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Media Relations Information

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Date	Opp/Event	Time at site of game
2/8	at Sam Houston St. %+	W, 17-8
2/9	at Sam Houston St. +	L, 0-8
2/10	at Sam Houston St. +	W, 5-2
2/15	at Portland %+	cancelled
2/16	at Portland %+	cancelled
2/17	at Portland %+ (7 inn.)	L, 1-2
2/17	at Portland %+	W, 4-3
2/22	Memphis + Millington, TN (10 inn.)	L, 2-3
2/23	Missouri %+ Millington, TN (10 inn.)	W, 4-1
2/24	Akron+ Millington, TN	cancelled
2/27	Southern Utah, St. George	W, 20-2
3/1	Northern Colorado +	W, 17-2
3/2	Northern Colorado +	W, 13-1
3/3	Northern Colorado +	W, 7-5
3/5	@ Kansas State +	L, 1-5
3/6	@ Kansas State +	L, 3-6
3/8-10	Gonzaga +	5 p.m., 5 p.m., 1 p.m.
3/13	Utah Valley State +	5 p.m.
3/15-17	@ UNLV +*	6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 2 p.m.
3/20	@ Utah +	6 p.m.
3/22	TCU + *# (BYUTV)	6 p.m.
3/23-24	TCU +*	6 p.m., 1 p.m.
3/27-28	@ Washington St.	5:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
3/30-31	Binghamton +	6 p.m., 8 p.m.
4/2	Binghamton +	4 p.m.
4/5	UNLV +*# (BYUTV)	6 p.m.
4/6-7	UNLV +*	6 p.m., 6 p.m., 1 p.m.
4/10-11	Washington +	2 p.m., 2 p.m.
4/17	Southern Utah +	6 p.m.
4/19-21	@ TCU +*	6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
4/26-28	Air Force +*	6 p.m., 6 p.m., 1 p.m.
5/1	@ UVSC	7 p.m.
5/3-5	@ New Mexico *	6 p.m., 6 p.m., 1 p.m.
5/8	Southern Utah +	6 p.m.
5/10-11	@ San Diego St. +*	6 p.m., 6 p.m.
5/12	@ San Diego St. +*# (The Mtn.)	1 p.m.
5/15	Utah Valley State +	6 p.m.
5/17	Utah +*# (BYUTV)	6 p.m.
5/18-19	Utah +*	6 p.m., 1 p.m.
5/22-26	MWC Tournament Las Vegas	TBA
6/1-4	NCAA Regionals	TBA
6/8-11	Super Regionals	TBA
6/15-28	World Series Omaha, NE	TBA

* MWC Games, +webcast, #TV, %Internet Audio

There's No Place Like Home

BYU, 8-5 overall, host Gonzaga, 9-8, in a three-game series starting Thursday at Miller Park where the Cougars have a four-game winning streak.

Probable Pitching Rotation

Mar. 8	Gonzaga	Jesse Craig (2-1, 3.29)	5 p.m.
Mar. 9	Gonzaga	Jordan Muir (2-0, 3.09)	5 p.m.
Mar. 10	Gonzaga	Jake Wortham (2-2, 3.04)	1 p.m.

Probable Lineup

1B-#22 Kasey Ko	2B-#9 Kent Walton	SS-#13 Dan Vargas
3B-#5 Steve Parker	RF-#8 Jonathan Cluff	CF-#14 Leon Johnson
LF-#24 Apana Nakayama	C-#10 J.T. Musso	
DH-#33 Mike McKeever		

Radio Coverage

There will be no live BYU radio coverage until the Gonzaga games in March. KOVO 960 AM, with veteran broadcaster Brent Norton calling the play-by-play, will broadcast 30 of BYU's games this season. These broadcasts are also available on the Dish Network as well as over the Internet. Links to the webcasts and audio-casts are on the BYU baseball's schedule page at www.byucougars.com.

BYU on TV Four Times

Four of BYU's games will be televised this season--March 22 against TCU, April 5 vs. UNLV, and May 17 vs. Utah, all on both BYUTV and The Mountain. The three BYUTV games are recorded in three languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese. Additionally, BYU's game at San Diego State on May 12 will be televised on The Mountain.

Coach Vance Law and staff

Vance Law played 14 years of pro ball, including 11 years in the majors with six different teams. In 2001 he was named Coach of the Year for the Mountain West Conference. The 50-year-old coach is in his eighth year at BYU and has a 228-183-2 (.554) record coming into the 2007 season. He is assisted by Ryan Roberts, in his fifth year at BYU. Pitching coach Bobby Applegate is in his fourth year with BYU, having last coached at the Air Force Academy. Volunteer assistant Paul Bassett is in his first year on the BYU staff.

BYU Scoring With Two Outs

The accompanying chart on page two shows BYU practices what Coach Vance Law preaches, you can still score with two outs. In 2005 BYU won 25 of its 39 games in come-from-behind fashion. In 2006 BYU won 16 of 33 games coming from behind. This season BYU has won one of three games coming from behind.

Team Notes

- **Kent Walton** led the team with a 16-game hitting streak, hitting in the first eight games this season. **Walton** had an 11-game winning streak last season, too. **Stephen Wells** **Kasey Ko** lead the team with current six-game hitting streaks. **Apana Nakayama** had a seven-game hitting streak ended at Portland.
- Game-winning RBI this season have come from **Mike McKeever** (a two-run single in game one at Sam Houston State), **Jonathan Cluff** (a two-run single in game three at Sam Houston State), **Stephen Wells** (solo homer in the 10th

Baseball Scoring in 2007 with Two Outs			
Opp.	w/2 out	Result	%Scored w/2out
SH St.	9	W, 17-8=	53%
SH St.	3	W, 5-2	60%
Portland	1	L, 1-2	50%
Memphis	2	L, 2-3 (10)	100%
Missouri	2	W, 4-3 (10)	50%
So. Utah	10	W, 20-2	50%
No. Colo.	2	W, 17-2	11%
No. Colo.	8	W, 13-1	62%
No. Colo.	1	W, 7-5	14%

2007 Totals: 38 94 total runs 40%
 2006 Totals: 171 415 total runs 41%
 2005 Totals: 195 500 total runs 39%
 =Indicates come-from-behind victory

Honorees for 2007

Jesse Craig, Pitcher

- Pre-Season All-MWC, Baseball America
- Top MWC Draft Prospects, Baseball America

Jordan Muir, Pitcher

- Wallace Watch List
- MWC Pitcher of the Week (Sam Houston St.)

Apana Nakayama, DH

- Pre-Season All-MWC, Coaches
- Pre-Season All-MWC, Baseball America

Jake Wortham, Pitcher

- MWC Pitcher of the Week (Sam Houston St.)
- All-Tournament, Service Academies Classic
- CBF National Honor Roll "Player of the Week" (Missouri)

Returning Honorees from 2006

Jesse Craig, Pitcher

- Second Team All-Mountain West Conference
- MWC Pitcher of Week (vs. N.Mexico St.)
- MWC Scholar-Athlete
- Academic All-MWC
- Cougar Club Scholar Athlete

Kasey Ko, Designated Hitter

- Second Team All-Mountain West Conference
- MWC Scholar-Athlete
- Academic All-MWC
- Cougar Club Scholar Athlete

J.T. Musso, Catcher

- Cougar Club Scholar Athlete

Jordan Muir, Pitcher

- Freshman All-America, Louisville Slugger (CB)
- Academic All-MWC
- Sirius Satellite Radio Player of Game vs. UNLV
- MWC Pitcher of Week (vs. UNLV)

inning vs. Missouri), Austin Hall (double vs. SUU) and Dan Vargas (triple in game one and single in game three vs. Northern Colorado)

- Three players returning hit game-winning RBI in 2006: **Kent Walton** (a double vs. St. Mary's & a two-run single at Northern Colorado), **Clayton Barnes** (a three-run homer at Air Force) and **Daniel Vargas'** bases loaded, two out walk-off single in the 9-8 MWC Tournament victory over Utah, a come-from-behind effort, trailing 8-4 going into the bottom of the ninth.
- This year BYU is 1-1 in extra-inning games. Last season BYU was 2-0 in extra-inning games. In 2005 BYU was 1-2 in extra-inning contests.

Ticket Prices

Reserve Seats at Larry H. Miller Field are \$5 for the lower and upper sections behind home plate. General admission seats are \$5 for adults, \$4 students, \$15 for a family or team pass and groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets for \$2 each.

Attendance and Record at Miller Field

BYU has drawn 147,478 fans in six seasons since the opening of Larry H. Miller Field in 2001, for an average of 1,446 in 102 games (only 11 of which were doubleheaders). At Miller Park, the Cougars have an 80-33 (.708) record in six seasons, including a night record of 46-21 (.687) for an average of 1,600 fans. The Cougars have ranked nationally in attendance in all six years at Miller Field.

Attendance Ranks Nationally

Attendance at Larry H. Miller field ranked 43rd nationally in 2006 with an average of 1,303 fans in 20 games and a total of 26,058 fans. BYU was 37th nationally in 2005 with an average of 1,442 in 18 games and a total of 25,952 fans.

Seventh Full Year at Home in New Ballpark

This is BYU's seventh full season at Miller Field, named in honor of Larry H. and Gail Miller, who made a significant financial contribution toward the facility. The baseball field is built on the site the original field was constructed on in 1969 and is named Larry H. Miller Field. The baseball portion seats 2,204 (675 in the lower bowl) and mirrors a back-to-back concept with the adjoining softball field and a shared press box. Both fields have lights. The field measures 400 feet in center, 388 in the alleys and remains at 345 down the lines. BYU played its first night games in Provo with the opening of Miller Park.

Last Year's Attendance

The crowd of 2,810 fans in game one vs. TCU is the third-best in Miller Park history and the sixth-best home crowd in BYU history. The 26,058 fans drawn for this home season is the second-best season total for BYU baseball.

Three Softball and Baseball Games Simultaneously

Miller Park can accommodate softball and baseball games at the same time. This will happen on three occasions this season. On March 30, softball hosts Idaho State at 6 p.m., while baseball hosts Binghamton at the same time. On April 10, softball hosts UVSC at 4 p.m., while baseball hosts Washington at 2 p.m. And On April 27, softball hosts Utah at 7 p.m., while baseball hosts the Air Force Academy at 6 p.m.

Regarding BYU this season

- BYU has 3 current players who are married (**Jesse Craig, Matthew Jensen and Clayton Barnes**).
- Incorporated into this year's team are two players who have just finished serving two-year Church missions (**Leon Johnson and J.D. Stambaugh**).
- Five players transferred to BYU this season (**Collin Fanning, Leon Johnson, Mike McKeever, Jacob Perez, and Kurt Turley**).
- Among those throwing batting practice to BYU again this season is former Cy Young winner **Vernon Law** (1960 Pittsburgh Pirates), father of BYU head coach **Vance Law**. Vernon turned 76-years-old in March of 2006 and had seven-by-pass heart surgery two years ago.

On the Road Again

The Cougars will be on the road for more than 11,000 miles this season. With an early-season Texas trip, road trips to Oregon, Tennessee, Kansas

Eagle Scouts on BYU's Team (10)

Thomas Bills	1B	So.
Chase Frampton	C	Fr.
Austin Hall	SS/P	Fr.
Chris Johnson	3B	Fr.
Brad Kidd	RHP	Fr.
Brandon Michon	LHP	Fr.
Apana Nakayama	C/DH	Sr.
Steve Parker	3B	Fr.
David Parry	RHP	Fr.
J.D. Stambaugh	LHP	Soph.

College Coaches Who Played In Majors

Jerry Augustine	Wisc-Milwaukee
Scott Bradley	Princeton
Wayne Graham	Rice
Tony Gwynn	San Diego State
Keith Kessinger	Arkansas State
Vance Law	BYU
Terry Puhl	Houston-Victoria
Steve Rodriguez	Pepperdine
Ed Sprague	Pacific
John Stuper	Yale
Robbie Wine	Penn State

Pronunciation Guide

Apana Nakayama	UH-paw-nuh naw-kuh-YAW-muh
J.T. Musso	MOO-soh
Brandon Michon	mee-shawn

BYU Quick Facts

Location: Provo, Utah 84602
 Enrollment: 33,278 (Daytime)
 Founded: Oct. 15, 1875, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 Colors: Navy, Tan and White
 Nickname: Cougars
 Mascot: Cosmo (the Cougar)
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 Conference: Mountain West
 Field: Larry H. Miller Field (2,300)
 President: Cecil O. Samuelson
 Men's AD: Tom Holmoe
 Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1

Drafted Players (5)

	Team
Jonathan Cluff	Atlanta Braves 20th round 2006
Jesse Craig	Atlanta Braves 36th round 2001
Collin Fanning	Houston Astros 40th round 2005
Blaine Howell	Toronto Blue Jays 25th round 2006
Leon Johnson	Tampa Bay Devil Rays 29th round in 2006 45th round in 2005 41st round in 2003

Intentional Walks in 2007 for Apana Nakayama

Memphis	1
Missouri	1
*Nakayama had 2 IBB in 2005	

and Texas the baseball team will tally some long hours by airplane. Prior to conference play the Cougars will net some 6,275 miles. By season's end they will have traveled a total of 8,574 miles for non-conference games.

Senior Trio, 13 Froshies

There are only three seniors on the current squad—Jesse Craig, Apana Nakayama and Matt Jensen, and 13 freshmen. The ages range from 24-year-old Apana Nakayama to 18-year-old Blaine Howell—he was 17 years-old when he enrolled last Fall at BYU.

International Flavor

There are five foreign countries represented and five foreign languages spoken on this year's baseball team. The Cougars have 10 players who volunteered two years for Church missions. Seven of the 10 spent their mission service outside the United States, including Apana Nakayama, who did not speak Japanese until he served his mission. There are five languages other than English spoken on the team (French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Thai). See page five for a list of these players and their respective areas of service and languages spoken. Page five also includes a list of former Cougar baseball players who are currently serving missions.

Another Victory

The Y Games trophy was presented last year to the BYU baseball team who proved to be the largest supporters of their peers throughout the season, attending multiple varsity events. The team is in good stead to repeat for this title this season.

Leon and Siberia

BYU outfielder Leon Johnson had the following note in Baseball America's Preview: "10—Size, in millions of kilometers, of Siberia, where Brigham Young OF Leon Johnson spent the last two seasons on a Mormon mission. He's the younger brother of Devil Rays prospect Elliott Johnson."

Initialize It

RBI are some of the most famous initials in baseball and those are important as BYU competes as a D-1 member of the NCAA looking for a good RPI. Coach Vance Law, who last played for the A's, has five siblings whose first name all begin with the letter V and he has a son who played on the team and is serving a Church mission in the U.K. One of the R.M.'s who will be returning from a Church mission along with Law's son is Freshman All-America Sean McNaughton, who is currently serving in Washington, D.C. Only three team members served missions in the U.S.A. Law and Coach Ryan Roberts both coached at UVSC. UNLV and TCU are the only two teams in the MWC that BYU plays at Larry H. Miller Field and away this season. BYU has two players who go by their initials, instead of their first or middle names. J.T. Musso's proper name is John Thomas. J.D. Stambaugh's proper name is Jonathan David.

They Said It

- "That may be one of the finest plays I've ever seen a pitcher (**Jesse Craig**) make, said BYU Coach Vance Law. "And he catches it on one hop and gets up quick enough to get the guy at home plate. An unbelievable play," in reference to the sixth inning of his 12-3 victory over SDSU.
- "He (**Jesse Craig**) had a gutsy performance and I'm proud of the way he competed and battled back," said BYU Coach Vance Law of the junior's 135 pitches in a 4-2 victory at Washington. "He still had good zip on his fast-ball and located well. He pitched like the top pitcher that he is."
- "**Jordan (Muir)** did a great job," said UNLV coach Buddy Gouldsmith, of the BYU freshman who pitched eight innings of scoreless relief, allowing four hits, striking out five and walking two in BYU's 9-5 nationally-televised victory at UNLV. "He's a former UNLV camper and I can't say enough about him. He kept the ball down in the zone and forced guys to swing at pitches you can't swing at."
- "He's (**Muir**) good on that inside corner," said BYU radio analyst Dick Belliston, former Detroit Tiger Scout. "You just don't see that from a freshman in college."

2007 MWC PRESEASON POLL		
Rk.	Team (1st-Place votes)	Points
1	TCU (9)	69
2	San Diego State (1)	52
3	Brigham Young	47
4	UNLV	47
5	New Mexico	34
6	Utah	22
7	Air Force	11

BYU Season Starts	W-L
2007	8-5
2006	3-10
2005	8-4-1 *
2004	2-11
2003	5-8
2002	3-10
2001	7-6
2000	4-7
1999	6-7
1998	9-4
1997	8-5
1996	6-7
1995	4-9
1994	9-4
1993	9-4

*improved to a 17-5-1

- “Their guy (**Muir**) stretched the plate pretty good and worked both sides with his fastball,” said Sam Houston State Coach Mark Johnson. “I was disappointed that we hit so many fly balls and got behind in the count so much. (Muir) kept them in the game and let them get to their closer.”

2007 BYU Team Highlights

- **Mike McKeever's** two-out single to left-center scoring two runs, including the game-winner in a 17-8 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Steve Parker** hitting a three-run homer to right-center with two out in the eighth inning for BYU's first home run of the season in a 17-8 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Jonathan Cluff's** soft liner past shortstop to center field for a pair of RBI, including the game-winner in a 5-2 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Apana Nakayama's** blast over right field of a head-high fastball for his first home run of the season in a 5-2 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Stephen Wells' sliding** left field catch in the third inning of a 4-3 victory which prevented a run scoring at the University of Portland.
- **Brad Kidd**, an Oregon native, entering the 4-3 Portland game with two on and two out and striking out his first batter in the sixth inning.
- **J.D. Stambaugh** striking out the first four batters he faced last Saturday at the University of Portland, coming in relief in the seventh inning with the score 4-3 and a man on first.
- **Kent Walton** stretching a double into a triple by reading the throw from left center to lead off the fourth inning against Memphis.
- **Stephen Wells** pinch-hit home run in the 10th inning against Missouri.
- **Jake Wortham** tossing a two-hitter in nine innings against Missouri.
- **Nakayama's** grand slam on an outside fastball which he crushed over the left-centerfield fence at St. George vs. Southern Utah.
- **Danny Vargas' glove-flip** on a dive to end game three against Northern Colorado to start a 6-4-3 double play.
- **Walton's** two first-to-home plate runs in game three vs. Northern Colorado.
- **Collin Fanning** stealing second before the pitcher toed the rubber in game three vs. Northern Colorado.
- **Wells** stealing home on a double steal, giving BYU the early 1-0 lead in game two at Kansas State.

Player Profiles

Cougars on Missions (10)	Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
	Jake Drzayich, 1B, 2005	Korea
	Andrew Law, 2B, 2005	London, England
	Sean McNaughton, 2B, 2005	Wash. D.C., South
	Kevin Sloan, 3B, 2005	Italy
	Brandon Relf, SS, 2005	South Africa
	Blake Torgerson, P, 2005	St. Louis, Mo.
	Bryce Ayoso, C, 2005	Houston, Texas
	Stetson Banks, 2B, 2006	Kennewick, Wash.
	Seth Johnson, OF, 2006	Mexico
	Dane Nielsen, Utility, 2006	Mexico

Missions Served (9, 5 languages)	Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
	Clayton Barnes, LHP/1B, Jr.	Mexico (Spanish)
	Thomas Bills, 1B, So.	Montreal (French)
	Jesse Craig, RHP, Sr.	Rochester, New York
	Matthew Jensen, RHP, Sr.	Thailand (Thai)
	Chris Johnson, IF, So.	Everett, Wash
	Leon Johnson, OF, Soph.	Siberia (Russian)
	Apana Nakayama, C, Sr.	Japan (Japanese)
	Jake Perez, RHP, Jr.	Dom. Rep. (Spanish)
	J.D. Stambaugh, LHP, Soph.	Pocatello, Idaho

Married Players (3)	Wife
Jesse Craig, RHP, Sr.	Stephanie
Matt Jensen, RHP, Sr.	Jenny
Clayton Barnes, LHP/1B, Jr.	Tiffany

Top Pitching Outings of 2007		
Hits	Pitcher	Opponent, W-L
1	Jesse Craig (5 inn.)	So. Utah, W, 20-2
2	Jake Wortham(9 inn)	Missouri, W 4-1

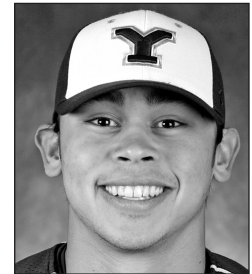
Top Pitching Outings of 200		
K's	Pitcher	Opponent, W-L
8	Jesse Craig (5 inn.)	So. Utah, W 20-2
7	Jake Wortham(9 inn)	Missouri, W 4-1

Top Returning Pitching Outings of 2006		
Hits	Pitcher	Opponent, W-L
3	Jesse Craig (6 inn)	N.Mexico St., W 10-3
4	Jordan Muir (8 inn)	UNLV, W 9-5
5	Jesse Craig (9 inn)	New Mexico, W 3-2
*9 innings, complete game		

Top Returning Pitching Outings of 2006		
K's	Pitcher	Opponent, W-L
7	Jesse Craig (6 inn)	NMSU, W 10-3
7	Jesse Craig (9 inn)	NM, W 3-2 (12)
7	Jesse Craig (9 inn)	Washington, W 4-2
6	Jesse Craig (7 inn)	No. Colo., W 3-2

Jordan Muir

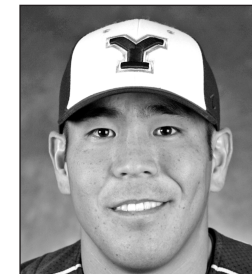
Is on the Wallace Watch list for 2007 and was named MWC Pitcher of Week vs. Sam Houston State. Freshman All-America, Louisville Slugger (Collegiate Baseball), Academic All-MWC, MWC Pitcher of Week and Sirius Satellite Radio Player of Game vs. UNLV in 2006. In 2006 the .256 opposing batting average against Muir was a new record for an MWC freshman, with his .243 also setting the freshman record in league games. Recruited by San Diego State, New Mexico, Pepperdine, UNLV, Cal-Irvine, Navy and Gonzaga. Was MVP at a BYU summer baseball camp. Muir serves as a member of the Cougar Council representing all BYU student-athletes. Muir is majoring in Biology.



Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	3.97	6-0	18	6	0	0	68.0	66	35	30	34	57
2007	1.93	3-0	3	3	0	0	18.2	13	4	4	5	14

Apana Nakayama

A preseason All-Mountain West Conference selection. All-Mountain West Conference Tournament 2005. Redshirted in 2006 due to a knee injury. Hit a walk-off double on full count with two outs in BYU's 13-12 victory over San Diego State. Ranked through much of the 2005 season as one of the toughest to strike out in the NCAA. Had a 14-game hitting streak in 2005 and led the team with 27 multiple hit games. Nakayama was selected as position player of the year in 2000 by the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association and was Sportsman of the Year in 2000 for the Honolulu Quarterback Club. He led his team to two state baseball titles in 1999 and 2000. Prepped at Molokai High where he was coached by his father, Ken Nakayama. Majoring in sociology/law enforcement and graduating this April.



Year	Avg.	G-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
2001*	.358	50-48	159	30	57	8	4	3	27	82	16	14	4-6
2002*	.369	52-52	149	16	55	14	3	6	34	93	46	23	4-4
2005	.344	59-59	256	59	88	18	2	10	47	140	29	19	2-3
2007	.321	13-13	53	12	17	3	0	2	8	26	8	7	2-3

* At Utah Valley State College; medical redshirt in 2006

Jesse Craig

Second team All-MWC, MWC Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-MWC. Named MWC Pitcher of the week vs. New Mexico State. He was an Academic All-American at the Community College of Southern Nevada in 2005. The righty was selected as the team's most outstanding pitcher in 2005. He was drafted out of Basic High School by the Atlanta Braves in the 36th round of 2001 but opted to play college ball in his home state of Nevada. His Southern Nevada Coyotes won the league title and placed second in the conference tourney in 2005. He led his team in strikeouts and innings pitched. Craig averaged just over one strikeout per inning. In 2002 he also batted .274 for the Coyotes with 2 HR and 21 RBI.



Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2002*	4.50	1-2	5	3	0	0	16.0	16	10	8	9	11
2005*	1.30	8-2	14	14	2	0	83.0	66	25	12	25	84
2006	4.70	7-7	16	15	1	0	103.1	122	61	54	25	80
2007	3.29	2-1	5	5	0	0	27.1	27	14	10	8	17

*at the Community College of Southern Nevada

Bloodlines for Current BYU Baseball Team

- **Clayton Barnes**—father, **Clint Barnes**, played semi-pro baseball for the Cincinnati Reds organization, brother, **Bryce**, played baseball for Sacramento State, brother, **Kyle**, played baseball for UVSC, uncles, **Steve** and **Sean Covey**, played football for Harvard and BYU, respectively, and cousin played basketball for Ricks.
- **Thomas Bills**—father, **Jeff Bills**, played catcher for BYU from 1972-75, grandfather **Karol Bills** played football and baseball in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Brother **Kevin Bills** played for BYU baseball from 1999-2004.
- **Chase Frampton**—great grandfather **Joseph Fitzgerald** played baseball for BYU in 1909; uncle **Alan Frampton** played basketball for both BYU (1989-90) and BYU-Hawai'i (1990-93) and a cousin **Jeremy Frampton** also played basketball for BYU-Hawai'i (2000-03). Grandfather **Boyd Frampton** played freshman basketball for BYU in the 1950s. Uncle **Mark Wheadon** was on the BYU ski team in the 1980s and Aunt **Kim Wheadon** played volleyball at Augusta State.
- **Matt Jensen**—sister, **Rachel**, swam for BYU and brother, **Michael**, played football at Snow College.
- **Chris Johnson**—father, **Ken**, played tennis for BYU and uncle, **Rick Bachman**, pitched for Long Beach State.

- **Jason Johnson**—grandfather, **Stan Frank**, ran track for the University of Texas.



Head Coach Vance Law, left, with his father Vernon (1960 Cy Young Winner). Vernon, now 76, had been throwing batting practice for BYU until he underwent seven-bypass heart surgery two years ago.

- **Leon Johnson**—older brother **Elliott** made the 40-man roster for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays; younger brother **Cedric** signed last November with BYU baseball.
- **Brad Kidd**—older brother Kyle was an offensive lineman for Idaho State University football.
- **Vance Law**, head BYU coach—father, **Vernon Law**, was 1960 Cy Young winner and was a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1950-67), brother **Veryl Law** played basketball at BYU (1974-77) alongside Vance (1975-77), brothers **Veldon Law** (1975) and **Vaughn Law** (1979) played baseball for BYU, son **Tim Law** played baseball at Dixie in 1998, and at BYU in 2001, 2003-2004. Son **Andrew Law** played with BYU baseball in 2005 and is currently serving a Church mission in England.
- **Mike McKeever**—cousins **Mike** and **Marlin McKeever** played football for USC and cousin **Randy Sobek** played baseball for Whittier College.
- **Jordan Muir**—uncles played college baseball in Illinois and North Carolina. Grandfather played college baseball in Ohio.
- **J.T. Musso**—father, **John**, played semi-pro football for the Pueblo Crusaders, sister is a two-time state champion in gymnastics. J.T.'s name, by the way stands for John Thomas.
- **Jacob Perez**—father, **Mark**, played baseball as a catcher for the University of Pacific (1978). Grandfather **Don Doyle** pitched for the minor league Sacramento Solons.
- **Ryan Roberts**, assistant BYU coach—wife, **Angela Roberts**, played volleyball at Idaho State and UVSC, sister **Allison Roberts** plays volleyball at the Univ. of Houston, uncle **Larry Schenk** played baseball for BYU in 1959.
- **J.D. Stambaugh**—father, **Roy Stambaugh**, played baseball for Shippensburg University.
- **Rett Varner**—father **Randy** played baseball at the University of Northern Iowa. Brother **Ryan** runs track at North Texas State University.
- **Daniel Vargas**—grandfather **William Vargas, Sr.**, played minor league baseball in the United States before going to the Korean War, but now lives in Puerto Rico.
- **Michael Ward**—father, **Colby Ward**, (1983-86) pitched for the BYU baseball team, also pitched for the Cleveland Indians (11th round draft, 1986) in the majors, posting a 1-3 record in 22 appearances with one save and a 4.25 ERA in 36 innings.
- **Kent Walton**—brother, **Kyle**, played fall baseball at the University of Houston after playing at Saddleback Community College, but has now transferred to Cal-San Bernardino. Second cousin **Jeff Brown** played baseball at BYU from 1985-86.
- **Stephen Wells**—maternal great uncle **Allie Reynolds** pitched for the Cleveland Indians (1942-46) and the New York Yankees (1947-54).
- **Jake Wortham**—uncle, **Dave Bunnel**, played baseball for Ricks College.

BYU BASEBALL 2007 ROSTER & RESULTS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Yr.	Hometown
1	Stephen Wells	OF	5-11	175	L-L	Fr.-HS	Kenmore, WA/Inglemoor HS
3	* Chris Johnson	3B	5-11	175	R-R	So.-1V	Laguna Hills, CA/Laguna Hills HS
4	David Parry	RHP	6-1	185	R-R	Fr.-HS	Spartanburg, SC/Dorman HS
5	Steve Parker	3B	6-1	185	L-R	Fr.-HS	American Fork/American Fork HS
6	Wes Guenther	C	6-0	170	L-R	Fr.-HS	Overland Park, KS/Blue Valley NW HS
7	*Jason Johnson	2B	5-8	165	R-R	So.-1V	Houston, TX/Houston Christian HS
8	Jonathan Cluff	OF	6-0	190	R-R	Fr.-HS	South Jordan/Bingham HS
9	*Kent Walton	OF, 2B	6-0	185	R-R	So.-1V	Yucaipa, CA/Yucaipa HS
10	*J.T. Musso	C	6-1	205	S-R	So.-1V	Pueblo, CO/Pueblo County HS
11	**Clayton Barnes	LHP/1B	6-1	190	L-L	Jr.-2V	Provo/ Provo HS
12	*Jordan Muir	RHP	5-10	185	R-R	So.-1V	Las Vegas, NV/Cimarron-Memorial HS
13	*Dan Vargas	SS	6-0	170	R-R	So.-1V	San Diego, CA/ Montgomery HS
14	Leon Johnson	OF	6-1	190	L-L	So.-JC	Thatcher, AZ/Eastern Arizona
15	Blaine Howell	LHP	5-11	200	L-L	Fr.-HS	Asheville, NC/A.C. Reynolds HS
16	Chase Frampton	C	6-2	210	R-R	Fr.-HS	Gilbert, AZ/Mesquite HS
17	Collin Fanning	OF	6-3	180	R-R	Jr.-JC	Edmond, OK/Clarendon College
18	Austin Hall	SS	6-3	195	R-R	Fr.-HS	Danville, CA/San Ramon Valley HS
19	Jacob Perez	RHP	5-10	180	R-R	Jr.-JC	Penryn, CA/Sierra College
21	**Matthew Jensen	RHP	6-2	200	R-R	Sr.-2V	Alpine/Utah Valley State
22	*Kasey Ko	1B	6-2	235	S-R	So.-1V	Kailua, HI/Punahou HS
23	Nelson Castleberry	RHP	6-2	180	R-R	Fr.-HS	Spanish Fork/ Spanish Fork HS
24	*Apana Nakayama	DH	5-10	200	L-R	Sr.-1V	Kaunakakai, HI/Utah Valley State
25	Rett Varner	RHP	6-4	185	R-R	Fr.-HS	Trophy Club, TX/Northwest HS
26	Michael Ward	RHP	6-0	185	R-R	Fr.-RS	Dallas, TX/Keller HS
27	Brad Kidd	RHP	6-2	230	R-R	Fr.-HS	Salem, OR/Sprague HS
28	*Jake Wortham	LHP/OF	5-11	205	L-L	So.-1V	Allen, TX/Allen HS
30	Thomas Bills	1B	6-5	200	R-R	So.-SQ	Reno, NV/Reno HS
31	Brandon Michon	LHP	6-0	160	L-L	Fr.-RS	Hamilton, VA/Loudoun Valley HS
32	*J.D. Stambaugh	LHP	6-2	195	L-L	So.-1V	Collierville, TN/Collierville
33	Mike McKeever	OF/C	6-4	220	R-R	So.-JC	San Diego, CA/Southwestern College
35	*Jesse Craig	RHP	6-3	235	R-R	Sr.-1V	Las Vegas, NV/Southern Nevada CC

Coaches

2—Vance Law, Head Coach, 29—Ryan Roberts, Assistant Coach, 34—Bobby Applegate, Pitching Coach, 36—Volunteer Coach Paul Bassett. * Letters

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Site	Rec.	Div-Rec.	Pitcher	Opp. Pitcher	Line	Opp. Line	Att.
2/8	@ Sam Houston Univ.	W	17-8	A	1-0	0-0	Jensen	Gray	17-20-2	8-12-2	408
2/9	@ Sam Houston Univ.	L	0-8	A	1-1	0-0	Wortham	Howard	0-7-1	8-14-1	361
2/10	@ Sam Houston Univ.	W	5-2	A	2-1	0-0	Muir	Marshall	5-8-2	2-7-2	252
2/17	@ Portland	L	1-2	A	2-2	0-0	Craig	Roberts	1-4-0	2-7-1	—
2/17	@ Portland	W	4-3	A	3-2	0-0	Muir	Kutz	4-7-0	3-8-0	401
2/22	vs. Memphis (10) #	L	2-3	N	3-3	0-0	Jensen	Yokley	2-5-3	3-9-1	530
2/23	vs. Missouri (10) #	W	4-1	N	4-3	0-0	Wortham	Folgia	4-10-2	1-3-1	385
2/27	vs. Southern Utah	W	20-2	N	5-3	0-0	Craig	Noyes	20-21-1	2-4-1	62
3/1	Northern Colorado	W	17-2	H	6-3	0-0	Wortham	Maydew	17-21-3	2-5-5	105
3/2	Northern Colorado	W	13-1	H	7-3	0-0	Muir	Reap	13-17-1	1-6-1	175
3/3	Northern Colorado	W	7-5	H	8-3	0-0	Craig	Banks	7-15-2	5-8-2	615
3/5	Kansas State	L	1-5	A	8-4	0-0	Jensen	Linn	1-4-2	5-7-0	872
3/6	Kansas State	L	3-6	A	8-5	0-0	Wortham	Morris	3-5-2	6-9-2	511

#Service Academies Classic, Millington, Tenn.

2007 BYU Baseball Statistics

Record: 8-5 Home: 3-0 Away: 3-4 Neutral: 2-1 MWC: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
HALL, Austin	.600	3	3	10	8	6	4	0	1	7	13	1.300	3	0	1	0	.692	0	2	1	1	5	7	3	.800
PARKER, Steve	.405	11	11	37	8	15	3	2	1	9	25	.676	4	3	5	1	.500	0	0	0	0	7	21	2	.933
WELLS, Stephen	.391	11	4	23	5	9	1	1	1	2	15	.652	1	1	2	0	.440	0	0	0	2	11	0	0	1.000
WALTON, Kent	.345	13	13	55	10	19	7	1	1	7	31	.564	1	1	4	0	.362	1	0	0	1	19	25	2	.957
VARGAS, Dan	.341	13	13	44	11	15	1	1	1	9	21	.477	3	1	9	0	.388	1	0	1	2	20	42	5	.925
NAKAYAMA, Apana	.321	13	13	53	12	17	3	0	2	8	26	.491	8	0	7	1	.403	1	0	2	3	9	0	0	1.000
JOHNSON, Leon	.311	13	12	45	12	14	0	0	2	4	20	.444	9	1	10	0	.436	0	0	7	11	23	0	0	1.000
KO, Kasey	.282	13	10	39	5	11	2	0	1	10	16	.410	2	1	11	0	.326	1	0	0	0	103	6	0	1.000
FANNING, Collin	.250	8	5	20	5	5	0	0	0	4	5	.250	6	0	4	0	.407	1	0	4	4	13	0	1	.929
MC KEEVER, Mike	.240	8	8	25	8	6	1	0	1	4	10	.400	4	1	9	2	.367	0	0	1	1	15	0	0	1.000
MUSSO, J.T.	.205	13	13	44	2	9	2	0	1	8	14	.318	1	0	16	0	.222	0	0	0	0	74	11	1	.988
CLUFF, Jonathan	.200	11	11	40	3	8	1	0	0	7	9	.225	6	1	11	0	.319	0	1	2	4	14	0	1	.933
JOHNSON, Chris	.444	4	1	9	0	4	0	0	0	2	4	.444	0	0	1	0	.444	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	.400
BILLS, Thomas	.400	4	0	5	2	2	1	0	0	2	3	.600	1	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.000
FRAMPTON, Chase	.333	4	0	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.333	0	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1.000
JOHNSON, Jason	.286	7	0	7	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	.429	2	0	2	0	.444	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1.000
GUENTHER, Wes	.000	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	1.000

Totals .309 13 13 466 94 144 27 5 12 86 217 .466 51 10 94 4 .385 6 3 18 29 340 138 19 .962
 Opponents .235 13 13 421 48 99 13 3 1 42 121 .287 37 12 90 5 .310 7 8 6 12 342 127 19 .961
 LOB - Team (100), Opp (97). DPs turned - Team (9), Opp (6). IBB - Team (2), NAKAYAMA 2. Picked off - JOHNSON, L. 2, FANNING 1, NAKAYAMA 1.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
STAMBAUGH, J.D.	0.00	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	7.0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	23	.217	1	0	0	0	0
MUIR, Jordan	1.93	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	18.2	13	4	4	5	14	2	0	0	65	.200	0	1	0	1	0
JENSEN, Matt	1.98	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	13.2	9	7	3	5	11	0	1	1	48	.188	0	1	0	0	1
WORTHAM, Jake	3.04	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	23.2	19	10	8	5	19	6	2	0	88	.216	1	2	0	1	2
CRAIG, Jesse	3.29	2	1	5	5	1	0	0	0	27.1	27	14	10	8	17	3	0	0	106	.255	2	4	1	1	2
KIDD, Brad	0.00	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4.1	5	3	0	4	3	0	0	0	19	.263	0	0	0	2	1
MICHON, Brandon	0.00	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	6	.000	0	0	0	0	0
PEREZ, Jacob	1.69	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	5.1	5	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	19	.263	0	1	0	1	0
WARD, Michael	3.86	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	4	2	2	1	5	1	0	0	18	.222	0	1	0	0	1
BARNES, Clayton	6.00	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3.0	7	4	2	2	4	0	0	0	15	.467	1	2	1	1	0
HOWELL, Blaine	7.36	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	3.2	5	3	3	6	4	0	0	0	14	.357	0	0	1	0	1

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 PB - Team (3), MUSSO 3, Opp (7). Pickoffs - Team (2), HOWELL 1, MUSSO 1, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - MUSSO (5-11), CRAIG (2-3), STAMBAUGH (3-3), JENSEN (0-2), WORTHAM (1-2), MUIR (0-2), GUENTHER (1-1).

Attendance at Larry H. Miller Field, 2001-present

Date Opponent Attendance		<u>3/18/04 UNLV(Night)</u>	<u>1,494</u>	5/3/03 Utah	1,072
5/11/01 UNLV (Night)	3,120	5/22/04 Air Force	1,487	4/26/01 San Diego St. (Night)	1,059
<u>4/5/02 Utah (Night)</u>	<u>2,863</u>	5/22/04 Air Force	– (DH)	4/17/04 SDSU	1,052
<u>4/20/06 TCU (Night)</u>	<u>2,810</u>	5/5/06 New Mexico	1,442	5/8/04 New Mexico	1,042
4/6/02 Utah (Night)	2,611	5/5/06 New Mexico (Night)	– (DH)	5/9/06 UVSC (Night)	1,041
5/13/05 UNLV (Night)	2,545	<u>3/23/02 SDSU, suspended</u>	<u>1,440</u>	5/4/02 UNLV	1,040
<u>5/13/05 UNLV</u>	<u>–(DH)</u>	<u>3/25/06 NorthernColorado</u>	<u>1,429</u>	4/28/01 San Diego St.	1,014
5/2/03 Utah (Night)	2,512	3/24/06 Northern Colorado (Night)	1,426	5/10/03 San Diego St.	1,007
<u>4/16/04 SDSU (Night)</u>	<u>2,505</u>	4/18/06 Utah Valley St. (Night)	1,416	3/8/05 Utah Valley St.	985
5/25/02 SDSU	2,396	4/27/01 San Diego St. (Night)	1,398	5/7/02 SouthernUtah (Night)	948
5/25/02 SDSU (Night)	– (DH)	5/1/03 Utah (Night)	1,392	3/14/05 Colo. St.-Pueblo	947
4/15/05 SDSU (Night)	2,369	<u>5/6/05 New Mexico (Night)</u>	<u>1,378</u>	<u>5/2/02 UNLV(Night)</u>	<u>913</u>
<u>3/19/04 UNLV(Night)</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>4/21/01 Utah</u>	<u>1,371</u>	3/16/06 New Mexico St. (Night)	905
4/11/03 Air Force (Night)	2,274	5/12/01 UNLV	1,318	3/15/05 Colo. St.-Pueblo	880
4/4/02 Utah (Night)	2,251	4/23/06 TCU	1,295	4/17/01 Southern Utah	862
4/30/04 Utah (Night)	2,201	5/5/05 New Mexico (Night)	1,288	3/23/06 Northern Colorado(Night)	860
5/1/04 Utah (Night)	2,102	<u>5/10/01 UNLV(Night)</u>	<u>1,282</u>	<u>5/9/03 San Diego St.</u>	<u>820</u>
4/16/05 San Diego State	2,064	4/12/03 Air Force	1,276	5/9/03 San Diego St.	– (DH)
<u>4/14/05 San Diego State(Night)</u>	<u>2,015</u>	4/20/01 Utah (Night)	1,274	4/12/05 Lewis-Clark St.	815
5/16/06 Utah Valley St. (Night)	2,003	4/25/02 Air Force (Night)	1,258	<u>4/16/01 Southern Utah</u>	<u>809</u>
5/21/04 Air Force	1,986	<u>5/6/04 New Mexico (Night)</u>	<u>1,252</u>	3/24/05 Utah (Night)	771
5/21/04 Air Force (Night)	– (DH)	4/15/04 SDSU(Night)	1,247	4/3/06 Southern Utah	685
<u>4/26/02 Air Force (Night)</u>	<u>1,964</u>	<u>5/18/02 New Mexico</u>	<u>1,229</u>	3/3/07 Northern Colorado	615
<u>4/21/06 TCU (Night)</u>	<u>1,935</u>	<u>5/7/05 New Mexico</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>3/22/06 Southern Utah (Night)</u>	<u>613</u>
5/14/05 UNLV	1,872	5/12/03 Southern Utah	1,219	4/7/03 Southern Utah	543
4/1/05 Air Force (Night)	1,862	<u>4/17/03 New Mexico (Night)</u>	<u>1,216</u>	3/17/05 NewMexico St. (Night)	455
5/7/04 New Mexico (Night)	1,850	3/31/05 Air Force (Night)	1,207	3/22/05 Utah Valley St. (Night)	256
5/17/02 NewMexico (Night)	1,831	5/20/04 Air Force	1,202	3/2/07 Northern Colorado	175
4/2/05 Air Force (Night)	1,759	5/20/04 Air Force (Night)	– (DH)	3/1/07 Northern Colorado	105
<u>3/22/02 SDSU (Night)</u>	<u>1,748</u>	5/3/02 UNLV (Night)	1,189	Totals	151,687 (Avg. 1,487, 11 DH)
3/26/05 Utah	1,718	5/16/02 New Mexico (Night)	1,183	All Night time	107,226 (Avg. 1,600)
3/26/05 Utah	– (DH)	5/6/02 Southern Utah	1,178	2007 895 (3 dates)	(Avg. 298)
<u>5/24/02 SDSU</u>	<u>1,713</u>	5/22/02 Air Force (Night)	1,177	2006 24,055 (19 dates, 1 DH)(Avg. 1,266)	
5/24/02 UNLV(Night)	–(DH)	<u>3/21/02 SDSU (Night)</u>	<u>1,176</u>	2005 25,952 (18 dates, 2 DH)(Avg. 1,527)	
5/13/03 Southern Utah (Night)	1,711	<u>5/6/06 New Mexico</u>	<u>1,167</u>	2004 24,355 (15dates, 3 DH)(Avg. 1,624)	
4/19/03 New Mexico	1,668	5/23/02 UNLV (Night)	1,167	2003 22,460(16dates, 2 DH)(Avg. 1,404)	
4/19/03 NewMexico	–(DH)	<u>3/14/06 Utah (Night)</u>	<u>1,147</u>	2002 31,275(20 dates, 2 DH)(Avg. 1,564)	
5/12/06 San Diego State (Night)	1,633	4/13/01 New Mexico (Night)	1,143	2001 17,378 (13 dates, 1 DH)(Avg. 1,337)	
5/11/06 San Diego State (Night)	1,619	4/29/04 Utah (Night)	1,138	Night record: 46-21(.687)	
<u>4/19/01 Utah (Night)</u>	<u>1,609</u>	4/14/01 New Mexico	1,119	Overall Record @ Miller Park: 83-33 (.716)	
4/10/03 Air Force (Night)	1,601	4/14/01 New Mexico	– (DH)	Losses	
3/21/03 UNLV (Night)	1,530	5/13/06 San Diego St.	1,101		
<u>3/22/03 UNLV</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>3/20/03 UNLV</u>	<u>1,092</u>		
<u>3/20/04 UNLV</u>	<u>1,504</u>	3/18/06 New Mexico St.	1,076		

TEAM COIN BRINGS UNITY

By Mattson Newell
BYU Athletic Media Relations

PROVO, Utah (February 6, 2007)—This season the Cougar baseball team will once again be carrying a coin with them at all times.

The tradition of the coin was started at the beginning of the 2004 season and has continued ever since. The coin was one of the many things BYU pitching coach Bobby Applegate brought with him from the Air Force Academy. The coins are given out each fall to each player after the team runs up the white “Y” on a nearby mountain which overlooks the campus.



The coin reminds each player of the commitments they have made to the team and the accomplishment of running up the mountain. In 2004 the coin had inscribed on one side “The Road to the Top” and “We Go as a Team.”

Last year the 2005 coin had phrasing like “No One Left Behind,” “Bound By Baseball,” and “United By Brotherhood.”

This year the coin has phrasing like, “The road to the top of the mountain goes through the Y,” and “We depend on each other and the “Y” depends on us.” It also shows Omaha and the BYU Law School on the coin.

“It sounds kind of corny,” head coach Vance Law said of using the do-it-for-the team clichés. “But we rely on each other. We ran up to the ‘Y’ together and it was a total team

effort, guys didn’t leave each other behind, we ran together.”

In 2005 one side of the coin was engraved with a team photo taken at the top of “Y” mountain. Around it are the words “Preparation, Execution, Champions.”

The various military institutions have similar programs. In the military each soldier has the opportunity to earn a specially minted coin. The coins are issued by a company’s commanding officer and are a very big honor. Each individual coin is minted especially for a given unit. Also, each individual military operation—such as Operation Iraqi Freedom—has its own coin created for the soldiers who participated.

The soldiers are required to always keep their coin with them. As encouragement, the military has developed an incentive. At any time a soldier can pull his coin on a fellow soldier. If his counterpart does not have his coin at the time the other pulls it, the counterpart has to buy a drink that night. However, if the counterpart can show the coin, he gets the free drink.



BYU has developed a similar system. If a player or coach pulls the coin on his teammate (or coach) and the teammate doesn’t have the coin, the teammate must buy a drink for all of his teammates who have theirs.

The coin provides a great opportunity to create and build team unity.



CRAIG IS BYU'S ACE

BY MATTSON NEWELL

ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

Jesse Craig has taken to heart a quote he got from a fortune cookie that he now carries around in his wallet that says "We are what we repeatedly do—excellence then is not an act but a habit."

Jesse Craig's first experience with baseball came when he was five-years old and played on a tee-ball team in Henderson, Nev.

"I just liked it from the get-go," Craig said. "Ever since then my love for the game has just grown."

Craig was introduced to baseball by his step-dad Bill.

"He married my Mom when I was around four," Craig said. "He grew up in Long Island, N. Y., and was a big baseball fan and a big Yankees fan. He brought that passion for baseball into our home, and it just grew from there."

The Sandlot

Growing up Craig was a die-hard Yankees fan and loved the movie "Sandlot."

"Sandlot was cool because that is what baseball is all about," Craig said. "Just playing for the love of the game, that is baseball at its purest."

When Craig was 13, he was pitching in a game when all of a sudden he heard a loud pop and was in immense pain.

"I was sort of in shock at first," Craig said. "The pain of having my elbow broken probably wasn't the worst of it. After the doctors had taken care of it, they told me that I couldn't touch a ball for nine months. That was the hardest part, being a 13-year old kid and not being able to do too much."

Craig was a starting pitcher for Basic High School in Henderson and was actually selected in the 36th round by the Atlanta Braves in the 2001 MLB draft (he is one of five players on this year's BYU team who have been drafted). Craig declined Atlanta's offer due to his desire to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He finished his mission to Rochester, N. Y., in 2003. Craig credits his mission with helping him come out of his shell.

"I have always shied away from being really social," Craig said. "I don't really like the spotlight. I would go to school, study and play baseball and that was it."

Many people always asked Craig if he played any other sports besides baseball because of his 6-foot-3, 230-pound frame. While Craig admits that he likes playing other sports, he has always just stuck with baseball.



Senior Jesse Craig is scheduled to pitch twice a week this season.

An Emerging Star

After his mission Craig moved on to play baseball at Southern Nevada Community College. In his sophomore season there, Craig posted an 8-2 overall record and had a 1.30 ERA. This caused a lot of schools to come calling including Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Tennessee and BYU.

The decision for Craig came down to BYU and Oklahoma State.

"The coach at Oklahoma State really impressed me," Craig said. "My first day there I walked into his office, and he threw down a phone book on the table and opened it up to the Church section and showed me all of the LDS Churches that were in the area. That was really cool to me, being a Latter-day Saint and having this coach respect my religion."

Craig ultimately chose BYU because it just felt right.

"It was actually a pretty humbling experience when I told

BYU that I wanted to come here, because just a couple of days before I had told assistant coach Bobby Applegate that I wasn't going to come," Craig said. "So I had to pick up the phone and tell them that I had changed my mind and that I wanted to come to BYU."

Becoming a Cougar

In Craig's first season with the Cougars he started off a little rough going 0-5, but then bounced back to finish the year on a 7-2 tear and lead the team with a 4.70 ERA. He was also named second-team All-Mountain West Conference, Academic All-MWC, MWC Pitcher of Week (vs. New Mexico St.) and a Cougar Club Scholar Athlete.

"It was a big adjustment for me coming to this league because they play with aluminum bats," Craig said. "In the league I came from they used wood bats, so it took me a lit-

the while to get adjusted."

Craig also met his wife Stephanie during his junior year and the two were married on May 13 the day after he had pitched a strong eight-inning performance to give the Cougars a 12-3 win over the San Diego State Aztecs.

"That had to be one of my most memorable moments," Craig said. "Pitching as well as I did and then the next day getting married; it was just an all-around great week."

Speaking on consenting to Craig's choice to get married during a pivotal series Coach Law said, "He's probably the only player on the team I'd do it for because he's mature. I might have been upset if he only gave us two innings and given up seven runs."

Craig said that he and his fiancée chose the midseason date because of the MLB draft this past June. He said that he didn't know what was going to happen and wanted to have as much time as he could with Stephanie before the draft.

Unfortunately the draft did not work out the way Craig would have hoped as he went undrafted.

"It was a little disappointing," Craig said. "But it just gives me motivation to work harder and come out and have a great senior season."

Craig is excited to have Stephanie take part in his life and be there every step of the way.

"She doesn't know too much about baseball, so I help her



Jesse Craig

out with that," Craig said. "But honestly that was one of the things that I liked about her. She didn't like me because I was a baseball player; she liked me for me."

Future Plans

Craig knows that making it to the Majors will take a lot of hard work and effort.

"I look at guys like Roger Clemens (Houston Astros) and Greg Maddux (Chicago Cubs) and can just imagine all of the time and effort that they have put into it," Craig said. "In my opinion Maddux can do anything he wants with a baseball, because he has taken the time to figure it out and to practice. He is constantly learning."

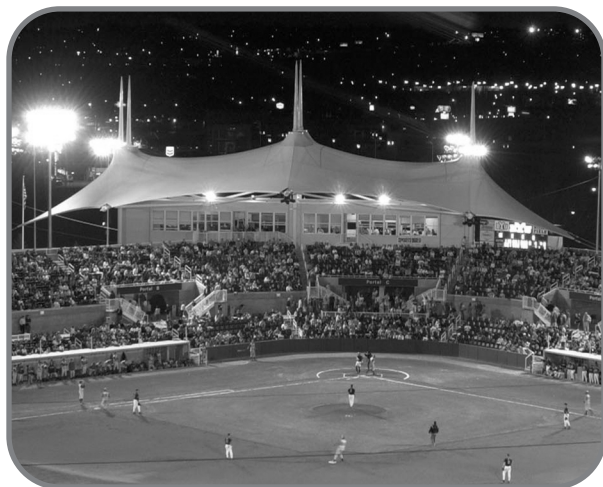
Craig knows that with being a pitcher that comes a lot of pressure at times, but he doesn't let it get to him.

"I know that if I go out there and give it my best effort then I will be satisfied," Craig said. "I always want to leave it all on the field."

Craig is majoring in exercise science with an emphasis in athletic training, but says that it is still his dream to make it to the majors. A lot of people doubt if he will because of his age. Craig is 23 right now and in baseball circles that is considered to be too old when you can draft someone five years younger than he, but Craig doesn't let that get him down.

"My dream is to make it to the Majors," Craig said. "I just need to keep working hard, and hopefully that day will come. I can't worry about what other people say or do. I just have to know that if I just keep on working and never give up, then it will all pay off in the end."

FAVORITE STADIUMS



By Eric Sorenson
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A friend of mine asked me the other day what my favorite college baseball stadium was. That got me thinking. Hmmm, tough but fair question.

What would be your favorite place to watch a ballgame? I've been to a good number of college ballparks over the years, and after getting kick-started by my friends' question, I thought I'd list here my favorite places to take in a game.

But first, remember two things; First, obviously, I haven't been to every stadium in the country, including some of those you've seen on those previous "Best Stadiums" lists in Baseball America. Second, my reasons for including some here are probably not the same as yours might be. And third, Rosenblatt Stadium doesn't count. It gets Best Stadium Emeritus status here. So here you go, my Top 5 college stadiums to take in a game:

5. (Tie) UNCG Ballpark, UNC-Greensboro and McKie Field, Miami Univ.
4. Dudy Noble Field, Mississippi State
3. Reckling Park, Rice

2 . Miller Park, Brigham Young
I visited this park in 2001 for a few games when the bowels of the stadium were still being constructed. But what a shrine for college baseball! It has 2,500 stadium seats, very little netting behind home plate and a big league feel. And that wicked-huge white tensile roof that resembles the "peaks" of the nearby mountains (similar to the Denver airport) is just too cool. It also has a nice plaza area that is shared with the softball complex behind it. First class.
Drawback: Too bad the season doesn't extend further into summer. Some of the March and April night games can be a bit on the chilly side.

1. Eddy D. Field Stadium, Pepperdine

BASE-BOX: OFFSEASON TRAINING

For the second year in a row, BYU baseball has used boxing as its offseason program.

The idea came from BYU pitching coach Bobby Applegate, who spent five years as an assistant baseball coach at the Air Force Academy, where all freshmen are required to take a combative course such as wrestling or boxing.

Applegate says the skill sets required for boxing make it a natural fit for cross training. Fast-twitch fibers firing in the upper body and the conditioning workout for upper body, along with leg endurance and foot speed are some of the physical benefits. Boxing builds confidence, mental toughness and teaches the importance of quality decision-making.

The results of the pugilism transfer over to baseball, not only in conditioning, but later in the season when players are faced with tough decisions on the field. Last year only the BYU pitchers used the boxing as a training program, but the success was such that the entire team joined the workouts this year at LA Boxing.

BY J.G. ASKAR

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PROVO — Sometime in mid-March, once winter snows have melted and the BYU baseball team has finally begun its home schedule, a Cougar pitcher will inevitably encounter a healthy dose of adversity at Larry H. Miller Field.

The opposition will bat the pitcher's offerings through the thin mountain air like whiffle balls at a summer picnic. The hurler will step off the mound, doff his cap and use his sleeve to wipe sweat from his brow.

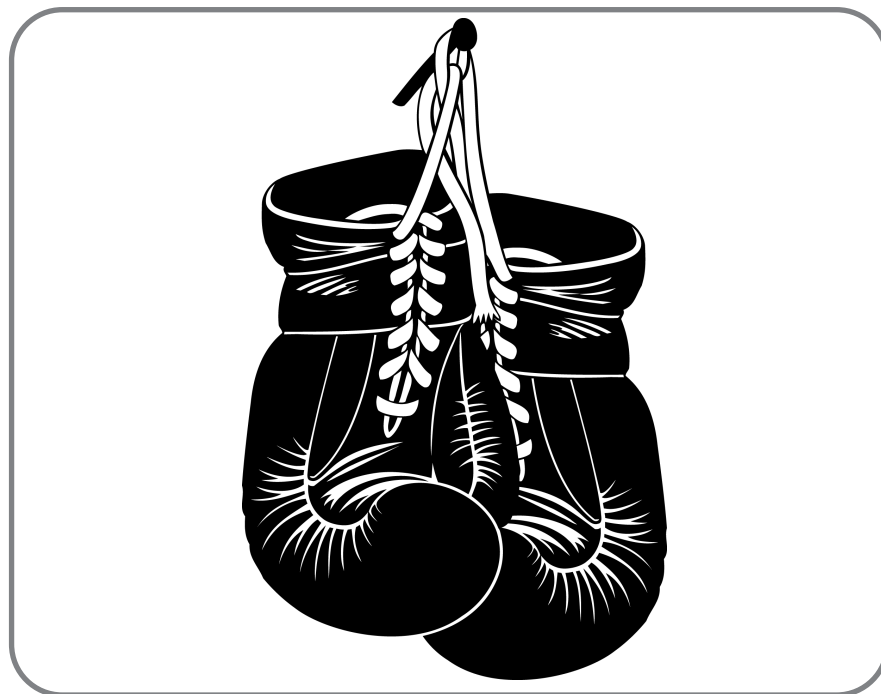
Digging deep, searching for the wherewithal to quell his opponent's rally, the BYU pitcher will find solace and strength in . . . his fledgling career as an amateur boxer?

Don't laugh — such a scenario could well play itself out this spring. The Cougar pitching staff has incorporated boxing into its offseason training regimen.

The idea to have pitchers moonlight as boxers was the brainchild of BYU pitching coach Bobby Applegate.

"I just kind of tried to think of something a little bit different that these guys weren't used to," Applegate said. "I tried to put them in a different arena where everyone started from the same place basically, so they could work their way up and they could all learn it together."

Applegate's exposure to boxing came during five years as an assistant baseball coach at the Air Force Academy, where all freshmen are required to take a combative course such as wrestling or box-



ing.

According to Applegate, the overlap in the skill sets required for boxing and pitching makes the sweet science a natural fit for a pitching staff's offseason cross training.

"In boxing, there's basically a lot of the upper-body workout (that pitchers need)," Applegate said. "I mean, we're getting a lot of fast-twitch fibers firing in our upper body, our shoulders. It's a great conditioning workout for upper body, and most important is to try to work on our leg endurance and foot speed as well."

But netting the physical benefits inherent in boxing was just a part of what Applegate was looking to do — instilling confidence and mental toughness was on the agenda, too.

"One important part of this is just the confidence factor," Applegate said. "We're really trying to develop a confidence within these players where they know that they've tried something new through some difficult situations and learned how to overcome some adversity."

"Obviously, the higher level of competition that you go in baseball, the more the talent pool evens out and there's less of a (talent) difference between the players. So I think our edge will come if we can compete a little bit harder and create some mental toughness over the other guys, and boxing played into that."

Because of the dangerous nature of boxing, Cougar players took several precautions aimed at minimizing the risk of injury. Such measures included the use of protective headgear and 16-ounce practice gloves as well as an emphasized preference on body blows over head shots.

To Applegate's delight, BYU pitchers took to boxing like ducks to water.

"It was a lot of fun," pitcher Justin Su'a said. "We were rooting for each other, cheering for each other, and when you weren't boxing you were someone else's corner man. It brought us together in a way I didn't think it would."

In the case of Su'a, a senior right-hander, boxing was so well-received that it even infiltrated his subconscious.

"I just got so into boxing that I was boxing in my dreams," Su'a said. "This one time, I was sleeping and in my dream I was dreaming like I was boxing. My wife, Melissa, was awake in bed next to me."

"In my dream, I could feel myself just going at it. Finally, I was ready to throw the knockout punch. I threw a right hand in my dream, but in reality I threw the covers off the bed. Melissa woke me up; she was like, 'Hey, hey — take it easy! I'm afraid you're going to hit me!'"

The foray into pugilism ended Dec. 5 with a "box-off." Nine matches consisting of two three-minute rounds were held. An impromptu ring and arena were erected, and a referee and judges were on hand.

According to Applegate, top performers included Jesse Craig, Brandon Christiansen, Mitch Woolf and Su'a.

Ultimately, the boxing experiment proved to be such a success that it's a good bet to return next offseason.

"Obviously, it's a different sport," said Applegate. "But we work real close with our players to make sure we get feedback, and the feedback we got was 100 percent positive. They would all like to do it again next year; they thought it was great."

NAKAYAMA EAGER TO GET BACK IN THE SWING

By Stacy Kaneshiro
BYU Athletic Media Relation

It was 25 degrees Tuesday in Provo, Utah, but every day gets better for Moloka'i native Apana Nakayama.

After missing the 2006 season with a torn right anterior cruciate ligament, Nakayama is counting the days for Brigham Young's season opener Feb. 8 at Sam Houston State.

"I'm excited to get going," Nakayama said in a telephone interview. "I've been sitting out for a year. I'm ready to go. It's my last year. I want to make the most of it."

Coaches in the Mountain West Conference believe he will make the most of it. They voted him as designated hitter for the preseason all-league team, the conference announced last week.

After graduating from Moloka'i High in 2000, Nakayama spent two seasons at Utah Valley State College, where he batted .364 with nine home runs and 61 RBIs in a league that used wooden bats. He then went to Nagoya, Japan, to do his church mission the next two years.

"It was an awesome experience," Nakayama said of his mission. "I wouldn't trade it for anything else. It was something different. I'm glad I did it."

The rejuvenated Nakayama returned to the field in 2005, transferring to BYU. It didn't take long for him to



Apana Nakayama

shake off the rust, batting .344 with 10 home runs and 47 RBIs in 59 games, mostly at designated hitter. He walked more (29 times) than he struck out (19).

He then went to play summer ball in the prestigious Cape Cod League. But about a month into the season, while playing the outfield, he stepped into a hole and twisted his knee.

Nakayama redshirted in 2006, but recovered in time to play during the summer. He played for the South Bay

Saints of the Western Baseball Association in California. His team advanced to the National Baseball Congress World Series, but was eliminated early.

"It wasn't as competitive as the previous summer, but it was something for me to get into it," he said.

Nakayama played mostly first base and didn't catch as much because of the knee injury. (He was an all-state catcher at Moloka'i.)

"I didn't want to reinjure my knee," he said. "I was just getting my swing back and stuff. It was good."

Nakayama said he will be playing first base, the outfield or DH along with some catching.

"They'll be moving me around a lot," he said. "Just utility."

Nakayama will graduate in April with a degree in sociology. He said he could have graduated in December, but stretched it out since he still had another season of eligibility. He hopes to continue playing professionally though admits his age (he turns 25 in April) and his injury might make that difficult.

"My age, my mission, my knees, I have no leverage (as a senior)," he said. "If I sign as a free agent, that's fine, too."

NOTES

Apana Nakayama is one of two players from Hawai'i on the BYU team. The other is sophomore first baseman Kasey Ko (Punahou 2005).

2006 November BYU Signings

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (School)
Cole Abbott	RHP	6-2	173	North Ogden, Utah (Weber HS)
Taylor Cole	INF	6-0	170	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)
Kiko Hermosillo	INF	5-11	155	San Diego, Calif. (Southwestern College)
Jordan Jarvis	RHP	6-3	205	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chandler-Gilbert CC)
Cedric Johnson	OF	6-2	175	Thatcher, Ariz. (Thatcher HS)
Kris Koerper	1B	6-4	235	Las Cruces, N.M. (Ocate HS)