

# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 4	(Fri.)	Stanford	Provo
Dec. 5	(Sat.)	Stanford	Provo
Dec. 7	(Mon.)	New Mexico State	Provo
Dec. 11	(Fri.)	Southern California	Los Angeles
Dec. 12	(Sat.)	Oregon State	Corvallis
Dec. 14	(Mon.)	Seattle	Seattle
Dec. 16	(Wed.)	Denver	Provo
Dec. 19	(Sat.)	Utah State	Provo
Dec. 22	(Tues.)	Santa Clara	Santa Clara
Dec. 23	(Wed.)	St. Mary's	St. Mary's
Dec. 26	(Sat.)	Rainbow Classic (Villanova, Illinois, BYU, St. Louis, Michigan, Service League, Hawaii)	Honolulu
Jan. 8	(Fri.)	*New Mexico	Albuquerque
Jan. 9	(Sat.)	*Texas-El Paso	El Paso
Jan. 15	(Fri.)	*Colorado State	Provo
Jan. 16	(Sat.)	*Wyoming	Provo
Jan. 23	(Sat.)	Utah State	Logan
Jan. 28	(Thurs.)	*Arizona State	Tempe
Jan. 30	(Sat.)	*Arizona	Tucson
Feb. 6	(Sat.)	*Utah	Provo
Feb. 11	(Thurs.)	*Texas-El Paso	Provo
Feb. 13	(Sat.)	*New Mexico (televised regionally)	Provo
Feb. 19	(Fri.)	*Wyoming	Laramie
Feb. 20	(Sat.)	*Colorado State	Fort Collins
Feb. 26	(Fri.)	*Arizona	Provo
Feb. 27	(Sat.)	*Arizona State	Provo
Mar. 6	(Sat.)	*Utah (televised regionally)	Salt Lake City

\*Western Athletic Conference Games

# FROSH SCHEDULE

Dec. 4	Intra-Squad	Provo
Dec. 5	Intramural All-Stars	Provo
Dec. 7	Intramural All-Stars	Provo
Dec. 11	CSI Invitational (Boise)	Twin Falls
Dec. 12	CSI Invitational (CSI)	Twin Falls
Dec. 16	College of Eastern Utah	Provo
Dec. 19	Utah State	Provo
Jan. 8	Ricks	Rexburg
Jan. 15	Utah Valley All-Stars	Provo
Jan. 16	Western Wyoming	Provo
Jan. 23	Utah State	Logan
Jan. 29	Southern Utah State	Cedar City
Jan. 30	Dixie	St. George
Feb. 6	Utah	Provo
Feb. 11	Southern Utah State	Provo
Feb. 13	Dixie	Provo
Feb. 16	College of Eastern Utah	Price
Feb. 20	Western Wyoming	Rock Springs
Feb. 26	Ricks	Provo
Feb. 27	College of Southern Idaho	Provo
Mar. 6	Utah	Salt Lake City

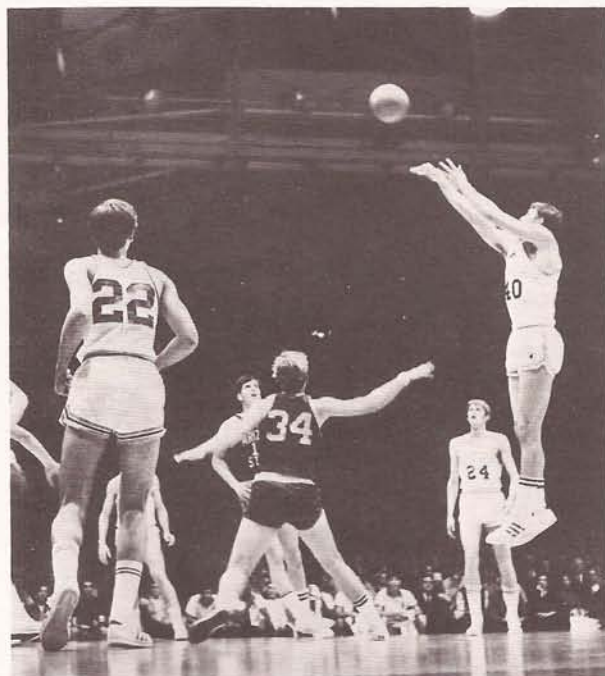
# THE OUTLOOK

In the 20-plus years that Coach Stan Watts has been at the basketball helm, the Cougars have never had to resort to "comeback" talk. But as the campaign approaches, a break-even season would look and sound like a comeback of sorts for the Cougars who last season slipped into unfamiliar environs in the WAC's second division.

In any event, it looks like a good year for the Cougars to be on the rebound. The trouble is, the heart of last year's club has long departed, including three of the top four scorers for last year's 8-18 team. The Howards, Ruffners and Warners are gone, and that represents a pretty big chunk of experience and scoring power.

"The thing most evident to us," says Watts, "is our real dearth of experienced players. This isn't something you can develop overnight, which means we will have to be patient in bringing the club along."

Watts believes the forward line will be strong enough, but he is uncertain about the post, and he also has real concern about the depth on the guard line.



"While we are green, there are some pluses that should be taken into consideration. For one thing, many of our younger players display the kind of enthusiasm and hustle that can get a team moving. We are hoping this will be the case with our present club."

Watts' youth movement is a distinct possibility, since only three members of squad are seniors. This trio of vets consists of guard Jim Miller (a two-year starter), reserve center Veikko Vainio, and guard-forward Steve Kelly (a regular towards the end of the season). There are two other returning lettermen, both of whom are juniors; forward Phil Tollestrup (a starter) and reserve center-forward Clyde Baker.

The balance of the Cougar squad will be made up from the frosh team (12-6), and a transfer or two.

A good bet for starting positions are forward Tollestrup (6-6) and Kelly (6-3), with the latter fitting in at forward or guard, depending on the immediate need. Tollestrup, who started as a sophomore, finished the year with an 11.6 scoring average and was the team's number three rebounder.

If Kelly is shifted to the guard line, the other forward spot could go either to sophomore Kalevi Sarkalahti (6-8) or sophomore Kresimir Cosic (6-10). Sarkalahti, a Finn, led the frosh in rebounding (11.2 per game) and averaged 18.9 points per game.

Cosic, to use a trite expression, is something else. The big Yugoslavian had a (17.4) scoring average and the team's best rebounding average before he injured his knee and was out for the last half of the freshman season. Cosic, who was on the Yugoslavian team that beat Russia in the Olympics at Mexico, could be the starter at center or forward. The sooner he works into the system, the sooner the Cougars are likely to be a threat.

As for the guard line, veteran Jim Miller, a light scorer but strong floor man, should be at one of the starting positions. Jim carried a 8.0 scoring average at the end of the year, but was fifth in rebounding.

Top candidate to join Miller at guard is Bernie Fryer, a 6-3 transfer from Peninsula College in Washington. Fryer had an amazing scoring average his first two seasons, and it is hoped that it will carry over to the BYU varsity. Fryer will be taking the position vacated by Doug Howard.

BYU's bench strength at guard will rest with three sophomores; John Starkins (6-2), Dave Bailey (6-1) and Jim Challis (6-2), none of whom have any varsity experience.

There is good backup on the forward line with letterman Clyde Baker (6-7), Craig Jorgensen (6-8), and John Bennion (6-7). All but Baker are sophomores, and there is a chance that Baker may be moved to the post.

At this writing the softest spot on the club could be at center where there is not, as yet, a standout performer. Letterman Veikko Vainio (6-9) could take over, as could transfer Jay Bunker (6-8).

Team height will be about the same, which is encouraging, and there should be a little more overall team speed for the Cougars' fast break.

## COACH STAN WATTS



Entering his 22nd year as the Cougar head mentor, Coach Stan Watts will be wearing two hats throughout this basketball season—Chairman of the Department of Athletics, and head basketball coach.

Earlier this summer Stan Watts (Mr. Basketball) was named new chairman of the Department of Athletics, replacing Floyd Millet.

No stranger to administration, Stan has served as acting chairman, and was assistant chairman at the time of his appointment. Last year he completed a term as president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and still sits on the board.

In his 22 years as head mentor of the Cougar teams, Coach Stan has shaped BYU into a basketball empire, while establishing himself as one of the all-time winningest coaches.

Stan is one of the top 20 basketball coaches in the nation, and his record speaks for itself. After two decades with the Cougar varsity, Watts and his teams have netted two NIT championships (1951 and 1966) and six conference championships; not to mention 384 victories against 224 defeats while playing some of the best competition in collegiate basketball.

### WAC Record

Against WAC competition, considered among the country's best conferences, Stan has a 47-37 record, for a .559 percentage, which is among the top in the