

# THE OUTLOOK

Like all basketball coaches, Stan Watts admits he has some problems. But the 1965-66 season isn't the year he will be shopping around for a trade.

Even though the Cougars will be without the services of John Fairchild, the 6-8 All-American who led the team in scoring and rebounding for two seasons—

Even though half the fire power from last year's club is gone (four of the departing players averaged 48.8 points per game)—

Even though there isn't, at this writing, a standout replacement at center—

And even though there are only two playing sophomores moving up from last year's freshman team—

Stan Watts can find a good measure of satisfaction in the general outlook. As a matter of fact, with a few more props here and there, Watts would need less effort to conceal his well-contained optimism. Here's why:

There is a good supply of talent, depth and height in the Cougar ranks this year. On the guard line BYU has such regulars as Dick Nemeika (6-0) and Jeff Congdon (6-1), plus good reserve strength in Jim Jimas (6-1) and Ken James (6-3). The forward line will be manned with the likes of Neil Roberts (6-5), the irrepressible Steve Kramer (6-4), and Gary Hill (6-4). At the post the Cougars will have three players towering in the neighborhood of 6-11, including returning letterman Craig Raymond who has the most experience in fitting into Watts' patented fast-break.

That should be enough talent to get the Cougars moving, and there are several newcomers who can, with more experience, fortify the club in spots where it is needed.

The only players moving up from the freshman team are center Jim Eakins (6-11), guard Randy Schouten (6-0) and forward LeRoy Maughan (6-8). Eakins, playing the post to the hilt, had a 23.3 scoring average. Schouten finished with a 16.8 scoring mean. Maughan, an excellent prospect, missed the frosh season because of a knee operation.

Orville Fisher (6-11) is a transfer from Canada, and Paul Loveday (6-9), who played his college ball at Bakersfield, Calif., just recently returned from a church mission.

While the available talent is promising, it is difficult to evaluate the loss of a player of Fairchild's stature. The great shooting, rebounding and general finesse of Fairchild (who is now with the Los Angeles Lakers) was a major reason for the Cougars' fine season last year.

Watts' current team is well-balanced and seems to have all the necessary ingredients of an above-average ball club. And yet it remains for the Cougars to prove themselves.

# PERSONNEL

## LETTERMEN RETURNING (9)

| Player                 | Ht.  | Pts. | Avg.   |
|------------------------|------|------|--------|
| **Dick Nemeika, g      | 6-0  | 431  | (15.4) |
| **Jeff Congdon, g      | 6-1  | 104  | ( 5.2) |
| *Ken James, g          | 6-3  | 6    | ( .4)  |
| *Jim Jimas, g          | 6-1  | 72   | ( 3.4) |
| *Bill Ruffner, f ('64) | 6-5  | --   | --     |
| **Steve Kramer, f      | 6-4  | 285  | (10.6) |
| *Gary Hill, f          | 6-4  | 149  | ( 8.3) |
| *Neil Roberts, f       | 6-5  | 204  | ( 7.3) |
| *Craig Raymond, c      | 6-11 | 62   | ( 3.0) |

## LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING (4)

|                     |     |     |        |
|---------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| **John Fairchild, c | 6-8 | 602 | (21.5) |
| ***Bob Quinney, f   | 6-5 | 307 | (11.4) |
| ***Mike Gardner, g  | 6-1 | 345 | (12.8) |
| **Jon Stanley, f    | 6-6 | 52  | ( 3.1) |

## OUTSTANDING NEWCOMERS (5)

|                   |      |                    |
|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| Jim Eakins, c     | 6-11 | (Sophomore 23.5)   |
| Orville Fisher, c | 6-11 | (Transfer—Canada)  |
| LeRoy Maughan, f  | 6-8  | (Sophomore)        |
| Randy Schouten, f | 6-0  | (Sophomore 16.8)   |
| Paul Loveday, f   | 6-9  | (Transfer—Mission) |

## 1965 RANKINGS

### —TEAM—

#### Team Offense:

2nd—2,639 points, 94.3 average

#### Field Goal Percentage:

12th—.478

#### Free Throw Percentage:

17th—.741

### —INDIVIDUAL—

#### Scoring:

37th—John Fairchild, 21.5 points per game

#### Free Throw Percentage:

30th—Mike Gardner, .818

39th—John Fairchild, .806