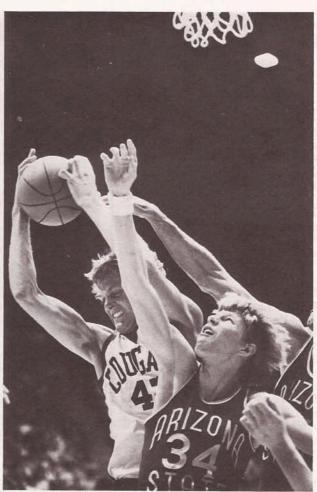


Vance Law makes a pass



Troy Jones grabs rebound

1974-75 in review

Brigham Young University's 1974-75 basketball season had its peaks and valleys, but "just one more" win somewhere in the 26-game schedule would have prevented the Cougars from slipping to a losing season. As it turned out, the loss to CSU in the season finale left the Cougars with a 12-14 record.

Wins and losses aside, the season, at the end, was overshadowed by a change in coaches. Glenn Potter, who served as head coach at BYU for three years, resigned a few days after the final game, and Frank Arnold, 40-year old assistant on the staff at UCLA, was named as his replacement.

Looking back on the season from the standpoint of expectations, the Cougars finished the year about where they had been picked in the preseason polls—sixth. BYU ended league play with a 5-9 record, and one of the five wins came against nationally-ranked Texas-El Paso. But the Cougars dropped all five games to in-state opponents; one to Weber, two each to Utah and Utah State.

In one particular stretch the Cougars won six of seven games before losing to Arizona State, 110-80, in the WAC season opener. One of the Mountain

Cats' top performances came at Albuquerque, where they beat New Mexico, 96-78, ending a long winning streak at home for the Lobos.

Sporting a young team (at times there were four sophomores in the lineup), the Cougars lacked experience. There were only two seniors on the squad—guard Grig Clawson and forward Greg Snow.

Forward Brian Frishman, who was suspended for the last three games of the season, led all scorers at the end of the season with a 15.4 average. But sophomore center Jay Cheesman had a total of 379 points (a 14.6 average). Sophomore forward Mark Handy, who pulled down 23 rebounds in the next-to-last game at Laramie, was the top rebounder with 236 (9.1) for the season.

In terms of points, the Cougars' best performance came at the expense of Rhode Island, a team they beat by a 33-point margin. Biggest loss of the season was a 30-point deficit at home against Arizona State

State.

As a team, the Cougars shot better from the field than did their opponents (47% to 45%), but were edged in rebounding and scoring overall.