasions (11/27 to 12/14 and Jan. 25 to Feb. 13), a school record for consecutive games with double-digit 3s. The previous record was three.
- 9** The number of consecutive games BYU shot 50.0 percent-plus from the field in 2019-20 (1/11/20 to 2/9/20), tied for the longest streak in team history. The previous record was set in the final nine games of the 1988-89 season.
- 15** Including the 2019-20 season, BYU has posted a winning on-court record in 15-straight seasons (officially 12—all but one win in 2015-16 and 2016-17 were vacated by the NCAA). The Cougars won 20-plus games in 14 of those seasons and 19 in the other.
- 16** The number of games BYU made double-digit 3-pointers in 2019-20, a Cougar record for games in a season with double-digit 3s. The 2015-16 team had 13 games with double-digit 3-pointers. The 2010-11 and 2014-15 teams reached the mark 12 times and the 2007-08 team made 10-plus 3s 11 times.
- 18/19** BYU's final ranking in 2019-20. It marked the first time BYU was ranked during the regular season and finished a season ranked in the top 25 since the 2010-11 season. Mark Pope became the first BYU coach to finish in the top 25 during his first season.
- 24** BYU's win total in 2019-20, Mark Pope's first season at the helm. The 24 wins mark the most by a BYU head coach in his first season.
- 48.6** Alex Barcello's 3-point field goal percentage in 2019-20, fourth all-time in 3-point field goal percentage (minimum 35 attempts) in a single season in BYU history.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name             | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. | Pts.  | Reb. | Hometown (Previous School)          | Notes  |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 0   | Hunter Erickson  | G    | 6-3  | 180 | Fr. | 22.6* | —    | Provo, Utah (Timpview HS)           | Two-time first-team all-state                |
| 1   | Wyatt Lowell#    | F    | 6-10 | 205 | So. | 5.4*  | 3.0* | Gilbert, Arizona (Utah Valley)      | 2018-19 WAC Freshman of the Year at UVU      |
| 2   | Brandon Warr     | G    | 6-5  | 210 | Sr. | 15.3* | 8.9* | Salt Lake City, Utah (Westminster)  | Career averages of 12.8 ppg, 7.6 rpg         |
| 3   | Matt Haarms      | F/C  | 7-3  | 250 | Sr. | 8.6*  | 4.6* | Amsterdam, Netherlands (Purdue)     | 4th all-time in blocks, 6th in FG% at Purdue |
| 4   | Brandon Averette | G    | 5-11 | 185 | Sr. | 12.8* | 2.1* | Richardson, Texas (Utah Valley)     | Named to 2019-20 WAC Newcomer Team           |
| 5   | Gideon George    | F    | 6-6  | 190 | Jr. | 14.5* | 8.0* | Minna, Nigeria (New Mexico JC)      | Two-time NJCAA Region V and All-WJCAC        |
| 10  | Jesse Wade       | G    | 6-1  | 175 | Jr. | 1.3*  | 0.4* | Kaysville, Utah (Gonzaga)           | Missed last season due to injury             |
| 13  | Alex Barcello    | G    | 6-2  | 180 | Sr. | 9.3   | 3.1  | Chandler, Arizona (Arizona)         | 48.6% from 3-point range, BYU 4th all-time   |
| 15  | Cameron Pearson  | G    | 6-0  | 175 | So. | 0.0   | 0.2  | Lakewood, Colorado (Chatfield HS)   | Appeared in 13 games                         |
| 20  | Spencer Johnson  | G    | 6-5  | 175 | So. | 13.2* | 4.9* | American Fork, Utah (Salt Lake CC)  | NJCAA All-Region 18 Second Team honors       |
| 21  | Trevin Knell     | G    | 6-5  | 190 | So. | 1.5   | 0.6  | Woods Cross, Utah (Woods Cross HS)  | Season highs of 9 points, 3 rebs., 2 assists |
| 24  | Townsend Tripple | G    | 6-8  | 200 | Fr. | 15.0* | 6.1* | Meridian, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS) | Earned first-team all-state honors           |
| 25  | Gavin Baxter#    | F    | 6-9  | 210 | Jr. | 1.3   | 1.6  | Provo, Utah (Timpview HS)           | Due to injury missed all but 7 games 2019-20 |
| 33  | Caleb Lohner     | F    | 6-8  | 215 | Fr. | 14.5* | 5.8* | Dallas Texas, (Wasatch Academy)     | Led Wasatch Academy to 27-2 in 2019-20       |
| 40  | Kolby Lee        | F    | 6-9  | 240 | Jr. | 7.0   | 3.2  | Meridian, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS) | Shot 62.5% from the field, BYU 3rd all-time  |
| 42  | Richard Harward  | C    | 6-11 | 255 | Jr. | 6.9*  | 4.9* | Orem, Utah (Utah Valley)            | Shot 63.8% from the field at UVU in 2018-19  |
| 44  | Connor Harding   | G    | 6-6  | 185 | Jr. | 6.1   | 3.2  | Pocatello, Idaho (Highland HS)      | Shot 44.2% from 3-point range in 2019-20     |

Stats from 2019-20 season

\*Stats from previous school

#Injured and will miss the 2020-21 season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

TEAM

Brandon Averette: A-ver-et  
 Alex Barcello: bar-SELL-o  
 Matt Haarms: harms  
 Trevin Knell: NELL  
 Caleb Lohner: LOW-ner  
 Brandon Warr: war

STAFF

Cody Fueger: FEE-ger  
 Robert Ramos: RAY-mos  
 Erick Schork: sh-ork

2020-21 SEASON AND CAREER HIGH

| #  | Player           |            | Points                            | Rebounds                              | Assists                                  |
|----|------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 0  | Hunter Erickson  | Season     | 3 vs. Westminster (2020-21)       | 2 vs. Westminster (2020-21)           | 1 vs. USC (2020-21)                      |
|    |                  | Career     | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
| 1  | Wyatt Lowell     | Season     | 5 vs. Westminster (2020-21)       | 3 (2x) last vs. Boise State (2020-21) | 1 vs. Texas Southern (2020-21)           |
|    |                  | BYU Career | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
|    |                  | D1 Career  | 14 vs. Saint Mary's (2018-19)     | 6 vs. Western State (2018-19)         | 2 vs. Chicago State (2018-19)            |
| 3  | Matt Haarms      | Season     | 23 vs. Portland (2020-21)         | 8 vs. Pacific (2020-21)               | 3 at San Francisco (2020-21)             |
|    |                  | BYU Career | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
|    |                  | D1 Career  | 26 vs. Minnesota (2019-20)        | 10 vs. Jacksonville State (2018-19)   | 4 vs. Indiana (2018-19)                  |
| 4  | Brandon Averette | Season     | 30 vs. Texas Southern (2020-21)   | 6 (2x) vs. Pepperdine (2020-21)       | 7 vs. Weber State (2020-21)              |
|    |                  | BYU Career | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
|    |                  | D1 Career  | Same                              | 6 (3x) last vs. Pepperdine (2020-21)  | 7 (2x) last vs. Weber State (2020-21)    |
| 5  | Gideon George    | Season     | 19 vs. Portland (2020-21)         | 15 vs. St. John's (2020-21)           | 1 (4x) last vs. Portland (2020-21)       |
|    |                  | Career     | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
| 10 | Jesse Wade       | Season     | 4 vs. USC (2020-21)               | 1 (3x) last vs. Portland (2020-21)    | 2 vs. Westminster (2020-21)              |
|    |                  | BYU Career | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
|    |                  | D1 Career  | 9 vs. Howard (2017-18)            | 3 vs. Santa Clara (2017-18)           | Same                                     |
| 13 | Alex Barcello    | Season     | 25 vs. Westminster (2020-21)      | 9 vs. Pacific (2020-21)               | 10 vs. Texas Southern (2020-21)          |
|    |                  | BYU Career | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
|    |                  | D1 Career  | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
| 15 | Cameron Pearson  | Season     | —                                 | 1 vs. Westminster (2020-21)           | 1 vs. Westminster (2020-21)              |
|    |                  | Career     | —                                 | Same                                  | Same                                     |
| 20 | Spencer Johnson  | Season     | 16 vs. Utah (2020-21)             | 7 at Gonzaga (2020-21)                | 3 (2x) vs. Portland (2020-21)            |
|    |                  | Career     | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
| 21 | Trevin Knell     | Season     | 12 vs. Pepperdine (2020-21)       | 5 (2x) last vs. Portland (2020-21)    | 3 (3x) last vs. Portland (2020-21)       |
|    |                  | Career     | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
| 24 | Townsend Tripple | Season     | —                                 | —                                     | —  |
|    |                  | Career     | —                                 | —                                     | —  |
| 25 | Gavin Baxter     | Season     | 11 vs. Westminster (2020-21)      | 6 vs. Westminster (2020-21)           | 2 vs. Westminster (2020-21)              |
|    |                  | Career     | 25 vs. Loyola Marymount (2018-19) | 10 vs. Loyola Marymount (2018-19)     | 3 vs. Pacific (2018-19)                  |
| 33 | Caleb Lohner     | Season     | 13 at Gonzaga (2020-21)           | 10 vs. Utah (2020-21)                 | 6 vs. Portland (2020-21)                 |
|    |                  | Career     | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
| 40 | Kolby Lee        | Season     | 12 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)      | 6 at Saint Mary's (2020-21)           | 7 vs. Westminster (2020-21)              |
|    |                  | Career     | 21 vs. San Diego (2019-20)        | 10 at Portland (2019-20)              | Same                                     |
| 42 | Richard Harward  | Season     | 15 vs. Utah (2020-21)             | 11 at San Francisco (2020-21)         | 4 vs. Texas Southern (2020-21)           |
|    |                  | BYU Career | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |
|    |                  | D1 Career  | 19 vs. Chicago State (2018-19)    | Same                                  | 4 (2x) last vs. Texas Southern (2020-21) |
| 44 | Connor Harding   | Season     | 17 vs. Utah (2020-21)             | 10 vs. Pepperdine (2020-21)           | 5 vs. Texas Southern (2020-21)           |
|    |                  | Career     | Same                              | Same                                  | Same                                     |

**Career Highlights**

- Led BYU to a record of 24-8 in his first season as head coach, the most wins for a first-year coach in program history
- Named the USBWA District VIII Coach of the Year
- A semifinalist for the Werner Ladder Naismith Men’s Coach of the Year
- Led BYU back into the top 25 for the first time since 2010-11 with a No. 23 ranking on Feb. 17 and the Cougars jumped to as high as No. 14 and finished No. 18/16 in the AP/USA Today Coaches Polls
- Is only the second coach in program history to lead the Cougars into the top 25 in his first season and the first to finish his first season ranked in the top 25
- Coached three All-WCC First Team honorees in Yoeli Childs, TJ Haws and Jake Toolson in 2019-20
- Guided BYU to national rankings of No. 1 in 3-point field goal percentage, No. 2 in assist/turnover ratio, No. 3 in field goal percentage, No. 4 in 3-point field goals per game and No. 5 in assists per game
- Led BYU to a win over No. 2 Gonzaga in the Marriott Center, the highest ranked team the Cougars have defeated in the Marriott Center’s history
- As head coach of Utah Valley from 2015-19, led the Wolverines to a record of 77-56
- Led Utah Valley to three-straight bids to the College Basketball Invitational (2017, 2018, 2019), including a trip to the semifinals in 2017
- Coached the Wolverines to 23 and 25 wins in 2017-18 and 2018-19, the first back-to-back 20-win seasons in Utah Valley history
- Utah Valley’s 25 wins in 2018-19 are a school record
- Coached the 2019 Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year
- Utah Valley was 30-2 at home from 2017-19
- Led the Wolverines to 22-straight home wins from 2017-19, the nation’s second-longest active home win streak at the time and the longest home win streak in school history
- In 2018-19 led Utah Valley to its first-ever preseason tournament title as the Wolverines won the MGM Main Event Middleweight Championship in Las Vegas
- Helped create and organize the #Toughest24 as Utah Valley opened the 2017-18 season playing at No. 4 Kentucky and at No. 1 Duke on back-to-back nights
- As an assistant to Dave Rose at BYU from 2011-15, helped BYU to at record of 98-43, three NCAA tournament appearances and a trip to the semifinals of the NIT



**Coaching Experience**

- Hired on April 10, 2019 and became the 19th head coach in BYU history.
- BYU Head Coach (2019-present)
- Utah Valley Head Coach (2015-19)
- BYU Assistant Coach (2011-2015)
- Wake Forest Assistant Coach (2010-11)
- Georgia Director of Basketball Operations (2009-10)

**Education**

- Kentucky (1996, B.A. in English)
- Completed two years of medical school at Columbia University in New York
- Newport HS in Bellevue, Wash. (1991)

**Playing Career**

- Played freshman and sophomore seasons at Washington (1991-93)
- Earned Pac-10 All-Academic honors as a sophomore
- Played junior and senior seasons at Kentucky (1994-96)
- Helped Kentucky to SEC title and Elite Eight run while earning Academic All-SEC honors in 1995
- Helped Kentucky to SEC title and NCAA National Championship as a team captain in 1996
- Drafted in the second round of the 1996 NBA Draft by the Indiana Pacers
- Played the 1996-97 season for Efes Pilsen in Turkey
- Played for the Indiana Pacers under Larry Bird from 1997-99 and helped the Pacers to the 1998 Eastern Conference Finals
- Played for the La Crosse Bobcats of the CBA and Ulkerspor in Turkey in 1999-00
- Played for the Milwaukee Bucks under coach George Karl from 2000-02 and helped the Bucks to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2001
- Spent the 2002-03 season on injured reserve with the New York Knicks
- Played for the Denver Nuggets from 2003-05

**First Season Marks**

- In his inaugural season at the helm in 2019-20, Pope became the fifth BYU coach to record 20 wins in his opening season, joining G. Ott Romney (20-10 in 1928-29), Stan Watts (22-12 in 1949-50), Roger Reid (21-9 in 1989-90) and Dave Rose (20-9 in 2005-06).
- His 24 wins are a BYU record for a coach in his first season and his .750 win percentage is second best. Floyd Millet had the best win percentage by a Cougar coach in his first season\* at .850 (17-3 in 1941-42). \*Minimum 20 games
- Pope is only the second coach to have his team ranked in his first season (Glenn Potter in 1972-73) and the first to finish his first season with his team ranked in the top 25.

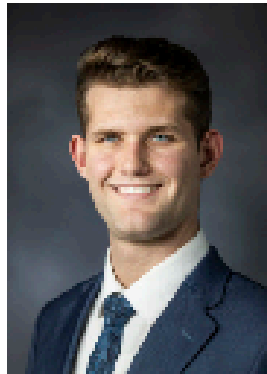
**Personal/Family**

- Wife: Lee Anne
- Daughters: Ella, Avery, Layla and Shay

| POPE’S DIVISION I HEAD COACHING RECORD |        |         |      |       |      |       |      |         |      |       |      |             |         |
|--|--------|---------|------|-------|------|-------|------|---------|------|-------|------|-------------|---------|
| Season                                 | School | Overall | Pct. | Home  | Pct. | Away  | Pct. | Neutral | Pct. | Conf. | Pct. | WCC Tourney |         |
| 2015-                                  | Utah   | 12-18   | .400 | 7-8   | .467 | 5-9   | .357 | 0-1     | .000 | 6-8   | .429 | 0-1         | N/A     |
| 2016-                                  | Utah   | 17-17   | .500 | 8-5   | .615 | 8-11  | .421 | 1-1     | .500 | 6-8   | .429 | 1-1         | 2-1 CBI |
| 2017-                                  | Utah   | 23-11   | .676 | 16-1  | .941 | 6-9   | .400 | 1-1     | .500 | 10-4  | .714 | 1-1         | 1-1 CBI |
| 2018-                                  | Utah   | 25-10   | .714 | 14-1  | .933 | 8-8   | .500 | 3-1     | .750 | 12-4  | .750 | 1-1         | 1-1 CBI |
| 2019-                                  | BYU    | 24-8    | .750 | 14-1  | .933 | 6-5   | .545 | 4-2     | .667 | 13-3  | .813 | 0-1         | 0-0     |
|  | Totals | 101-64  | .612 | 59-16 | .787 | 33-42 | .440 | 9-6     | .600 | 47-27 | .635 | 3-5         | 4-3     |



**#0 HUNTER ERICKSON**  
6-3 | '89 | Freshman | Guard  
Provo, Utah | Timpanio HS



**#1 WYATT LOWELL**  
6-10 | 205 | Sophomore | Forward  
Gilbert, Arizona | Utah Valley



**#3 BRANDON WARR**  
6-5 | 210 | Senior | Guard  
Salt Lake City, Utah | Westminster



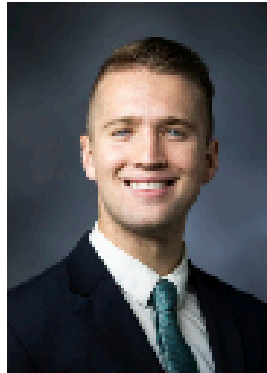
**#43 MATT HAARME**  
7-3 | 250 | Senior | Forward/Center  
Amsterdam, Netherlands | Purace



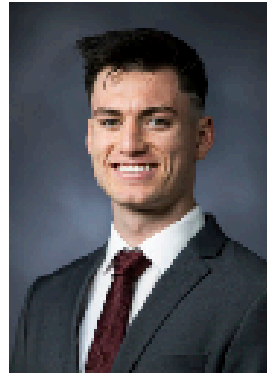
**#4 BRANDON AVERETTE**  
5-11 | 185 | Senior | Guard  
Richardson, Texas | Utah Valley



**#5 G DEON GEORGE**  
6-6 | 180 | Junior | Forward  
Kinna, Nigeria | New Mexico JC



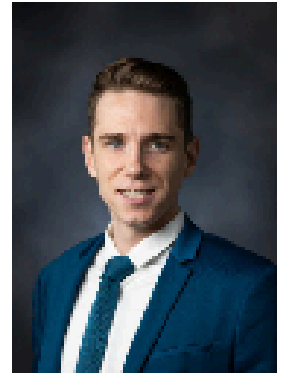
**#10 JESSE WADE**  
6-1 | 175 | Junior | Guard  
Kaysville, Utah | Gonzaga



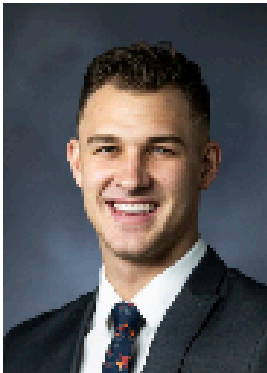
**#13 ALEX DARCELLO**  
6-3 | 185 | Senior | Guard  
Chandler, Arizona | Arizona



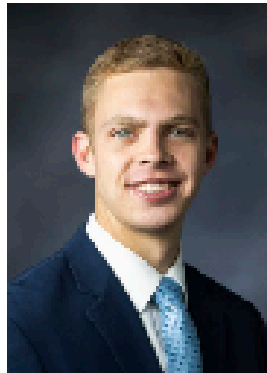
**#15 CAMERON PEARSON**  
6-6 | 175 | Sophomore | Guard  
Lakewood, Colorado | Chaffetz



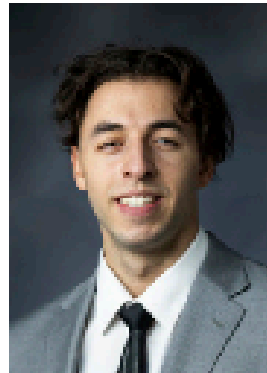
**#20 SPENCER JOHNSON**  
6-5 | 175 | Sophomore | Guard  
American Fork, Utah | Salt Lake



**#21 TREVIN SNELL**  
6-8 | 190 | Sophomore | Guard  
Woods Cross, Utah | Woods Cross



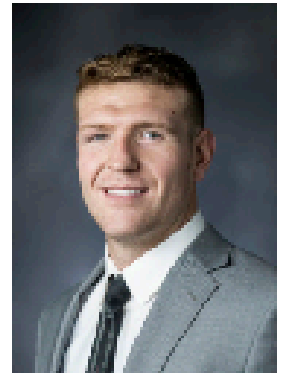
**#24 TOWNSEND TRIPLETT**  
6-8 | 205 | Freshman | Guard  
Meridian, Idaho | Rocky Mountain



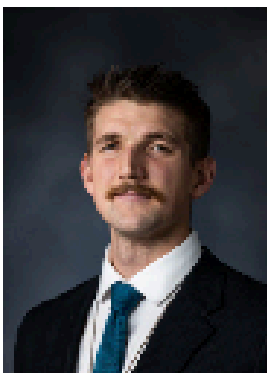
**#25 GAVIN BAXTER**  
5-9 | 210 | Junior | Forward  
Provo, Utah | Timpanio HS



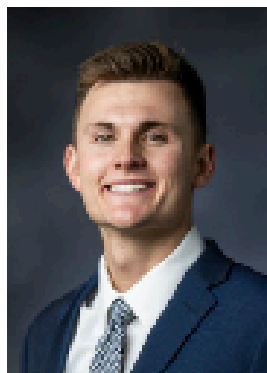
**#33 CALLIE LOTTNER**  
6-8 | 215 | Freshman | Forward  
Dallas, Texas | Wasatch Academy



**#40 KODY LEE**  
6-9 | 240 | Junior | Forward  
Meridian, Idaho | Rocky Mountain



**#42 RIC HARD HARGARD**  
6-11 | 245 | Junior | Forward  
Orem, Utah | Utah Valley



**#54 CONNOR HARTING**  
6-5 | 188 | Junior | Guard  
Prosser, Iowa | Highland HS



**MARK POPE**  
Head Coach (2nd Season)