

1966 REVIEW

Time has a way of dissolving all but the best memories. This being the case, it will be a long, long time before BYU fans forget last year's squad was the highest-scoring, hottest-shooting team in the school's history.

In 1966, for the second year in a row, the Cougars finished as a 20-game winner; this despite the fact that only 22 games were on the regular schedule. The NIT provided the Cougars with an opportunity to reach the select 20-game circle.

The Cougars were undefeated on their home floor during the 1965-66 season, and four of their five losses on the road came against WAC opponents. The only other defeat on the road was a two-pointer to LaSalle in the first round of the Quaker City Tournament.

In 10 of their games the Cougars scored 100 or more points, and the team's scoring average was a skyscraping 95.5 points per game. Four of the Cougar regulars had scoring averages in double figures.

As a team, the Cougars hit 50% of their shots from the field, while limiting opponents to a 40% completion ratio.

—Field Goal Leaders—

Centers Craig Raymond and Jim Eakins, although they didn't attempt a large number of shots, led the team in percentage of field goals made. Raymond hit 56% and Eakins 57% from the field. Five other players scored better than half of their shots, and no BYU player hit under the 43% mark.

Steve Kramar set a new career record with the Cougar varsity. The big senior from Sandy averaged an even 50% from the field as a three-year regular with the Cats. Kramer and guard Ken James led the team in free throw shooting, each had an 81% average.

Six-eleven junior Craig Raymond captured the team rebound title with 247 rebounds, followed by Kramer with 219 and Eakins with 177.

All-American Dick Nemelka set a new school record with his 24.0 per game scoring average, and his three-year scoring mean of 16.7 points per game is also a new BYU standard.

As a team, the Cougars out-shot, out-rebounded, and out-scored their opponents for the second year in a row. Besides being 10% more effective in their shooting, the Mountain Cats averaged four rebounds per game more than their opponents.

In the scoring department, BYU ended the season with a healthy 12.6 point spread of offense over defense. This ties a school record dating back to 1953.

—Drawing Power—

In terms of drawing power, the Cougars proved to be a top attraction at home and on the road. In all, the Cougars played before 217,574 fans, a record number for one season.

At home the Cougars drew 111,722 fans, or an

average of 10,157 per game. There are only 10,200 permanent seats in the fieldhouse. Largest home crowd of the season was the 11,158 turnout for the game with St. Joseph's. Largest crowd on the road was the 18,499 who watched BYU defeat Army in the semifinals of the NIT.

These attendance figures do not include the closed-circuit telecasts of home and road games involving BYU. With one exception, all home games were beamed to audiences in the Wilkinson Center, and the Cougars' two games with Utah were both telecast live to fans in the Intermountain West.

In the 15 years that the George Albert Smith fieldhouse has been in operation, BYU's basketball teams have played before 1,413,332 fans in 183 games. The average crowd for all home games during this period is 7,723.

FROSH PROFILES

No. 20—DON BLACK, 6-3, guard, Lovell (Wyoming) High School . . . averaged 27 points per game last year and once scored 51 points in a single game . . . two time all-state basketball player and all-state football player . . . lettered four years in basketball and three in football . . . senior class president . . . civil engineering major at BYU.

No. 21—DAVE LYON, 6-1, guard, Moapa Valley (Nevada) High School . . . coached by former BYU basketball player Gary Batchelor . . . averaged 21 points per game as a senior and had a game of 32 points against Cedar City, Utah . . . student body vice-president, junior class president, and participated in the National Senate Youth Program . . . all-state two years . . . English major.

No. 22—DOUG HOWARD, 6-3, guard, Highland (Salt Lake City) High School . . . scored 24 points per game last year . . . led Highland to two state class "A" championships, 1965 and 1966 . . . all-American prep basketball, all-state in both basketball and baseball . . . Boy's Association President, member of the student council . . . Doug's father, Mr. Robert Howard, played basketball for BYU in 1923-24 . . . business management major.

No. 23—TERRY SANFORD, 6-0, guard, West High School (Salt Lake City) . . . all-state football, baseball, all-region and honorary mention all-state basketball . . . led the BYU frosh football team with six touchdown passes . . . student body president, Associated Men vice-president, sophomore class president . . . averaged 16 points per game with a high of 26 points against Bountiful . . . Terry's father, Fred Sanford, is a former professional baseball player . . . business administration major.

No. 24—VON JACOBSEN, 6-4, guard, Crawford High School (San Diego) . . . CIF player of the year, all-CIF for two years, two-time player of the year in the Eastern League, all-league three years . . . averaged 25 points per game as a senior . . . scored 40 points in one game . . . team won Eastern League three consecutive years . . . enrolled in general college.

No. 25—TIM ROHNER, 6-1, guard, Inglewood High School (Los Angeles) . . . two year all-league . . . scored 38 points in one game against Hawthorne High . . . lettered three years in both basketball and track . . . jumped 6'6" in the Mt. San Antonio Relays . . . enrolled in general college.