

THE OUTLOOK:

BIG YEAR AHEAD

Although the Cougars face one of the toughest schedules in the school's history, the basketball picture at Brigham Young is a bright one. The Cougars should be improved over last year's squad (13-13 season record) in practically every phase of the game, and many of the Y's optimistic followers believe there's a chance they will be contending for conference and national honors before the season is over.

Last year, after a slow start, the Cougars finished strong, winning 10 of their last 13 games. BYU finished second in the Skyline race behind powerful Utah.

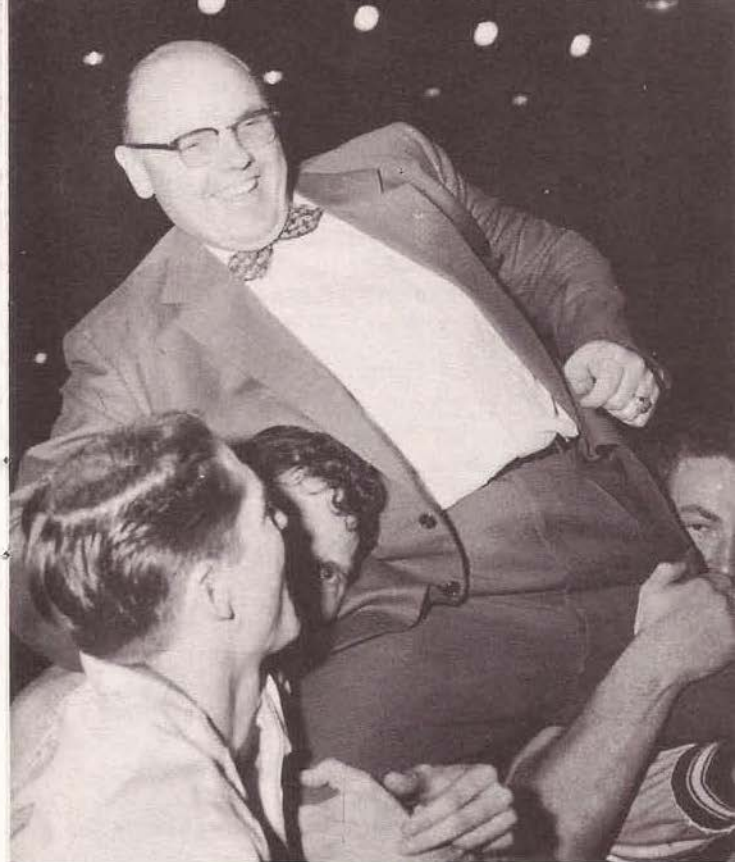
Personnel-wise, the Cougars have not sustained any major losses. Only two members of last year's team—guard Van Burgess and forward Lloyd Rasmussen, both of whom graduated—will be missing from the 1955-56 lineup. Coach Watts' starting five will be back in uniform, and there will be some help, although not very much during the first half of the season, from sophomores and transfer students.

Returning lettermen include: Herschel Pedersen (6-6 center), an all-conference candidate and last year's leading scorer (421) and rebounder; Terry Tebbs (5-9 guard), the Y's candidate for all-America honors and No. 2 scorer (380); John Benson (6-4 forward), No. 3 scorer last year (246) who was a sophomore standout; Dave Lewis (6-2 guard), a two-year letterman and set-shot artist; and Ed Pinegar (6-4 forward), the most improved player on the entire squad. These lettermen will be augmented by such players as Blaine Anderson (6-5 forward-center), Lynn Rowe (6-4 forward), Willard Hirschi (6-2 forward), Tom Steinke (5-10 guard), Harry Anderson (5-11 guard), and Paul Kitchen (6-0 guard), all members of last year's squad.

Newcomers include Hal Jensen (6-3 forward), a transfer student from Snow College where he won JC All-America honors two years in a row; Ron Farish (6-4 forward), former All-Church player from Harbor JC; and Jack Anderson (6-6 center), former University of Utah player. Sophomores up from the frosh squad include Rudy Konold (6-6 center), Melvin Wilkes (6-0 guard), Russ Peterson (6-0 guard).

Team depth, too, will be improved over last year, and competition for a position on the starting five will be keen. Bench strength should help the Cougars a great deal this year.

As for speed, the Cats are keyed for a fast break, a real race horse offense. They are ready and willing to run, especially Terry Tebbs and Harry Anderson



"Victory Can Be Sweet"

(a :09.8 sprinter in the 100) sparking the attack from the guard line.

Although the Cougars haven't any seven-footers on the roster, they do have fair height. Three players measure six-six, one six-five, and four six-four, but the Cougars may have to sacrifice speed to get this height into the game.

FIELDHOUSE ATTENDANCE MARKS

Year	Games	Total	Game Avg.
1951-52	10	66,640	6,664
1952-53	12	79,196	7,711
1953-54	14	84,247	6,018
1954-55	12	68,702	5,725
TOTAL	48	298,785	6,225

Attendance Record: 10,838, University of Utah, Feb. 11, 1955. (Previous record was 9,778 for Utah game played Feb. 20, 1954.)