

# Season Outlook

If anyone knows what the 1993-94 season holds for the BYU Cougars, please let Coach Roger Reid know.

Reid, who has shared the Western Athletic Conference title three times in four years and won the league tournament the other year, knows for certain he will put another hard-nosed defensive team on the floor and continue to stress the teamwork concept after losing some excellent players and having sophomore-to-be Shawn Bradley go to the NBA as the number-two selection.

The "44 million dollar man" left a gaping hole in BYU's plans and forced the Cougars to scramble for a replacement.

With two-time All-WAC center Gary Trost, school three-point leader Nick Sanderson and rugged rebound specialist Jared Miller graduated, BYU lost its three leading scorers as well as the number-five scorer, versatile Kevin Nixon.

A dependable reserve, 6-9 David Astle, also was a senior. He lettered four seasons for the Cougars.

The top returnees are 6-10 Russell Larson and 6-2 guard Randy Reid. But there might be more talent than meets the eye.

Steady Mark Durrant (6-7) started nearly half the games a year ago. Shane Knight (6-9) was an occasional starter. And 6-8 Kenneth Roberts, the "other freshman" with Bradley, started every game in 90-91.

Kurt Christensen, who averaged 16 minutes per game off the bench during the WAC season, adds some experience to the guard line. Shawn Lindquist, a 6-5 forward who saw limited action last season, has moved to guard and could provide some valuable minutes off the bench.

The newcomers are 6-5 Craig Wilcox, recruited out of high school by the Cougars before playing at Utah Valley, and 6-1 Robbie Reid, one of the top high school guards ever in Utah.

Reid turned down a professional baseball contract to walk on with the Cougars after the final scholarship went to 7-0 Australian Cory Reader. Subsequently, the NCAA ruled Reader must sit out this season before playing his final two years.

Robbie Reid, Christensen and Randy Reid are interchangeable at point guard. Wilcox could replace Sanderson at the shooting guard spot but Randy Reid will see action there also. Reid improved throughout his freshman year and started all but one game (seniors started in the final home game).

Larson is the honors' candidate coming off seasons when he was WAC Freshman of the Year and when he set a school record with a .631 field goal percentage.

The smooth power forward has added 20 pounds and should improve on the 10.8 scoring average he had last year.

The much-talked-about center spot could go to Jay Thompson, a 6-8 leaper BYU recruited out of Hagerstown Junior College in Maryland after Bradley's decision to turn pro after a church mission.

Thompson average 12.3 points and 6.7 rebounds last year after an impressive background in Philadelphia. In addition to Thompson, 6-9 John Fish, a three-year letterman, is back.

Three other players add to a welcomed problem for Reid. Jeff Campbell, an excellent shooter at 6-9, played in 18 games as a freshman behind Roberts three years ago. He is back from a church mission, as is 6-8 Grant Berges, who was recruited out of high school but didn't enroll.

Another center prospect is 6-10 Bret Jepsen, who broke his wrist early in the fall but was able to do some conditioning prior to the start of practice.

Under Coach Reid, BYU has been to four straight NCAA Tournaments and won two WAC Tournament titles besides the three regular-season championships.

Last year's team was the first one of his four picked to win. The others were picked sixth, fifth and fourth but clawed their way to records of 11-5, 11-5 and 12-4 (last year was 15-3).

On paper, it looks like this season's version will be hard pressed to match last year's 25-9 team, which upset Oklahoma and Memphis State, and stayed with highly ranked Kansas until the final five minutes.

But Coach Reid has never gone by paper and is determined to prove his coaching prowess all over again considering the loss of Bradley.

In fact, the enthusiastic former BYU player stopped talking about that situation months ago.

He might even like the fact no one expects his team to challenge for league honors again.

The schedule, always a challenge in the hotly-contested WAC, includes three ESPN appearances, games with talented Arizona State and South Carolina, and a possible matchup with defending national champion North Carolina.

# Personnel Picture

Lettermen Lost (6)	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Scoring Avg.	Rebounds	Scoring Pos.
David Astle****	C	Gr.	6-9	235	1.8	1.2	12
Ryan Cuff*	G	So.	6-4	190	3.7	1.7	10
Jared Miller***	F	Gr.	6-8	225	11.6	7.7	3
Kevin Nixon**	F	Gr.	6-8	230	7.7	2.5	5
Nick Sanderson**	G	Gr.	6-4	180	14.3	3.9	2
Gary Trost***	C	Gr.	6-10	235	15.2	6.9	1

## Lettermen Returning From Last Year (7)

Kurt Christensen**	G	Sr.	6-1	175	3.8	1.0	9
John Fish***	F/C	Sr.	6-9	225	1.5	1.5	13
Shane Knight**	F	Jr.	6-9	190	4.5	2.3	7
Russell Larson**	C/F	Jr.	6-10	225	10.8	4.4	4
Shawn Lindquist*	G	Sr.	6-5	195	0.7	0.6	14
Randy Reid*	G	So.	6-2	160	6.2	2.2	6
Mark Durrant**	F	Jr.	6-6	210	4.3	3.4	8

## Mission Returnees (3)

Grant Berges	F	Fr.	6-8	205
Jeff Campbell*	F	So.	6-9	220
Kenneth Roberts*	F	So.	6-8	210

## Mission

Bordeaux, France
Dreisdan, East Germany
Melbourne, Australia

## Transfers (3)

Cory Reader	C	Jr.	7-0	280
Jay Thompson	C	Jr.	6-8	235
Craig Wilcox	G	Jr.	6-5	180

## Previous School (Hometown)

St. Paul's (Brisbane, Australia) - will redshirt
Hagerstown (Md.) JC (Philadelphia, PA)
Utah Valley (Eastman, GA)

## Incoming Freshmen (2)

Bret Jepsen	C	Fr.	6-10	225
Robbie Reid	G	Fr.	6-1	170

## Previous School (Hometown)

Roswell H.S. (Roswell, NM)
Spanish Fork H.S. (Spanish Fork, UT)

## Serving Missions (1)

Justin Weidauer *	F	So.	6-7	200
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## Mission

Frankfort, Germany
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\*letters earned

**Head Coach:** Roger Reid (Weber State '68) in 16th season at BYU, 5th as head coach, 92-38 (.708) record in four years as head coach.

**Assistant Coach:** Tony Ingle (Huntingdon '76) was head coach at Alabama-Huntsville (Division II) and Gordon College (NAIA), 5th year at BYU.

**Assistant Coach:** Charles Bradley (Wyoming '81) has been an assistant one year at Wyoming and two years at San Diego State, 5th year at BYU.

**Part-Time Coach:** Jeff Reinert (Gonzaga '85) spent two years at Nebraska as a graduate assistant, 3rd year at BYU.