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2004 Schedule/Results

Date	Opp/Event	Time/Results
Feb. 4	@ Hawai`i	L 4-7
Feb. 5	vs. Oregon State	L 7-0
Feb. 6	vs. Tennessee	L 11-6
Feb. 7	vs. UAB	W 2-1
	vs. St. Mary's	W 2-1
Feb. 19	@ UC Santa Barbara	W 6-2
Feb. 20	vs. UC Riverside	W 7-0
	vs. Loyola Marymount	W 7-6
Feb. 21	vs. Florida International	canceled
	vs. Central Florida	canceled
Feb. 26	@ Houston	W 2-0
Feb. 27	vs. Villanova	L 4-3
	vs. Virginia	L 3-1
Feb. 28	vs. Mississippi State	L 2-1
	vs. Pittsburgh	W 10-2
Mar. 12	vs. Marist	W 9-1
	vs. St. Peters	canceled
	@ New Mexico State	canceled
Mar. 13	vs. Drake	W 12-1
	vs. UTEP	W 6-4
Mar. 18	@ San Diego	L 4-3
Mar. 19	vs. Dartmouth	W 10-5
	vs. Central Connecticut State	W 8-0
Mar. 20	vs. UC Riverside	W 3-2
	vs. Indiana	W 2-0
Mar. 25	vs. Hawai`i	W 5-2
Mar. 26	vs. Illinois	L 3-2
	vs. UC Riverside	W 9-5
Mar. 27	@ Stanford (No. 12)	L 7-5
Mar. 30	@ UVSC DH	W 15-2, W 11-1
Apr. 1	UNLV* DH	L 6-3, W 5-3
Apr. 2	SDSU* DH	W 6-2, L 5-2
Apr. 8	Southern Utah	canceled (rain)
Apr. 10	UTAH* DH	W 5-4, L 9-8
Apr. 13	Utah State DH	W 5-1, W 4-3
Apr. 15	@ CSU* DH	L 4-2, L 2-0
Apr. 17	@ New Mexico* DH	W 2-1
Apr. 20	UVSC DH	W 8-2, W 11-1
Apr. 22	PACIFIC	W 8-0
Apr. 24	@ Utah* DH	L 11-10, W 13-0
Apr. 30	NEW MEXICO DH	W 7-4, W 4-0
May 1	CSU* DH	W 4-3, L 1-0
May 4	@ Utah State DH	canceled
May 6	@ UNLV* DH	L 3-2, W 10-4
May 8	@ SDSU* DH	W 4-0, W 5-1
May 13-15	MWC Tournament (CSU host)	TBA
May 20-22	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 27-31	College World Series	TBA

* MWC games
Bold BYU home games at Miller Park

BYU Heads to the MWC Softball Tournament in Colorado

The BYU softball team will head to Fort Collins, Colorado to compete in the MWC Softball Championship Tournament on May 13-15 hosted by Colorado State. CSU is this season's regular season champions and is coming off a MWC Tournament win in 2003.

The Cougars go into the tournament as the No. 3 seed with a 34-17, 11-8 MWC record. BYU will play the No. 6 seed New Mexico on Thursday, May 13 at 9 a.m. The winner of that game will then face the No. 2 seed San Diego State at 2 p.m.

Final MWC Conference Softball Standings

	Conference	Overall
1. Colorado State	16-4	40-13
2. San Diego State	14-6	36-22
3. BYU	11-8	34-17
4. Utah	8-12	20-31
5. UNLV	7-13	25-34
6. New Mexico	3-16	29-34

BYU is coming off a 3-1 MWC weekend with road games against UNLV and SDSU. The Cougars split with UNLV L 3-2, W 10-4 and swept the No. 1 conference leader SDSU 4-1, 5-1.

"It was an all-around great team effort," BYU defense and recruiting coach Mindy Hanson said. "We're disappointed with the loss against UNLV, but the girls came back very focused and determined. It's giving us good momentum going into the tournament."

Offense

As a team the Cougars are batting .307 and are ranked No. 15 in the nation in batting average and No. 11 in the nation in scoring (5.45 runs per game). Leading the way offensively for the Cougars is Paige Paramore with a .361 batting average. She is followed by teammates laneta Le`i (.355), Debbie Dodds (.339), Jodi Norton (.331), Kate Walker (.323) and Ashlyn Russell (.294). Paramore leads the team in hits (53) and Le`i leads the team in runs scored (32). Paramore, Le`i and Norton each post a team-high 11 extra base doubles this season, and Lauren Watson leads in triples (4). Norton posts a team-high 39 RBI. BYU continues its long-ball offense hitting 54 home runs in 51 games with Russell leading the way with 11 home runs so far this season. Krystle Chamberlain leads in stolen bases with 11-out-of-12 attempts.

Double Plays

The BYU defense has turned 18 double plays so far this season, which breaks a new BYU record for most double plays in a season.

2003 season - - 13 DP's
2002 season - - 14 DP's
2001 season - - 11 DP's
2000 season - - 4 DP's

BYU Quick Facts

Location: Provo, Utah 84602
 Enrollment: 32,122 (Daytime)
 Founded: Oct. 15, 1875, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 Colors: Dark Blue, White and Tan
 Nickname: Cougars
 Mascot: Cosmo (the Cougar)
 Affiliation: NCAA Division One
 Conference: Mountain West
 Field: Gail Miller Field (2,100)
 Press box phone: 801-378-1973
 President: Cecil O. Samuelson
 Women's AD: Elaine Michaelis
 Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1

Softball Staff

Head Coach: Gordon Eakin (Utah)
 Office Phone: (801) 422-1158
 Career Record: 36-17 (1 year, 2003)
 BYU Record: 36-17 (1 year, 2003)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Vaughn Alvey (Utah)
 Mindy Hanson (BYU '02)
 Graduate Assistants:
 Cynthia Fallowfield

Team Information

Current Record: 34-17, 11-8 MWC
 Overall record last year: 36-17
 MWC record/finish: 10-7/3rd
 Final ranking last year: N/A
 Lettermen returning/lost: 11/6
 Starters returning/lost: 7/3
 Pitchers returning/lost: 3/2
 Newcomers: 7 (five freshmen, two transfers)

History

First year of Softball: 2000
 Overall all-time record: 117-93
 No. years in CWS/last: N/A
 MWC Conference Championships: One (2001)
 Years in NCAA Regionals/last: One (2001)
 Last post-season opponent: San Diego State
 Result: BYU lost, 1-3

MWC Preseason Polls

1. San Diego State (23 points, four first-place)
2. Colorado State (21 points, two first-place)
3. BYU (18 points)
4. Utah (13 points)
5. UNLV (nine points)
6. New Mexico (six points)

All-time vs. Conference Opponents

Colorado St.	9-12
New Mexico	12-10
San Diego St.	7-12
UNLV	15-6
Utah	10-11

Pitching

The pitching staff is posting a 2.35 overall ERA led by sophomore Brooke Boyce who registers a 1.74 ERA in 30 appearances. Boyce has pitched 15 complete games and posts a 13-8 overall record with 60 strikeouts. Junior Niki Andersen leads the trio with an 18-6 record and 116 strikeouts. Andersen has a 2.27 ERA and has pitched 13 complete games this season for BYU while appearing in 29 games. Junior Ariel Capra has appeared in 17 games this season to post a 4.20 ERA and a 3-3 record.

A look at the 2004 Cougar Softball Roster

Letterwinners returning/lost: 11/6
 Starters returning/lost: 7/3
 Pitchers returning/lost: 3/2
 Newcomers: 7 (five freshmen and two transfers)

#	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
24	Niki Andersen	P	R/R	5-10	Jr.	2L	Sandy, Utah (Alta HS)
9	Brooke Boyce	P	R/R	5-9	So.	1L	Rocklin, Calif. (Del Campo)
2	Ariel Capra	P	L/L	5-9	Jr.	2L	Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood HS)
1	Krystle Chamberlain	OF	L/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Camarillo, Calif. (Camarillo HS)
7	Kim Dabo	OF	R/R	5-10	Fr.	HS	Hollister, Calif. (San Benito HS)
20	Debbie Dodds	OF	R/R	5-5	Jr.	2L	Twin Falls, Idaho (Twin Falls HS)
4	Lindsey Gerhauser	2B	R/R	5-4	Sr.	1L	Springville, Utah (Snow College)
6	Carli Jones	UTL	R/R	5-3	Fr.	HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Mountain View HS)
10	Milli Jones	OF/IF	R/R	5-7	Jr.	2L	Draper, Utah (Alta HS)
66	Ianeta Le'i	1B	R/R	5-7	So.	1L	Oahu, Hawai'i (Iolani HS)
8	Jodi Norton	SS	R/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Mesa HS)
18	Belinda Osborn	OF	L/R	5-7	Sr.	1L	Payson, Utah (Utah Valley)
19	Paige Paramore	C/OF	R/R	5-9	So.	TR	Allen, Texas (Texas at San Antonio)
25	Ashlyn Russell	3B	R/R	5-6	So.	1L	Maui, Hawai'i (Baldwin HS)
5	Kate Walker	2B	R/R	5-7	Sr.	3L	Sandy, Utah (University of Oregon)
11	Lauren Watson	C/OF	L/R	5-3	Jr.	2L	Castaic, Calif. (Valencia HS)
3	Jennifer Whiteley	OF	L/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Lamar HS)
23	Crystal Young	1B/3B	R/R	5-11	Jr.	TR	Bluffdale, Utah (Utah Valley)

BYU in the MWC Tournament

2000 – Hosted by Utah (Salt Lake City, Utah)
 In BYU's inaugural softball season, the Cougars went into the MWC Tournament as the fifth seed and were put out of the double-elimination tournament with back-to-back losses from the fourth seed Colorado State 3-0 and the sixth seed UNLV 1-0. BYU ended its season with a 16-27 overall record, a 7-13 MWC record and a fifth-place finish in conference play.

2001 – Hosted by New Mexico (Albuquerque, N.M.)
 In only BYU's second year of NCAA Division I competition, the Cougars won both the MWC regular season and tournament titles earning conference, regional and national accolades. In 2001, the Cougars made their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance after winning the conference championship, but were eliminated from the NCAA Tournament after its first two games, losing to Nebraska 3-1 and Hofstra 4-2. At the MWC Tournament, BYU defeated New Mexico in game one 4-3, lost to Utah 7-6, and then recorded wins against Utah 6-5 and SDSU 4-3 to snatch the first-ever MWC Tournament Title. The team ended the season with a 35-26, 11-6 MWC record.

2002 – Hosted by BYU (Provo, Utah)
 After winning the MWC Tournament in 2001, the Cougars hosted the tournament in 2002 for the first time in Provo. The team finished 5th place in the regular season with a 30-23, 6-10 MWC record. BYU lost the first game against New Mexico 4-1, won the second contest against UNLV 6-2 and then lost to the No. 1 seed SDSU 10-4.

All-time Opponents

Arizona	0-2	Texas A&M	1-1
Arizona State	1-0	Texas at San Antonio	1-0
Boston College	0-1	Texas Tech	0-1
California-Berkeley	0-3	Tulsa	1-1
Cal Poly	2-1	UAB	1-0
Cal St. Northridge	1-0	UC Riverside	3-0
Central Connect. St.	1-0	UC Santa Barbara	3-1
Central Michigan	1-0	UCLA	0-2
Connecticut	1-0	Utah State	17-0
Dartmouth	1-0	UTEP	1-0
DePaul	0-1	UVSC	4-0
Drake	1-0	Villanova	0-1
Florida International	0-1	Virginia	0-1
Fresno State	1-3	Washington	2-1
Georgia State	1-0		
Hawai'i	1-1		
Hofstra	0-1		
Houston	1-1		
Illinois	0-1		
Illinois State	1-0		
Iowa	0-3		
Indiana	1-0		
Kansas	0-1		
Louisiana Tech	2-0		
Louisville	1-0		
Loyola-Marymount	2-1		
Marist	1-0		
Maryland	1-0		
McNeese St.	2-0		
Miami (OH)	1-0		
Michigan State	2-0		
Mississippi	1-0		
Mississippi State	0-1		
Missouri-Kansas City	1-0		
Nebraska	1-4		
New Mexico St.	1-0		
Northern Iowa	1-0		
Northwestern State	0-1		
Oklahoma	0-1		
Oklahoma State	1-1		
Oregon	1-0		
Oregon State	1-5		
Pacific	8-0		
Pittsburgh	1-0		
Portland State	1-0		
Providence	1-0		
Tennessee	0-1		
Sacramento St.ate	1-1		
San Antonio	0-1		
San Diego	4-3		
San Jose State	2-1		
Santa Clara	2-1		
Southern Utah	11-3		
Stanford	1-3		
St. John's	1-0		
St. Mary's	4-0		
Texas	0-1		

2003 – Hosted by San Diego State (San Diego, California)

In 2003, the team had a six-game improvement from 2002 to post a 36-17, 10-7 MWC record to finish third place in the MWC. At the MWC Tournament, BYU shutout UNLV 6-0 in game one, lost to CSU 4-3 in game two, and got two wins against Utah 7-4 and SDSU 2-1. The second match up against the No. 1 seed SDSU, the Cougars lost on a fly ball that was only feet from being a game-tying home run at centerfield.

All-time BYU vs. MWC Opponents in MWC Tournament

Colorado State: 0-2
 New Mexico: 1-1
 San Diego State: 2-2
 UNLV: 2-1
 Utah: 2-1

All-time record vs. MWC Opponents

Colorado State: 9-12
 New Mexico: 12-10
 San Diego State: 7-12
 UNLV: 15-6
 Utah: 10-11

BYU vs. MWC Opponents Results in 2004

CSU:
 4/15 – L 4-2, L 2-0 @ CSU
 5/1 – W 4-3, L 1-0 @ BYU

New Mexico:
 4/17 – W 2-1 @ New Mexico
 4/30 – W 7-4, W 4-0 @ BYU

San Diego State:
 4/2 – W 6-2, L 2-5 @ BYU
 5/8 – W 4-0, W 5-1 @ SDSU

UNLV:
 4/1 – L 6-3, W 5-3 @ BYU
 5/6 – L 3-2, W 10-4 @ UNLV

Utah:
 4/10 – W 5-4, L 9-8 @ BYU
 4/24 W 13-0, L 11-10 @ Utah

BYU Earns MWC Player and Pitcher of the Week Awards

Freshman Jodi Norton and Niki Andersen were named MWC Player and Pitcher of the Week on March 30 for their performances at the Stanford Classic. This is Norton's first MWC award of her BYU career and Andersen's back-to-back honor as she was awarded previously on March 23. Sophomore Janeta Le'i was named MWC Player of the Week on April 27. This marks the first Player of the Week honor of her BYU career.

New Mexico State Invitational, Las Cruces, N.M. (March 12-13)

At the NMSU Invitational, BYU was named the Tournament Champs after posting a 3-0 record with wins over Marist 9-1, Drake 12-1 and UTEP 6-4. Junior catcher Lauren Watson was named the 2004 NMSU Softball Invitational All-Tournament Team, and was the Tournament MVP after her strong performance. In three games, Watson hit 6-9 (.667), scored five runs, knocked in two RBI, and defensively recorded eight putouts and two assists.

CLASS BREAKDOWN

Senior (3)

Lindsey Gerhauser
Belinda Osborn
Kate Walker

Junior (6)

Niki Andersen
Ariel Capra
Debbie Dodds
Milli Jones
Lauren Watson
Crystal Young*

Sophomore (4)

Brooke Boyce
Ianeta Le`i
Paige Paramore*
Ashlyn Russell

Freshman (5)

Krystle Chamberlain*
Kim Dabo*
Carli Jones*
Jodi Norton*
Jennifer Whiteley*

* Newcomer

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

Arizona (2)

Carly Jones
Jodi Norton

California (4)

Brooke Boyce
Krystle Chamberlain
Kim Dabo
Lauren Watson

Hawai`i (2)

Ianeta Le`i
Ashlyn Russell

Idaho (1)

Debbie Dodds

Texas (3)

Ariel Capra
Paige Paramore
Jennifer Whiteley

Utah (6)

Niki Andersen
Lindsey Gerhauser
Milli Jones
Belinda Osborn
Kate Walker
Crystal Young

BYU's Current Stat Leaders for 2004 (as of 51 games)

Batting Average

.361, Paige Paramore

Home Runs

11, Ashlyn Russell

RBI

39, Jodi Norton

Hits

53, Paige Paramore

Doubles

11, Jodi Norton
11, Ianeta Le`i
11, Paige Paramore

Base on Balls

26, Ianeta Le`i

Runs Scored

32, Ianeta Le`i

Slugging %

.651, Debbie Dodds
.714, Niki Andersen (seven at bats)

Hitting Streaks

4, Lauren Watson (four-game hitting streak)

Stolen Bases

11-12, Krystle Chamberlain

Debbie Dodds set a new BYU single-game record with 3 stolen bases in a game against NM (game two on 4/30).

Wins

18, Niki Andersen

Strikeouts

116, Niki Andersen

ERA

1.74, Brooke Boyce

Innings Pitched

148.0, Niki Andersen

No-hitter

Niki Andersen

Against Central Connecticut State on 3-19-04, and the first of her college career. Marks only the second time in BYU history (the first was set by Maryon DeWitt-Wallentine on March 21, 2001 against Utah State).

2004 MWC Awards

Player/Pitcher of the Week

Niki Andersen (March 23, 2004)
Niki Andersen (March 30, 2004)
Jodi Norton (March 30, 2004)
Ianeta Le`i (April 27, 2004)

2003 Final MWC Standings

Team	Conference				Overall				
	W	L	T	Pct.	GB	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego State.....	12	3	0	.800	--	39	21	0	.650
Colorado State.....	13	7	0	.650	2.5	37	15	0	.712
BYU.....	10	7	0	.588	3	36	17	0	.679
Utah.....	7	9	0	.438	5.5	20	27	0	.426
New Mexico.....	7	13	0	.250	7.5	25	37	1	.405
UNLV.....	4	14	0	.222	9.5	21	39	0	.350

Eakin's Coaching Record

	Yr.	Overall	Conf.
Gordon Eakin	2003	36-17	10-7 (3rd)
Totals	1 Year	36-17 (.679)	10-7 (.558)

Eakin vs. Mountain West

vs. Colorado State	3-2-0
vs. New Mexico	3-2-0
vs. San Diego State	1-2-0
vs. UNLV	4-1-0
vs. Utah	3-2-0

2004 BYU Softball Schedule

From the looks of the 2004 BYU schedule, the Cougars will be put to the test early and face many quality teams before hitting conference play.

"I think we have a well-rounded schedule that's going to give us a combination of potential top-25 teams as well as exposure with teams we haven't played before," BYU head coach Gordon Eakin said. "Our well-rounded schedule will provide us an opportunity to be ready for championship play when we get to that point."

- Gordon Eakin

2004 Preview

The Cougars enter the 2004 season to battle for their second Mountain West Conference title in four seasons, and a shot at the World Series after posting the best record (36-17) in the program's history last season.

Last season's success earned BYU four offensive top-10 national rankings in team batting average (7th), scoring (8th), slugging percentage (4th) and home runs pergame (6th).

"I think we'll compete at a high level this year," BYU head coach Gordon Eakin said. "We have great team chemistry and we have players stepping up from all areas."

The team chemistry and depth of this year's team will help mitigate the loss of those quality players lost, some of which were impact players. After a successful fall softball season, the team looks to be stepping up to the challenge of filling the shoes of those who have gone on before them.

BYU's Returning Stat Leaders (2003)

Batting Average
.379, Lauren Watson

Home Runs
10, Lauren Watson

RBI
40, Ianeta Le'i

Base on Balls
21, Lauren Watson

Hits
66, Lauren Watson

Stolen Bases
5, Lauren Watson

Doubles
8, Ianeta Le'i
8, Kate Walker
8, Lauren Watson

Triples
3, Lauren Watson

Wins
12, Brooke Boyce

ERA
2.31, Brooke Boyce

Strikeouts
62, Brooke Boyce

BYU's Returning MWC Award Winners

Academic All-Conference

Brooke Boyce
Lindsey Gerhauser
Belinda Osborn
Kate Walker

All-Tournament
Lauren Watson

All-Conference
Ianeta Le'i

All-Region
Ianeta Le'i (Second Team)
Lauren Watson (Second Team)

All-Americans
Lauren Watson (Easton Second Team)

Returning MWC Player of the Week

Brooke Boyce (April 8, 2003)
Lauren Watson (March 25, 2003)