

With eight members of BYU's championship basketball team expected to return next fall, you can't blame Cougar basketball fans for looking forward to the 1971-72 season in Provo.

And if the Cougars' attendance figures for the past season are any kind of barometer, the University's new Activities Center will be an absolute must for handling future crowd demands.

It is, of course, fatal to talk about future successes in the Western Athletic Conference. But the Cougar players and fans can look back on the season just completed with some sense of satisfaction.

If the 1970-71 season wasn't the most successful on record (and it wasn't), it must certainly rank as the most entertaining and colorful in many, many years.

The WAC champions finished the season with an 18-11 record. The win side of the ledger is one less victory than expected, since the win over the Army Service Team at the Rainbow Classic can't be counted in the official NCAA statistics. This was the Cougars' best overall record since 1966, the year they won the NIT.

Losing to UCLA in the first game of the NCAA Far West playoffs was a real disappointment. But the team did have a chance to play both of the NCAA finalists, the Bruins and Villanova, at one time or other during the season.

BYU defeated Villanova in double-overtime at the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu. The 102-93 win came in the second round of the tourney.

The contest with UCLA was tougher. The Cougars were thumped by the national champions, 91-73, at the Special Events Center in Salt Lake City.

While that win over Villanova looks pretty big, it is no more important than the Cougars' two wins over rival Utah and a pair of victories over Utah State. After losing a two-pointer to the Aggies at Logan earlier in the season, BYU returned to the USU floor for a first round playoff game. The Mountain Cats beat the Aggies in that one, 91-83.

Otherwise, the highs and lows of the 1970-71 season were:

---Bleakest point in the season came in early December when the Cougars returned from a three-game road trip on the West Coast where they lost all three games by large margins (36 to USC and 19 each against Oregon State and Seattle).

---Turning point of the season was the double-overtime win over Colorado State in a key game at Fort Collins. The win vaulted the Cougars back into the conference race.

---High point of the season was the stretch drive that had the Cougars winning eight out of nine games to capture the WAC championship. The last two games in the stretch were contests at Salt Lake City and Logan, and BYU won them both to go into the regional playoffs.

From the standpoint of the local fans, the Cougars left nothing to be desired. The Wattsmen were undefeated at home, winning all 12 games played in the George Albert Smith Fieldhouse.

Seating capacity in the 20-year old structure is 10,200, and BYU drew an average of 10,322 to the 12 home games. The largest crowd of the year was 11,167 for the first USU game which the Cougars won, 111-83.

In part, this Cougar charisma stemmed from the fact that the club had good balance and plenty of color. At one time or another during the season all five starters were high point for a game. And all five

starters, plus reserve Jay Bunker, had games when each scored 25 or more points.

Individual honors were pretty well spread.

Bernie Fryer, who kept the guard line clicking, led the team in scoring with 558 points, an average of 19.2 per game. Only two other BYU players in the school's history--Dick Nemelka and John Fairchild--scored more points in a single season. The scoring averages of Fryer (19.2) and Steve Kelly (17.9) placed them among the top ten BYU players in this category.

Kresimir Cosic, the 6-11 center from Yugoslavia, led the team in rebounding. After a slow, uncertain start, Cosic ended the season with 341 caroms, an average of 12.6 per game. Only one other player in BYU history has posted a better season record.

Kresimir, who was the only BYU player to make the first or second team in the official all-WAC selections, has a pretty good start in the scoring department. He scored 407 points (15.0) in his first year with the Cougar Varsity.

Steve Kelly led the team in field goals with 205, Jim Miller led the regulars in field goal percentage with 49%, Kelly had the best free throw percentage, 77%.

And the reserves didn't look bad, either. Jay Bunker, the "sixth Man," shot 55% from the field and reserve forward Kalevi Sarkalahti was 57% effective from the field.

The three seniors not returning next year are forward Steve Kelly (6-5), guard Jim Miller (6-5), and center Veikko Vainio (6-9).

Starters returning are Bernie Fryer (6-3), center Kresimir Cosic (6-11), and forward Phil Tollestrup (6-6).

Other players returning from the '71 squad are Bunker, (6-8), Sarkalahti (6-8), Clyde Baker (6-7), Craig Jorgensen (6-8) and Dave Bailey (6-1).
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BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

(29 Games)

Final - Varsity Basketball - 1970-71

Record: 18-11

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Kalevi Sarkalahti, f	26	33-59	57%	6-18	33%	40	59	2.3	28	1	70	2.7	13
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Craig Jorgensen, f	14	5-15	33%	4-9	44%	15	10	.7	5	-	14	1.0	5
Veikko Vainio, c	9	3-9	33%	3-4	75%	7	13	1.4	9	-	9	1.0	3
Dave Bailey, g	19	4-14	29%	1-5	20%	14	10	.5	4	-	9	.5	4

TEAM: 184

BYU TOTALS:

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OPP TOTALS:

29 932-2038 44% 430-660 65% 1436 1339 45.9 613 22 2294 79.1 101

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Freshman Basketball Statistics - Final

Player, Position	Games	FGM-FGA	%	FTM-FTA	%	SM	RBD	PF	DIS	PTS	AVG	HIGH
Belmont Anderson, g	17	111-216	51%	78-105	74%	133	61	46	4	300	17.7	36
Doug Richards, g	18	108-185	58%	86-103	83%	94	89	42	1	302	16.8	29
Steve Lackey, c	18	122-194	63%	50-76	66%	96	151	73	7	294	16.4	39
Grig Clawson, g	18	104-208	50%	36-50	72%	118	52	38	1	244	13.5	26
Greg Snow, f	18	91-165	55%	39-48	81%	83	119	45	1	221	12.3	28
Craig Drury, f	18	67-126	53%	43-56	77%	71	63	27	-	177	9.8	18
Terry Madsen, f	18	50-90	55%	45-63	71%	60	80	36	-	145	8.1	17
Clayton Christensen, c	17	37-64	58%	13-27	48%	39	81	42	2	87	5.1	13
John Zetterquist, g	14	17-31	55%	13-18	72%	20	11	16	-	47	3.4	9
BYU TOTALS:	18	712-1285	55%	406-551	74%	726	716	362	16	1815	100.8	118
OPP TOTALS:	18	621-1351	46%	333-476	70%	883	583	402	20	1575	87.5	116

SEASON RESULTS: 15-3

BYU	Opponents	OPP	Site	Rebounds	Scoring
100	Boise State	57	(A)	Christensen - 9	Clawson - 20
100	College of Southern Idaho	116	(A)	Lackey - 13	Lackey-Richards - 19
96	College of Eastern Utah	80	(H)	Lackey - 12	Lackey - 20
99	Utah State	87	(H)	Lackey - 11	Anderson - 36
97	Ricks College	90	(A)	Lackey - 12	Richards - 20
99	Alumni	90	(H)	Lackey-Madsen - 7	Anderson - 20
95	Western Wyoming	78	(H)	Lackey-Madsen - 6	Lackey - 24
86	Utah State	100	(A)	Snow - 6	Anderson-Lackey-Clawson - 18
104	Southern Utah State	90	(A)	Snow - 15	Lackey - 39
98	Dixie College	102	(A)	Lackey - 7	Lackey - 19
92	Utah Frosh	87	(H)	Lackey - 7	Richards - 19
114	Southern Utah State	61	(H)	Lackey - 13	Anderson-Drury - 18
106	Dixie	69	(H)	Christensen - 9	Clawson - 26
108	College of Eastern Utah	80	(A)	Richards - 8	Drury - 18
118	Western Wyoming	113	(A)	Snow - 11	Richards - 23
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