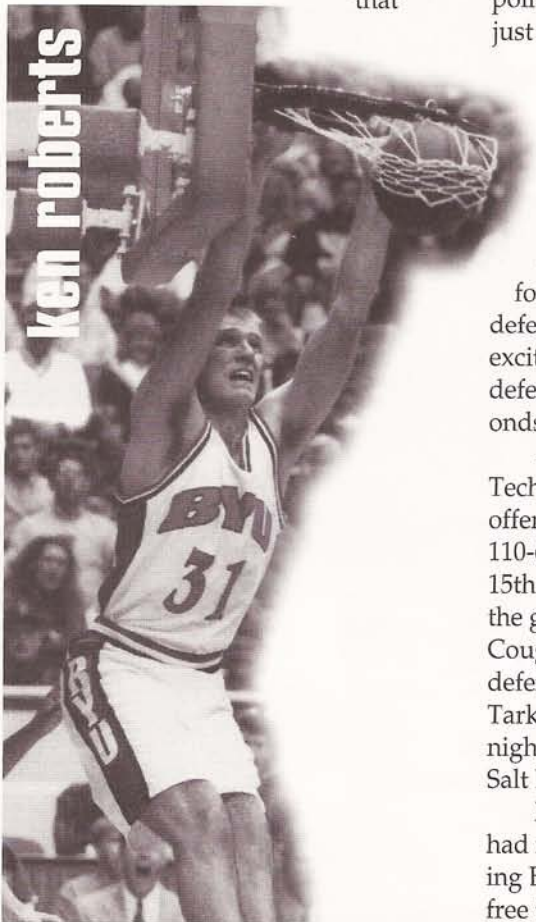


1995-96 season review

The 1995-96 basketball season saw the closing chapters of two prolific basketball careers—Ken Roberts and Randy Reid. Roberts ended his career as BYU's seventh leading scorer (1,652 points), third all-time in free throws made and attempted, and eighth in field goals made and field goal percentage. Twice Roberts was named to the All-WAC first team and was voted top WAC rebounder by his peers. "No one has more respect for him than I do," said Utah head coach Rick Majerus of Roberts. "He's always there when it counts."

Reid finished his career number four all-time in assists, sixth in free throws made, third in free throw percentage, first in three point attempts. As a capstone to his career he was named to the All-WAC Defensive Team.

"Randy Reid is a tremendous star," said Fresno State's Jerry Tarkanian. "He's one of the few guys that



Dominick (Young) had a hard time stopping. He's a heckuva player."

Under the leadership of Reid and Roberts, along with BYU's new star Bryon Ruffner, the Cougars put together a solid season. At the beginning of the 1995-96 season, the Cougars had several questions to be answered, mainly, who would fill the gapping wholes left in the Cougar line-up with the departure of Robbie Reid, Russell Larson, and Shane Knight. BYU didn't have to wait long for its questions to be answered.

In its first game of the season, BYU's Bryon Ruffner, a transfer from Utah Valley State College, led the Cougars to a 15-point victory over Boise State by pouring in 28 points. At eighth-ranked Mississippi State, BYU saw the emergence of true freshman point guard Todd Christensen, who just missed a three-point shot in the final seconds to put the game into overtime.

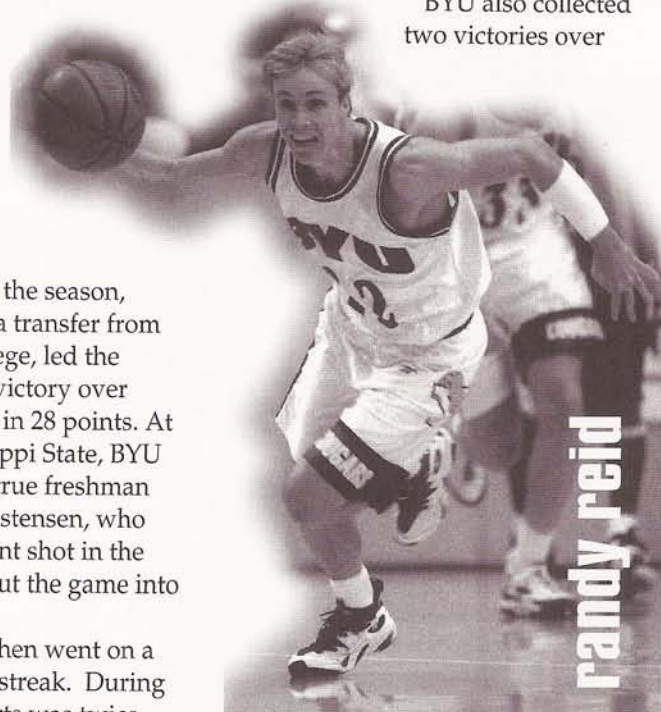
The Cougars then went on a four-game win streak. During that span, Roberts was twice named WAC player of the Week and BYU won the Cougar Classic for the fifth consecutive year by defeating Louisiana Tech 74-64. In an exciting in-state match-up, BYU defeated Weber State in the final seconds at the Marriott Center 91-86.

After losing on the road to Texas Tech, the Cougars had their highest offensive total of the season during a 110-69 whipping of Morgan State. At 15th-ranked Utah, BYU led much of the game, but rebounds cost the Cougars the contest. Changing defenses helped BYU beat a talented Tarkanian-led Fresno State team two nights after the Bulldogs upset Utah in Salt Lake City.

In WAC competition the Cougars had many exciting moments, including Bryon Ruffner's game-winning free throw with three seconds left at

Hawai'i. After trailing Wyoming by 12 points in Provo, BYU went on a 12-0 run in the final minutes of the first half as Ken Roberts' season-high 32 points helped the Cougars to victory. BYU defeated the Air Force Academy for the 15th consecutive time, the longest current streak by any team in the WAC.

BYU also collected two victories over



UTEP. At UTEP, the Cougars sank 34 of 42 free throws to win 90-82. At Wyoming, BYU showed why it finished the season as the nation's third-ranked free throw shooting team as the Cougars made 18 consecutive free throws to win one of the most physical games of the year.

BYU led New Mexico, a top-25 finisher, by nine points at halftime in Provo, then shot 30 percent from the field in the second half letting the upset fall through their hands.

Behind the abilities of Roberts, Reid and Ruffner, BYU's high powered offense ranked 16th in the nation in scoring and attracted the largest attendance in the Western Athletic Conference. BYU averaged over 17,961 fans over 15 home games including a 22,849 sellout on March 2 against Utah.

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1995-96 GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Site	Attd.	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists
11/25	Boise State	Won	86-71	Home	15,951	Ruffner 28	Ruffner 10	Reid 4
11/28	@ Nevada	Lost	77-79	Away	8,794	Ruffner 20	Weidauer 9	Reid 7
12/02	@ Mississippi State	Lost	74-79	Away	8,125	Ruffner 19	Weidauer 15	Reid 7
12/05	Utah State	Won	76-52	Home	18,684	Roberts 16	Roberts 10	Weidauer 7
12/08	\$ Cal-Northridge	Won	99-74	Home	14,938	Roberts 24	Ruffner 9	Reid 5
12/09	\$ Louisiana Tech	Won	74-64	Home	15,192	Roberts 19	Roberts 9	Roberts 6
12/12	Weber State	Won	91-86	Home	18,923	Christensen 20	Roberts 12	Ruffner 6
12/22	@ Texas Tech	Lost	71-81	Away	7,524	Campbell 20	Cooper 8	Reid 14
12/28	Morgan State	Won	110-69	Home	17,017	Ruffner 25	Ruffner 10	Reid 10
01/02	* @ Utah	Lost	77-83	Away	15,309	Ruffner 26	Cooper 8	Reid 6
01/08	* Air Force	Won	68-64	Home	16,366	Roberts 21	Roberts 9	Ruffner 3
01/10	* Fresno State	Won	97-84	Home	16,151	Ruffner 25	Weidauer 14	Cooper 4
01/13	* @ San Diego State	Lost	76-83	Away	2,439	Ruffner 24	Roberts 9	Reid 5
01/15	* @ Hawai'i	Won	78-77	Away	6,179	Roberts 28	Weidauer 7	Reid 7
01/18	* Wyoming	Won	84-75	Home	20,181	Roberts 32	Roberts 10	Cooper 6
01/20	* Colorado State	Lost	76-78	Home	18,319	Roberts 22	Roberts 13	Reid 5
01/25	* @ New Mexico	Lost	77-83	Away	17,627	Reid 17	Ruffner 8	Reid 5
01/27	* @ UTEP	Won	90-82	Away	9,725	Roberts 22	Weidauer 8	Weidauer 5
02/01	* New Mexico	Lost	81-88	Home	16,624	Ruffner 19	Weidauer 13	Reid 4
02/03	* UTEP	Won	82-71	Home	19,408	Roberts 18	Weidauer 9	Weidauer 8
02/08	* @ Colorado State	Lost	76-81	Away	7,003	Reid 22	Weidauer 8	Reid 6
02/10	* @ Wyoming	Won	81-71	Away	13,452	Ruffner 18	Weidauer 11	Reid 5
02/15	* San Diego State	Won	81-68	Home	21,223	Ruffner 28	Roberts 14	Reid 4
02/17	* Hawai'i	Lost	89-94	Home	17,596	Ruffner 32	Weidauer 11	Christensen 5
02/22	* @ Air Force	Won	80-66	Away	1,809	Roberts 30	Roberts 6	Reid 7
02/24	* @ Fresno State	Lost	83-95	Away	10,132	Roberts 27	Cooper 9	Reid 8
03/02	* Utah	Lost	85-96	Home	22,849	Roberts 22	Ruffner 7	Reid 4
03/07	+ Colorado State	Lost	84-100	Neutral	5,602	Roberts 22	Roberts 11	Reid 5

\$ Cougar Classic

* Western Athletic Conference

+ WAC Tournament

1995-96 FINAL WAC BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	WAC					OVERALL					
	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	H	A	N
Utah	15	3	.833	8-1	7-2	27	7	.794	14-1	9-4	4-2
New Mexico	14	4	.778	8-1	6-3	28	5	.848	19-1	8-3	1-1
Fresno State	13	5	.722	9-0	4-5	22	11	.667	17-3	4-8	1-0
Colorado State	11	7	.611	6-3	5-4	18	12	.600	11-5	6-6	1-1
Brigham Young	9	9	.500	5-4	4-5	15	13	.536	11-4	4-8	0-1
San Diego State	8	10	.444	6-3	2-7	15	14	.517	11-4	3-10	1-0
Wyoming	8	10	.444	7-2	1-8	14	15	.483	10-4	2-10	2-1
Hawai'i	7	11	.389	5-4	2-7	11	17	.393	8-8	2-8	1-1
UTEP	4	14	.222	3-6	1-8	12	16	.429	10-6	2-9	0-1
Air Force	1	17	.056	1-8	0-9	5	23	.179	5-10	0-10	0-3