

PERSONNEL PICTURE

LETTERMEN RETURNING (7)

Name	Ht.	Pts.	Avg.
*John Fairchild, c	6-8	507	(20.3)
**Bob Quinney, f	6-5	340	(13.6)
**Mike Gardner, g	6-1	310	(12.4)
Dick Nemelka, g	6-0	269	(10.8)
*Steve Kramer, f	6-4	254	(10.2)
*Jeff Congdon, g	6-1	127	(5.1)
*Jon Stanley, f	6-6	40	(2.2)

LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING (1)

***Bill Blumenthal, f	6-5	56	(3.3)
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OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORES (5)

Gary Hill, f	6-4	321	(22.9)
Neil Roberts, f	6-5	293	(20.9)
Jim Jimas, g	6-1	283	(20.2)
Ken James, f	6-3	207	(14.8)
Craig Raymond, c	6-11	187	(13.4)

WATTS' RECORD

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1949-50	22	12
1950-51	40	9
1951-52	14	10
1952-53	22	8
1953-54	18	11
1954-55	13	13
1955-56	18	8
1956-57	19	9
1957-58	13	13
1958-59	15	11
1959-60	8	17
1960-61	15	11
1961-62	10	16
1962-63	12	14
1963-64	13	12
	252	174

Total: 426 Games
Percentage: .591

SEASON OUTLOOK

There is only way the Cougars can view the current outlook—with guarded optimism.

After several years of fighting the imbalances and inequities of the game, the Cougars suddenly find themselves with the makings of a good ball club; at least, everything seems to point to that conclusion. The Mountain Cats will have 26 games to prove how good they really are.

The rosy hue can be credited to two things: (1) a good supply of returning lettermen, and (2) a crop of sophomores that surpass in quality anything the Cougars have had in modern memory.

Looking first at the lettermen situation, there are seven of last year's nine lettermen back in the fold (forward Bill Blumenthal graduated, and forward Bill Ruffner may red-shirt because of an injury). The top five scorers from last year's squad, which was the highest scoring in BYU history, are back as a unit.

Pressing the veterans are five members of last year's undefeated freshman team (14-0) that scored an average of 109 points per game. While they overpowered all opposition as freshmen, the step into the varsity ranks is sure to be more complicated than might be imagined. They are still sophomores, and are still subject to sophomore failings.

Heading the veteran contingent is center John Fairchild (6-8), the angular, smooth-moving pivot man who set scoring and rebounding records as a BYU junior. Forward Bob Quinney (6-5) and guard Mike Gardner (6-1) finished second and third in scoring last season. Two juniors, guard Dick Nemelka (6-0) and forward Steve Kramer (6-4), rounded out the starting five. Jeff Congdon (6-1) alternated as a starter on the guard line.

Playing behind Fairchild in the post will be Craig Raymond (6-11) one of the taller players in the WAC this year, and certainly one of the better prospects. Two of the finest forwards BYU has had come up through the ranks in recent years are Gary Hill (6-4) and Neil Roberts (6-5), both of whom averaged over 20 points a game as freshmen. The sophomore guards are Jim Jimas (6-1) and Ken James (6-3).

Looking at this collection of players, it should be safe to say the Cougars will have enough height, speed and fire power to remain competitive with most clubs. If there is one area that may need attention, it is defense. If the Cats can hold down the scoring of opponents, they will be even tougher to handle.

As for the Cougar schedule, it's typical of Watts' appetite for good opposition. The list includes Wichita, Ohio State, Creighton, Seattle, Utah State, Marquette, plus all WAC opponents, to mention a few.