BYU COUGAR SOCCER 2008 Weekly Release - Game 1

MWC Champions four of past nine years • NCAA Tournament appearances in eight of last nine years • NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 1998, 2000 and 2003 • NCAA Elite Eight in 2003 • First-ever No. 4 seed in the 2005 NCAA Tournament • Ranked as high as No. 14 in the nation during 2007

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2008 BYU SCHEDULE

all	times	local	to	S

AUGUST	
16 - Sat.	BLUE/WHITE (exh) 7 p.m.
22 - Fri.	@ Cal Poly
25 - Mon.	@ Lousiana State 7 p.m.
29 - Fri.	GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER

1 - Mon.	ARIZONA 4 p.m.
4 - Thu.	@ William and Mary 7 p.m.
6 - Sat.	@ Marquette
11 - Thu.	Q Long Beach State4:30 p.m.
13 - Sat.	IĎAHO STATE
16 - Tue.	@ Miami (FL) 7 p.m.
19 - Fri.	MICHIGAN STATE 7 p.m.
25 - Thu.	@ Cal
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OCTOBER

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2 - Thu.	@ Utah State 4 p.m.
4 - Sat.	@ Utah*
9 - Thu.	ŬNLV*7 p.m.
11 - Sat.	San Diego State*
16 - Thu.	@ TCU*
18 - Sat.	@ New Mexico* 12 p.m.
25 - Sat.	Air Force*
28 - Tue.	WEBER STATE 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 - Sat.	@ Wyoming*	11 a.m.
5-8 - Wed.	MWC Tournament**	

* Denotes Mountain West Conference Game ** MWC Tournament will be played in Las Vegas

Cougar Soccer Quick Notes:

-The Cougars are 10-2-1 in season openers since beginning NCAA play in 1995.

- BYU's road opener record is 6-2-0.

- The last time BYU opened on the road, they beat Michigan State 1-0 on 8/31/07.

The Cougars are 4-3 alltime against SEC opponents.
They face two this season, LSU and Georgia.
Including BYU, all eight MWC women's soccer teams open regular season action on Friday, Aug. 22

Looking Ahead:

Georgia Bulldogs The Bulldogs will visit South Field: Friday, Aug. 29 7:00 p.m.



A live stat feed of the game is available by visiting www.byucougars.com/soccer_w/

This Week in BYU Soccer: 2008 Soccer Season Begins at Cal Poly

The BYU women's soccer team begins its 2008 campaign for a fourth consecutive NCAA tournament berth when it travels to Cal Poly to face the Mustangs on Friday, Aug. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the season opener for both teams. Fresh off a competitive Blue and White game, the team looks to open the season strong. Hermann trophy candidate Katie Larkin leads the talented team and All-Region defender Jessica Carter anchors a defense that held opponents scoreless for the first nine games of the 2007 season.

Game 1 Quick Look:

Friday, Aug. 22, 7:00 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium, San Luis Obispo, California

Cal Poly Mustangs 2007 Record: 8-9-3 Last Meeting: Sept. 22, 2007, Provo, 0-0 (2OT) Series Record: BYU Leads, 2-0-1 Head Coach: Alex Crozier (17th Season) Assistant Coaches: Orlando Cervantes (First Season)



Cal Poly Highlights

Bob Galarneau (Seventh Season)

- **The Mustangs come** in to 2008 picked to finish third in the competitive Big West Conference. Last year Cal Poly reached the championship game of the Big West tournament, falling on penalty kicks 5-4 to Cal State Fullerton. The team returns seven starters and 14 letterwinners.

- **Cal Poly's top** returners from 2007 include defender Carrie Andrews had 2 goals and 2 assists during the 2007 season, and was named All-Big West First Team. Defender Cara O'Hagan started all 20 games for the team and was named All-Big West Honorable Mention.

Game 2 Quick Look: Monday, Aug. 25, 7:00 p.m., LSU Soccer Complex, Baton Rouge, Lousiana

Lousiana State University Tigers 2007 Record: 12-5-7 First Meeting Series Record: 0-0 Head Coach: Brian Lee (4th Season) Assistant Coaches: Debbie Hensley (2nd Season) Daniel Brizard (2nd Season)



LSU Highlights

The Tigers come in to 2008 picked to first in the SEC West Divison. LSU beat Auburn in the SEC tournament in 2007, and advanced to the 2nd round of the NCAA Championship Cup.
 LSU is led by junior midfielder Malorie Rutledge, who was recently named to the Hermann Trophy Watchlist. Last year Rutledge had 4 goals, 12 assists and 50 shots.
 An experienced team, other key returners for the team include Jr. Melissa Clarke, Sr. Roslyn Jones, Sr. Casey Crawford, Jr. Michelle Maksini, Jr. Chelsea Potts, and Jr. Rachel

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Last Week: Blue Beats White 2-1 in Intra-Squad Match

PROVO, Utah (Aug. 16. 2008) – Over 200 fans visited Haws Field for their first taste of BYU women' soccer this season, and were treated to a 2-1 win by the Blue team Saturday night. Each team was tough defensively and had a balanced offensive attack.

"I saw a lot of good things tonight," said head coach Jennifer Rockwood. "It was a great opportunity to see new things and to see people in certain situations. It was good to see the freshmen get some action."



2008 BYU QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFO:
Location:
Enrollment:
Founded:
Owner: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Colors:
Nickname: Cougars Mascot: Cosmo (the Cougar)
Affiliation:
Conference:
Field:
President:
Tickets:
SOCCER STAFF:
Head Coach:
Career Record/years:
Office Phone:
Assistant Coaches: Chris Watkins (13 years)
Aleisha Rose (5 years) Jennie Smith (1st year)
Trainer:
SOCCER FACTS:
2007 Overall Record:
Final National Ranking:
Starters Returning/Lost:
Lettermen Returning/Lost:
Newcomers:
BYU HISTORY:
First Year of NCAA Soccer: 1995
Overall all-time record:
Winning Seasons: 12 WAC Championships 1
MWC Championships:
NCAA Tournament Appearances:
Last NCAA Appearance:
Result: Lost to Texas, 2-0
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Picked to win

For the third consecutive year* the Cougars have been selected by coaches as the favorite to win the Mountain West Conference. Last year, BYU beat UNLV 2-0 to claim the Mountain West Conference Tournament championship. BYU finished second during the regular season with a 4-3 record.

*In 2007 BYU and Utah recieved the same number of votes and tied for the preseason number one selection.



MWC Preseason Women's Soccer Coaches' Poll

PI.	Team	(1st place votes)	Points
1.	BYU	(7)	49
2.	UNLV	(1)	39
T3.	San Diego State		36
T3.	Utah		36
5.	TCU		24
6.	New Mexico		17
7.	Wyoming		16
8.	Air Force		7

Hermann Trophy Candidate

All-American Katie Larkin has again been selected as a Hermann Trophy Candidate for 2008. The Hermann Trophy is NCAA soccer's equivalent to football's Heisman Trophy, and recognizes the best overall player in the sport at the collegiate level. In 2007, Larkin and Jessica Carter were selected as Hermann Trophy Candidates.

Larkin also spent the majority of the summer with the U.S. U-23 Women's Soccer team and participated in the prestigeous Algrave Cup in Sweden.

In 2007, Larkin led the team with 15 goals, 5 assists, and 72 shots. When BYU faces off against LSU on Aug. 25, it will be the first time Larkin has taken the field against another Hermann award candidate this season.

South Field Update

The renovation of South Field is complete, and parts of the field are now being re-sodded to prepare for the home opener against Georgia. The updated facility provides room for 3,228 fans and features a gated entrance and new and more powerful lights to enhance the experience at night games. Reserved seat season tickets are available for purchase.

4 Selected to Conference All-Decade Team

To celebrate the upcoming 10th anniversary of the Mountain West Conference, league officials, school representatives and fans voted on 'All-Decade' teams for each of the sports participating in the conference. Players any conference school were eligable, but had to have played since the inception of the conference in 1999. BYU had four players selected to the presitgeous team:

- Maren Hendershot 1996-1999 Forward
- Katie Larkin 2005-2008 Forward
- Aleisha Cramer-Rose 2000-2003 Midfielder
- Jamie Rendich Beck 2002-2005 Midfielder

BYU lead all conference teams with four selections.

ROSTER and BREAKDOWN

2008 BYU NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT.	POS.	YR.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Simone Seymour	5-4	GK	So.	Calimesa, California / Yucuipa HS
1	Aleena Shelton	5-9	GK	So.	Layton, Utah / Clearfield HS
2	Dana Oldroyd	5-8	D	Fr.	Orem, Utah / Timpanogos HS
3	Lauren Anderson	5-4	F	Fr.	Danville, California / Monte Vista HS
4	Karen Cook	5-8	D	Sr.	Sandy, Utah / Alta HS
5	Whitney Feller	5-6	MF	Jr.	Draper, Utah / Alta HS
6	Megan Richardson	5-7	D	So.	Orem, Utah / Timpview HS
7	Jennie Marshall	5-5	F	Fr.	Modesto, California / Beyer HS
8	Rachel Nelson	5-5	D	Fr.	Plano, Texas / Plano West HS
9	Amanda Draeger	5-8	D	Sr.	Huntington Beach, California / Edison HS
10	Jessica Carter	5-7	D	Sr.	Provo, Utah / Timpview HS
11	Andrea Willis	5-7	D/MF	Jr.	Riverside, California / Riverside Poly HS
12	Becca Riddle	5-4	F/MF	So.	Midvale, Utah / Hillcrest HS
13	Stacy Bartholomew	5-10	F	Fr.	Orem, Utah / Timpanogos HS
14	Ashleigh Jameson	5-9	D/MF	Jr.	Tyler, Texas / Robert E. Lee HS
15	Kelsea Kakadelas	5-10	MF/D	Jr.	Carlsbad, California / La Costa Canyon HS
16	Auna Janis	5-4	MF	Fr.	Orem, Utah / Mountain View HS
18	Katie Larkin	5-5	F/MF	Sr.	Draper, Utah / Alta HS
20	Kristi Dow-Jackson	5-4	F/MF	Jr.	LaVerne, California / Bonita HS
21	Kassidy Christensen	6-0	F/MF	So.	Bountiful, Utah / Woods Cross HS
22	Katie Fellows Hodgkiss	5-7	F/MF	Sr.	Sandy, Utah / Alta HS
23	Alyssa Vander Veur	5-7	F	Jr.	South Jordan, Utah / Bingham HS
24	Hallie Keenan	6-0	MF	Fr.	Los Altos, California / Los Altos HS
25	Nicole Urry	5-9	D	So.	Draper, Utah / Alta HS
28	McKinzie Olson	5-9	GK	Fr.	Cottonwood Heights, Utah / Brighton HS

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Stacy Bartholomew Barth-All-O-Mew Amanda Draeger DREY-ger Auna Janis Aw-Nuh JA-niss Kelsea Kakadelas KEL-see CAKE-a-DEL-as Simone Seymour Si-Moan See-More Aleena Shelton a-LEAN-a Nicole Urry URE-E Alyssa Vander Veur VANDER-veer

Head Coach: Jennifer Rockwood, 14th year (BYU, 1989) Assistant Coaches: Chris Watkins (12th year), Aleisha Rose (5th year), Jennie Smith (1st year) Trainer: Carolyn Billings (14th season)

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FRESHMAN Lauren Anderson Stacy Bartholomew Auna Janis Hallie Keenan Jennie Marshall Rachel Nelson Dana Oldroyd McKinzie Olson SOPHOMORE Kassidy Christensen	5-4 5-9 5-4 5-5 5-5 5-8 5-8 5-8 6-0	F MF MF D D GK F/MF	FORWARD Lauren Anderson Stacy Bartholomew Kristi Dow Katie Fellows Katie Larkin Jennie Marshall Alyssa Vander Veur MIDFIELD Kassidy Christensen Kristi Dow Whitney Feller	5-4 5-9 5-4 5-7 5-7 5-5 5-7 6-0 5-4 5-6	F F F/MF F/MF F/MF F F/MF MF	
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BYU Head Coach Jennifer Rockwood

Career record: 210-65-20

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

* Appointed as BYU's first full-time coach

- * Guided BYU to the WAC title and a national ranking in her second season
- * Named 1996 Soccer Buzz West Region Coach of the Year
- * Named 1996 WAC Coach of the Year
- * Named 2000 MWC Coach of the Year
- * Advanced to the Sweet Sixteen in 1998, 2000 and 2003
- * Went to the Elite Eight in 2003
- * Led BYU to MWC regular season and tournament MWC Championships in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003

* Led Cougars to eight NCAA tournament appearances in the last nine years

* Finished ranked in the Top 10 in 1998, 2000 and 2003

* Finished ranked in the top 25 nine out of the last ten years

* Named 2005 Soccer Buzz West Region Runner-Up Coach of the Year

*Recorded 200th Career Victory 9/24/07 vs. Washington

Jennifer Rockwood NCAA Coaching Records:

All Divisions

No. 30 All-Time winning percentage (10 years minimum coaching)

Division 1

No. 12 Winningest active coach by percentage (5 years minimum)

- No. 21 Winningest active coach by victories
- No. 10 Winningest coach all-time by percentage (10 years minimum)

No. 27 Winningest coach all-time by victories

Under Rockwood's tutelage, a long list of All-American soccer players has emerged from BYU's program. These athletes include Katie Larkin, Aleisha Rose, Shauna Rohbock, Maren Hendershot, Sara Reading and Staci Reynolds. Rohbock, Hendershot, Reading and Reynolds each went on to play in the Women's United Soccer Association.

Prior to becoming the head coach, Rockwood led BYU's highly successful club soccer team for seven years. In that time she amassed an overall record of 128-25-9, and the final two years she took her teams to the Western National Collegiate Club soccer Association (NCCSA) title and placed second in the NCCSA National Championships.

The Lake Oswego, Ore. native was a four-sport athlete in high school playing soccer, softball, basketball and track. After one year at Ricks College (now BYU-Idaho) on a basketball scholarship, she transferred to BYU where she became a four-year starter at center midfield on the Cougars' club soccer team and graduated in finance, business management. Rockwood has also coached the Utah ODP, youth club programs and the high school level.

2007 Season Review

The 2007 BYU soccer season was one for the record books. Highlighted by the team's tenth trip to the NCAA tournament in 11 years and a number of new school records set, the 2007 campaign will be remembered as both a high point in history and a launching pad for successful teams to come.

Among the records set were career saves (261) and shutouts (40) as well as shutouts in a single season (13) by senior goalkeeper Erika Woodbury, the most shutouts in a row by a single team in school history with eight to start the season, and both the team's and head coach Jennifer Rockwood's 200th victory, which is the most in Mountain West Conference history.

Defensively, the team allowed only 11 goals for the second year in a row. A total of 14 shutouts were recorded, which is a new school record. Harmon-Carter, a junior defender, was a Hermann Trophy candidate, sophomore defender Andrea Willis was awarded First-Team All-MWC honors, and Woodbury earned Second-Team All-MWC honors as well. Harmon-Carter and Woodbury each earned MWC Defensive Player of the Week honors once during the season, and Willis was named to the Soccer Buzz Elite Team of the Week once as well.

Offensively, junior forward/midfielder Katie Larkin was also a Hermann Trophy candidate and First-Team All-MWC selection. She earned MWC Offensive Player of the Week and Soccer Buzz Elite Team of the Week honors three times each, as well as Soccer America Team of the Week honors twice. She also led the team in shots (72), goals (15), and assists (5).

On her heels was freshman forward Kassidy Christensen who also was named First-Team All-MWC and earned one MWC Offensive Player of the Week honor during the season. She scored seven goals on the season and tied for second on the team with junior forward Katie Fellows with 48 shots.

When all was said and done, the team finished with a 17-4-2 record, taking Rockwood's record to 210-65-20.

At the end of a remarkable regular season during which the team spent every week in the national polls, the Cougars entered the MWC Championship Tournament on their home turf as the No. 3 seed. BYU knocked off No. 6 seeded TCU, 2-1, and No. 2 seeded SDSU, 2-1, on its way to a championship match against the No. 1 seed, UNLV.

UNLV had beaten BYU in Las Vegas 0-1 in double overtime in the final match of the regular season to squelch the Cougars' hopes of a regular season title. It was only fitting, then, that the same two teams would meet again to determine who would take home the MWC Tournament trophy and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. In a flash of brilliance and a two-goal performance from Fellows, the Cougars brought the trophy home with a 2-1 win at South Stadium.

Fellows earned MWC Championship Tournament Most Valuable Player honors, and Swenson, Larkin, and Willis joined Fellows as All-Tournament selections.

The Cougars headed to College Station, Texas the week after winning the MWC Championship to face No. 11 Texas in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The team was excited to play on Texas A&M's home field because it had played there in previous spring seasons, but knew the task would be a difficult one. Despite outshooting the Longhorns 25-12 with a number of near misses in the contest, the Cougars fell in a heartbreaking 0-2 loss.

Despite the disappointing loss in the tournament, Rockwood's hope for future success has not diminished. She said her program has an extremely bright future, and she's never been more excited to get back out on the field. The team will be returning all but three starters and a highly touted incoming class of freshmen. All in all, 2007 was a remarkable season, and will prove to be a spark for the Cougar women's soccer teams to come.