

Personnel Picture

Lettermen Lost (3)			Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Scoring Avg.	Rebounds	Scoring Pos.
Kurt Christensen***	G	Sr.	6-1	175	5.1	1.5	8		
John Fish****	F/C	Sr.	6-9	225	1.2	1.4	10		
Shawn Lindquist**	G	Sr.	6-5	195	0.5	0.6	11		

Lettermen Returning (8)

Mark Durrant***	F	Sr.	6-6	210	6.4	4.6	6
Shane Knight***	F	Sr.	6-10	210	7.8	3.8	4
Russell Larson***	F/C	Sr.	6-11	235	19.9	9.1	1
Randy Reid**	G	Jr.	6-2	160	11.8	2.1	3
Robbie Reid*	G	So.	6-1	170	6.8	2.3	5
Kenneth Roberts**	C	Jr.	6-8	210	12.8	6.0	2
Jay Thompson*	C	Sr.	6-8	235	2.9	1.5	9
Craig Wilcox*	G	Sr.	6-5	180	5.5	1.7	7

Redshirts (4)

Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	
Grant Berges	F	Fr.	6-8	205	Phoenixville, PA
Jeff Campbell*	F	So.	6-9	220	Athens, AL
Bret Jepsen	C	Fr.	6-10	225	Roswell, NM
Cory Reader	C	Jr.	7-0	280	Brisbane, Australia

Mission Returnees (1)

				Hometown (Mission)	
Justin Weidauer*	F	So.	6-7	200	Salt Lake City, UT (Frankfort, Germany)

*letters earned

Head Coach: Roger Reid (Weber State '68) enters his 6th season as head coach, his 17th season overall at BYU; 114-48 (.704) record in 5 years as head coach

Assistant Coach: Tony Ingle (Huntingdon '76) was head coach at Alabama-Huntsville and Gordon College (NAIA), 6th year at BYU

Assistant Coach: Lynn Archibald (Fresno State '68) is in his 1st year at BYU; was head coach at Idaho State and Utah; has been an assistant coach the last 5 years at Arizona State

Restricted-Earnings Coach: Russ Zaugg (Weber State '85) is in his 1st year at BYU; has been the head coach at Springville (UT) High the past 3 years

Season Outlook

Coach Roger Reid enters his sixth season as positive and optimistic as ever--also as intense and concerned about effort and teamwork as when he took over.

"But we can't sit back," Reid cautions. "We've got to be ready to play each night."

On the plus side, the Cougars return four starters (Russell Larson, Kenneth Roberts, Shane Knight and Randy Reid) from a team which won 22 games and crushed Utah by 31 points in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament.

Throw in super sub Mark Durrant and guards Robbie Reid (who played in the Olympic Festival) and Craig Wilcox and there's a solid nucleus.

And then there's the influx of four talented red-shirts--7-0, 285-pound Cory Reader, 6-10 Bret Jepsen, 6-9 Jeff Campbell and 6-8 Grant Berges.

"I like the redshirt situation as far as depth is concerned," says Reid. "But I don't know exactly where they'll fit in, who they can beat out or how much playing time they'll get."

Of that group, only Campbell has played any college basketball. He was a reserve in half the games during 1990-91 before a church mission and sitting out a year. Berges went on a mission after high school. Reader played briefly in the Australian League but hasn't played competitively in the past two years. Jepsen has only been away from games a year, but that was at the high school level.

Another player who has been away two years, 6-7 Justin Weidauer, played in only eight games in 1991-92.

At least there are enough front-line players, the Cougars likely will redshirt 6-8 Jay Thompson, who improved steadily last season in spite foul trouble.

The other starter lost was Kurt Christensen, only eighth on the scoring list but a hard worker as the point guard and tenacious on defense.

In his place, BYU will go to Robbie Reid, the team's top defensive player and a leader on the floor. He averaged 6.8 points off the bench in an impressive freshman season.

Randy Reid, who was the point guard as a freshman the year before, can play both guard spots and will see action at both since depth is a concern. The only other guard on scholarship is 6-5 Wilcox, who averaged 17.4 minutes and 5.5 points in making the transition from junior college and in bouncing back from knee surgery.

While all three are respectable three-point shooters, almost all eyes will be on the front line.

Heading the list is 6-11 Larson, all-region last year in averaging 19.9 points and 9.1 rebounds. His .571 shooting percentage ranks second on BYU's all-time list and he's finish high in most of the offensive categories.

"Russell needs to be self-motivated," says Coach Reid. "But he could be one of the best we've had."

Roberts, who wound up playing center at 6-8, made the transition from the mission in impressive fashion. He averaged 12.8 points, 6.0 rebounds and led the WAC in field goal percentage at 57.7.

Knight, a 6-10 leaper, enters his fourth year as an offensive weapon. "He's made progress defensively but needs to keep improving," Reid says.

Durrant is "one of the most solid I've coached in my 17 years here," according to Reid. "He's a winner who does all the intangibles in addition to being one of the best passers we've had."

Reid was pleased with son Randy averaging 11.8 points, leading the WAC guards in shooting at 51.7 percent and topping the team in assists as a sophomore and says Robbie should be improved now that surgery to remove bone spurs on both ankles is out of the way.

"Robbie helped us in a lot of situations last year and should be better now that he has more confidence," says Coach Reid.

The eight returning players--along with Christensen, John Fish and Shawn Lindquist--played five games in August against excellent teams in Slovenia.

That experience should help with a "challenging" schedule which includes an opener with highly regarded Oklahoma State, road games with Utah State and Weber State, and the always-tough WAC.

Last season, the Cougars went into the final weekend with a chance for the WAC title but lost by two points to New Mexico in overtime and by a point to Texas-El Paso for third place--the first time BYU hasn't won the title or the league tournament under Coach Reid.

Then at the WAC, a semifinal upset by Hawai'i over New Mexico cost BYU an NCAA bid.

"This team has to be hungry," Reid says. "Last year's group united and the team came first. That's what we need again."