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We want your assignment to be a pleasant one while covering Brigham Young University. On page 2 is a list of Hotel Headquarters for Brigham Young University while the team is traveling. Sportscasters and commentators are urged to familiarize themselves with visiting Cougar teams by attending practice sessions or having conference sessions with Coach Watts at Hotel Headquarters. Visiting sportscasters coming to Provo are invited to practice sessions and to confer with University officials at any time.

—Edwin Butterworth, Editor



ON THE COVER

The 1950-51 edition of the Brigham Young University basketball champions gather beneath the unpredictable hoop as they look forward to another season in the world's toughest basketball league and to intersectional games with the nation's top quint.

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KOVO	108 West Center, Provo, Utah
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New York City	Belvedere Hotel
Richmond, Kentucky	Glyndon Hotel
Huntington, West Virginia	Hotel Prichard
Denver, Colorado	Shirley-Savoy Hotel
Laramie, Wyoming	Connor, Hotel
Logan, Utah	Eccles Hotel
Fort Collins, Colorado	Northern Hotel

TICKET INFORMATION

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ABOUT THE 'Y'

Campus: Brigham Young University, a show-place of Central Utah, is located in Provo, Utah, a city of 29,000 which greatly expands during school term. Growth has resulted in a split campus. The older buildings are on University Avenue and the new development on University Hill. A massive new Physical Sciences Building and a new Fieldhouse, now under construction, are the latest additions. Summer school classes are also held at Aspen Grove at the foot of majestic Mount Timpanogos.

Founding: Established October 16, 1875, twenty-one years before Utah statehood, by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). This is the 75th anniversary year.

Administration: Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, president (beginning January 1); Dr. Christen Jensen, acting president; Dr. Wesley P. Lloyd, dean of students. The university is governed by a church board of trustees.

Enrollment: 5904 cumulative total last year. Coeducational.

School Colors: Royal Blue and White.

Uniforms: Blue for traveling, white at home.

Team Nicknames: Cougars, Cats, etc.

Conference: Mountain States Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Popularly known as the "Skyline Six." At present the conference includes Wyoming University, Colorado A & M, Denver University, University of Utah, Utah State Agricultural College, and Brigham Young University. Two other universities, Montana State University and New Mexico University, have joined and will enter conference competition in 1951. E. L. Romney, conference commissioner, has offices in Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Schools and Colleges: Graduate School, College of Applied Science, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Commerce, College of Fine Arts, College of Education, Division of Religion, Extension Division. Credits from the university are nationally recognized.

School Songs: Official school song is "The College Song," with "The Cougar Song" as the official fight song.



UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

President of the University	Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson (Jan. 1) Dr. Christen Jensen (Acting)
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Athletic Council Chairman	Dr. Ariel S. Ballif
Faculty Conference Representative	Dr. P. A. Christensen

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Edwin R. Kimball	Director of Athletics
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Charles Atkinson	Head Football Coach
Reed Nilsen	Assistant Football Coach (line)
Robert Bunker	Assistant Football Coach (end)
Dave Crowton	Assistant Freshman Coach Player Relations
Clarence Robinson	Head Track Coach
Fred Dixon	Tennis, Golf Coach
Rodney Kimball	Team Trainer
Dr. Carlos Madsen	Team Physician
Edwin Butterworth	Publicity

LAST YEAR'S RECORD

Pre-season

	BYU	Opp.		BYU	Opp.
Idaho State College	67	44	Idaho State College	85	56

Conference Pre-Season Tournament

Regis	53	37	Denver	56	54
Wyoming	57	54			

Los Angeles Invitational Tournament

Culver-Stockton	69	57	Univ. of Toledo	51	66
Pepperdine	39	45	Bowling Green Univ.	50	75
Gonzaga	41	46	Loyola University	54	45
Beloit University	61	63			

Conference

Wyoming Univ.	39	46	Denver University	46	54
Wyoming Univ	27	53	Colorado A&M	30	40
Denver University	63	45	Colorado A&M	46	55
Denver University	55	39	Utah University	42	56
Utah State	71	41	Utah University	56	46
Utah State	48	47	Utah State	60	46
Utah University	71	51	Utah State	63	35
Utah University	61	51	Wyoming University	55	44
Colorado A&M	46	42	Wyoming University	70	52
Colorado A&M	58	45	Denver University	75	50

Totals 1760 1580

Season Record: Won 21, Lost 11.

NCAA Playoff

Baylor	55	56	UCLA	83	62
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PAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1927—Montana State	1939—Colorado University
1928—Montana State	1940—Colorado University
1929—Montana State	1941—Wyoming University
1930—Utah State	1942—Colorado University
1931—Utah University	1943—Wyoming University
1932—Brigham Young	1944—Wyoming University
1933—Brigham Young	1945—No Schedule (World War II)
1934—Brigham Young	1946—Wyoming University
1935—Utah State	1947—Wyoming University
1936—Utah State	1948—Brigham Young
1937—Montana State	1949—Wyoming University
1938—Utah and Colorado	1950—Brigham Young

In the above table only western division champions are listed through 1937. 1938 was the first year which saw a full conference schedule between teams on both sides of the Rockies.

1949-50 SKYLINE SIX STANDINGS

Brigham Young University	14	6	.700
Wyoming University	13	7	.650
Denver University	13	7	.650
Utah State Agricultural College	10	10	.500
Utah University	8	12	.400
Colorado A & M College	2	18	.100

CUMULATIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player and Position	Games	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	PF	Ave.	Points	Ave.
Joe Nelson, f	29	480	154	.321	144	112	.778	61	2.1	420	14.5
Roland Minson, f	32	418	160	.383	113	65	.575	89	2.8	385	12.0
Mel Hutchins, c	32	334	136	.407	136	88	.647	93	2.9	360	11.3
Jack Whipple, g	29	128	35	.273	33	16	.485	35	1.2	86	3.0
Dick Jones, g	26	74	28	.378	45	23	.511	41	1.6	79	3.5
Robert Craig, g	31	201	53	.264	78	43	.551	75	2.4	149	4.8
Jerry Romney, g	31	147	44	.299	48	21	.438	56	1.8	109	3.5
Russell Hillman, f	24	65	20	.308	22	17	.773	43	1.8	57	2.4
D. Ray Fullmer, f ..	12	54	20	.370	27	20	.741	22	1.8	60	5.0
Ivan Beem, c	21	46	9	.196	9	8	.889	23	1.1	26	1.2
Wayne Cottle, f	8	11	5	.455	3	1	.333	7	.9	11	1.4
All Others		19	6		10	6		18		18	
BYU Totals	32	1977	670	.339	668	420	.629	563	17.6	1760	55.0
Opponents Totals	32	1868	587	.314	631	406	.643	554	17.3	1580	49.4

Won: 21, Lost: 11

1950 SEASON HIGH-LOW MARKS

TEAM HIGHS

- Most points scored in single game: 85 against Idaho State.
- Most field goals scored in single game: 29 against Utah State.
- Most free throws scored in single game: 17 against Regis.
- Most free throws attempted: 32 against Regis.
- Most field goals attempted: 79 against Wyoming.
- Most fouls committed during game: 24 against Toledo and Bowling Green.
- Longest streak of consecutive field goals: 9 against Wyoming at beginning of game (no misses).

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS:

- Most points scored in single game: 24 points, by Joe Nelson against Regis, Roland Minson against Beloit, and Mel Hutchins against Utah University.
- Most field goals in single game: 11, by Roland Minson against Loyola (14 attempts).
- Most free throws scored in single game: 10 against Regis by Joe Nelson (13 attempts).
- Longest consecutive free throws scored: 19 straight by Joe Nelson.
- Greatest percentage of field goal attempts: 11 out of 14 for Roland Minson against Loyola and 10 out of 12 for Mel Hutchins against Utah.

TEAM LOWS

- Least points scored in single game: 27 against Wyoming.
- Least fouls committed in single game: 9 against Colorado A & M.
- Least field goals made in single game: 8 against Wyoming (42 attempts).
- Least free throws made in single game: 5 against Gonzaga (11 attempts).

OPPONENTS LOW MARKS AND HIGH MARKS

- Least field goals scored in single game: 13 by Regis.
- Least free throws scored in single game: 7 by Pepperdine.
- Least free throws attempted in single game: 13 by Gonzaga.
- Least fouls committed: Denver and Gonzaga each fouled B.Y.U. 11 times.
- Most points scored against B.Y.U.: 75 by Bowling Green.
- Most field goals scored against B.Y.U.: 26 by Bowling Green.

1949-50 SEASON SUMMARY

Brigham Young University's Cougars started the season off with a bang, winning two straight from Idaho State before entraining for Denver, Colorado, and the Skyline Six pre-season tournament. Consecutive wins over Regis College, Wyoming University and Denver University gave the Cougars the pre-season trophy and tabbed them as the team to beat for the conference title.

The Denver tourney ended late Saturday night and the Cougars were due in Los Angeles, some 1500 miles away, on the following Tuesday to open the annual Los Angeles Invitational tournament against Culver-Stockton. They advanced to the semi-final round before bowing to Pepperdine and Gonzaga during the two final days of the tournament, and ended the tournament in fourth place. Coach Watts explained his team's poor showing in the L.A. tourney as too many games in too short a time—8 games in fifteen days.

Big Three Win Honors

During the two tournaments Brigham Young University placed three men on each all-tournament selection. Joe Nelson and Mel Hutchins were each given honors in two tourneys, with Roland Minson being chosen as the outstanding player in the Denver pairings, besides being given the sportsmanship trophy in the Los Angeles Invitational.

The team returned from the coast for Christmas, then left by train for the East. They dropped their first game against Beloit by two points, fought Toledo on an even basis for most of the game before wilting in the final minutes, were swamped by a hot Bowling Green team, and then finally broke into the winning column again with a convincing win over Loyola of Chicago. Joe Nelson, top scorer for the season, missed the last three games of the eastern trip after being called home because of the death of his mother.

Finally Hit Their Stride

The Utahns returned home, or rather to the conference, to tackle the Wyoming Cowboys in a two-night stand at Laramie. Two disastrous losses to the 'Pokes' sent the Cougars reeling to Denver before they found their needed spark and won the next eight straight games over Denver (twice), Utah (twice), Utah State (twice), and Colorado A & M (twice). Then came the much-talked-of mid-season slump and the Provo team dropped consecutive games to Denver, Colorado A&M (twice), and the University of Utah to drop all the way from first place in the conference standing to a poor fourth.

Wyoming and Denver battled down to the wire for the title, but the Cowboys had to meet the Cougars in two games and the Pioneers

were due for a single game against BYU. The Cougars warmed up to these games with resounding victories over Utah University and two with Utah State, then prepared to play two games with Wyoming and one with Denver in four nights. After beating Wyoming the first night, the conference race was deadlocked in a three-way tie between Wyoming, Denver, and Brigham Young University. The stage was set for one of the greatest conference finishes of all times.

Win Crown in Story-book Fashion

Brigham Young blasted Wyoming out of the title picture with a convincing 70-52 victory on Saturday night, March 4, then turned their attention to the invading Pioneers on Monday. When the final gun sounded Brigham Young University had won its second conference title in three years by defeating the Denverites 75-50.

Brigham Young's "Terrible Trio" had done it again. Joe Nelson scored 59 points in the final crucial three-game series, Roland Minson came through with 38 points and Mel Hutchins scored 11 points each night for a total of thirty-three. The starting five was rounded out by Jack Whipple with 18 and Dick Jones with 25, both from the guard line. BYU scored an even 200 points in three games to win undisputed possession of the title.

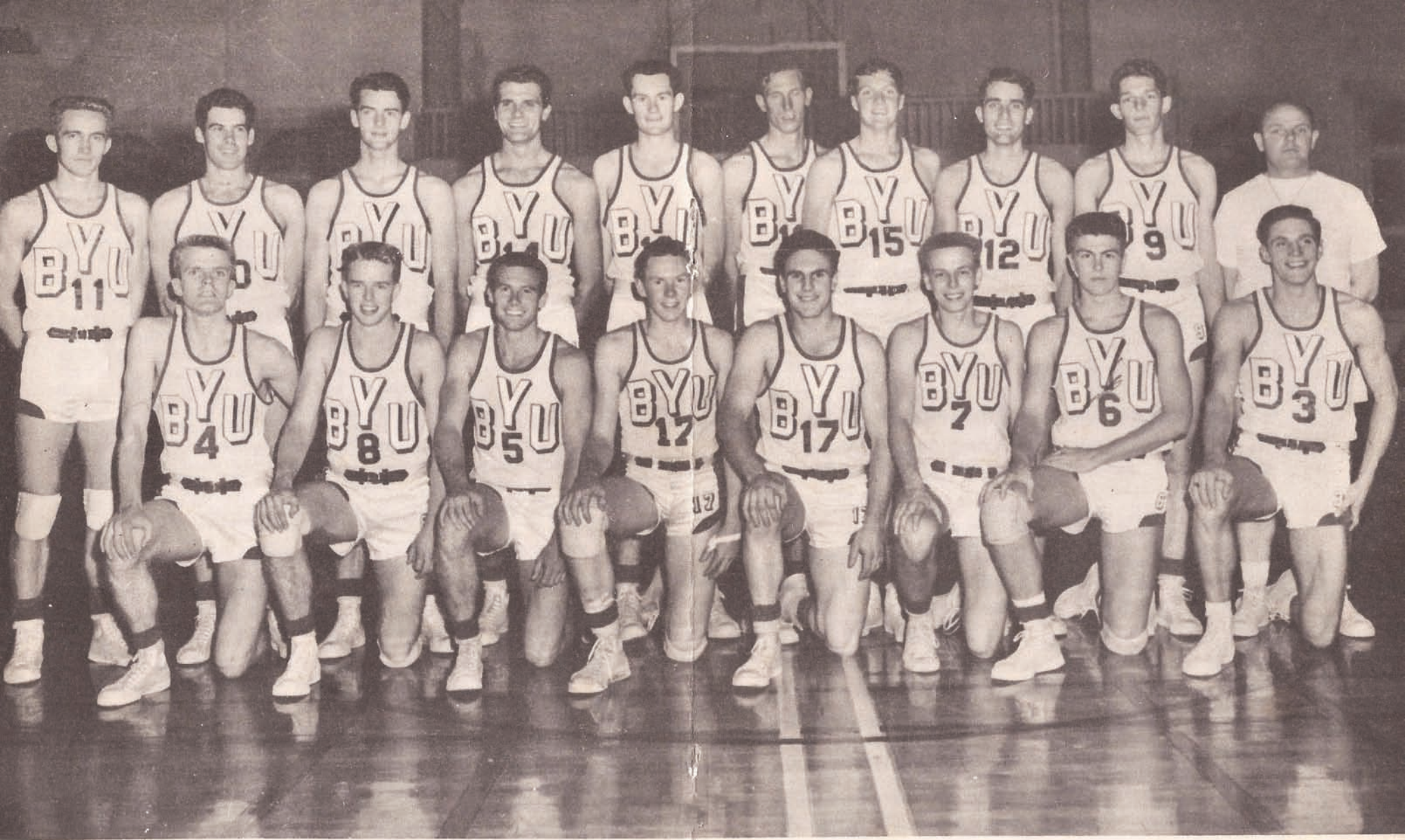
Heartbreak at the NCAA Meet

The Cougars were then chosen to represent the area at the Western Division NCAA playoffs at Kansas City. The first evening they drew Baylor and ran into the toughest game of their season. Baylor wasn't particularly difficult but the Cats were so keyed up that they couldn't get going all night.

Said the experts: "Brigham Young picked Kansas City to play their worst basketball of the season. At home they could beat Baylor and day in the week."

Here's what happened: Within sixty seconds they were jerked to bitter defeat from the threshold of victory and a trip to Madison Square Garden. BYU was ahead 54-50 in the last minute. Baylor sank a quickie and a foul taking a 55-54 lead. Then Joe Nelson was fouled and made the free throw for a 55-all tie. With seven seconds to play Jack Whipple crashed into Heathering. And, you guessed it, he sank the toss as the buzzer sounded.

The next night BYU got hot, but it was too late. They smacked down UCLA in an 83-62 romp and returned home confident they could have taken the championship but lost the chance. Nelson was elected to the all-NCAA team, and Hutchins and Minson made the second team.



BRIGHAM YOUNG COUGARS BASKETBALL SQUAD 1950-51

Roland Minson Russell Hillman Leon Heaps Mel Hutchins Lorin Dunn Kent Durrant Boyd Jarman Jerry Romney Richard Jones Coach Stan Watts
 Don Malmrose Harold Christensen Harold Montgomery James Thorne Wayne Cottle Ralph Olson Joe Richey Robert Craig

HONORS

Roland Minson, Mel Hutchins and Joe Nelson were chosen on all conference teams.

Nelson was elected to the Western All-NCAA team as a result of his play at Kansas City, and Hutchins and Minson made the second team.

Players Awarded 1950 Letters

Ivan Beem	Center	Roland Minson	Forward
Robert Craig	Guard	Joe Nelson	Forward
Russell Hillman	Center	Jerry Romney	Guard
Mel Hutchins	Center	Jack Whipple	Guard
Richard Jones	Guard		

Lettermen Lost By Graduation

Ivan Beem	Center	Jack Whipple	Guard
Joe Nelson	Forward	DeRay Fullmer	Forward

Lettermen Returning

Robert Craig	Guard	Roland Minson	Forward
Russell Hillman	Center	Jerry Romney	Guard
Mel Hutchins	Center	Kent Durrant	Center
Richard Jones	Guard		(lettered, 1948-49)

New Prospects

Joe Richey	Sophomore, former high school All-American from Mesa, Arizona.
Harold Christensen	Sophomore, all-American at BYU High School.
Boyd Jarman	Sophomore, former Wyoming all-state, big and fast.
Don Malmrose ..	Sophomore, former Brigham City all-stater, calm player.
Lorin Dunn	Sophomore, Tooele all-state, plenty of height.
Leon Heaps	Sophomore, big and rugged, good eye.
Ralph Olson	Sophomore, fast and accurate.
James Thorne	Sophomore, former Springville ace.
Harold Montgomery	Junior, played in 1948.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

During the past summer the prospective Brigham Young University varsity squad spent 33 days on tour of South America, won all of their twelve games, saw the sights, made dozens of public appearances and brought back the title bestowed by the South Americans—"Kings of Basketball."

The Cougars (who have high scholarship) served also as a goodwill mission for the LDS Church in South America, visiting many of the church branches and speaking in meetings.

The squad also did much to cement relations between the United States and our Latin neighbors. Before every game a double quartet of LDS missionaries sang the Brazilian national anthem, and flags of the two countries were exchanged. Dr. Ariel S. Ballif, chairman of the athletic council, participated in the ceremonies.

THE NEW FIELDHOUSE

Long plagued by the lack of adequate basketball facilities, Brigham Young University is now constructing a fieldhouse which will be the largest in the state. Work is proceeding rapidly and the building should be far enough along for all conference games. It will not be ready for pre-season games, and some of these will be held in the Springville high school gymnasium, 5 miles south, scene of BYU court battles up to this year.

Because of the lack of a home floor, the "Y" has not been able to invite other leading schools to play here in pre-season games. Undoubtedly, in years to come, Brigham Young University fieldhouse will become the center of basketball in the state. With consistently good teams, BYU will attract many outside challenges. And being situated in the heart of the state, many tournaments will now come the university's way.

In contrast to the reduced floor of the Springville gym, the new fieldhouse floor will be maximum regulation size, 94 x 50, with ten feet clearance all around. It will seat about 8000 and more in a pinch.

COACH STAN WATTS

Stan Watts made a phenomenal success of his first year of varsity coaching by grabbing the 1950 Skyline Six basketball championship, and has a good chance to repeat this season.

The bespectacled, mild-mannered mentor studies the game with the keenness of a scientist and gives his team the advantage of a penetrating observation of opponent systems. He uses the man-to-man defense and the fast break from double post.



Stan never has been known to raise his voice or become excited. Instead of temperament and pyrogenics, he handles every situation with dry wit or calm firmness. His composure imparts confidence to the squad, and players are eager to cooperate.

Coach Watts came to BYU two years ago as freshman coach of both football and basketball, but was later named assistant basketball coach, backfield football coach and assistant director of athletics. He took over the head basketball job in the spring of 1949. He is a product of Murray High School, Utah, where he starred in football, baseball, and track. He later enrolled at Weber Junior College and compiled an amazing record in athletic honors there. After receiving all-conference recognition in both basketball and football, and lettering two years in track, he came to Brigham Young University in 1936 to continue his studies. Before graduating two years later in 1938, Watts had won two letters in football, basketball, and track and had been awarded the trophy for the outstanding all-around graduating athlete.

After his graduation, Millard County High School in southern Utah was regional champion in basketball under his tutorship before he left to become head basketball coach at Dixie College. Dixie also prospered under Watts, winning second place in the Junior College conference for two consecutive years before the war stopped the athletic program of the school.

Watts left Dixie and went to Jordan high school as assistant football coach and head basketball mentor in 1945. He was at Jordan for only two years, but his cage teams tied for the Big Nine championship both years.

He returned to Brigham Young University in the fall of 1947.

1950-51 BRIGHAM YOUNG BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Class	Exp.	Home Town
3	Craig, Robert	Guard	21	170	6-1	Senior	2	Boise, Idaho
4	Malmrose, Don	Forward	20	175	6-1	Sophomore	0	Brigham City, Utah
5	Montgomery, Harold	Guard	22	160	5-10	Junior	1	Arcadia, California
6	Richey, Joseph	Forward	19	177	6-1	Sophomore	0	St. Johns, Arizona
7	Heaps, Leon	Guard	19	195	6-3	Sophomore	0	Salt Lake City, Utah
8	Christensen, Harold	Guard	19	170	6-2	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
9	Jones, Richard	Guard	21	170	6-3	Senior	2	Spanish Fork, Utah
10	Hillman, Russell	Center	22	180	6-2	Senior	2	Payson, Utah
11	Minson, Roland	Forward	21	180	6-0	Senior	2	Idaho Falls, Idaho
12	Romney, Jerry	Guard	21	175	6-2	Junior	1	Salt Lake City, Utah
13	Durrant, Kent	Center	21	195	6-7	Junior	1	American Fork, Utah
14	Hutchins, Mel	Center	22	190	6-5	Senior	2	Arcadia, California
15	Jarman, Boyd	Center	19	192	6-5	Sophomore	0	Lyman, Wyoming
16	Dunn, Lorin	Center	19	190	6-5	Sophomore	0	Tooele, Utah
17	Olson, Ralph	Guard	19	160	5-11	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
18	Thorne, James	Guard	19	170	6-1	Sophomore	0	Springville, Utah
19	Cottle, Wayne	Forward	21	185	6-0	Senior	1	Ogden, Utah

OUTLOOK FOR 1950 SEASON

The Brigham Young champions will be right back up there fighting for the crown again this year.

The loss of seasoned material always places a question mark on the team's possibilities, but new talent should amply replace Cougar vacancies. The Y will miss Joe Nelson and his points. He led the loop for three years and greatly contributed to two championships. Also Jack Whipple, fancy ball handler, and Ivan Been, rangy center who was coming along in great style as the season ended, will be missed.

But a group of talented sophomores is ready to take over these honors and amply make up the difference. The newcomers show a lot of spirit and play well together. During the South American trip last summer the youngsters had a chance to get acquainted with the veterans and work into the Watts style of ball.

The gym was crowded with individual stars as practice started, and Watts has had a tough time trimming his squad down to fifteen. Some of the gifted youngsters replaced veterans. Joe Richey and Harold Christensen, both all-Americans as high school boys, should strengthen the sharpshooting department left vacant by Nelson.

The team also is gaining in height. Joining the varsity ranks are Boyd Jarman a six-foot-five boy who is still growing and threatens to replace All-American Mel Hutchins at center position. Then there's Lorin Dunn, also 6-5 and a reserve center, and Kent Durrant, 6-7 and the tallest man on the squad. Durrant played regular two years ago, but suffered a foot wound which took him out of play. He is expected to see a lot of action this year.

Of course, Watts still could field an entire letterman quint if he chose. There's Big Mel Hutchins at center, Roland (The Cat) Minson and Russ Hillman for forwards, and Jerry Romney, Dick Jones, and Bob Craig, three steady boys at guard.

As the season approaches, Coach Watts is still trying to mold this aggregation of class into a smoothly operating machine. Because of the addition of so many good boys, he may be forced to shift positions of some of the regulars. In fact, he may require some of his stars to know the tricks for two different positions in order to get the most from replacements during a game. For example, he could start Hutchins at forward, Minson and Richey at forward, and Jones and Christensen at guard. Then if height were needed he could send in Durrant at center and shift Hutchins to forward.

Undoubtedly, this should be a great year for Hutchins and Minson. No finer players have ever dominated Skyline courts. Much of the play will be built around them and if they don't end up with All-American recognition there should be a congressional investigation.

One disadvantage, especially early in the season, will be a tough schedule. After playing Regis in Springville on Nov. 25 and 26, the Cougars will fly to Niagara for a pair, then CCNY in "the Garden," Eastern Kentucky at Richmond and Marshall at Huntington, W. Va., all in a week. Then after the three day tournament at Denver, they will have to return there again within five days for a pair with Denver University and another over the weekend at Laramie. The home folk won't see a conference game until the Utah Aggies visit on January 12.

BACKGROUND BRIEFS

Harold Christensen—"Chris" was chosen as an all-American guard when he played for Brigham Young High School two years ago. Last season he was an outstanding ace on the freshman squad. Here is one of the most promising youngsters in the league and should gain sophomore honors this season. He is a defense expert with amazingly quick responses and he can also hit from outside.

Wayne Cottle—Although on the regular squad last season, Cottle did not get in enough time to rate a letter. Last year he transferred to the Y from Weber College in Ogden, where he was a high scorer in the Junior College circuit. He is hard working and determined and a good shot from outside.

Robert Craig—A letterman with last year's champions, Craig is playing his third season with the Cougar Varsity. In his sophomore year, he didn't get in enough to rate a letter. He is exceedingly fast and accurate when he is on, but has his spotty games. But he is improved this season and should see a lot of ball. He was high man in the second game against Utah last year, but tapered off after that effort.

Lorin Dunn—Another of the amazing crop of sophomores, Dunn is expected to help materially with his height. He won all-state honors at Tooele high school and was a regular on the frosh squad last season. He is aiming for the center spot but may have a tough time this season with Hutchins, Durrant and Jarman all very able in that position.

Kent Durrant—The tallest man on the squad (6-7) Durrant will add greatly to the overall-height of the Cougars. He played semi-regular in his sophomore year, 1948-49. The lanky center will see a lot of action.

Leon Heaps—This sophomore has great possibilities if he comes along well during the season. He is big and rugged and fast for his size. He has a good eye for the loop and will make an excellent defense man.

Russell Hillman—An all-around athlete, Russ is noted for his drive-in shots. He played reserve last season and had a little trouble with fouling because he was too eager. But he is good on the fast breaks and tends to speed up a team. Also a baseball player, he is a slugger and starred two years on the diamond.

Mel Hutchins—"The Big Elf," as he is affectionately known, won all-conference center honors an every Skyline poll and was elected to the second team of the Western all-NCAA playoffs. Big Mel lettered with the conference champions three years ago as a sophomore, then he dropped out to play an amateur season with the 20th Century Fox quint. The experience did him good and he returned last year to bolster another championship BYU team. Sometimes he appears to loaf on the court, but he can pour on the steam when the occasion calls. The change of pace is deceiving to the opposition. He has outfought and outscored the country's best and never fails to amaze the fans with his court antics and unorthodox ball handling. His height and long arms serve to make him one of the best rebound men in the country. He has been listed and pictured by several national magazines this fall as all-American. This should be his great year.

Boyd Jarman—The lanky lad from Wyoming won all-state honors in high school competition. Last season he played regular center for the frosh. He is 6-5 and still growing. He has a gangling appearance but is fast for his size and possesses a great hook shot. He also knows his way around under the backboard.

Richard Jones—A steady stalwart with a regular berth on last year's team, Jones would be the delight of any coach. He is not flashy but reliable. He always seems to do the right thing and can come through in the pinches. Dick is a lad who can go the distance and hustle the ball all night. Reaching up 6-3 he adds over-all height to the team and usually comes down with the ball in the backboard scramble.

Don Malmrose—Probably the calmest player on the team with the exception of Hutchins, Malmrose has prospects of a great player with deadly shooting. He was all-state at Brigham City High School, but was handicapped last year by a knee injury.

Roland Minson—"The Cat" was one of Brigham Young's terrible trio last year, often finishing with the highest score of the evening. Along with Nelson and Hutchins he was a unanimous choice for all-conference honors last year and shared NCAA second team with Hutch. In his sophomore year he was chosen the outstanding newcomer of eleven western states, and this year should be his best. His alert movements on the court have won him the title of "Cat" and he is always a favorite with the fans. His secret is an uncanny floor vision or sense which enables him to spot a free man or sense where the ball is going and do something about it in an instant. The scribes and players consider him one of the cleverest floor men in the game, and his deadly shooting from any position is enough to take the heart out of the opposition. His forte is a tremendous jump shot from high in the air.

Harold Montgomery—Monty was a squad member with the Cougar champions three years ago but dropped out two years to play AAU ball with 20th Century Fox. Now a junior he has returned to finish his education. Although the shortest man on the squad at 5-10 he is lightning fast, a clever ball handler and a good shot.

Ralph Olson—This sophomore played for Provo High School and with last year's frosh. He is small, but makes up the difference with fight and smart ball handling. He is an accurate tosser.

Joe Richey—This outstanding sophomore won all-American recognition as St. Johns, Ariz., high school forward in 1948-49, and played regular frosh ball last season. He will be a regular forward this year and should be a strong contender for sophomore honors in the western states. Joe's speed and sharp-shooting will help make up for Nelson's loss.

Jerry Romney—Although a letterman last year, Jerry was not a regular starter. He is very eager and often makes an amazing shot, but his enthusiasm sometimes runs away with him. With a year of varsity experience behind him he will likely play more consistent and accurate ball this year.

James Thorne—A former Springville High School ace, Jimmy has come a long way since then. He improved measureably during his freshman year and if he continues will be valuable to the varsity.

THE SKYLINE PICTURE

Colorado A & M — The Rams wound up in the cellar last season and have been hurt this year by graduation. They are not considered a threat for the championship but are always a dangerous squad. The cold statistics of last season do not do them justice. They were a far better squad. They showed two games in the win column and both of these were taken from the Brigham Young champions. The Rams have a new coach, Bill Strannigan, who will mold his team around five returning veterans.

Denver — The Pioneers should be a truly great team this season. They have their great sophomore team of 1949-50 back intact. They were a hustling club last year and wound up in second place. With a year of experience on those youngsters, they should be a real threat for the title. It was these boys who were involved in the three-way tie for the crown in the stretch last season. Brigham Young defeated them three times out of four.

Utah State — Farmers are a question mark. They definitely were hurt by graduation, losing such great stars as Berrett, Jorgenson, Johnson, Done, Hazen, Ducich and Nielsen. But they have a good starting lineup of lettermen back—Cook, Anderson, Gobbie and Peterson. The club has acquired a new coach, Cecil Baker, formerly of Granite high school. Of course, there is always some adjustment to make with a new mentor, but Cec knows his way around, and with a hustling squad can make it hot for the conference.

Utah University — The Redskins are just likely to be the surprise of the conference. Their publicity production line predicts about a fourth place or possibly a first division berth when the season ends, but some of the scribes and coaches don't look at it that way. The Utes lost only Dolan Condie, hot-shooting southpaw, and Bill Peterson. But back to bolster the team are Smith, Cleverly, Shrum, Duggins and Crofts. One national magazine picked them as the best mountain team because of a definite possibility of an upswing. The Utes also have gained in height.

Wyoming — Cowboy coach Ev Shelton says, "I don't see how, after losing six great ball players, Wyoming can expect to finish better than fifth in this coming season." But somehow the conference isn't taking Ev's lamentations too seriously. Such is his reputation that Skyline mentors consider the Waddies as definite championship contenders. Ev lost Pilch, Doty, Bloom, Reed, Flinn, and Larson. But the Cowboys still have some veterans to bank on—Radovich, Hughes, Samuelson, Haag, and Chamberlain—and they also will have a flock of promising youngsters who will be a definite threat if Ev can round them into shape. And he's just the boy who can do it.

FRESHMAN ROSTER

Name	Position	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Home Town
Sherman Crump	Forward	18	6-2	160	Sandy, Utah
Stan Gleave	Forward	18	6-1	180	Anabella, Utah
Morris Jackman	Forward	18	6-1	150	Provo, Utah
Dean Larson	Forward	18	6-1	162	Mesa, Arizona
John Taylor	Forward	18	6-2	173	Spanish Fork, Utah
Tom Karren	Center	19	6-2	175	McGrath, Alb., Can.
Oscar Larson	Center	19	6-4	170	Idaho Falls, Idaho
Richard Deen	Center	19	6-4	160	Salem, Oregon
Neal Christianson	Guard	18	6-1	180	Monroe, Utah
Richard Cooper	Guard	19	5-9	151	Lehi, Utah
Loyal Iverson	Guard	18	5-11	155	American Fork, Utah
Jerry Minson	Guard	18	5-10	165	Provo, Utah
Pat Pomeroy	Guard	18	6-1	155	Mesa, Arizona

FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place
November 24	Weber College	Springville, Utah
November 25	Presidio	Springville, Utah
January 12-13	Utah State Agricultural College Frosh	Provo, Utah
January 19-20	Open	
January 26-27	Hill Field	Provo, Utah
February 2-3	Utah State Agricultural College Frosh	Logan, Utah
February 9-10	Open	
February 16	University of Utah Frosh	Salt Lake City
February 17	University of Utah Frosh	Provo, Utah
March 2	University of Utah Frosh	Salt Lake City
March 3	University of Utah Frosh	Provo, Utah

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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Pre-season Non-conference Games

Date	Opponent	Place
November 24	Regis College	Provo, Utah
November 25	Regis College	Provo, Utah
December 2	Niagara University	Buffalo, N.Y.
December 5	New York City College	Madison Sq. Gdn.
December 7	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Kentucky
December 9	Marshall	Huntington, W. Va.
December 19	Indiana State	Provo, Utah
December 20	Indiana State	Provo, Utah
December 28-29-30	Conference Tournament	Denver, Colorado

Conference

January 5	Denver University	Denver, Colorado
January 6	Denver University	Denver, Colorado
January 8	Wyoming University	Laramie, Wyoming
January 12	Utah State	Provo, Utah
January 13	Utah State	Provo, Utah
January 19	Wyoming University	Provo, Utah
January 20	Wyoming University	Provo, Utah
January 26	Denver University	Provo, Utah
January 27	Denver University	Provo, Utah
February 2	Utah State	Logan, Utah
February 3	Utah State	Logan, Utah
February 9	Colorado A & M	Provo, Utah
February 10	Colorado A & M	Provo, Utah
February 16	Utah University	Salt Lake City, Utah
February 17	Utah University	Provo, Utah
February 23	Colorado A & M	Ft. Collins, Colo.
February 24	Colorado A & M	Ft. Collins, Colo.
February 26	Wyoming University	Laramie, Wyoming
March 2	Utah University	Salt Lake City, Utah
March 3	Utah University	Provo, Utah