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# BASEBALL

# Weekly Release - May 17, 2004

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Date	Opp/Event	Time at site o	of game
1/29-30	California	Berkeley, CA $+$ <b>L</b> ,	
1/31	California	Berkeley, CA $\pm$	<b>L</b> , 4-7
2/5	St. Mary's	Stockton, CA $\pm$	<b>L</b> , 5-9
2/6	Pacific	Stockton, CA $+\%$	<b>L</b> , 4-5
2/7	Nevada	Stockton, CA $+\%$	<b>W</b> , 3-1
2/9-10	Santa Clara	Santa Clara, CA $+$ <b>L</b>	, 3-9, <b>W</b> , 11-10
2/12-13	UC Riverside	Riverside, CA	<b>L</b> , 1-8, <b>L</b> , 2-4
2/14	UC Riverside	Riverside, CA	<b>L</b> , 4-6
2/19-20	San Jose St.	San Jose, CA L, 3-	4, <b>L</b> , 1-2 (10)
2/21	San Jose St.	San Jose, CA	<b>W</b> , 3-2 (10)
2/26	Pepperdine	Malibu, CA %	<b>W</b> , 5-0
2/27	Nevada	Malibu, CA $+$	<b>L</b> , 0-13 (7)
2/28-3/4	Cal Northridge	Malibu, CA	<b>L</b> , 3-6, <b>L</b> , 6-7
3/5	Long Beach	Long Beach, CA %	<b>L</b> , 1-3
3/6	Cal Northridge	Northridge, CA	<b>W</b> , 10-4
3/8	Dallas Baptist	Fresno, CA	<b>W</b> , 6-4
3/9	Chicago St.	Fresno, CA	<b>W</b> , 21-3
3/10	Fresno St.	Fresno, CA %	<b>W</b> , 5-3
3/11	Monmouth	Fresno, CA	<b>W</b> , 11-6
3/12	Portland	Fresno, CA	<b>W</b> , 5-4
3/13	Fresno St.	Fresno, CA %	<b>L</b> , 9-10
3/18	UNLV*	Provo +	<b>L</b> , 9-12 (11)
3/19	UNLV *	Provo +	<b>L</b> , 1-17
3/20	UNLV *	Provo + %	<b>L</b> , 6-12
3/25	Utah *	Salt Lake City $+\%$	<b>W</b> , 13-3
3/27	Utah *	Salt Lake City $+\%$	<b>W</b> , 5-4 (17)
3/27	Utah *	Salt Lake City $+\%$	
4/1	New Mexico *	Albuquerque $+\%$	<b>L</b> , 3-9
4/2	New Mexico *	Albuquerque $+\%$	<b>L</b> , 0-1
4/3	New Mexico *	Albuquerque $+\%$	<b>L</b> , 8-10
4/8	UNLV *	Las Vegas $+\%$	<b>W</b> , 8-7
4/9	UNLV *	Las Vegas $+\%$	<b>L</b> , 5-13
4/10	UNLV *	Las Vegas $+\%$	<b>L</b> , 5-11
4/15	San Diego St*	Provo +%	<b>W</b> , 7-6 (11)
4/16	San Diego St*	Provo \$ + %	<b>L</b> , 6-10
4/17	San Diego St*	Provo + %	<b>W</b> , 6-5
4/29	Utah *	Provo +	<b>W</b> , 7-4
4/30	Utah *	Provo +	<b>W</b> , 9-7
5/1	Utah *	Provo \$ + %	<b>W</b> , 14-9
5/6	New Mexico *	Provo +	<b>L</b> , 6-9
5/7	New Mexico *	Provo +	<b>W</b> , 12-4
5/8	New Mexico *	Provo + %	<b>W</b> , 7-4
5/12	San Diego St*	San Diego +%	<b>W</b> , 11-2
5/13	San Diego St*	San Diego $+\%$	<b>L</b> , 8-11
5/14	San Diego St*	San Diego +%	<b>L</b> , 4-9
5/20	Air Force *	Provo +	4 p.m.
5/20	Air Force*	Provo +	7 p.m.
5/21	Air Force *	Provo +	4 p.m.
5/21	Air Force*	Provo +	7 p.m.
5/22	Air Force *	Provo +%	11 a.m.
5/22	Air Force*	Provo +	2 p.m.
5/26-29		Las Vegas + %	TBA
* MWC GO \$BYU		Audio +web cast	

# **Cougars Host Six-Game Series With Air Force**

A six-game series in Provo with the Air Force Academy beginning Thursday concludes BYU's regular season. The Cougars (22-28, 12-12 in the MWC) will play three doubleheaders in three-straight days against the Falcons (5-41, 0-22). This week's series will make up a postponed three-game series between the two teams. Air Force has had eight postponed conference games this year.

The first game of all three doubleheaders will be broadcast live by KOVO 960 AM with veteran broadcaster Brent Norton calling the play-by-play. Saturday's 11 a.m. broadcast is also available on the BYU Radio channel on DirecTV and the Dish Network as well as over the Internet. Live stats are available for all six games. Links to the webcasts and audiocast can be found on the BYU baseball's schedule page at www.byucougars.com.

# A Quick Look at the Cougars

Fifth year coach Vance Law returns five position starters and Paul Jacinto, the MWC Pitcher of the Year. Players to watch include third-team Preseason All-American Ranger Wiens, Ryan Chambers, Jeff Hiestand, Ben Saylor, Brandon Taylor and Casey Cloward. Pitchers to watch are Jacinto, junior college transfers Patrick Wells and Nick Lemon and Justin Su'a.

#### **Probable Pitching Rotation**

May 20 Air Force	Patrick Wells (6-4, 5.65)	Pro v o, 4 p.m.
May 20 Air Force	Paul Jacinto (2-9, 6.14)	Provo, 7 p.m.
May 21 Air Force	TBA	Provo, 4 p.m.
May 21 Air Force	TBA	Provo, 7 p.m.
May 22 Air Force	TBA	Provo, 11 a.m.
May 23 Air Force	TBA	Provo, 2 p.m.

# **All-Time vs. Air Force**

The Cougars are 113-21 all-time against the Falcons. BYU is 7-3 in the last 10 games against Air Force and finished 5-1 against the school last year. The two schools first met in 1963. The Cougars won both games against the Falcons that year.

#### **Probable Lineup**

1B–#1-Tim Law	2B-#5 Wade Vest	SS-#2 Brandon Taylor
3B–#8 Ranger Wiens		CF-#22 Ryan Chambers
LF-#12 Kory Knell	C-#9 Casey Cloward or #24	Adam Wilkes
DH-#16 Jeff Hiestand	•	

# Radio Coverage

The play-by-play again comes from Brent Norton, BYU's veteran broadcaster entering his 14th season. Games will be live on KOVO 960 AM with selected live streams available at www.byucougars.com. The final regular season live audiocast is available for the 11 a.m. game on May 22 against Air Force. All of BYU's MWC Tournament games will be live audiocasts. The live audiocasts are also available on DirecTV and the Dish Network through the BYU Radio channel.

# **President Bush speaks at the Academy**

President George W. Bush speaks at the U.S. Air Force Academy's graduation on June 2, making his third graduation speech of the year. Bush speaks on May 21 at Lousiana State and spoke last week at Corcordia University in Wisconsin.

## **BYU Quick Facts**

Location: Provo, Utah 84602 Enrollment: 30,069 (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 West Field: Larry H. Miller Field (2,300) President: Cecil O. Samuelson Men's AD: Val Hale

Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1 or

1-800-322-BYU1

#### **Baseball Staff:**

Head Coach: Vance Law (BYU, 1978) Office Phone: (801) 422-5049 Record: 150-134-1, fifth season

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Roberts (BYU, 1998)

Bobby Applegate (U of Southern Colorado, 1996)

Seth King (BYU) Trainer: Spencer Mack **Baseball Facts:** 

2003 Record: 30-24-1 (14-4 home, 16-20 away) Conference Finish: 18-12, Second place in MWC Final National Ranking: NA

Starters Returning (5): Ryan Chambers, 6-0, Jr., OF Casey Cloward, 5-11, Jr., C Wade Vest, 5-9, Sr., 2B

Ranger Wiens, 6-3, Sr., SS/3B

## Starters Lost (4):

Doug Jackson, OF Brock Jacobsen, OF Kainoa Obrey, 3B Jake Stubblefield, 1B

# Other Key Letterwinners Returning:

Kevin Bills, 3B/OF Brad Hales, INF Jeff Hiestand, OF/C Tim Law, 1B/OF Blair Lucas, INF Adam Wilkes, C Justin Su'a, P

# Top Retuning Pitchers from 2003:

Paul Jacinto, 6-0, RHP, Sr., 10-5, 4.14

## Key Newcomers:

Brandon Taylor, SS Ben Saylor, OF/IB Patrick Wells, P Nick Lemon, P J.D. Stambaugh, P Lance Beus, P

Joshua Barrett, P

#### The Catch

Ben Saylor's game-ending catch in right field with two outs and the bases loaded in the 17th inning could go down in history as "the catch." The Cougar sophomore tripped, stumbled and fell down as he gloved what would have been the game-winning hit in the 5-4 victory. Not far behind was a 10th-inning catch by Ranger Wiens in the nightcap of the Utah series. Wiens, who had only played once in the outfield at the University of Nevada, normally is an infielder. He came off the bench and dove to make the first out of that inning. "The Catch," is usually a phrase at BYU associated with football's Hail Mary 41-yard completion from quarterback Jim McMahon to Clay Brown in the 1980 miracle Holiday Bowl with no time remaining to set up a 46-45 victory in one of the greatest comebacks in collegiate history.

# Terror on the Base Paths

Once again Wade Vest used his speed to generate the Cougars' a run on May 8. After reaching first on an infield single, Vest stole his 13th base and reached third on a ground out by Ryan Chambers. The senior second baseman then came around to score on a passed ball.

"Vest may be the best base runner I've even seen and that's including the major leagues," said BYU head coach Vance Law. When Vest is on the bases, I might as well put my hands in my pockets."

# 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 48-year-old coach is in his fifth year at BYU and has a 150-134-1 (.526) record. He is assisted by Ryan Roberts, in his second year at BYU. Pitching coach Bobby Applegate is in his first full year with BYÚ, having last coached at the Air Force Academy. Volunteer assistant Seth King is in his first year on the BYU staff, succeeding Nate Mathis who is now a member of the Utah Valley State baseball staff.

# **Team Notes**

• Ben Saylor leads the team with an eight-game hitting streak.

• Brandon Taylor leads the team in multiple-hit games with 21. Ben Saylor and Ryan Chambers have 15 multiple-hit games.

• Brandon Taylor leads the team in multiple-RBI games with 13. Ryan Chambers and Ben Saylor are second with eight.

• Designated hitter **Rob Itri** was dismissed from the team in May because of a violation of team rules for academic issues.

• BYU is 8-6 in 14 one-run games this year. In 2003, the Cougars had 15 one-run games and won four of them.

• The Cougars are 4-2 in six extra-inning games this year with BYU's longest extra-inning game ever being played on March 27 in a 17-inning win over Utah.

• BYU's MWC regular season title in 2001 was its first since 1994 when it won

the Western Athletic Conference playoff. By winning the MWC title in 2001 and 2002, it marks the first time BYU has repeated as the league champ since 1988-89, the only other time it has happened for the Cougars'. The Cougars' have won 11 league titles dating back to the WAC's inception in 1962.

# Attendance Nears 100,000 Mark at Miller Field

In its fourth full season at Larry H. Miller Field, attendance closes in on the 100,000 milestone. With three home dates left, the Cougars need to draw 4,998 fans to reach the date this year. The team plays three doubleheaders against Air Force to close out the regular season on May 20-22. BYU is averaging 1,640 fans per game this year, the highest average in the four year history. So far this year, the Cougars have drawn 19,680 fans to 12 dates.

## Father and Son

BYU Coach Vance Law and his son Tim are one of at least two father/son combinations that have a coach/player relationship in college baseball. Kansas Coach Ritch Price and his son Ritchie is the other combination.

# Attendance at Larry H. Miller Field

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# **Regarding BYU this season**

- BYU has nine current players who are married (Michel Bergeron, Bryce Burger, Casey Cloward, Brad Hales, Tyler Heid, Nathan Hess, Blair Lucas, Ranger Wiens, Adam Wilkes).
- There are 22 players on the team who have served two-year volunteer Church missions, 15 of whom were assigned outside the United States and speak Spanish, Japanese, Chinese and Russian.
- Incorporated into this year's team are seven players who have just finished serving two-year Church missions (Joshua Barrett, Brad Hales, Jeff Hiestand, Seth Iorg, Ben Saylor, Justin Su'a, Brandon Taylor).
   Eight players transferred to BYU this season (Lance Beus, Bryce Burger, Nathan Hess, Nick Lemon, Kalen Parsons, Ben
- Eight players transferred to BYU this season (Lance Beus, Bryce Burger, Nathan Hess, Nick Lemon, Kalen Parsons, Ben Saylor, Brandon Taylor, Patrick Wells).
- 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 74-years-old in March.
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- In January, Vance Law was in Washington, D.C., where he was again a resource player (yearly for 12 of the past 13 years)
  for the major league rookie training. Also in January, Coach Law attended the Cubs Convention, an annual gathering
  which draws thousands of fans.

#### **Attendance Ranks Nationally**

Attendance at Larry H. Miller field ranked 33rd nationally in 2003 with an average of 1,404 fans attending in 16 dates. The Cougars' ranked 44th nationally in total home attendance with 22,460 fans in 2003. BYU set two top-10 home attendance records last year drawing 2,512 fans to a match against Utah and 2,274 to one against Air Force. The Cougars' have a 45-21 (.682) record at Larry H. Miller Field. BYU drew its fifth-largest crowd ever in 2004 with 2,505 fans on April 16 against SDSU and its seventh-largest crowd with 2,293 fans in a game against UNLV on March 19. Through 12 games, the Cougars are on pace to draw its largest average crowd for any particular year. The team is averaging 1,640 fans per game, 83 above the stadiums total average of 1,557.

# Fourth Full Year in New Ballpark at Home

This is BYU's fourth 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.

## **2004 MWC Preseason Poll**

PL.	Team (1st Votes)	) Point
1.	UNLV (4)	24
2.	San Diego State (2)	22
3.	BYU	15
4.	New Mexico	12
	Utah	12
6.	Air Force	5

## Eagle Scouts on BYU's Team (18)

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Joshua Barrett	RHP	Fr.
Michel Bergeron	RHP	Sr.
Kevin Bills	3B/0F	Sr.
Bryce Burger	RHP	Sr.
Casey Cloward	C	Jr.
Brad Hales	INF	So.
Paul Jacinto	RHP	Sr.
Seth lorg	0F	Fr.
Mike Kessler	0F	Fr.
Tim Law	1B	Sr.
Nick Lemon	RHP	Jr.
John Pace	1B	Fr.
Ben Saylor	1B/0F	So.
J.D. Stambaugh	LHP	Fr.
Brandon Taylor	SS	So.
Wade Vest	2B	Sr.
Ranger Wiens	SS	Sr.
Adam Wilkes	C	Sr.

## **College Coaches Who Played In Majors**

Dave Anderson	Memphis	
Jerry Augustine	Wisc-Milwaukee	
Scott Bradley	Princeton	
Randy Bush	New Orleans	
Jim Farr	Williams & Mary	
Wayne Graham	Rice	
Tony Gwynn	San Diego State	
Keith Kessinger	Arkansas Štate	
Vance Law	BYU	
Ron Nischwitz	Wright State	
Steve Rodriguez	Pepperdine	
Ed Sprague	Pacific	
John Stuper	Yale	

# **Pronunciation Guide**

Casey Cloward	klOW-ahrd
Tyler Heid	h-IGH-d
Jeff Hiestand	HEE-stand
Seth lorg	Rhymes with George
Paul Jacinto	JUH-sin-toh
Kory Knell	n-EL
Bryce Searle	Suh-rl
Justin Su'a	S00-uh
Ranger Wiens	WEEns

# **New Indoor Practice Facility**

BYU practiced for the first time this year in its new 422-foot long, 86-foot high Indoor Practice Facility. "It's like a giant pinball machine," outfielder Kory Knell said. The new facility allows the team to escape the winter weather and practice indoors a full infield and most of an outfield. The grass turf gives ground balls a natural feel.

# **Double Duty at Miller Stadium**

The BYU baseball and softball teams shared two home dates in 2004. UVSC's baseball team is using Miller Field in 2004 while its new stadium is built. For the fourth year in a row the Provo Angels rookie league team will be using Miller Park.

# A-Rod Is Not the Only Star Shortstop Moving to Third

Ranger Wiens' moves from shortstop to third base on Feb. 20 is similar to Alex Rodriguez's move to third to help the Yankees by keeping Derek Jeter at shortstop. UVSC transfer Brandon Taylor took over the shortstop position at the beginning of the 2004 season due to an injury to Wiens who has spent the season in the designated hitter role. To keep Taylor in the lineup, the Collegiate Baseball Third-team Preseason All-American moved to third to help the team. With Wiens at third and Taylor at short, the Cougars' have a solid defensive left side while keeping two powerful bats in the lineup. BYU head coach Vance Law also transferred to third from shortstop in the major leagues. In 15 games at third, Wiens has 10 putouts and 10 assists at the position. Wiens threw out three runners at home in one game from third against UNLV on March 19. He played left field as a substitute in the 10th inning of the final game at Utah, making a diving catch for the first out of that inning.

#### Graduation

- Six baseball players from previous teams have completed graduation plans from this past Academic year. Already graduating last December were relief pitcher Tyler Dabo, third baseman Kainoa Obrey and first baseman Jake Stubblefield. Those graduating last month include pitcher Ryan Adams and outfielders Doug Jackson and Beau Seil.
- Senior catcher Adam Wilkes was the only Cougar to graduate last month. He received his diploma in Russian with a minor in chemistry. Wilkes has been accepted to two dental schools, Colorado and Louisville.

# **Ticket Prices at Miller Park**

A season pass is \$60 for lower-chair seats and \$50 for upper-chair seats and allows patrons to be in the same seat for all 18 home games. A family pass for individual games is available for \$60 to the general public or \$50 for Cougar Club members or \$30 to BYU students or employees.

Individual Cougar Card prices are \$30 to the general public or \$20 for Cougar Club members or \$15 to BYU students or employees through the Cougar Card option. Holders of these cards need to exchange tickets in advance the week of the game to obtain reserve tickets.

Individual game prices are \$5 for adults or \$4 students/BYU faculty or staff or \$2 apiece for groups of 15 or more.

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#### **2004 MWC Leaders** as of May 16, 2004 Triples Young, Matt-NM Chevalier, Eric-UT 6 Olson, Tyson-UT Chambers, Ryan-BYU Burt, Landon-SDSU <u>Home Runs</u> Nielsen, Eric-LV 14 13 Ciaramella, Matt-UT Taylor, Brandon-BYU 11 Salas, Joe-NM 11 3 tied with 8 home runs Stolen Bases SB-ATT Burt, Landon-SDSU 28-32 Kowalski, Ryan-LV 18-21 Vest, Wade-BYU 14-15 Wiens, Ranger-BYU 13-14 Wolfram, Josh-AF 13-20 ERA ERA, IP 2.79, 9.2 Chapados, Michael-AF 2.95, 36.2 Schroyer, Ryan-SDSU Burger, Bryce-BYU 3.63, 22.1 Barrett, Joshua-BYU 4.15, 21.2 Scheinbaum, Ben-LV 4.17, 41.0 Smith, Jackie-NM 4.20, 15.0 Harang, Daryl-SDSU 4.27, 78.0 Vose, Jake-LV 4.28, 90.1 Jenson, Drew-SDSU 4.40, 57.1 <u>Batting Avg.</u> .331 UNLV New Mexico .317 Utah .305 San Diego State .292 Air Force .286 .267 BYU Earned Run Avg. San Diego State 5.24 BYU 5.70 UNLV 5.96 New Mexico 6.09 6.82 Utah Air Force 11.85 Fielding Pct. .966 New Mexico BYU .964 San Diego State .964

UNLV

Utah

Air Force

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# **2004 Team Highlights**

- Ranger Wiens went 4-for-5 against San Diego State on May 12, a game BYU won 11-2.
- Earning MWC Player of the Week honors, shortstop **Brandon Taylor** went 9-for-15 in a three-game series against New Mexico on May 6-8 with three home runs and 10 RBI. His six RBI and 4-for-6 performance on May 7 helped BYU beat the Lobos 12-4
- A triple short of the cycle, **Jeff Hiestand** knocked in three runs including a two-run homer against Utah on May 1 in a 14-9 victory.
- Largely responsible for the 14-9 win against Utah on May 1, **Ryan Chambers** finished with four RBI and went 4-for-6 in the final series game. Down 9-8 in the seventh inning, Chambers two-run single put the Cougars ahead for good.
- Ben Saylor hit an inside-the-park home run against Utah on April 30, his fourth homer of the year.
- Retiring nine of the final 10 batters, **Kalen Parsons** picked up his first win against Utah on April 29 in a 7-4 victory.
- Paul Jacinto earned MWC Pitcher of the Week honors after picking up a win and a save against San Diego State in two relief appearances.
- Ben Saylor pulled the Cougars past SDSU for a 6-5 win with a two-run blast in the seventh inning on April 17.
- In the 11th inning, **Brandon Taylor** doubled in **Wade Vest** for a 7-6 victory over San Diego State on April 15.
- Brandon Taylor hit a two-run home run, his eighth of the year, helping BYU
  defeat UNLV 8-7 on April 8. The win broke a nine-game losing streak to the
  Rebels.
- Paul Jacinto threw a seven-hit complete game at New Mexico on April 2, but lost 1-0
- Ben Saylor's game-ending, diving catch with two outs and the bases loaded in the 17th inning on March 27 at Utah to preserve a 5-4 victory.
- Ranger Wiens threw out three runners at home from third in one game against UNLV on March 19.
- Ryan Chambers hit a triple in four consecutive games from March 10-13, breaking a Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic record for most triples in the tournament. He was named MWC Player of the Week after his performance.
- Kory Knell hit the game-winning, walk-off single to beat Portland 5-4 in the ninth on March 12.
- **Jeff Hiestand** became the second Cougar to go deep twice in a 21-3 victory over Chicago State on March 9. Hiestand finished 3-for-5 with five runs and six RBI.
- The Cougars took second in the Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic hosted by Fresno State. BYU lost to Fresno State 10-9 in the championship on March 13 after going 5-0 in the tournament.
- Long Beach State ace **Jered Weaver** had 15 strikeouts against the Cougars on March 5, including 10 straight to begin the game.
- Against Nevada on Feb. 27, BYU pitchers combined for six hit batters in the seven-inning game. Nevada outfielder Chris Gimenez was hit three times.
- The shutout over Pepperdine on Feb. 26 was BYU's first since exactly a year ago when it blanked Washington State 4-0. **Patrick Wells** and **Bryce Burger** combined for the shutout
- Catcher **Adam Wilkes** hit the 10th-inning, game-winning single to beat San Jose State 3-2 on Feb. 21. The game was the second extra-inning affair in a row for BYU.
- Ben Saylor, Wade Vest and Ryan Chambers have had 10-game hitting streaks this season.
- **Brandon Taylor** is the first Cougar in 2004 to go deep twice in a game. He hit two solo home runs in a 11-10 win over Santa Clara on Feb. 10. Taylor went 3-for-5 in the game with four RBI.
- Patrick Wells earned MWC Pitcher of the Week honors after throwing a complete game 3-1 victory over Nevada on Feb. 7 at the Pacific Tournament. Wells scattered seven hits while striking out three.

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# **Cougars on Missions (6)**

Player, Pos., Year @ BYU
Thomas Bills, 1B, 2003
Clayton Barnes, LHP, 2003
Brian Nielsen, LHP, 2002
Adam Hanselman, OF, 2003
Chris Johnson, SS, 2003
Tyler Manning, LHP, 2003

Place of Service
Montreal (French)
Mexico City West
Germany
Long Beach, Calif.
Everett, Wash.
Guadalajara, Mexico

## **Cougars with Mission Calls**

Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
Mike Kessler, OF, Fr.	Brazil

#### **Missions Served (22)**

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<u>Player, Pos., Year @ BYU</u>	Place of Service
Joshua Barrett, LHP, Fr.	Lithuania
Kevin Bills, 3B/OF, Sr.	Orlando, Fla.
Anthony Bingham, RHP, So.	Chile
Bryce Burger, RHP, Jr.	Boise, Idaho
Casey Cloward, C, Jr.	Mexico
Brad Hales, INF, So.	Spain
Tyler Heid, RHP, So.	Japan
Nathan Hess, RHP, Jr.	Montreal, Canada
Jeff Hiestand, OF/C, So.	Denver, Colo.
Seth lorg, OF, Fr.	Ukraine
Paul Jacinto, RHP, Sr.	Brazil
Kory Knell, Infield/1B, Jr.	Illinois
Tim Law, OF/1B, Sr.	Toronto (Chinese)
Nick Lemon, RHP, JR.	Washington, D.C.
Blair Lucas, 3B, Sr.	Brazil
Ben Saylor, OF, So.	Philippines
Bryce Searle, RHP, So.	Ecuador
Justin Su'a, RHP, So.	Nicaragua
Brandon Taylor, SS, So.	Argentina
Wade Vest, 2b, Sr.	Chile
Ranger Wiens, SS, Sr.	Hawai`i
Adam Wilkes, Catcher, Sr.	Russia

# Married Players (9) Wife

Michel Bergeron, RHP, Sr.	Penelope Grebe
Bryce Burger, RHP, Jr.	Jamie Eshenroder
Casey Cloward, Catcher, Jr.	Amberlee Searle
Brad Hales, INF So.	Shannon Bufton
Tyler Heid, RHP, So.	Ashley Sheffield
Nathan Hess, RHP, Jr.	Cindy Gibby
Blair Lucas, INF, Sr.	Sara Finlinson
Ranger Wiens, SS, Sr.	Katie Corbett
Adam Wilkes, Catcher, Sr.	Erin Nelson

## Top Pitching Outings of 2004

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<u>Hits</u>	<u>Pitcher</u>	Opponent, W-L	
7*	Patrick Wells	Nevada, W 3-1	
7*	Paul Jacinto	New Mexico, L 0-1	
7*	Patrick Wells	Utah, W 13-3	
5+	Patrick Wells	Pepperdine, W 5-0	
*complete game, $+7$ innings			

# **Player Profiles**

# **Ranger Wiens**

Selected as a 2004 third team Pre-season All-America selection by <u>Collegiate Baseball</u> magazine and a 2004 CollegeBaseballInsider.com Preseason All-American honorable mention. The 2004 BYU co-captain leads all returning players in nearly every offensive category including average, RBI, doubles and stolen bases. His first year of action was at the University of Nevada prior to serving a Church mission to Hawai'i. Wiens set a junior's record for MWC games with a .415 league batting average. His .405 season average ranked 30th in the nation.



Year	Avg	G-GS	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	so	SB-SBA
1999*	.171	36-17	70	10	12	3	0	0	7	15	5	16	0-0
2002	.318	63-63	242	43	77	14	3	3	32	106	22	47	9-15
2003	.405	53-52	220	50	89	25	4	4	55	134	20	25	21-28
2004	.232	47-44	155	23	36	8	2	2	20	55	26	37	13-14
TOTAL	.312	200-176	687	126	214	50	9	9	114	309	73	125	43-57

<sup>\*</sup> At University of Nevada (Reno)

#### **Paul Jacinto**

Jacinto earned MWC Pitcher of the Week honors after picking up a win and a save in two relief appearances against San Diego State this year. He was named the 2003 MWC Pitcher of the Year after finishing 10-5 with a 4.14 ERA last year. He was named MWC Pitcher of the Week for his complete game, one-hit outing against UNLV in Provo in a 3-1 victory. Jacinto lost a three-hitter in a complete game in a 1-0 decision against Northwestern in BYU's tournament in Arizona. He set a MWC record for league games with a .222 opposing batting average, and set junior MWC games only marks with 74.1 innings and



nine wins His 10 season wins ranked 25th in the nation. Jacinto pitched a complete-game seven-hitter this year against New Mexico on April 2, but lost 1-0.

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so
1999*	11.52	1-1	11	4	0	1	27.1	43	38	35	23	20
2002	7.83	2-3	14	9	0	0	56.1	77	57	49	28	42
2003	4.14	10-5	18	13	4	0	113.0	101	58	52	38	83
2004	6.14	2-9	18	13	1	2	85.0	106	67	58	19	62
TOTAL	6.20	15-18	61	39	5	3	281.2	327	220	194	108	207

#### **Ryan Chambers**

Chambers was named MWC Player of the Week vs. the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic at Fresno in mid-March. Last year, Chambers was named MWC Player of the Week vs. Utah after leading the Cougars' to their first six-game sweep of the Utes since 1986, batting .600 with two home runs and eight RBI. He led the team with 10 home runs in conference play, ending the season tied for first with 11. A corner stone in right field, Chambers committed only four errors while gunning down three who tested his arm. He led the MWC in total bases for league games only and was second with a slugging percentage of .714. Chambers had a 17-game hitting streak near the end of the 2003 season.



Year	Avg	G-GS	ΑB	R	Η	2B	3 <b>B</b>	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
2002	.291	39-30	110	18	32	9	2	2	19	51	13	18	6-6
2003	.327	52-50	199	43	65	7	5	11	51	115	19	30	1-6
2004	.266	48-46	192	41	51	7	5	3	33	77	22	37	8-9
TOTAL	.295	139-126	501	100	148	23	12	16	103	243	54	85	15-21

# **Bloodlines for Current BYU Baseball Team**

- Michel Bergeron—father, Richard Bergeron, was a running back for the Royal Military Naval Academy.
- Lance Beus—cousin Caroline Beus played women's basketball for BYU (1998-2000), cousin Dan Beus played basketball for Southern Utah University, grandmother is a cousin to former major league pitcher and Cy Young Award winner Vernon Law, the father of BYU coach Vance Law.
- **Kevin 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 **Thomas Bills** signed last season with BYU baseball and is currently serving a Church mission to Montreal, Canada.
- **Bryce Burger**—father, **Jeff Burger**, pitched one year for Florida State, sister **Rhianna Burger** played lacrosse for two years at BYU.
- Casey Cloward—father, Rod Cloward, played for BYU baseball from 1969-72. Wife, Amberlee Searle Cloward, is the sister of current BYU pitcher Bryce Searle.
- Brad Hales—grandfather Lynn Powell played for BYU baseball in 1949.
- Tyler Heid—father, Edward Heid, is a scout for Seattle Mariners, uncle David Heid played baseball for BYU. Younger brother Trevor Heid signed with BYU baseball last November.
- Seth lorg—father, Dane lorg, played 10 years in the major leagues with the Phillies, Cardinals, Royals and Padres and won two World Series rings with the Cardinals and Royals. Uncle Garth lorg played nine years in the major leagues with the Toronto Blue Jays. Uncle Lee lorg and cousin Isaac lorg also played baseball at BYU. Isaac was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 2001 and now plays in the Atlanta Braves organization. Dane (1969-71) and Lee (1971-74) are members of the BYU Hall of Fame and were All-Americans at BYU. Cousin Eli lorg is a sophomore infielder at the University of Tennessee after playing his freshman year at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Cousin Cale lorg, a senior in high school, signed to play baseball with Alabama.
- Paul Jacinto—grandfather Alvin Jacinto played one year on the major league Chicago White Sox and then played in the San Francisco Giants organization, father, David Jacinto, swam and played water polo for BYU, uncles Scott Jacinto, Brett Jacinto and Mark Favero were swimmers for BYU and uncle Rex Favero swam for UCLA.
- Mike Kessler—father, Brad Kessler, was a 1973 first round draft of the Cincinnati Reds.
- Seth King, volunteer assistant coach—younger brother Eric King pitches for UVSC.
- 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 and in 2000 and 2002 for BYU. Son Andrew Law signed with BYU baseball last November.
- **John Pace**—father, **Corey Pace**, was a center for BYU's football team (1976, `79-81), brother **Daniel Pace** played football for BYU. Grandpa **Wallace Hunt** ran track at BYU.
- Kalen Parsons—uncle Lynn Parsons played basketball at BYU (1967-69), father, Stanford Parsons, played basketball at Snow and Kalen originally went to Snow College with the intent to play both basketball and baseball. Brother Greg Parsons played baseball at the College of Eastern Utah. Cousin Rhet Parsons played basketball at Southern Utah University (1986-87).
- 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.
- Bryce Searle—father, Craig Searle, ran track and played freshman basketball for BYU in 1974 with Gifford Nielsen and Dave Checketts. Sister Amberlee Searle Cloward is the wife of current BYU catcher Casey Cloward.
- J.D. Stambaugh—father, Roy Stambaugh, played baseball for Shippensburg University.
- Justin Su'a—father, Murphy Su'a, is a former BYU All-American (1978-79) and is the hitting coach at Cal State Dominguez Hills.
- Brandon Taylor—grandpa Robert Taylor played quarterback at Ricks College, uncle Val Taylor played football at BYU.
- Ranger Wiens—father, Randy Wiens, played AAA baseball for the Toronto Blue Jays, grandfather Lloyd Brink played football for BYU (1938-40), uncles Bill Brink and Justin Brink played baseball for BYU. Younger brother Logan Wiens signed with BYU baseball last November. His mother, the late Sheryl Wiens, played tennis at BYU and was on the Cougars' legendary coach Ann Valentine's first team in 1967.
- Adam Wilkes—father, James Wilkes, played baseball for the University of Arizona, grandfather was a scout for 30 years with the Los Angles Dodgers, younger brother Garrett Wilkes played basketball for the College of Eastern Arizona. Adam's wife, Erin Nelson Wilkes, was an All-American soccer player for the University of Arizona.

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No	. Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Yr.	DOB	Hometown
1	**Tim Law	1B/OF	5-10	180	L-L	Sr2V	11-6-78	Provo, Utah (Dixie JC)
3	Brandon Taylor	SS	6-2	190	R-R	SoJC	7-26-82	Orem, Utah (UVSC)
4	Patrick Wells	LHP	6-0	180	L-L	JrJĆ	8-6-83	West Jordan, Utah (CEU)
5	*Wade Vest	2B	5-9	160	R-R	Sr1V	12-15-79	Spanish Fork, Utah (UVSC)
6	*Blair Lucas	INF	5-10	210	R-R	Sr1V	3-23-80	Lake Forest, Calif. (Saddleback CC)
7	Lance Beus	LHP	6-0	180	L-L	JrTR	3-11-83	Meridian, Idaho (Oklahoma State)
8	\$ **Ranger Wiens	SS	6-3	200	R-R	Sr2V	5-7-80	Merced, California (Nevada)
9	**Casey Cloward	C	5-11	180	R-R	Jr2V	12-8-80	Salem, Utah (Spanish Fork)
11	***Kevin Bills	3B/OF	6-2	175	R-R	Sr3V	3-5-80	Reno, Nevada (Reno)
12	Kory Knell	OF	6-0	190	R-R	JrRS	2-6-80	Salt Lake City (Saddleback CC)
13	Kalén Parsons	RHP	6-3	210	R-R	JrJC	9-1-82	Green River, Utah (CEU)
14	Nick Lemon	RHP	6-2	190	R-R	JrJC	10-4-81	Elk Grove, Calif. (Consumes River)
15	***Paul Jacinto	RHP	6-0	190	R-R	Sr3V	1-18-80	Encinitas, California (LaCosta)
16	*Jeff Hiestand	OF/C	5-11	215	L-R	So1V	8-10-82	Chino, California (Chino)
17	*Tyler Heid	RHP	6-2	175	R-R	So1V	8-5-80	Glendale, Arizona (Cactus)
18	Nathan Hess	RHP	6-5	200	R-R	JrJC	4-13-81	Preston, Idaho (SLCC)
22	**Ryan Chambers	OF	6-0	165	L-L	Jr2V	12-31-82	Yucaipa, California (Yucaipa)
23	Joshua Barrett	RHP	6-1	170	R-R	FrTR	9-20-81	Pleasant View, Utah (Arizona St.)
24	\$ **Adam Wilkes	C	5-9	165	R-R	Sr2V	10-26-79	Tucson, Arizona (Sabino)
25	Ben Saylor	1B/OF	6-4	215	L-R	SoJC	2-14-82	Sandy, Utah (Hillcrest)
26	*Bryce Searle	RHP	6-3	215	R-R	So1V	11-1-80	Spanish Fork, Utah (Spanish Fork)
27	*Juštin Su′a	3B/RHF	<b>°</b> 6-3	183	R-R	So1V	9-25-82	Torrance, California (West)
32	J.D. Stambaugh	LHP	6-2	210	L-L	FrHS	10-25-84	Collierville, Tenn. (Collierville)
33	Bryce Burger	RHP	6-6	230	R-R	SrJC	7-7-79	Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (UVSC)
Cal	rches							

Coaches
2—Vance Law, Head Coach, 29—Ryan Roberts, Assistant Coach, 34—Bobby Applegate, Assistant Coach 31—Seth King, Volunteer Coach \* Letters \$Co-Captains

# **Honors for 2004**

**Kevin Bills, Outfield** Cougar Scholar Athlete

Ryan Chambers, Outfield MWC Player of the Week vš. Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic

Casey Cloward, Catcher Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic All-Tourney Cougar Scholar Athlete

**Tyler Heid, Pitcher** Cougar Scholar Athlete

**Jeff Hiestand, Outfield** Cougar Scholar Athlete **Paul Jacinto, Pitcher** 

MWC Pitcher of the Week vs. SDSU

**Kory Knell, Outfield** Cougar Scholar Athlete

Ben Saylor, Outfield, First Base Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic All-Tourney

**Bryce Searle, Pitcher** Cougar Scholar Athlete

**Brandon Taylor, Shortstop** MWC Player of the Week vś. New Mexico

Patrick Wells, Pitcher

MWC Pitcher of the Week vs. Nevada

**Adam Wilkes, Catcher** Cougar Scholar Athlete

2004	MWC	Stand MWC		as of 5/16 Overall
UNLV UNM SDSU BYU Utah AFA		19-8 18-9 16-9 12-12 11-16 0-22	GB - 1 2 5.5 8 16.5	32-20 22-25-1 30-27 22-28 21-31 5 5-41

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UNLV BYU San Diego St. New Mexico Utah Air Force	MWC <u>W-L</u> 24-6 18-12	GB - 6 6 7 14 21	Overall  47-17  30-24  29-32  34-26  24-32  15-39

# **2004 Season BYU Baseball Statistics**

Record: 22-28 Home: 7-5 Away: 10-19 Neutral: 5-4 MWC: 12-12

Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	Н	2B	ЗВ	HR	RBI	ТВ	SLG%	вв	HBP	SO	GDF	OB%	SF S	SH	SB	ATT	PO	Α	E F	FLD%
HIESTAND, Jeff	.324	38	31	105	29	34	9	1	5	26	60	.571	26	4	19	2	.474	0	0	5	5	31	5	0 1	1.000
TAYLOR, Brando	n.320	50	50	206	39	66	13	3	11	44	118	.573	10	2	41	4	.355	2	2	7	9	67	119	20	.903
SAYLOR, Ben	.303	49	49	195	22	59	9	0	4	33	80	.410	14	1	49	3	.349	2	1	0	2	145	13	2	.988
HALES, Brad	.294	11	2	17	4	5	0	0	0	2	5	.294	3	0	4	1	.400	0	0	0	0	13	12	3	.893
KNELL, Kory	.292	40	30	130	24	38	9	1	1	23	52	.400	11	5	24	0	.367	1	3	3	9	58	5	3	.955
ITRI, Rob	.268	42	41	157	30	42	8	2	2	21	60	.382	18	1	23	3	.343	2	0	2	2	21	29	7	.877
CHAMBERS, Rya	n.266	48	46	192	41	51	7	5	3	33	77	.401	22	2	37	0	.342	3	6	8	9	134	6	2	.986
VEST, Wade	.253	45	42	146	27	37	8	1	0	11	47	.322	9	2	24	2	.304	1	3	14	15	82	124	7	.967
WILKES, Adam	.242	22	19	66	11	16	1	1	0	7	19	.288	6	2	11	2	.324	0	4	1	2	119	19	2	.986
LAW, Tim	.240	45	38	150	17	36	3	1	0	15	41	.273	9	1	19	2	.284	2	2	5	7	331	33	0 1	1.000
WIENS, Ranger	.232	47	44	155	23	36	8	2	2	20	54	.348	26	7	37	4	.361	3	1	13	14	24	45	1	.986
BILLS, Kevin	.224	34	15	76	11	17	3	0	2	12	26	.342	8	5	22	0	.333	1	4	4	4	34	3	1	.974
CLOWARD, Case	ey.207	38	31	116	15	24	3	0	3	17	36	.310	4	3	21	1	.248	2	0	3	6	212	29	3	.988
LUCAS, Blair	.183	28	12	60	8	11	2	0	1	6	16	.267	5	3	14	0	.279	0	0	1	2	19	34	5	.914
Totals	.267	50	50	1771	301	472	83	17	34	270	691	.390	171	38	345	24	.341	19 :	26	66	86	1327	543	69	.964
Opponents	.306	50	50	1781	343	545	113	12	44	305	814	.457	170	55	327	20	.381	16	31	66	91	1364	555	83	.959

LOB - Team (360), Opp (383). DPs turned - Team (30), Opp (32). IBB - Team (5), ITRI 2, WIENS 2, CHAMBERS 1, Opp (3). Picked off - TAYLOR 3, VEST 2, CHAMBERS 2, CLOWARD 2.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG S	SHO C	ВО	SV	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	2B	3B	HR	ABE	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK S	SFA S	HΑ
BURGER, Bryce	3.63	0	3	15	0	0	0	1	2	22.1	27	14	9	2	22	2	1	2	93	.290	1	6	0	0	1
BARRETT, Joshua	4.15	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	1	21.2	23	18	10	10	18	7	0	2	84	.274	5	3	0	2	2
PARSONS, Kalen	4.50	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	24.0	34	15	12	4	22	8	0	0	100	.340	0	3	0	2	1
SU'A, Justin	5.18	2	2	12	9	0	0	0	0	57.1	80	35	33	10	42	18	0	5	236	.339	0	6	1	2	4
HESS, Nathan	5.32	2	3	12	2	0	0	0	1	22.0	22	17	13	4	18	6	1	0	82	.268	1	6	1	1	2
WELLS, Patrick	5.65	6	4	15	15	2	0	1	0	92.1	112	66	58	28	51	29	3	11	371	.302	3	7	1	1	8
STAMBAUGH,J.D.	5.72	3	0	12	3	0	0	0	1	28.1	44	25	18	6	25	7	2	1	125	.352	3	2	0	2	1
LEMON, Nick	6.09	2	4	17	4	0	0	0	2	34.0	25	33	23	45	39	3	0	0	119	.210	17	8	0	1	3
JACINTO, Paul	6.14	2	9	18	13	1	0	0	2	85.0	106	67	58	19	62	21	3	10	344	.308	5	7	0	4	4
BEUS, Lance	6.23	3	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	26.0	30	21	18	20	10	5	1	3	101	.297	3	1	0	1	5
HEID, Tyler	6.75	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	12.0	14	13	9	9	9	5	0	3	49	.286	0	2	0	0	0
SEARLE, Bryce	9.87	1	1	8	3	0	0	0	0	17.1	28	19	19	13	9	2	1	7	77	.364	2	4	3	0	0
Totals	5.70	22	28	50	50	3	1	1	9	442.1	545	343	280	170	327	113	12	44	1781	.306	40	55	6	16	31
Opponents	4.71	28	22	50	50	4	2	1	13	454.2	472	301	238	171	345	83	17	34	1771	.267	44	38	9	19	26

PB - Team (14), CLOWARD 9, WILKES 5, Opp (10). Pickoffs - Team (4), SU'A 2, WILKES 1, WELLS 1, Opp (9). SBA/ATT - CLOWARD (34-47), WILKES (32-40), LEMON (17-21), JACINTO (11-15), HESS (8-11), WELLS (7-11), SU'A (8-11), PARSONS (3-4), SEARLE (2-4), HEID (4-4), BARRETT (2-3), BURGER (2-3), STAMBAUGH (2-3), BEUS (0-1).

# **BYU 2004 MWC Games Only Statistics**

Record: 12-12 Home: 7-5 Away: 5-7 MWC: 12-12

Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ТВ	SLG%	BBI	HBP	SO (	GDF	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	Α	E F	LD%
TAYLOR, Brando	~ 200	24	24	106	26	42	9	1	7	28	74	.698	5	1	21	0	.425	1	1	5	6	39	59	16	.860
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ITRI, Rob	.333	18	17	75	13	25	6	1	1	12	36	.480	4	1	12	0	.366	2	0	0	0	7	1	2	.800
HIESTAND, Jeff	.333	19	17	60	17	20	7	1	2	11	35	.583	16	3	11	2	.494	0	0	4	4	7	2	0 1	.000
CHAMBERS, Rya	an.321	24	24	112	25	36	6	1	2	22	50	.446	9	2	15	0	.382	0	3	5	6	69	5	1	.987
SAYLOR, Ben	.313	24	24	99	11	31	5	0	2	25	42	.424	9	1	27	3	.373	1	1	0	0	80	9	1	.989
KNELL, Kory	.302	18	14	63	13	19	5	0	0	11	24	.381	4	4	9	0	.380	0	1	3	6	24	2	3	.897
BILLS, Kevin	.282	20	8	39	10	11	3	0	2	7	20	.513	8	2	9	0	.429	0	2	4	4	19	2	1 .	.955
WILKES, Adam	.276	10	8	29	6	8	1	0	0	3	9	.310	4	2	3	0	.400	0	0	1	2	53	4	1	.983
LAW, Tim	.261	21	16	69	8	18	1	0	0	7	19	.275	4	0	5	1	.301	0	0	4	4	151	15	0 1	.000
LUCAS, Blair	.250	14	4	28	4	7	2	0	0	4	9	.321	2	0	8	0	.300	0	0	1	1	4	18	1	.957
VEST, Wade	.239	24	24	88	19	21	5	1	0	5	28	.318	7	2	16	0	.309	0	2	9	9	53	75	5	.962
WIENS, Ranger	.219	22	20	73	11	16	5	1	0	10	23	.315	13	4	18	3	.367	0	1	6	6	17	37	1 .	.982
CLOWARD, Case	ey .194	19	16	62	8	12	3	0	0	8	15	.242	3	1	12	1	.239	1	0	2	3	119	16	0 1	.000
HALES, Brad	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	2	1	3 .	.500
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LOB - Team (194), Opp (208). DPs turned - Team (18), Opp (16). IBB - Team (2), ITRI 1, CHAMBERS 1, Opp (1). Picked off - TAYLOR 2, CHAMBERS 1, CLOWARD 1.

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SEARLE, Bryce	1.50	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6.0	7	1	1	4	2	0	0	1	23	.304	0	0	0	0	0
BURGER, Bryce	3.65	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	12.1	15	8	5	1	10	1	0	1	51	.294	1	5	0	0	0
STAMBAUGH,J.D.	4.41	2	0	7	1	0	0	0	1	16.1	23	15	8	5	15	4	2	1	74	.311	1	2	0	0	0
HEID, Tyler	4.76	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	5.2	8	6	3	3	5	5	0	1	26	.308	0	1	0	0	0
PARSONS, Kalen	5.06	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	16.0	26	12	9	3	17	6	0	0	71	.366	0	1	0	1	0
BARRETT, Joshua	5.14	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	14.0	16	15	8	8	11	5	0	1	55	.291	3	3	0	2	1
JACINTO, Paul	5.90	2	4	10	5	1	0	0	2	39.2	52	30	26	5	27	11	1	5	161	.323	2	2	0	2	1
BEUS, Lance	6.14	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	14.2	20	11	10	10	6	5	1	1	60	.333	1	1	0	1	3
WELLS, Patrick	6.75	3	2	8	8	1	0	0	0	46.2	63	40	35	18	24	18	1	7	193	.326	1	3	1	1	3
LEMON, Nick	7.36	2	3	10	4	0	0	0	0	25.2	21	25	21	36	27	3	0	0	90	.233	8	6	0	1	3
SU'A, Justin	8.27	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	20.2	36	19	19	5	18	9	0	2	91	.396	0	3	1	1	2
HESS, Nathan	12.46	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4.1	8	7	6	1	4	3	0	0	19	.421	0	1	0	0	0
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PB - Team (10), CLOWARD 8, WILKES 2, Opp (5). Pickoffs - Team (2), WELLS 1, WILKES 1, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - CLOWARD (18-25), WILKES (12-14), LEMON (10-13), WELLS (5-8), SU'A (4-6), JACINTO (3-3), HEID (3-3), PARSONS (3-3), HESS (0-2), BARRETT (1-2), BURGER (1-2), BEUS (0-1).

		BYU's	Longe	est Extra Innings
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1983	@ Utah (15 inn)	W	12-9	2000 @ San Diego St. (11 inn) W 7-6
2002	@ UC-Irvine (14 inn)	W	10-7	1984 No. Colorado (11 inn) W 10-9
1993	Washington# (14 inn)	W	7-6	# Coyote Classic, San Bernardino, Calif.
1994	@ Utah (13 inn)	L	3-4	% Riverside Baseball Invit., Calif.
1984	San Diego St.% (13 inn)	W	5-3	
2004	San Diego St. (11 inn)	W	7-6	

# **2004 BYU Results**

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<sup>#</sup> Pacific Invitational, Stockton, Calif.

<sup>%</sup> Battle at the Beach, Malibu, Calif. + Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic, Fresno, Calif. \* MWC Games

# FOR THE LAWS, BASEBALL IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

# BY BRANDON KOLDITZ, BYU NEWSNET STAFFWRITER

n 1960, Ve m Law, a 30year-old pitcher from Meridian, Idaho, helped pitch the Pittsburgh Pirates past the New York Yankees in the World Series, capturing the CY Young Award along the way. The Pirates won all three games Ve m started in the series.

Now 74, Vern is a volunteer batting practice pitcher on the BYU baseball team. He is joined on the team by his son, Coach Vance Law, and grandson, junior first baseman Tim Law.

Tim appreciates the experience he has to be on a team assisted by both his father and grandfather.

"It's a special opportunity," Tim said. "I don't know of any other person in baseball who has this kind of opportunity. It's a special chance for me to be a part of that."

The three generations of Laws possibly form the only three-generation family to work together on the same team at the same time.

After a 16-year major league career with the Pittsburgh Pirates and a 10 year stint as the Cougars' pitching coach in the `70s, Vern spends many of his aftermoons pitching batting practice to the Cougars. Even in his 70s, he still throws hard.

"I can throw all day and have my arm not bother me," Vern said. "I still have plenty left. The kids know I can throw strikes, and I have no problem doing that."

Ve m said he loves to give the players an opportunity to improve their hitting skills.

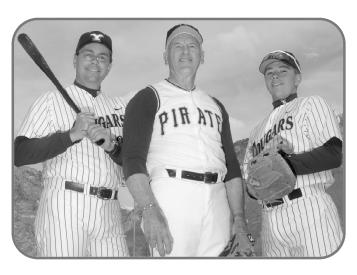
"He's always there to offer extra BP or extra swings if I need them," Tim said. "He's taught me to work hard and don't put too much pressure on yourself. He's told me to play how he knows I can play."

With the help of his father's name, Vance was able to enjoy a 10-year major league career with the Pirates, White Sox, Expos, Cubs and Athletics.

In his fourth season as the Cougar's head coach, Vance focuses his efforts on teaching the skills of baseball to his son and the rest of the team.

"I enjoy watching Vance coach the team," Ve m said. "He relates very well with the kids. I don't know anyone who works as well with young men as Vance does. He seems to be able to push the right buttons and instruct the boys how to develop into good ballplayers."

Tim is trying to go in the direction his father and grandfather have gone before him. After playing a year at Dixie College and serving a church mission, Tim joined his father at BYU in 2001.



Head Coach Vance Law, left, with his father Vernon (1960 Cy Young Winner) and son Tim, a first baseman with BYU. Vernon, now 74, still throws batting practice for BYU.

"Tim is a great young man and has excellent skills, particularly in fielding," Ve m said. "He can probably save as many runs as he'll drive in because of his glove work. He's an excellent fielder, and I enjoy watching him play."

As a sophomore in 2001, Tim hit .301 with three doubles and one triple. He struck out only six times in 83 at bats.

"Tim has done well for us,"
Vance said. "It's fun to be
around him. I used to have that
time with my own dad. It's fun to
have a father around."

With opportunity comes pressure to perf orm, especially when your last name is Law. Tim

realizes the pressure associated with having former major leaguers as a father and grandfather and also as a coach and batting practice pitcher.

"The pressure comes from the people on the outside," Tim said. "From the inside there is no pressure. My family's always there to support me."

Tim said that he tries to focus on his responsibilities as a player on a team, rather than worry about the pressure of being the coach's son.

"I think because of what Tim has done in the past and what he's capable of doing this year, you won't have to worry about people hollering, 'Hey, the only reason you're playing is because your dad's the coach," Ve rn said. "That's hard on a kid. It puts both of them in a difficult situation. He's got to keep his nose clean. He's got to do his job and prove to people that he belongs there."

Vance can also relate to the pressures associated with having a former major leaguer as a father and a coach. His dad was the pitching coach under Glen Tuckett while Vance played for BYU.

"Coach Tuckett told me, 'Vance has got to be clearly the better player. Otherwise, it's going to reflect back on you," Ve m said. "But he clearly showed that he belonged."

As a player for BYU, Vance was a three-time All-Western Athletic Conference shortstop from 1974-78.

"There comes a point when ability means more than family ties because you either performor embarrass yourself," Vance said.

The Laws are showing they belong together in college baseball. With contributions made by Tim on the field and Ve min batting practices, Vance has led his team to back-to-back Mountain West Conference Champions in 2001 and 2002.

# SOPHOMORE SLUGGER POWERS BYU PAST NEW MEXICO

BY PATRICK RIDGELL
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BYU might have laid a large chunk of the foundation for its 12-4 defeat of New Mexico on Friday clear back in early February, in Stockton, Calif.

One day, while the Cougars were mired in a losing streak and new shortstop
Brandon Taylor was stuck in a 3-for-32 slump, BYU coach Vance Law pulled
Taylor aside and delivered a simple message.

"Relax," Law told Taylor. "I'm not going to bench you."

Taylor responded quickly. On Feb. 10, he belted two home runs and drove in four runs, proving his coach's faith valid. Law said Cubs' manager Don Zimmer once offered him the same peace of mind back in April of 1988, after Law had slumped horribly in spring training. Law responded by making the National League All-Star team that summer.

Taylor hasn't slowed much since that day in Stockton. The sophomore leads BYU with nine home runs and 38 RBI. On Friday, he had one of his best nights ever.

Taylor hit a two-run double to key a four-run second inning, during which BYU took a 6-1 lead. He hit a three-run home run in the eighth. That shot capped his 4-for-6, six-RBI night. And Law said Friday that BYU has barely scratched the surface of what Taylor can do.

"We can see he has an awful lot of ability," Law said. "But it takes time. People forget he's just off a mission. But he works hard and he practices hard and he's committed to what we want to do.

"He's an untapped guy. He has more power than he's shown. He's still unsure of himself. I don't really think he has an



Shortstop Brandon Taylor

idea of how good he can be."

Taylor might have gotten a better idea Friday. His three-run home run came on a hanging curve ball. But he hit a low and away, 1-2 curveball for his two-run double in the second, giving BYU its big lead.

Taylor prepped at Timpanogos, where he led the state in home runs as a senior. As a freshman in 2001 at UVSC, where the team used wooden bats, he hit .340 and finished second in the Scenic West Athletic Conference in hits. Taylor returned from a mission to Argentina on June 18.

"In conference play, I've been more mentally prepared," Taylor said. "I'm focusing. I'm more relaxed. Coach stuck with me through the slump, and that was huge."

Others had nice nights for BYU (20-26, 10-10 Mountain West) Friday, as well. Right fielder Ben Saylor went 3-for-6 with three RBIs as the Cougars pounded out 17 hits. Kevin Bills hit his first home run this season and added two hits, as did Ryan Chambers, Jeff Hiestand and Wade Vest.

"Everybody's hitting," Taylor said.

Nick Lemon (2-3) pitched five innings to get the win. He allowed four runs, three earned, on four hits. He walked five and struck out five. Bryce Burger and Tyler Heid combined to pitch four innings of scoreless relief.

Bills started for Kory Knell, who did not dress Friday, one night after he sustained a concussion during a home-plate collision. BYU reported Knell will not play today in the series finale (noon, Larry H. Miller Field). Knell does not remember much of what happened Thursday night, BYU reported.

New Mexico dropped to 19-24-1 overall, 15-8.

As Taylor discovers more and more ability, Law said scouts are starting to ask about him. Law, however, hopes Taylor stays at BYU for at least another season.

"The way he hits through the ball, he going to have a chance to play more beyond here," Law said. "He's creating interest and scouts are starting to call about him. But I think it'll do him good to stay here for one more year, for learning and experience sake. And I think he'll get better coaching here with us and coach (Ryan) Roberts than he'll get in the lower minor leagues."

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# **BYU IN THE NCAA RECORD BOOKS**

# **Individual Records**

<u>Hitting For The Cycle (Season)</u> 1(T) – 2, Spencer Oborn, 1998

<u>Consecutive Victories</u> 1(T) – 26, Scott Nielson, 1978, 1982-1983 (1-0, 11-0, 14-1, lost last start)

<u>Doubles Per Game (Season)</u> 8(T) – 0.59, Wally Joyner, 1983, 54 G, 32 2B

<u>Doubles (Season)</u> 5(T) – 34, Gary Schoonover, '87, 63 G 15(T) – 32, Wally Joyner, 1983, 54 G

<u>Home Runs Per Game (Season)</u> 10(T) – 0.58, Mike Willis, 1988, 60 G, 35 HR

Home Runs (Season) 6 – 35, Mike Willis, 1988, 60 G 16(T) – 31, Mike Willis, 1987, 63 G

Runs (Career) 2 – 320, Gary Cooper, 1983-86, 242 G

Hits (Career) 10 – 359, Gary Cooper, 1983-86, 242 G

<u>Home Runs (Career)</u> 9 – 73, Cory Snyder, 1982-84, 173 G

<u>Slugging Percentage (Career)</u> 6 – .844, Cory Snyder, 1982-84, 173 G, 679 AB, 573 TB

Hits (Annual Champion) 1983 – 115, Wally Joyner, 64 G, .462 Avg. 1990 – 118, Gary Daniels, 69 G, .437 Avg.

<u>Doubles Per Game (Annual Champ)</u> 1987 – 0.54, Gary Schoonover, 63 G, 34 2B

<u>Doubles (Annual Champion)</u> 1983 – 32, Wally Joyner, 54 G, 0.59 Avg. 1987 – 34, Gary Schoonover, 63 G, 0.54 Avg.

<u>Triples (Annual Champion)</u> 1990(T) – 10, Gary Daniels, 69 G, 0.14 Avg. Homers Per Game (Annual Champ) 1960 – 0.50, Jim Pierson, 24 G, 12 HR 1988 – 0.58, Mike Willis, 60 G, 35 HR

Home Runs (Annual Champion) 1968 – 12, Larry Romney, 44 G 1987 – 31, Mike Willis, 63 G 1988 – 35, Mike Willis, 60 G

RBI Per Game (Annual Champion) 1988 – 1.67, Mike Willis, 60 G, 100 RBI

Runs Batted In (Annual Champion) 1967 – 51, Dennis Lamb, 43 G

Slugging Perc. (Annual Champion) 1988 – .945, Mike Willis, 60 G 1990 - .878, Gary Daniels, 69 G 1994 - .923, Ryan Hall, 55 G

Total Bases (Annual Champion) 1983 – 218, Wally Joyner, 64 G 1987 – 221, Mike Willis, 63 G 1990 – 237, Gary Daniels, 69 G

Victories (Annual Champion) 1961 – 12-0, Bob Mosteller, 13 G, 105 IP 2001 – 16-3, Nate Fernley, 21 G, 152.2 IP

# **Team Records**

Slugging Percentage (Season)
1 - .689, BYU, 1988 (1,402 total bases in 2,034 at-bats)

Hits (Single Game) 9(T) – 34, BYU vs. Air Force, April 24, 1987

Hits, Both Teams (Single Game) 8(T) – 50, BYU (29) vs. Utah (21), April 25, 1980

Hits, Consecutive (Single Game) 2(T) – 9, Cal St. Northridge vs. BYU, May 9, 1996

Home Runs, Inning (Single Game) 6(T) – 5, BYU vs. Air Force, April 24, 1987 (5th)

Home Runs, Cons. (Single Game) 2(T) – 4, BYU vs. Northern Colo., April 29, 1987 (4th) Total Bases, Inning (Single Game) 8(T) – 26, BYU vs. Air Force, April 9, 1996 (5th)

<u>Total Bases (Single Game)</u> 8(T) – 69, BYU vs. Air Force, April 24, 1987

**Batting Average (Season)** 4 - .379, BYU, 1988, 60 G

<u>Doubles (Season)</u> 11 – 183, BYU, 1983, 73 G

Home Runs Per Game (Season) 2 – 2.68, BYU, 1988, 60 G, 161 HR 11(T) – 2.23, BYU, 1998, 53 G, 118 HR

<u>Home Runs (Season)</u> 2 – 161, BYU, 1988, 60 G 7 – 148, BYU, 1985, 73 G

<u>Grand Slams (Season)</u> 5(T) – 10, BYU, 1988, 60 G

<u>Total Bases (Season)</u> 4(T) – 1,544, BYU, 1985, 73 G

Slugging Percentage (Season) 1 - .689, BYU, 1988, 60 G 5 - .637, BYU, 1987, 64 G 7 - .634, BYU, 1998, 53 G

Batting Ave. (Season Ann. Champ) 1987 - .371, BYU, 64 G 1988 - .379, BYU, 60 G 1993 - .362, BYU, 57 G

Runs Per Game (Seas. Ann. Champ) 1983 – 10.34, BYU, 65 G, 672 runs 1997 – 10.71, BYU, 55 G, 589 runs

<u>Doubles Per Game (Season Annual)</u> 1987 – 2.72, BYU, 64 G, 174 doubles

<u>Doubles (Season Annual Champ.)</u> 1987 – 174, BYU, 64 G

Home Runs Per Game (Season Annual Champions)
1974 – 1.37, BYU, 46 G, 63 HR
1988 – 2.68, BYU, 60 G, 161 HR
1996 – 1.98, BYU, 57 G, 113 HR

<u>Home Runs (Season Ann. Champ)</u> 1985 – 148, BYU, 73 G 1988 – 161, BYU, 60 G 1989 – 102, BYU, 67 G

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## Slugging Percentage (Season Annual Champion)

1987 - .637, BYU, 64 G 1988 - .689, BYU 60 G 1996 - .605, BYU, 57 G

# **Total Bases (Season Annual Champ)**

1983 – 1,335, BYU, 65 G

## All-Time Winningest Teams

16 - .643, BYU, 67 seasons, 1,545-856-11

# **BYU In The Polls**

# Collegiate Baseball Division I Final Polls (1959-2003)

# Baseball America Division I Final Polls (1981-2003)

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# Mountain West Conference Baseball Misc. Records

**Grand Slams** 

Joe Salas, New Mexico (vs. New Mexico State, 3/30/04) Ryan Barba, New Mexico (vs. UC Santa Barbara, 3/7/04) Wade Vest, BYU (vs. Air Force 5/16/03 second game of DH) Kevin Bills, BYU (vs. Southern Utah 5/13/03) Matt Ciaramella, Utah (vs. UNM 4/27/03)

Doug Jackson, BYU (vs. New Mexico 4/11/02)

Jeff Grady, New Mexico (vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi, 3/28/03) Jeff Grady, New Mexico (vs. Eastern New Mexico 3/25/03) Eddie Gill, UNLV (vs. College of Charleston 2/9/03)

Cameron Coughlan, BYU (vs. UNLV 3/12/02)

Pilar Amaya, San Diego State (vs. BYU 4/26/01)

Nate Weese, Utah (vs. BYU 4/21/01) **Kainoa Obrey, BYU (vs. New Mexico 4/14/01)** Nate Weese, Utah (vs. BYU 4/27/00)

Matt Carson, BYU (vs. UNLV 4/13/00) Brad Beasley, UNLV (vs. BYU 4/13/00)

**Hit For The Cycle** 

Eric Chevalier, Utah (vs. BYU, 3/27/04 first game of DH)

Matt Carson, BYU (vs. New Mexico 5/17/02)

Josh Phifer, Air Force (vs. Colorado-Mines 4/10/02 – four consecutive at-bats)

Todd Stroud, New Mexico (vs. Air Force, 3/23/02)

Triple Plays

UNLV vs. College of Charleston (2/9/03)

SDSU vs. UC Riverside (4/9/02)

Complete Game Shutouts

Josh Žumbrun, Air Force (vs. SDSU 4/26/03) Jeff Mousser, BYU (vs. Washington State, 2/27/03) James Vermilyea, New Mexico (vs. NM Highlands 2/8/03) Matt Luca, UNLV (vs. SDSU 3/28/03) Jason Price, Utah (7 inn. - vs. Creighton 2/24/03) Nate Fernley, BYU (vs Cal 2/10/01)

# NCAA Rankings 2004

# BYU Team Rankings (5/16/04)

Category Batting Average (285 ranked)	<u><b>Rank</b></u> 239	<u>Actual</u> 0.267	<u>National Leader</u> Eastern Kentucky	<b>Actual</b> 0.379
Earned Run Average (285 ranked)	187	5.70	Rice	2.30
Fielding Percentage (285 ranked	89	0.964	Creighton	0.981
Scoring (285 ranked)	154	6.0	Southern Utah	10.1
WL Pct (285 ranked)	191	0.440	East Carolina	0.849