



# 1990-91 Season Outlook

Coach Roger Reid has things all backwards. His second season should be easier, not harder. And his team should improve, right? Not necessarily.

First, Reid created a tough act to follow when he took a team picked sixth in the Western Athletic Conference and won a share of the championship.

He did have four starters back but the tallest, Steve Schreiner, was only 6-7. And there was a young, inexperienced bench.

This time around Schreiner is the only starter back and there is virtually a whole new group around him. Fans joke that on picture day, the players--not just the media--needed rosters to get to know the team.

Reid did make part of his job more difficult in landing one of BYU's most publicized recruiting classes ever. This group could be the school's most talented from top to bottom.

"If we started today, only Schreiner would be definite," says Reid, last year's District Coach of the Year. "We don't know who'll play and who won't. We could be juggling combinations right up to the start of the league season. It's one thing to look good in practice and another to produce in front of 23,000 people."

Schreiner, Academic All-WAC, averaged 10.6 points and 5.2 rebounds a year ago. He'll move from center to forward to make way for 7-6 Shawn Bradley.

Regarding Bradley, Reid warns not to expect too much too soon.

"He hasn't scored a single point yet, grabbed a rebound or blocked a shot. I've waited a long time to see him in a BYU uniform but he's not going to be a superstar as soon as the first ball is tossed up."

If Bradley needs to rest knees which were sore (ten-donitis) during the pre-season, the call might go to sophomore Jared Miller, a 6-8 center at Ricks College prior to going on a church mission.

Miller is physical and gets up and down the floor very well. Also in the picture at center are 6-9 squad man Kirk Davidson, who saw only limited action last season as a freshman, and 6-10 Gary Trost, who played very well in a reserve role three years ago.

Trost is strong underneath but could be hampered by a shoulder injury suffered in a freak frisbee-game accident just before school started.

Gone are Andy Toolson (Utah Jazz) and Marty Haws (CBA), who were two of the top players in school history. Their spots will be hard to fill but there's plenty of competition.

Six-one senior Scott Moon, the WAC high jump champion, looks like a good bet to play a lot at the guard

position. He has worked hard over the summer.

Another candidate for the point-guard spot is 5-11 Nathan Call, who started some games before his church mission. A good ball-handler and leader, Call was seriously burned in June just before he left Bolivia and regaining the complete use of his legs was a big question mark over the summer. But he's getting back in shape and could play a lot.

Sharp-shooting reserve Mark Heslop, a 6-5 junior, would give the Cougars some height on the guard line. Another 6-5 prospect is Keegan Kane, who averaged 18.7 last year at Ricks College.

Deciding on the rotation at the other forward spot is one of the priorities of the staff during fall practice.

David Astle, a 6-9 defensive standout who was impressive in spot roles last year as a freshman, has proven his worth. Robert Jones, who went from playground status in Chicago to star at Lon Morris Junior College, is a good shooter and leaper.

But it's the three freshmen who are drawing most of the raves from dedicated practice watchers. Kenneth Roberts, the 6-7 brother of NBA (and former BYU) player Fred Roberts, has great tools. Jeff Campbell, a 6-9 battler from Alabama, could find himself contributing as the season progresses. Shane Knight, a fluid 6-8, is a good outside shooter and scrapper around the basket.

To review the status of last year's championship squad, Haws, Toolson, Kevin Santiago, Steve Andrus and Paul Briggs were seniors. Starter Mark Durrant is on a mission in Kentucky. Todd Crow and Alan Frampton transferred to BYU-Hawaii. Todd Gentry went to Utah State.

Forward John Lloyd decided to concentrate on academic work this year. Ryan Cuff, the 6-4 guard who committed to the Cougars during the early signing period, is in Argentina on a church mission.

The schedule is both good and challenging. The Dodge NIT starts in Provo against East Tennessee State and there are six home games in December.

Even if it doesn't get to the NIT semifinals, BYU has two appearances in the Northeast--Dec. 4 at La Salle and Dec. 27 and 29 at Madison Square Garden in the Holiday Festival. The Cougars play 13 teams which were in post-season tournaments last year.

As for BYU, Coach Reid says, "We are much taller than last season. But we don't have much time to teach our system and philosophy to so many new players. Our challenge is to find people who will play well together. I know one thing, if someone's not productive on the floor, we'll find someone who is."