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# SEASON OUTLOOK

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What to do for an encore after winning the Western Athletic Conference Championship and achieving a 17-game winning streak is the question for the 1988-89 Cougars.

BYU, 26-6 and ranked 14th (UPI) and 17th (AP) last season, were within one game of being ranked number one in early February.

Sixth-year head coach Ladell Andersen welcomed seven returning lettermen and six new faces.

Andersen is in his 16th year of coaching with a 276-151 overall record and a 100-56 mark in five years with the Cougars.

"Our offensive style will remain up-tempo," Andersen says. "We led the league in seven of 10 categories last year, so we don't want to change something that has been good to us."

The Western Athletic Conference champion Cougars led the league in scoring offense, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, scoring margin, rebound margin, three point field goal percentage, and three-point-defense en route to a 17-game winning streak and a number-two ranking at one point last season.

All-America Smith, a 6-10 senior, heads the list of starters for BYU with a pair of talented juniors in point guard Marty Haws, 6-2, and swingman Andy Toolson, 6-6.

"We will rely on these three players because of their experience," says Andersen. "They are strong and we expect them to contribute more than last year."

"Smith will play a lot at center, and he can be one of the best post men I've coached. The inside players I've had all were heavy scorers. He can play anywhere."

Smith was named the GTE Academic All-America of the Year, second team All-America by UPI and the U.S. Basketball Writers, and WAC Player of the Year. He led the WAC in scoring and has a good shot at becoming the number two scorer in BYU history.

Smith has helped BYU to the NCAA post-season tournament each of his three years and hopes to continue that string. Last year in the NCAA tournament the Cougars defeated North Carolina-Charlotte, 98-92, in overtime, then lost to Louisville, 97-76. Smith led BYU in scoring and rebounding for both those games.

The other senior on the team is 6-7 forward Alan Astle. The only other upperclassman on the front line is junior college transfer Steve Andrus, a 6-9 swingman from Dixie College.

"Andrus has good size and we are looking for him to be one of three big men to emerge and help with rebounding chores."

Another transfer from Dixie, Steve Schreiner, a 6-6 sophomore who redshirted last season after returning from a mission, will be counted on heavily for playing time and experience.

"We're expecting Schreiner to play a vital role and take up some of the slack," says Andersen. "He will see a lot of playing time. He is a relentless worker, a good outside shooter and a powerful inside player."

Three other sophomores are more familiar faces on the Cougar scene: Vince Bryan, 6-6; Mike Herring, 6-4; and David Wolfe, 6-9.

Two of the freshman trio have returned from LDS missions: Mark Heslop, 6-5 (The Netherlands) and Alan Frampton, 6-2 (Argentina). True freshman John Fish, at 6-9, will be needed for his height sooner than usual, because of depth.

The other transfer, 6-2 Kevin Santiago from Utah Valley Community College, provides some experience on the guard line.

"We will lack depth again, but we didn't have a lot of depth last year either," says Andersen. "Smith, Haws, and Toolson should start, but we need to find four others in the remaining 10 players to make us effective."

With the likes of UCLA, Miami (Fla.), and Wichita State, the 1988-89 schedule is one of the toughest seasons in recent years. The Cougars also could meet St. John's in the Joe Lapchick Tournament, host the 15th annual Cougar Classic and face instate foes Utah, Utah State, and Weber State.

Key losses include automatic scorer Jeff Chatman, center Jim Usevitch, and passing whiz Brian Taylor. The Cougars also have five players currently serving LDS missions: guards Nathan Call (Bolivia), Dave Reeves (Scotland), and Todd Gentry (Pennsylvania), along with frontline players Gary Trost (Pennsylvania) and Dave Astle (Spain).

# PERSONNEL PICTURE

LETTERMEN LOST (7)	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Scoring Average	Rebounding Average	Scoring Position
Mark Clausen *	F	Fr.	6-9	0.7	0.7	13th
Nathan Call **	G	So.	5-11	4.8	2.0	7th
Jeff Chatman ****	F	Sr.	6-6	19.5	7.6	2nd
Chris Lynch *	F	Fr.	6-4	2.3	0.3	8th
Brian Taylor ****	G	Sr.	6-5	9.1	2.8	4th
Gary Trost *	F/C	Fr.	6-9	1.3	1.0	9th
Jim Usevitch ****	C	Sr.	6-9	14.8	7.2	3rd

## LETTERMEN RETURNING FROM LAST SEASON (7)

Alan Astle **	G/F	Sr.	6-7	0.3	0.3	14th
Vince Bryan *	F	So.	6-6	1.0	0.7	10th
Marty Haws **	G	Jr.	6-2	8.4	1.9	5th
Mike Herring *	G	So.	6-4	0.6	0.7	12th
Michael Smith ***	F/C	Sr.	6-10	21.2	7.8	1st
Andy Toolson **	G/F	Jr.	6-6	6.0	2.8	6th
David Wolfe *	F/C	So.	6-9	0.9	0.4	11th

## MISSION RETURNEES (1)

Mark Heslop (Redshirted 1985-86)	G	Fr.	6-5			
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## FRESHMEN (2)

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
John Fish	F	6-9	210	Salem, OR
Alan Frampton	G	6-2	170	Provo, UT

## TRANSFERS (2)

					Pts.	Rbds.
Steve Andrus (Statistics from Dixie College)	C/F	6-9	220	Provo, UT (Jr.)	13.0	9.0
Steve Schreiner (Statistics from Dixie College, 1986-87; redshirted 1987-88)	F/C	6-7	210	Salt Lake City, UT (Jr.)	9.7	5.0

## PLAYERS SERVING LDS MISSIONS (4)

			Pts.	Rbds.	Hometown
Nathan Call **	G	5-11	4.8	2.0	Mission Viejo, CA
Todd Gentry	G	6-5	—	—	Orem, UT
David Reeves *	G	6-3	0.4	0.0	Provo, UT
Gary Trost *	F/C	6-9	1.3	1.0	Salt Lake City, UT

\*Letters Earned