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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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BYU Record

2004: 3-3 overall, 1-1 conference
(1-1 home, 2-2 away, 0-0 neutral)
All-time : 231-141 (since 1990)
Coach Peterson: 26-10/1

2003 Schedule/Results

Date	Opp/Event	Time/Results
1/9	@ Pepperdine Tournament	L, 0-3
1/10	@ Pepperdine Tournament	L, 0-3
1/16	No. 5 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	W, 3-0
1/17	No. 5 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	L, 2-3
1/23	@ Ohio State	W, 3-0
1/24	@ Ohio State	W, 3-1
1/28	@ Long Beach State*	7:30 p.m.
1/30	@ Long Beach State*	7:30 p.m.
2/6	PACIFIC*	7 p.m.
2/7	PACIFIC*	7 p.m.
2/20	STANFORD*	7 p.m.
2/21	STANFORD*	8:30 p.m.
2/26	@ UC Irvine*	7 p.m.
2/28	@ UC Irvine*	4 p.m.
3/5	SANTA BARBARA*	7 p.m.
3/6	SANTA BARBARA*	7 p.m.
3/12	PEPPERDINE*	7 p.m.
3/13	PEPPERDINE*	7 p.m.
3/18	@ Hawai`i*	7 p.m.
3/20	@ Hawai`i*	7 p.m.
3/26	LEWIS	9 p.m.
3/27	GEORGE MASON	7 p.m.
4/2	@ UC San Diego*	7 p.m.
4/3	@ UC San Diego*	7 p.m.
4/8	@ UCLA*	7 p.m.
4/9	@ UCLA*	7 p.m.
4/15	USC*	7 p.m.
4/17	USC*	7 p.m.
4/24	MPSF First Round	TBA
4/29	MPSF Semi-Final	TBA
5/1	MPSF Final	TBA

* MPSF Opponents

*HOME GAMES IN CAPS

Big Showdown at the Beach...

After completing a weekend sweep over Ohio State, the No.7 BYU men's volleyball team (3-3, 1-1) goes back to the road for a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match up with No. 2 Long Beach State (7-1, 3-0) at the Pyramid. The matches are set for 7:30 p.m. (PST) on Wednesday and Friday night. The Cougars swept No. 12 Ohio State, 3-0 (30-27, 30-27, 30-26) in last Friday's match and 3-1 (30-23, 30-23, 28-30, 30-25) in Saturday's match.

A Quick Look at the Cougars

With three players recording double-digit kills, the Cougars trampled the Buckeyes on Saturday with help from seniors Joe Hillman, Jon Alleman and Fernando Pessoa. The team gained valuable experience from this non-conference match, as 12 different players saw action in the Cougars' four-game win. This marked the first appearance of the season for some of the younger players. In Friday's match, sophomore setter Rob Neilson commanded the Cougar offense with 41 assists and five kills on seven attempts. BYU maintained a solid percentage throughout each game, hitting its best in the first game at .469. BYU led the match in blocks 7-4.5, securing the win in three games. New comer Victor Batista, a transfer from the Dominican Republic, had a strong showing in the middle position at nine kills. He also posted a team-high 12 blocks over the weekend and no hitting errors for Friday's match.

AVCA National Player of the Week

Senior Fernando Pessoa earned the Sports Imports / AVCA National Player of the Week for Jan.19-23 after leading the Cougars 3-0 over Cal State Northridge on Jan.16 and recording his career-best 18 kills Jan.17. Since switching positions from libero to outside hitter, Pessoa helped BYU to a 1-1 record in two matches versus No. 5 CS Northridge. His 18 kills and 10 digs in Saturday's five-game loss marked his first double-double in kills and digs.

Quotes from Coach Tom Peterson

"This week's matches are going to be big. Long Beach State is a very good team, they're ranked second in the nation. We will need to be at our best in order for us to win those matches. We're going to have to serve well and play good defense. We're going to have to show some consistency."

USA TODAY/AVCA Division I-II Men's Coaches Top 15 POLL #2: January 26, 2004

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	2004 Record	Last Week
1	Pepperdine (15)	5-0	1
2	Long Beach State (1)	7-1	6
3	UCLA	6-1	2
4	Hawai`i	2-2	3
5	UC Santa Barbara	5-2	7
6	Cal State Northridge	5-3	5
7	BYU	3-3	8
8	Stanford	4-4	6
9	UC Irvine	4-4	10
10	Ball State	4-0	13
11	Penn State	3-3	9
12	Ohio State	3-2	12
13	Pacific	6-2	15
14	Lewis	2-4	11
15	UC San Diego	4-2	NR

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: Blue and White
 Nickname: Cougars
 Mascot: Cosmo (the Cougar)
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 Conference: Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
 Arena: Smith Fieldhouse (5,000)
 President: Cecil O. Samuelson
 Athletic Director: Val Hale
 Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1

Volleyball Staff:

Head Coach: Tom Peterson (BYU, 1978)
 BYU Record/Years: 26-10/2nd season
 Office Phone: (801) 422-8291
 Career Record/Years: 271-136/12
 Assistant Coaches:
 Grayson DuBose (BYU, 1993)
 Shawn Patchell (BYU, 1993)
 Volunteer Coach:
 Greg Jorgensen (Utah State, 2002)
 Trainer: Blain Empey

Volleyball Facts:

2003 Overall Record: 23-7
 Conference Record/Finish: 17-5 / 2nd in MPSF
 Final National Ranking: 2nd
 Starters Returning (3):
 Jon Alleman, 6-4, Sr., OH/OPP
 Carlos Moreno, 6-4, So., S
 Fernando Pessoa, 6-4, Jr., LIB/OH
 Starters Lost (3):
 Rafael Paal (NCAA All-Tourn. Team, 3rd Team MPSF)
 Jaime Mayol (2.79 kpg, .325 hitting percentage)
 Luka Slabe (1.53 kpg, .219 hitting percentage)
 Other Letterwinners Returning (3):
 Joe Hillman, 6-7, Sr., OPP
 David Hyte, 6-8, Sr., MB
 Shawn Olmstead, 6-2, Sr., LIB
 Top Newcomers (2):
 Victor Batista, 6-5, Fr., OH, Dominican Republic
 Danillo Lampariello, 6-7, Fr., MB, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 All-Conference Performers:
 Carlos Moreno (2003 Second Team)
 Jonathan Alleman (2003 Second Team)
 Fernando Pessoa (2003 Honorable Mention)
 Michael Burke (2003 Honorable Mention)

Cougars vs. The 49ers

The match up with LBSU will be the 20th meeting between the two teams, as the Beach leads the series 12-8 overall, including 6-3 in the 49ers' gym. The last meeting in 2003 left the Cougars with two wins (3-1, 3-0) in back-to-back matches played in Provo.

The Peterson File

Tom Peterson, BYU alum and 1994 NCAA Coach of the Year, enters his second year as the head coach of the Cougar men's volleyball program. Peterson led the Cougars last season to a 23-7 record and a 2nd-place finish at the NCAA Tournament. BYU came back from a 2-0 deficit to beat No. 1 Pepperdine in the finals of the MPSF Tournament, which earned him MPSF Co-Coach of the Year. After defeating Penn State in the NCAA Semifinals, Peterson led BYU to the National Championships for the third time in five years. In the emotional match lasting nearly three hours, the Lewis Flyers edged BYU in five games with both teams taking it to the final two points of game five. Peterson came to BYU in 2002 with over 20 years of volleyball coaching experience, including 17 years of collegiate head-coaching experience.

BYU Numerical Roster

<u>Num.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
2	Steffin Rangel	6-5	175	OH	So.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
5	Carlos Moreno	6-4	185	S	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
6	Aaron Ferre	6-8	210	MB	Fr.	Sandy, Utah
7	Chris Gorny	6-6	195	OH/MB	Sr.	Palmdale, Calif.
8	David Hyte	6-8	200	MB	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
10	Cory Carpenter	6-7	200	MB	Sr.	Alpine, Utah
11	Joe Hillman	6-7	195	Opp	Sr.	Las, Vegas, Nev.
12	Jon Alleman	6-3	200	OH/Opp	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
13	Danillo Lampariello	6-7	185	MB	So.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
14	Rob Neilson	6-3	180	S	So.	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
15	Shawn Olmstead	6-2	195	LIB	Sr.	Carpinteria, Calif.
17	Fernando Pessoa	6-4	190	OH	Sr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
18	Victor Batista	6-5	165	MB	Fr.	Tamayo, Dominican Republic
19	Enoc Cardona	6-6	190	OH/Opp	Fr.	Aguada, Puerto Rico
20	Taylor Evans	6-2	175	OH/Opp	So.	Alamo, Calif.
	Matt Heyes	6-5	195	OH	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
	Brian Rowley	6-0	165	LIB	So.	San Diego, Calif.
	Michael Burke	6-8	230	MB	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah

Alleman Making His Mark

Senior opposite hitter Jonathan Alleman led BYU Saturday against OSU in kills, tying his season-best at 16. He also added seven digs and hit a solid .452 percentage during Saturday's match. Alleman has hit double-digit kills in four of six matches.

Pessoa Pumps it Up

Senior outside hitter Fernando Pessoa broke his career high with 19 kills in Friday's match against OSU and then followed up with his fourth double-digit kill performance on Saturday. He led BYU in kills last week at 5.67 per game, while hitting .458.

**MPSF STANDINGS
(Rankings as of Jan. 21)**

Team	MPSF			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Stanford	2	0	1.000	4	2	.667
Long Beach St.	1	0	1.000	5	1	.833
UC-San Diego	1	0	1.000	2	1	.667
BYU	1	1	.500	1	3	.250
CS-Northridge	1	1	.500	4	2	.667
Hawai'i	1	1	.000	2	2	.500
UC-Irvine	1	1	.500	3	3	.500
UCLA	1	1	.500	4	1	.800
UC-Santa Barbara	1	1	.500	4	2	.667
USC	0	2	.000	1	4	.200
Pacific	0	2	.000	0	5	.000
Pepperdine	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000

BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

SETTERS

Carlos Moreno	Jr.
Rob Neilson	So.
Reed Chilton#	Fr.
Joe Klein#	Fr.

LIBEROS

Shawn Olmstead	Sr.
Rob Congelleire	Jr.
Brian Rowley	So.

OUTSIDE HITTERS

Jonathan Alleman	Sr.
Fernando Pessoa	Sr.
Chris Gorny*	Sr.
Matt Heyes	Fr.
Steffin Rangel	So.
Joshua Jergensen#	Fr.
Ivan Perez#	Fr.
Andrew Stewart#	Fr.
Mat Taylor#	Fr.
Kent Tuttle#	Fr.

MIDDLE BLOCKERS

Michael Burke*	Jr.
Cory Carpenter	Sr.
Victor Batista	Fr.
Danillo Lampariello	Fr.
Aaron Ferre	Fr.
David Hye	Sr.
Russel Holmes#	Fr.

OPPOSITE SIDE

Joe Hillman	Sr.
Taylor Evans	So.
Enoc Cardona	Fr.

* Injured
Redshirts

Moreno Watch

Junior All-American Carlos Moreno, who was called the best collegiate setter in the country by ESPN announcer Heather Cox, joins the Cougar squad for another run at the NCAA tournament. Moreno's career assists (3,158) rank fourth on BYU's all-time list. He needs 575 more assists to move ahead of Chris Pitzak (3,733). Moreno is averaging 12.17 assists per game and ranks third on BYU's roster with 20 digs for the season.

Carpenter Cans Opponents

Senior Cory Carpenter in his first year playing leads the team in blocking with 1.36 blocks per game with four solos and 15 assists. He is starting in the middle position and has learned fast in the Cougar offense, recording 13 kills on the season.

Newcomers

With the addition of two international players, the Cougars hope to become a top rated team and improve their record on the road. Victor Batista of the Dominican Republic joined BYU's squad just three weeks ago and has already contributed in conference action. Batista hit six of seven against fifth-ranked CS Northridge with no errors at .857 percentage. He also hit solid in both matches against Ohio State at nine kills each, adding 12 total blocks for two matches. Sao Paulo, Brazil native Danillo Lampariello arrived in Provo two weeks ago and has been practicing with the team in the middle position.

Injuries Shuffle the Lineup

The middle blocker position was hit with a huge blow and will be shuffled around this season due to injuries. Mike Burke is returning as an All-MPSF selection, but will miss most of the season due to an injury. Chris Gorny will not compete due to an injury, but will join the Cougars towards the first of February.

Scouting Long Beach State

The Cougar defense will be tested as the 49ers feature senior outside hitters Scott Touzinsky and Jeff Wootton, who led the LBSU over Stanford last week with 20 and 21 kills respectively. Middle David Lee and outside Robert Tarr also caused trouble for the Cardinal with 11 and 10 kills a piece. The 49ers remain undefeated so far in MPSF matches (7-1 overall), with wins over USC, Pacific and Stanford. The Cougars stand 1-1 in conference, splitting against Cal State Northridge earlier this season.

Stat Leaders

Jeff Wootton paced The Beach with a season-high 21 kills and a .472 attack percentage. Touzinsky added 20 kills, six digs, and four blocks to his record-setting night. Nate Hagstrom chipped in with four digs and a career-best two solo blocks. Setter Tyler Hildebrand netted 67 assists, eight digs, and three kills.

Next Week for the Cougars

The Cougars then return home for a four-match stand against Mountain Pacific Sports Federations opponents Pacific and Stanford. Both Stanford matches will be broadcast: Friday's match on KBYU at 7 p.m. and College Sports TV will broadcast Saturday's match beginning at 8:30 p.m.

COUGARS MATCH-BY-MATCH

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L	ATT.	KILL LEADER	ASSIST LEADER	BLOCK LEADER	RECORD	MPSF
Jan. 9	Pepperdine	3-0	L	.186	Hillman.....17	Moreno.....35	Carpenter.....6	0-1	0-0
Jan. 10	Pepperdine	3-0	L	.224	Hillman.....11	Moreno.....30	Carpenter.....3	0-1	0-0
Jan. 16	No. 5 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	3-0	W	.357	Hillman.....21	Moreno.....42	Carpenter.....6	1-2	1-0
Jan. 17	No. 5 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	3-2	L	.262	Pessoa.....18	Moreno.....60	Batista.....6	1-3	1-1
Jan. 23	No. 12 Ohio State	3-0	W	.375	Pessoa.....19	Neilson.....41	Carpenter.....4	2-3	1-1
Jan. 24	No. 12 Ohio State	3-1	W	.305	Alleman.....16	Moreno.....52	Batista.....9	3-3	1-1
Jan. 30	No. 2 Long Beach State								
Jan. 31	No. 2 Long Beach State								
Feb. 6	Pacific								
Feb. 7	Pacific								
Feb. 20	Stanford								
Feb. 21	Stanford								
Feb. 26	UC Irvine								
Feb. 28	UC Irvine								
Mar. 5	UC Santa Barbara								
Mar. 6	UC Santa Barbara								
Mar. 12	Pepperdine								
Mar. 13	Pepperdine								

2004 BYU Men's Volleyball Stats
BRIGHAM YOUNG Overall Team Statistics
 (as of Jan 26, 2004)
 Overall record: 3-3 Conf: 1-1
 Home: 1-1 Away: 2-2 Neutral: 0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	BYU	OPPONENTS
ATTACK Kills	202	196
Errors	98	75
Total Attacks	421	404
Attack Pct	.247	.300
Kills/Game	14.4	14.0

SET Assists	188	183
Assists/Game	13.4	13.1

SERVE Aces	8	17
Errors	69	68
Aces/Game	0.6	1.2

SERVE RECEPTIONS	BYU	OPPONENTS
Errors	16	8
Errors/Game	1.1	0.6

DEFENSE Digs	103	95
Digs/Game	7.4	6.8

BLOCKING	BYU	OPPONENTS
Block Solo	6	7
Block Assist	59	56
Total Blocks	35.5	35.0
Blocks Per Game	2.5	2.5
Block Errors	8	4

BALL HANDLING ERRORS	2	0
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ATTENDANCE	BYU	OPPONENTS
Total	6592	2095
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/3296	2/1048
Neutral site #/Avg	0/0	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

MATCH WINS BY #GAMES	1	2	3	4	5	Total
BRIGHAM YOUNG	0	0	1	0	0	1
Opponents	0	0	2	0	1	3

GAMES WON BY GAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
BRIGHAM YOUNG	2	2	1	0	0	5
Opponents	2	2	3	1	1	9

POINTS BY GAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
BRIGHAM YOUNG						
Opponents						

Season Outlook

As the BYU men's volleyball team enters its second season under Tom Peterson, the Cougars already have experience at the Final Four. Last season the team (23-7) showed tremendous composure, beating Penn State in the NCAA semifinals and battling Lewis in the championship match. Lewis edged the Cougars in the last two points of the fifth game, earning its first NCAA title.

"My first year at BYU was a great experience, a great year," Peterson said. "Although it's disappointing to lose, and it will hurt for awhile after seeing such good players lose, the players made it great for me to be here."

And the team is looking good going into the 2004 season. Even with the loss of three outside hitters, Rafael Paal, Jaime Mayol and Luka Slabe, the biggest strength for the Cougars this year continues to be their depth. BYU returns nine letterswinners and four players with significant starting experience. The Cougars hope to continue its winning tradition and return to the NCAA finals.

"I'm excited about the team cohesion and depth in place before the season starts," Peterson said. "We have strong leadership from our seniors and if we can stay healthy, we will be in position as a top team."

The following position-by-position look at the 2004 Cougars illustrates the potential for this year's team:

Outside Hitter

This position has suffered a loss with graduating seniors, but will be filled with a number of players: Jon Alleman, Fernando Pessoa and Steffin Rangel.

Jon Alleman, a second-team All-American and All-MPSF selection, was also a large contributor for BYU last year, recording double-digit kills in 25 of 30 matches. He led BYU in kills per game and kills on the season as an opposite-side hitter and posted two 30-kill matches. As a senior, Alleman returns to the squad as an experienced force for the Cougars, as he was a member of the 2001 national championship team and will be a potential starter in the outside-hitter position.

Fernando Pessoa, an All-MPSF selection and member of the 2001 national championship team, is another candidate to play outside hitter this season. Pessoa, a senior from Brazil, started as libero for the Cougars last season and led the team in digs per game (2.20). According to Peterson, "he has been working hard on the outside, plus he's one of our best passers."

Steffin Rangel is a sophomore who saw limited action last season, but his tremendous jumping ability will allow him to be a valuable asset for the Cougars. With more experience, Rangel will rotate in the line-up and add depth for the outside position.

Opposite

Senior Joe Hillman leads the parade of opposite-side hitters, as he will replace Alleman on the rightside. Hillman will be joined by redshirt freshman Enoc Cardona and sophomore Taylor Evans, making this position a strength to the Cougar offense.

Hillman, a transfer from Utah Valley State College, returns his senior year as the probable starter in the opposite position. Hillman competed in 21 games last season and recorded a personal-best .667 hitting percent (7-1-9) against Concordia. As a left-handed hitter, he has an advantage because the rightside saves him from having to hit across his body.

Redshirt freshman **Enoc Cardona** joins BYU for his first season. Cardona, a native of Puerto Rico, played for the San Juan club team back home and was a part of the 2002 Puerto Rican National Team. Peterson says Cardona is one of the most physical players on the team who could reach over 11'9" when he first came to BYU.

Taylor Evans, a sophomore who had shoulder surgery last season, has seen some playing time with the Cougars in preseason matches. Evans is one of the shorter players on the team but makes up for it with his jumping ability and power. He is a versatile player who can play outside or opposite and will be able to step in where he is needed in the line-up.

Middle Blocker

The middle blocker position was hit with a huge blow and will be shuffled around this season due to injuries. Seniors Dave Hyte and Cory Carpenter as well as Aaron Ferre will be competing for time on the court this season.

Mike Burke is returning as an All-MPSF selection, but will miss most of the season due to an injury. He was en route to become the top blocker in the nation and a strong force in the middle with his height and consistent hitting percentage.

Dave Hyte will be contributing in the middle and has experience playing last season when Chris Gorny broke his hand. Hyte registered a personal-best .750 hitting percentage against Penn State and has worked hard despite injuries in the preseason.

Cory Carpenter joins Hyte in the middle position and is gaining experience fast throughout the preseason matches. Carpenter has limited time playing in matches but has used his athleticism to learn fast and be a contributor for the Cougars.

Setter

All-American **Carlos Moreno** performed well as the starting setter for the Cougars for his second year, and will be a huge strength for the Cougars. As a sophomore, Moreno recorded the second-highest assists (1567) in BYU men's volleyball history for a single season. He also finished second on the team in serving with 33 aces, and added 123 digs and 102 kills.

Not only is he one of the best setters in the nation, Moreno ranked third at BYU in blocking with 87 blocks on the season. Peterson is looking for Moreno to be even better this season with the experience he gained from last year and continue to be a leader on the court. Sophomore **Rob Neilson** looks strong in preseason matches and will compete for playing time behind Moreno.

Libero

Senior **Shawn Olmstead** did very well last season as libero alongside Fernando Pessoa, but will probably be the lone libero for the 2004 season. Olmstead, a member of the 2001 National Championships team, registered 14 assists and 70 digs last season and recorded a season-best 12 digs against Pacific. He finished last season averaging 1.43 digs per game and will be a strong force behind the Cougar defense for the 2004 season.

Pessoa, who will see action as an outside hitter, finished eighth last season in the MPSF and sixteenth in the NCAA for defensive digs with 51 on the season. As a sophomore, he recorded a personal-best 13 digs against No.1 UCLA, and then broke his own record two days later with 16 digs against UCLA.

Peterson said injuries have hindered some players in preseason practice, but others have stepped up to contribute to the team. And with so much depth at every position, Peterson will be able to pick from a variety of athletes to fill each position. During the preseason the team has worked with different lineups, and the coaches are still deciding which will work the best for them.

"I'm not that concerned about our offense," Peterson said. "We run a complicated offense with many options for hitting. If we can get guys to stay healthy and compete in practice, we will be able rank as a top team in the nation."

The depth at each position will prove beneficial on long road trips and when the team plays a lot of matches in a short period of time. The Cougars begin the regular season at the Pepperdine tournament, playing both matches against Pepperdine in a preseason showdown.

"The team chemistry has grown to be a strength for us and will help us this season," Peterson said. "Everyone works hard together and are all focused on the same goals-playing the best we can play."

The Cougars face a tough schedule in a tough conference, with matches lined up against defending national champion Lewis University, Pepperdine, USC and Stanford at home. In addition to facing top teams like Long Beach State and Hawai'i on the road, BYU will visit UC San Diego, UCLA, Ohio State and UC Irvine.

"We have a good team. We have a chance of finishing high in the conference this season," Peterson said. "The conference competition is brutal, but if we put it all together at the right time, we have a good chance as anybody."