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SOFTBALL

May 10-13, Week 12 Mountain West Conference Tournament

BYU 2006 Schedule/Results	Date	Opponent	Time/Results
	FEB 9	Southern Mississippi*	W, 5-4
		Loyola Marymount*	W, 2-1
	FEB 10	Texas State*	L, 4-6, 8 inn.
		Hawai'i*	W, 4-0
	FEB 11	Texas Arlington*	W, 5-2
	FEB 16	UC Davis#	W, 11-0, 5 inn.
	FEB 17	Notre Dame#	L, 3-8
		Purdue #	W, 5-2
	FEB 18	Cal St. Fullerton#	W, 5-2
		Kansas#	W, 2-1
	FEB 23	Houston ^	L, 0-4
	FEB 24	Wichita State ^	L, 3-6
		Iowa State ^	W, 4-1
	FEB 25	Texas State ^	W, 1-0
		Rhode Island ^	Cancelled/Rain
	MAR 2	No. 14 Texas A&MS	L, 2-3
	MAR 3	College of Charleston\$	W, 2-1
		No. 14 Texas A&MS	W, 8-0, 5 inn.
	MAR 4	Texas Southern\$	W, 20-0, 5 inn.
		College of Charleston\$	W, 5-4
	MAR 9	Middle Tennessee State**	W, 4-0
	MAR 10	Miami (Ohio)**	W, 10-0
		Pacific**	Cancelled/Rain
	MAR 11	Wisconsin**	W, 7-6, 11 inn.
		No. 5 Stanford**	L, 0-8, 6 inn.
	MAR 23	No. 22 DePaul-DH!	L, 2-4; W, 7-5
	MAR 24	@Oregon-DH	L, 1-2; Canc./Rain
	MAR 25	Akron <	L, 0-1
		@No. 8 Oregon State	L, 1-2, 8 inn.
	MAR 30	UNLV-DH	W, 13-7, W 9-1
	MAR 31	San Diego State-DH	L, 1-8, L, 0-10
	APR 4	Utah State-DH	W, 7-0, L, 7-11, 8
	APR 8	Utah-DH	W, 3-1, W, 4-2
	APR 11	Southern Utah-DH	L, 5-10, W, 10-1
	APR 13	@New Mexico-DH	W, 11-1, W, 12-10
	APR 15	@Colorado State-DH	W, 14-10, W, 16-13
	APR 18	@Utah State-DH	W, 10-0, W, 9-6
	APR 20	Utah Valley State	W, 4-0
	APR 22	@Utah-DH	L, 5-8, L, 2-7
	APR 25	@Southern Utah-DH	W, 11-3, W, 6-0
	APR 28	Colorado State-DH	W, 2-1, L, 3-9
	APR 29	New Mexico-DH	W, 9-8, W, 16-1
	MAY 2	@Utah Valley State	L, 1-3
	MAY 4	@# 24SanDiego StateDH	W, 4-0, W, 5-3
	MAY 6	UNLV-DH	W, 10-0, W, 12-6
	MAY 10-13	MWC Tournament	TBA
	MAY 17-20	NCAA Regionals	TBA
	MAY 25-27	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA

Key:
 * indicates the Paradise Classic played in Honolulu, HI
 # indicates the Louisville Slugger Tournament played in Las Vegas, NV
 ^ indicates the Crowne Plaza Tournament played in Houston, TX
 \$ indicates the Texas A&M Invitational played in College Station, TX
 ** indicates the Stanford Classic played in Palo Alto, CA
 ! indicates games played in Eugene, OR
 < indicates games played in Corvallis, OR
 All times Local to Game Site / Subject to Change

It's Tournament Time

A successful finish to BYU's season created for a dramatic finish of the Mountain West Conference regular season. The regular-season title was decided on the last day of the season when San Diego State swept Utah to take the crown. The Cougars made it very interesting down the stretch in sweeping the Aztecs and UNLV en route to a second-place finish.

Now the six MWC teams head to Las Vegas—a place where BYU has played seven games thus far this year, posting a 6-1 record—in search of the MWC Tournament title. The Cougars first play Thursday evening at 4:30 p.m. (PDT)

Probable Starters

- C- Cortney Nix or Emi Snow
- 1B- Ianeta Le`i
- 2B- Tracee Hoch
- 3B- Ashlyn Russell
- SS- Jodi Norton or Andrea Ramirez
- LF- Monica Gonzales or Krystle Chamberlain
- CF- Jennifer Whiteley
- RF- Lindi Kennedy or Stephanie Platt
- DP- Paige Paramore

Probable Starting Pitchers

- Summer Tobias (23-9, 2.47 ERA)
- Daniella Urincho (10-7, 2.70 ERA)
- Brooke Boyce-Humbert (7-2, 3.83 ERA)

Last Week Recap

After a disappointing start to the week, taking an upset loss at the hands of Utah Valley State, BYU responded finishing 4-0 on the road against No. 24 San Diego State and UNLV.

Where they Rank Nationally

Several BYU players rank nationally in statistical categories:

Ianeta Le`i

- First in RBI per game (79 total, 1.36 per game)
- 18th in hitting (.429)
- 12th in home runs per game (20 total, 0.34 per game)
- Sixth in slugging percentage (.842)

Summer Tobias

- 23rd in pitching wins (23)

Ashlyn Russell

- Fourth in walks per game (47 total, 0.84 per game)

BYU Quick Facts

General Information

Location: Provo, Utah 84602
Enrollment: 28,300 (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: Gail Miller Field (2,100)
Field Surface/Dimensions: Grass/210-220-210

President: Cecil O. Samuelson
Athletic Director: Tom Holmoe

Softball Information

Head Coach: Gordon Eakin
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Best time to call: Mornings (Contact SID)
Record at BYU/Yrs: 115-49/3
Career Record: same
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Team Information

2005 Record/MWC: 45-14/16-2
2005 Post Season: 1-2 NCAA Regionals
Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/5
Newcomers: 8

Letter Winners Returning (2005 Stats)

Brooke Boyce-Humbert, P (8-4, 3.57 ERA, 4 Sv)
 Krystle Chamberlain, OF (.287, 37 Runs, 11 SB)
 Renae Clarke, 3B (.200 OBP, 2 2B)
 Lindi Kennedy, OF (.597 SLG, 5 HR, 14 RBI)
 Ianeta Le`i, 1B (.346, 10 HR, 53 RBI, 11 2B)
 Jodi Norton, SS (.299, 13 2B, 21 RBI)
 Paige Paramore, C (.348, 13 2B, 8 HR, 50 RBI)
 Ashlyn Russell, 3B (.667 SLG, 17 HR, 47 RBI)
 Emi Snow, OF/C (.333, HR)
 Summer Tobias, P (19-7, 1.73 ERA, 17 CG)
 Daniella Urincho, P/INF (16-3, 1.89 ERA; 8 HR)
 Jennifer Whiteley, OF (.257, 4 3B, 12 SB)

Newcomers (Previous School)

Jana Anderson, UTL (Alta H.S. Sandy, Utah)
 Karlie Fitch, OF (Mountain View H.S. Orem, Utah)
 Kacey Garziano, OF (Newbury Park (Calif.) H.S.)
 Monica Gonzales, OF (Westlake (Calif.) H.S.)
 Christina Gwyn, P/1B (Univ. of Texas)
 Tracee Hoch, 2B (Salt Lake C.C.)
 Cortney Nix, C (Univ. of Arizona)
 Stephanie Platt, UTL (Pineview H.S. St George, Utah)
 Andrea Ramirez, SS (Royal H.S. Simi Valley, Calif.)

BYU, as a team, ranks:

- 11th in hitting (.312)
- Ninth in scoring (5.94 runs per game)
- Ninth in home runs per game (61 total, 1.05 per game)
- 14th in slugging percentage (.480)
- 12th in double plays per game (25 total, 0.43 per game)

This Weeks' Possible Opponents (Seedings)

#1 San Diego State (30-11, 15-3)



San Diego State clinched the MWC regular-season title on the last day of the season with a sweep over Utah. The Aztecs split four games with BYU this season, with each team sweeping the other on the road. Most recently, the Cougars won two in San Diego. The Aztecs are led by MWC Pitcher of the Year Christina Ross, who compiled an 8-2 MWC record. BYU handed Ross her only two losses of the season.

#3 Utah (34-19, 10-8)



The home team ruled the four games that BYU played against rival Utah. The Cougars swept the Utes at home before Utah returned the favor two weeks later in Salt Lake City. Utes' hurler Meghan Dyer led the MWC in strikeouts while All-MWC performer Jackie Wong won the MWC batting title (for overall stats).

#4 UNLV (24-35, 8-12)



After taking second place in the MWC in 2005, UNLV came into 2006 with high expectations. The Rebels finished fourth in regular season play. UNLV is the host-school of this year's MWC tournament and had won three games in a row to finish the season before BYU swept the Rebels in the final two games.

#5 Colorado State (26-24, 6-14)



Colorado State is one of only three MWC teams to defeat BYU in 2006. The Rams beat the Cougars in the second game of the doubleheader played in Provo. CSU leads the MWC in batting average and ranks seventh in the nation with a .321 overall average. The Cougars and Rams (the conferences two top offensive teams) combined for a shootout in Fort Collins when BYU lit up the scoreboard for 30 runs on 31 hits in a doubleheader sweep.

#6 New Mexico (23-29, 4-16)



New Mexico will start the MWC tournament against Utah. The winner of the game will take on BYU in the Cougars' tournament opener. BYU swept the four games the two teams played this season. Two games were convincing wins and two were nailbiters. The Lobos played the Cougars tough two weeks ago in Provo.

Current MWC Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>MWC Record</u>	<u>Overall Record</u>
1. San Diego State	15-3	30-11
2. BYU	15-5	40-18
3. Utah	10-8	34-19
4. UNLV	8-12	24-35
5. Colorado State	6-14	26-24
6. New Mexico	4-16	23-29

BYU Category Leaders

Hitting Leaders

Batting Average: .429, laneta Le`i

At Bats: 184, laneta Le`i

Hits: 79, laneta Le`i

Runs: 45, Krystle Chamberlain

Doubles: 14, laneta Le`i, Andrea Ramirez

Triples: 3, Jennifer Whiteley

Home Runs: 20 laneta Le`i

RBI: 79, laneta Le`i

Slugging Percentage: .842, laneta Le`i

Walks: 47, Ashlyn Russell

On-base Percentage: .503, Ashlyn Russell

Stolen Bases: 10, K. Chamberlain, J. Anderson

Current Hitting Streak: 4, laneta Le`i

Pitching Leaders

ERA: 2.47, Summer Tobias

Wins: 23, Summer Tobias

Winning Percentage: .777, Brooke B-Humbert

Appearances: 37, Summer Tobias

Starts: 29, Summer Tobias

Complete Games: 18, Summer Tobias

Shut outs: 8, Summer Tobias

Saves: 3, Summer Tobias

Innings Pitched: 181.1, Summer Tobias

Strike Outs: 124, Summer Tobias

Oppoments Batting Average: .241, Tobias

The Cougars this Year...

are 9-4 in one-run games

are 1-3 in extra-inning games

are 29-5 when scoring first

are 26-6 when leading after five innings

are 4-4 against ranked opponents

are 9-5 against in-state opponents

are 11-6 following a loss

are 33-2 when outhitting their opponents

are 5-14 when opponents outhit BYU

have 11 shut out victories

have been shut out 4 times

longest winning streak: 8 games

longest losing streak: 3 games

Who's Hot

- Summer Tobias came up big when BYU needed a big performance. Tobias led the Cougars to a 4-0 record against MWC opponents

- laneta Le`i led BYU in batting for the fourth consecutive week posting a .412 average with a pair of homers and three doubles.

- Emi Snow led the Cougars in RBI las week with six. She posted a .294 average and a pair of home runs.

Le`in' Her Name in the Record Book

laneta Le`i won the 2006 Mountain West Conference Player of the year. She is one of only four players to be honored as All-MWC all four seasons.

Two-time MWC Player of the Year laneta Le`i is having her best season ever. Le`i's season is reflected in the BYU record book. She has set the single-season and career RBI records this year. Le`i passed Brooke Cadiente as BYU's career RBI queen when she nailed a two-run home run against Utah State April 3. The single season RBI record, previously held by Oli Keohohou, was broken on a two-run single against Utah April 22.

About the 2006 Squad...

- There's no mystery as to where senior Paige Paramore inherits her softball skills. Paramore's father, Glen, played minor league and collegiate baseball. Paige also has two brothers that are currently playing Division I baseball: Price plays at the Air Force Academy while Preston plays at Arizona State.
- Only four players on BYU's roster of 21 hail from the state of Utah. Seven Cougars come from California which largest number of players from one state.
- BYU head softball coach Gordon Eakin has been selected as one of 16 coaches to the Quadrennial Coaching Pool, assigned to various duties with the U.S. National Team over the next three years, all in preparation for the 2008 Olympics. "It is a tremendous honor to be associated with the National Team," Eakin said. "It is an exciting opportunity to work and associate and help develop the best players in the world. It is also an honor to be around some of the best coaches in the world."
- BYU had two players named to the 2005 Easton All-American Second Team, including returner laneta Le`i and graduated senior Lauren Watson-Perry. Interestingly, Watson-Perry also took home Mountain West Conference Player of the Year honors in 2005 while Le`i brought home the same award in 2004 as a sophomore.
- Le`i along with fellow Hawaii imports Ashlyn Russell and Emi Snow could soon carry the appellate "Hawaiian Assassins" due to their offensive prowess. In 2005 Le`i smacked 10 home runs and had a team-high 53 RBI while Russell led the Cougars with 17 homers on the year while driving in 50 runs. Snow, in limited action had a home run while posting a .333 batting average.
- BYU ranked in the Top-15 in four offensive categories last year: batting (.309), scoring (5.88 runs per game), slugging (.510) and homers (1.15 pg).
- Brooke Boyce-Humbert added the Humbert to her naming during the offseason when she married Mark Humbert. She is the only married player.
- BYU set a team record for single-game margin of victory when it beat Texas Southern 20-0 March 4. The Cougars were ahead 17-0 after two innings and pitcher Summer Tobias pitched a no-hitter.

2006 USA Softball/ESPN.com Poll (May 9)

Rank	Team	'06 Record
1.	UCLA	42-5
2.	Texas	49-5
3.	Arizona	40-9
4.	Alabama	48-8
5.	Cal	42-10
6.	Oregon State*	37-10
7.	Arizona State	43-12
8.	Tennessee	50-9
9.	Stanford*	35-15
10.	Georgia	50-12
11.	LSU	49-11
12.	Northwestern	40-11
13.	Michigan	37-13
14.	Nebraska	40-8
15.	Louisiana-Lafayette	45-10
16.	Texas A&M*	32-15
17.	Washington	32-20
18.	Louisville	41-8
19.	Baylor	36-18
20.	Oklahoma	35-18-1
21.	Fresno State	34-15
22.	North Carolina State	44-18
23.	North Carolina	46-15
24.	Auburn	34-19
25.	Southern Illinois	33-9

Others Receiving Votes: BYU (17)

2006 NFCA/USA Today Poll (May 9)

Rank	Team	'06 Record
1.	UCLA	42-5
2.	Texas	49-5
3.	Arizona	40-9
4.	Alabama	48-8
5.	Tennessee	50-9
6.	California	42-11
7.	Oregon State*	37-10
8.	Georgia	50-12
9.	Arizona State	43-12
10.	Stanford*	35-15
11.	Northwestern	40-11
12.	LSU	49-11
13.	Michigan	37-13
14.	Nebraska	40-8
15.	Louisiana-Lafayette	45-10
16.	Texas A&M*	32-15
17.	Washington	32-20
18.	Louisville	41-8
19.	Baylor	36-18
20.	Oklahoma	35-18-1
21.	Auburn	34-19
22.	North Carolina	46-15
23.	Fresno State	34-15
23.	N.C. State	44-18
25.	South Florida	47-22

* Denotes Cougar opponents

2006 MWC Accolades

BYU's laneta Le`i headlines a group of five Cougars named to the All-Mountain West Conference team. Le`i was honored as the MWC Player of the Year for the second time in her career. She also won the award as a sophomore two years ago and was recognized as MWC Freshman of the Year three years ago.

A four-time MWC All-Conference selection, Le`i is joined by teammates Summer Tobias (senior), Jodi Norton (junior), Jennifer Whiteley (junior) and Andrea Ramirez (freshman). It was the second All-Conference honor for Tobias and the first for Norton, Whiteley and Ramirez.

2005 Individual Honors

laneta Le`i: Easton All-American (second-team)
Mountain West Conference All-tournament team
MWC All-Conference team

Daniella Urincho: MWC Tounament Most Valuable Player
MWC All-tournament team
MWC All-Conference team

Jodi Norton: MWC All-tournament team

Paige Paramore: MWC All-tournament team
NFCA West All-Region team

Summer Tobias: MWC All-tournament team
MWC All-Conference team
MWC Pitcher of the Week

Renaee Clarke: MWC Scholar-Athlete

Jennifer Whiteley: MWC Scholar Athlete
Academic All-MWC

Ashlyn Russell: MWC All-Conference team

Brooke Boyce-Humbert: Academic All-MWC

Krystle Chamberlain: Academic All-MWC

Gail Miller Field

Gail Miller Field at Miller Park offers a unique setting to play college softball. In addition to being a combined facility with baseball, Gail Miller Field is one of the largest softball facilities in Division I softball. This is how BYU stacks up:

- 5,767 Fresno State
- 3,000 Oregon
- 2,500 Arizona
- 2,100 BYU**
- 2,000 Portland State
- 1,600 Alabama
- 1,600 Wisconsin
- 1,500 Arizona State
- 1,500 Louisiana Lafayette
- 1,500 New Mexico

2006 Mountain West Preseason Poll

Teams	Points
1. BYU	23
2. UNLV	22
3. San Diego State	16
4. Colorado State	14
5. Utah	8
6. New Mexico	7



2005 Mountain West Final Standings

Teams	Record
1. BYU	16-2
2. UNLV	17-3
3. Colorado State	8-8
4. Utah	6-12
5. New Mexico	5-15
6. San Diego State	4-16

Numerical Roster

No.	Player	Pos.
1	Krystle Chamberlain	OF
2	Jana Anderson	UTL
3	Jennifer Whiteley	OF
4	Tracee Hoch	2B
5	Stephanie Platt	UTL
6	Karlie Fitch	OF
8	Jodi Norton	SS
9	Brooke Boyce-Humbert	P
10	Cortney Nix	C
11	Christina Gwyn	P/1B
12	Summer Tobias	P
18	Emi Snow	OF/C
19	Paige Paramore	C
20	Kacey Garziano	OF
22	Daniella Urincho	P
23	Lindi Kennedy	OF
24	Monica Gonzales	OF
25	Ashlyn Russell	3B
31	Andrea Ramirez	SS
66	Ianeta Le`i	1B

Pronunciations

Ianeta Le`i	YUH-Neta LAY-ee
Hoch	HOKE
Tobias	tuh-BYE-us
Urincho	yoo-RIN-cho
Whiteley	WHITE-lee

Ianeta Le`i

Recognized as a Second Team All-American by Softball Easton...First Team All-Mountain West Conference...named to the MWC All-Tournament Team...ranked 25th in the nation in RBI per game (.93)...led team with 53 RBI and 27 BB...was second on the team in home runs (10)...had a .990 fielding percentage...homed twice against Oklahoma State and San Diego State...knocked in five runs against Oklahoma State. Appeared in 51 games as a sophomore while starting in 48...posted a .348 batting average, .617 slugging percentage and a...scored 32 runs and knocked in 34 RBI. with 11 doubles, three triples and seven home runs...earned back-to-back All-MWC and second-team NFCA West All-Region honors...named MWC Player of the Year...named honorable mention Easton All-America.



YR	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	OB%
2003	.346	153	29	53	8	0	7	40	82	.536	20	.427
2004	.348	141	32	49	11	3	7	34	87	.617	27	.447
2005	.346	159	29	55	11	2	10	53	100	.629	27	.444

Summer Tobias

Led team in ERA (1.73), wins (19), appearances (33), starts (26), complete games (17), shut outs (5), saves (5), innings pitched (161.2) and strike outs (115)...pitched only the second perfect game in BYU program history against Utah Valley State...named Mountain West Conference Player of the Week...earned MWC All-Tournament team honors...an All-MWC performer...In high school, named female athlete of the year once...4-time team MVP...League MVP 4 years...2-time All-Valley Player of the Year...Press enterprise Player of the Year...1st team all CIF(3 years)...2-time All-American in 18-under gold ASA... broke 30 career high school records and 16 career league records...4-year varsity letter winner. At Nebraska...finished with a 15-4 record and a 1.51 ERA as a freshman



YR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	Op/Avg
2005	1.71	19-7	33	26	17	161.2	133	65	40	33	115	21	1	6	608	.219

Paige Paramore

Named to the Mountain West Conference All-Tournament team and the NFCA West Region First Team...second on the team with a .348 batting average...led the Cougars with 178 at bats and 13 doubles...second on the team in RBI (50), hits (62) and runs (35)...belted eight home runs and had a slugging percentage of .567. Appeared in 51 games while starting in 50...led the team with a .355 batting average...scored 17 runs and knocked in 32 RBI...tallied a team-high 54 hits with 11 doubles and seven home runs, recorded the first home run of her BYU career against UC Santa Barbara on Feb. 19...named to the All-MWC and the second-team NFCA West All-Region teams...named second-team Easton All-America.



YR	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	OB%
2004	.355	152	17	54	11	0	7	32	86	.566	11	.400
2005	.348	178	35	62	13	1	8	50	101	.567	8	.381



Daniella Urincho

As a freshman, she led BYU pitchers in winning percentage (.842) going 16-3 on the mound...smacked eight home runs and knocked in 34 runs as a hitter...named Mountain West Conference tournament MVP...honored on both MWC All-Tournament and All-Conference team. As a Prep, she was named two-time Mountain View tournament team...foothill All-Tournament team...League MVP...All-American...Press Enterprise Player of the Year...Female Athlete of the Year...Athlete of the Year...three-time 1st team All-League/All-County...two-time Daily Bullitin Player of the Year...two-time 1st team All CIF...CIF MVP...two-time 1st team All-State.

YR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	Op/Avg
2005	1.89	16-3	24	16	8	125.2	116	45	34	45	81	13	2	3	482	.241

Ashlyn Russell



Led BYU as a junior with 17 home runs and a .667 slugging percentage...was 29th in the nation with .29 homers per game...posted career-bests in nearly every offensive category...named Mountain West Conference All-Conference performer...had a team-high three multi-home run games...homered twice and drove in six runs in a victory of Illinois. As a sophomore she appeared in 51 games while starting in 50...posted a .288 batting average...scored 28 runs and knocked in 29 RBI...tallied 42 hits including seven doubles and a team-high 11 home runs...hit a three-run home run to lead BYU to a 8-0 shutout over No. 23 Pacific...defensively notched a .950 fielding percentage with 130 putouts and 98 assists.

YR	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	OB%
2003	.279	147	11	41	6	0	6	29	64	.442	13	.341
2004	.288	146	28	42	7	0	11	29	82	.562	17	.373
2005	.308	159	31	49	6	0	17	47	106	.667	25	.394

Brooke Boyce-Humbert



Had a stellar junior season going 8-4 while posting a 3.57 ERA...recorded the third no-hitter in BYU history pacing the Cougars to a 3-0 victory over Kansas...ranks second all-time in wins (33) and innings (314.1) among BYU pitchers. As a sophomore Appeared in 31 games while starting in 22...led the team with a low 1.73 ERA...posted 13 wins and 61 strikeouts in 137.2 innings on the mound...recorded two saves and six shutout performances...earned her first All-MWC citation...after taking a line drive to the face, she made a remarkable recovery returning to the pitching rotation after only three games.

YR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	Op/Avg
2003	2.31	12-6	35	15	5	106.0	118	43	35	13	62	18	1	8	428	.276
2004	1.73	13-8	31	22	15	137.2	126	45	34	27	61	7	1	5	513	.246
2005	3.57	8-4	29	29	16	70.2	107	47	36	20	30	15	2	2	310	.345

Jodi Norton



As a sophomore started in 58 of BYU's 59 games...tied for the team lead in doubles with 13...gained Mountain West Conference All-Conference honors...named to the MWC All-Tournament team...As a freshman, Started in all 52 games at shortstop...posted a .323 batting average...scored 24 runs and stole nine bases...tallied 41 hits with 11 doubles and eight home runs...led the team with a team-high 39 RBI...led the MWC in sacrifice flies with seven...recorded the first home run of her career against Loyola Marymount on Feb. 20...led the team with 107 assists...defensively posted a .911 fielding percentage...earned her first MWC Player of the Week citation on March 30...helped BYU set a new season record with 19 double plays turned.

YR	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	OB%
2004	.323	127	24	41	11	0	8	39	76	.598	21	.408
2005	.299	137	21	43	13	2	3	21	67	.489	20	.386



Krystle Chamberlain

Speedy outfielder with excellent bat control that presents a stolen-base and scoring threat each time she gets on base. This year she went 5-for-10 (.500) with four runs at the Texas A&M Invitational. As a sophomore, she improved batting average and on-base percentage to become a scoring threat

at the top of the batting order...was second on the team in stolen bases...demonstrated consistent fielding committing only one error while posting a .968 fielding percentage...stole three bases and scored three runs in 7-6 victory over New Mexico.



Jennifer Whiteley

Speedy outfielder that is an exceptional defender...provides the team with speed on the basepads and a scoring threat. This year she scored a team-high five runs in five games at the Texas A&M Invitational where she tripled and posted a .400 batting average. As a sophomore, she led BYU in triples with four on the year...stole eight

bases...scored 32 runs while drawing 18 walks...named Academic All-Conference...Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete.



Emi Snow

Defensively versatile player that can catch or play in the outfield...has an explosive bat to help offensively. This year she went 2-for-3 with three RBI in win over Iowa State. Homered in victory over Purdue at Las Vegas Louisville Slugger Desert Classic. As a freshman, Emi played in 33 games, starting four...posted a .333

batting average and scored 11 runs despite only having 24 at bats...fielded 1.000 in limited playing time.



Andrea Ramirez

Hit first career home run in 6-3 loss to Wichita State. Went 8-for-11 (.727) at the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic. Led team for two consecutive weeks (At Las Vegas and Houston) in batting average. As a prep at Royal H.S. (Simi Valley, Calif.): two-time L.A. Times All-Regional team...two-time Ventura County Star All-County team...two-time L.A. Daily News All-Area team...two-time team MVP...L.A.

Times Player of the Year as a senior...Ventura County Star Player of the year as a senior...L.A. Daily News Player of the year as a senior...All CIF-SS Team...CIF-SS MVP.



Tracee Hoch

Started her Division I hitting career with a home run at the Paradise Classic in Honolulu. Named to the Paradise Classic All-tournament team...At Salt Lake Community College: Academic All-Conference...two-time All-Region 18...Second-team All-American...Team Captain (2004-2005)...led her team in

home runs in both 2004 and 2005. As a prep, four-year letter winner at Roy H.S. (Utah)...four-time All-Region, two-time All-Area, two-time First Team All-State...Marine Corps Most Distinguished Athlete...Most Outstanding Junior Athlete...two-time state all-tournament team...two-time Standard Star Prep Athlete of the Week...played ASA summer softball with Utah Raptors.



Monica Gonzales

In her first collegiate game, she went 2-for-3 with a run and a RBI. in BYU's 5-4 victory over Southern Miss. Went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a RBI in 11-0 victory over UC Davis. As a prep at Westlake HS: two-time L.A. Times All-Regional team...three-time Ventura County Star All-County team...three-time L.A. Daily News All-Area team...two-

time team MVP...two-time offensive team MVP...L.A. Times All Star team in 2005...played five years for Southern California Diamonds league team.

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If the game is scheduled for broadcast on BYU-TV we will use that feed for the internet broadcast, otherwise we will produce the game in-house. The following softball games have been tentatively scheduled for broadcast on BYU-TV...

Mar. 31 vs. San Diego St.

April 28 vs. Colorado St.

April 29 vs. New Mexico

CougarTV (CSTV All Access) is a pay-per-view service that can be purchased on a monthly or yearly basis. CSTV is currently offering a one-month trial for \$6.95, or fans can purchase the rest of the 2005-06 season for just \$39.95. The service requires a high-speed internet connection and minimal computer requirements that can be reviewed at ...

http://allaccess.cstv.com/help/faq_system.jsp

To preview the new technology, go to <http://www.byucougars.com/Filing.jsp?ID=7275>

Alphabetical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>B/Th</u>	<u>Hometown/ HS or Prev. School</u>
2	Jana Anderson	5-3	UTL	Fr.	L/R	Sandy, UT/ Alta
9	Brooke Boyce-Humbert	5-9	P	Sr.	R/R	Rocklin, CA/ Del Campo
1	Krystle Chamberlain	5-4	OF	Jr.	L/R	Camarillo, CA/ Camarillo
6	Karlie Fitch	5-3	OF	Fr.	R/R	Orem, UT/ Mountain View
20	Kacey Garziano	5-4	OF	Fr.	R/R	Newbury Park, CA/ Newbury Park
24	Monica Gonzales	5-3	OF	Fr.	L/R	Westlake Village, CA/ Westlake
11	Christina Gwyn	6-0	P/1B	Jr.	R/R	Keller, TX/ U of Texas
4	Tracee Hoch	5-5	2B	Jr.	R/R	Roy, UT/ Salt Lake CC
23	Lindi Kennedy	5-7	OF	So.	R/R	Las Vegas, NV/ Cimarron Valley
66	Ianeta Le`i	5-7	1B	Sr.	R/R	Oahu, HI/ Lolani School
10	Cortney Nix	5-5	C	Jr.	R/R	Show Low, AZ/ U of Arizona
8	Jodi Norton	5-4	SS	Jr.	R/R	Mesa, AZ/ Mesa
19	Paige Paramore	5-9	C	Sr.	R/R	Allen, TX/ Texas-San Antonio
5	Stephanie Platt	5-9	UTL	Fr.	R/R	St. George, UT/ Pineview
31	Andrea Ramirez	5-9	SS	Fr.	R/R	Simi Valley, CA/ Royal
25	Ashlyn Russell	5-6	3B	Sr.	R/R	Maui, HI/ H.P. Baldwin
18	Emi Snow	5-6	OF/C	So.	R/R	Mililani, HI/ Kamehameha
12	Summer Tobias	5-9	P	Sr.	R/R	Temecula, CA/ U of Nebraska
22	Daniella Urincho	5-9	P	So.	R/R	Corona, CA/ Norco
3	Jennifer Whiteley	5-4	OF	Jr.	L/L	Houston, TX/ Lamar

2006 Individual Awards

Tracee Hoch

Paradise Classic All-Tournament team

Ashlyn Russell

MWC Player of the Week, Mar. 2-4

Jennifer Whiteley

MWC All-Conference

Jodi Norton

MWC Player of the Week, Feb. 9-11
MWC All-Conference

Ianeta Le`i

MWC Player of the Week, Apr. 11-15
MWC Player of the Week, Apr. 18-23
MWC Player of the Year
MWC All-Conference

Summer Tobias

MWC Pitcher of the Week, Feb. 9-11
MWC Pitcher of the Week, May 2-6
MWC All-Conference

Andrea Ramirez

MWC Player of the Week, Apr. 4-8
MWC All-Conference

2006 Highlights

- Tracee Hoch started her Division I playing career on the right foot when the former Junior College All-American blasted a home run over for her first hit in the Cougars opening win over Southern Miss.
- laneta Le`i nailed a deep home run in the bottom of the sixth inning against Southern Miss to give BYU a 5-1 lead. The runs proved decisive as the Golden Eagles rally produced three runs in the top of the seventh.
- In Andi Ramirez' first start, she drew a walk to produce the tying run in BYU's 2-1 victory of Loyola Marymount. Ramirez demonstrated the poise of a seasoned veteran as she worked a full count in her advantage with two outs and the bases loaded.
- Summer Tobias earned three wins in five games at the Hawai`i Paradise Classic including a 4-0, complete-game shutout in which she struck out 10 while only giving up two hits.
- Jodi Norton homered twice in the Paradise Classic tournament finale against Texas-Arlington. Overall, Norton batted .500 with three homers and seven RBI for the Cougars in the season-opening tournament.
- Summer Tobias and Brooke Boyce-Humbert combined for a two-hit shutout of UC Davis at the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic in the Cougars 11-0 drubbing of the Aggies.
- Andrea Ramirez had a whale of a tournament at the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic in Las Vegas, going 8-for-11 with a pair of doubles, two RBI while drawing four walks.
- laneta Le`i nailed two homers and tallied seven RBI at the Louisville Slugger Tourney. Her first home run on the tournament came with two outs in the bottom of the sixth against Purdue. Le`i belted a mammoth, three-run shot that gave the Cougars a 5-2 victory.
- The Cougars second come-from-behind victory of the Las Vegas tournament came against Kansas when Ashlyn Russell came up with a two-out single to give BYU a 2-1 victory.
- Andrea Ramirez hit her first career collegiate home run, a two-run shot in the first inning in BYU's 6-3 loss to Wichita State and the Crowne Plaza Classic.
- Summer Tobias pitched her second complete-game shutout in the Cougars' 1-0 victory over Texas State in Houston.
- Ashlyn Russell went 2-for-2 with a home run and four RBI, including a walk-off two-run single in BYU's 8-0 victory over No. 14 Texas A&M
- Daniella Urincho pitched a one-hit shutout against No. 14 Texas A&M in the Cougars 8-0 victory.
- Emi Snow snow came up with a clutch RBI single in the top of the seventh inning to give BYU a 2-1 victory over College of Charleston at the Texas A&M Invitational.
- A total team effort including a no-hitter by Summer Tobias led BYU to its largest victory in program history. The Cougars clobbered Texas Southern 20-0.
- Paige Paramore went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI to lead BYU to a 5-4 victory over College of Charleston.
- Ashlyn Russell smoked a two-out RBI single to give BYU a 5-4 lead in a game it won by the same score over College of Charleston.
- laneta Le`i was 4-for-6 with a home run, double and seven RBI in two games as BYU shutout Middle Tennessee State, 4-0 and Miami (Ohio) 10-0 at the Stanford Classic.
- Andrea Ramirez went 2-for-4 with three RBI including a pair of clutch hits to help the Cougars extend the game in a 7-6 victory over Wisconsin in 11 innings.
- Brooke Boyce-Humbert pitched a three-hit shutout against Middle Tennessee State going seven innings for the complete-game victory. Boyce-Humbert struck out five while walking none in the win.
- Ashlyn Russell crushed a grand slam in the top of the seventh inning to put BYU ahead 7-5 and give the Cougars a victory by the same score against No. 22 DePaul.
- The Cougars played long-ball against UNLV racking up 5 home runs in two days. Cortney Nix hit her first of the season while laneta Le`i and Jodi Norton hit two apiece in BYU's sweep over the Rebels.
- Daniella Urincho gave up only one run and three hits in a 9-1 complete-game shutout of UNLV.
- The Cougars blasted five home runs against Utah State with laneta Le`i and Andrea Ramirez each hitting two.
- Summer Tobias pitched her fifth complete game shutout against Utah State in the Cougars 7-0 victory.
- Neta Le`i blasted six home runs and drove in 19 runs leading BYU to a 5-1 record and victories over SUU, New Mexico and Colorado State.
- BYU posted a team .409 batting average while scoring 68 runs as a team April 11-15.
- Jodi Norton had a huge day in a sweep at Utah State. Norton homered twice and tallied seven RBI in the Cougars two victories.
- Neta Le`i set the single-season RBI record at 62 with a two-run single in BYU's loss to Utah.
- Brooke Boyce-Humbert pitched five scoreless innings and combined with Summer Tobias for a shutout victory over Utah Valley State.
- Summer Tobias went 4-0 and posted a 1.59 ERA in four appearances against SUU, Colorado State and New Mexico. BYU went 5-1 in those six games.
- Neta Le`i's senior sendoff game summed up her career appropriately as she went 3-for-3 from the plate with a grand slam and six RBI.
- Andrea Ramirez tied the single season record for the doubles [14] against New Mexico in the Cougars doubleheader sweep of the Lobos.
- Tracee Hoch blasted a go-ahead home run in BYU's regular season finale to put the Cougars ahead of UNLV for good.
- Summer Tobias pitched a pair of gems, earning complete-game shutouts against San Diego State and UNLV while posting a perfect 4-0 record.

2006 Mountain West Conference Stats

Record: 15-5 Home: 7-3 Away: 8-2 Conference: 15-5

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%
ANDERSON, Jana	1.000	15	0	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	.000
LE`I, Ianeta	.540	20	20	63	20	34	4	0	11	38	71	1.127	9	1	4	0	.603	0	4	1	1	179	11	4	.979
WHITELEY, Jennifer	.413	20	18	46	16	19	0	2	0	2	23	.500	5	2	7	0	.491	0	2	4	5	22	0	1	.957
URINCHO, Daniella	.400	5	4	10	2	4	1	0	0	3	5	.500	1	0	3	0	.455	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	1.000
RAMIREZ, Andrea	.370	17	17	54	13	20	6	0	4	14	38	.704	7	0	6	0	.443	0	1	0	1	10	20	3	.909
SNOW, Emi	.340	19	15	53	9	18	3	0	3	20	30	.566	4	0	5	0	.386	0	3	2	3	38	3	0	1.000
GONZALES, Monica	.333	16	5	27	10	9	1	0	0	7	10	.370	1	1	4	0	.355	2	0	0	1	10	0	0	1.000
KENNEDY, Lindi	.333	13	1	9	2	3	0	0	0	5	3	.333	1	1	3	0	.455	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1.000
PARAMORE, Paige	.327	20	16	52	5	17	1	0	1	10	21	.404	4	1	6	0	.379	1	1	0	0	13	0	1	.929
NORTON, Jodi	.316	20	20	57	15	18	2	0	8	23	44	.772	6	0	16	0	.369	2	2	1	1	17	36	6	.898
CHAMBERLAIN, Krystle	.310	18	16	42	20	13	0	0	0	2	13	.310	13	1	7	0	.482	0	2	2	2	10	0	2	.833
RUSSELL, Ashlyn	.283	20	20	53	9	15	3	0	1	8	21	.396	16	1	12	0	.451	1	1	0	1	2	18	1	.952
NIX, Cortney	.250	16	10	32	6	8	0	0	2	7	14	.438	4	0	10	0	.333	0	0	2	2	39	9	4	.923
HOCH, Tracee	.163	20	18	43	7	7	4	0	1	3	14	.326	5	1	20	0	.265	0	2	0	2	39	46	5	.944
PLATT, Stephanie	.000	17	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	1.000
FITCH, Karlie	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.343	20	20	543	151	186	25	2	31	142	308	.567	76	9	103	0	.427	6	18	20	30	390	201	28	.955
Opponents	.304	20	20	546	106	166	21	5	17	102	248	.454	43	9	68	2	.362	5	10	11	14	378	160	28	.951

LOB - Team (123), Opp (118). DPs turned - Team (12), Opp (8). CI - Team (1), NIX 1. IBB - Team (5), LE`I 3, RUSSELL 2. Picked off - NIX 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
TOBIAS, Summer	2.97	12	2	15	11	7	2	0	0	73.0	83	46	31	16	36	13	2	9	300	.277	0	2	0	1	4
URINCHO, Daniella	5.12	2	3	9	9	4	0	0	0	39.2	54	45	29	19	23	6	3	2	172	.314	5	5	0	3	4
BOYCE-HUMBER, Brooke	6.06	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	17.1	29	15	15	8	9	2	0	6	74	.392	1	2	0	1	2
Totals	4.04	15	5	20	20	11	2	0	0	130.0	166	106	75	43	68	21	5	17	546	.304	6	9	0	5	10
Opponents	7.00	5	15	20	20	6	1	0	1	126.0	186	151	126	76	103	25	2	31	543	.343	3	9	0	6	18

PB - Team (4), NIX 3, SNOW 1, Opp (4). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - TOBIAS (5-8), NIX (6-8), SNOW (5-6), URINCHO (5-5), BOYCE-HUMBER (1-1).

2006 Overall Statistics

Record: 40-18 Home: 10-5 Away: 13-8 Neutral: 17-5 Conference: 15-5

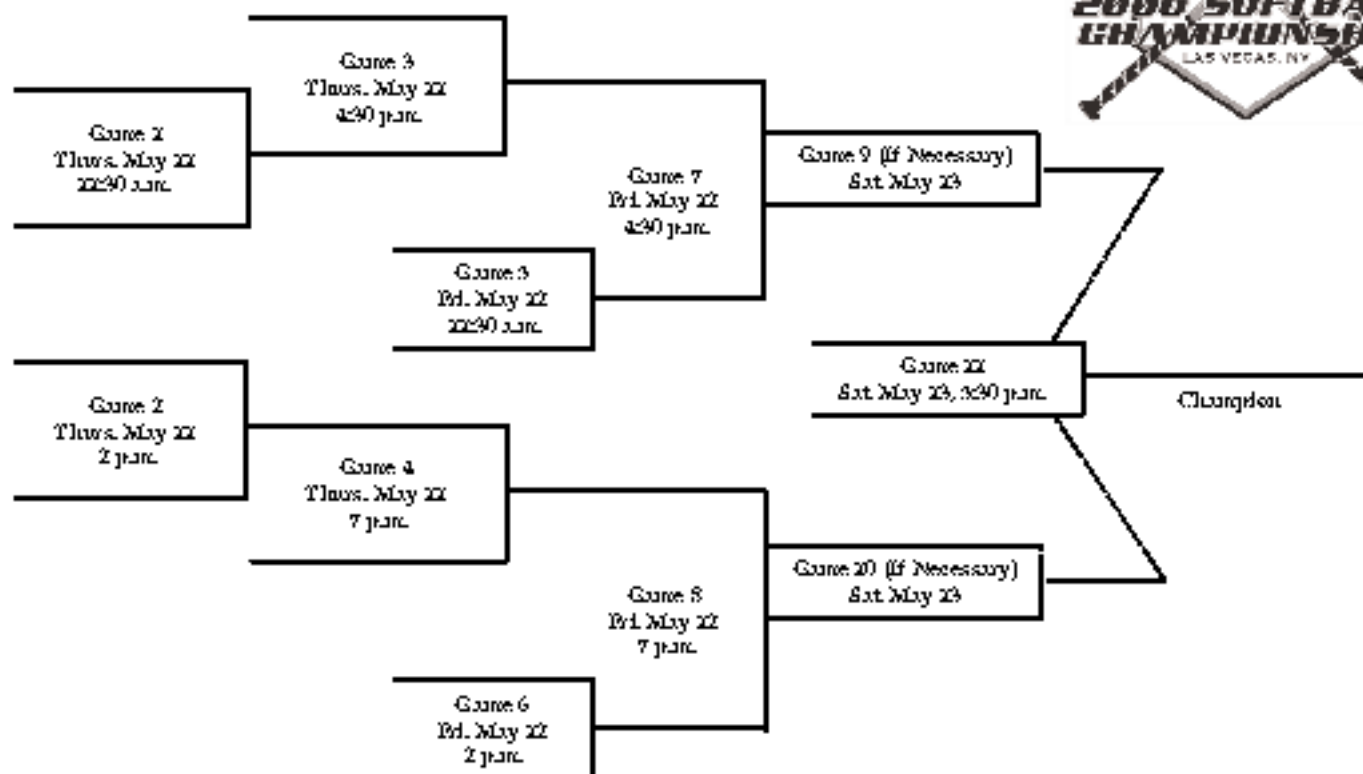
Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
BOYCE-HUMBER, Brooke	.000	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	.955
LE`I, Ianeta	.429	58	57	184	42	79	14	1	20	79	155	.842	22	2	14	0	.495	0	5	1	2	453	24	8	.984
RAMIREZ, Andrea	.371	49	46	143	33	53	14	1	6	31	87	.608	24	0	23	0	.461	0	2	4	5	49	71	13	.902
ANDERSON, Jana	.333	37	1	9	13	3	0	0	0	0	3	.333	1	0	2	0	.400	0	0	10	15	0	0	0	.000
PLATT, Stephanie	.333	47	1	6	20	2	0	0	0	1	2	.333	0	0	3	0	.333	0	0	6	8	8	1	0	1.000
CHAMBERLAIN, Krystle	.328	54	45	128	45	42	0	1	0	8	44	.344	26	2	22	0	.446	1	7	10	11	29	0	2	.935
SNOW, Emi	.325	51	36	120	22	39	4	0	7	36	64	.533	7	1	15	0	.367	0	4	3	4	102	7	0	1.000
WHITELEY, Jennifer	.321	57	50	131	33	42	0	3	0	7	48	.366	19	3	21	0	.416	1	7	8	9	55	1	5	.918
RUSSELL, Ashlyn	.315	56	53	130	18	41	4	0	4	32	57	.438	47	4	22	0	.503	2	5	0	1	22	74	7	.932
NORTON, Jodi	.297	55	53	148	33	44	5	1	14	50	93	.628	18	1	37	0	.371	3	3	1	1	55	92	8	.948
PARAMORE, Paige	.283	56	49	152	14	43	6	0	2	18	55	.362	10	4	19	0	.341	1	2	0	0	40	1	1	.976
KENNEDY, Lindi	.268	45	11	41	10	11	3	0	1	10	17	.415	9	2	17	0	.423	0	1	1	1	11	5	2	.889
GONZALES, Monica	.263	47	24	99	23	26	1	1	0	11	29	.293	5	2	13	0	.306	2	3	1	4	31	2	2	.943
URINCHO, Daniella	.261	12	9	23	2	6	1	0	0	5	7	.304	2	0	5	1	.320	0	0	0	0	7	40	2	.959
NIX, Cortney	.230	50	36	100	14	23	0	1	3	17	34	.340	8	0	26	0	.282	2	1	6	6	171	26	8	.961
HOCH, Tracee	.220	57	51	132	21	29	6	0	4	14	47	.356	13	2	46	1	.299	0	6	2	5	106	106	13	.942
FITCH, Karlie	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
GARZIANO, Kacey	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.313	58	58	1548	344	484	59	9	61	320	744	.481	213	23	285	2	.401	12	46	53	72	1150	537	74	.958
Opponents	.253	58	58	1487	213	376	52	7	37	194	553	.372	147	26	257	6	.329	7	39	50	64	1117	480	75	.955

LOB - Team (387), Opp (351). DPs turned - Team (25), Opp (21). CI - Team (1), NIX 1. IBB - Team (5), LE`I 3, RUSSELL 2. Picked off - NIX 1, PLATT 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
TOBIAS, Summer	2.47	23	9	37	29	18	8	2	3	181.1	168	86	64	52	124	23	3	18	697	.241	2	13	0	2	14
URINCHO, Daniella	2.70	10	7	26	22	12	2	0	0	127.0	122	83	49	72	78	19	4	4	491	.248	8	10	0	3	14
BOYCE-HUMBER, Brooke	3.83	7	2	24	7	4	1	2	0	75.0	86	44	41	23	55	10	0	15	299	.288	5	3	0	2	11
Totals	2.81	40	18	58	58	34	13	2	3	383.1	376	213	154	147	257	52	7	37	1487	.253	15	26	0	7	39
Opponents	5.32	18	40	58	58	26	4	1	2	372.2	484	344	283	213	285	59	9	61	1548	.313	13	23	4	12	46

PB - Team (8), NIX 6, SNOW 2, Opp (10). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (2). SBA/ATT - NIX (30-41), URINCHO (20-27), TOBIAS (19-24), SNOW (14-17), BOYCE-HUMBER (11-13), PARAMORE (6-6).

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1. If the winner of Game 5 defeats the winner of Game 3 (Game 7), then Game 9 is necessary.
2. If the winner of Game 5 defeats the winner of Game 4 (Game 8), then Game 10 is necessary.
3. If necessary game times for the Saturday semifinals will be noon and/or 2:30 p.m., the championship game will begin at 5:30 p.m.
4. If the semifinal games are not necessary, the championship game will begin at 5:30 p.m.
5. If necessary games will be played at 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. if both games are needed or 2:30 p.m. if only one if necessary game needs to be played.

Cougar Softball Playing Below Potential

By: Jeremy Twitchell
Deseret Morning News
Feb. 23, 2006

It could be argued that to compile an 8-2 record, a team needs to be performing at or near its peak ability.

But if you ask BYU softball coach Gordon Eakin about his 8-2 team, he'll tell you it's still playing far below its potential — a scary thought to anybody who has a date with the Cougars later this spring.

"Obviously we're pleased with our 8-2 record," Eakin said. "But I don't think we've played anywhere near our potential."

First baseman Ianeta Le'i and shortstop Jodi Norton have become the Bash Sisters early in the season, tying for the team lead with three home runs each. Norton is second on the team in batting average (.364) while Le'i is fifth (.345).

Le'i, the only Cougar to have started all 10 games, leads the team in nine categories, including hits (10), RBIs (10), total bases (25) and slugging percentage (.862).

Norton was named the Mountain West Conference Player of the Week in the season's first week for her dominant performance at the Hawaii Tournament.

Eakin said both players have played well, but Norton and other players have struggled with leaving players on base.

"We're leaving too many runners on base — I'm talking 10, 11, 12 runners a game, many of them in scoring position with our big hitters at the plate," Eakin said.

"Obviously, we can't continue leaving that many runners on base and expect to continue winning."

The team also needs to reduce its strikeout percentage, which is at 24 percent, Eakin said, to at least 15 percent.

He did cite the team's pitching staff of Daniella Urincho, Summer Tobias and Brooke Boyce-Humber as a strong point on the team so far.

Tobias, who is carrying a 5-1 record and 1.68 ERA, has already earned MWC Pitcher of the Week honors, back in the first week of the season.

Urincho, while getting slightly less playing time, has made the most of every opportunity, compiling a 3-1 record and a team-leading 1.05 ERA.

The team's best quality so far, Eakin said, has been its obvious desire to win.

"Our team never quits, which has been pleasing," he said. "We've come back and won some games in which we've been trailing, and we believe we can win any game. What I like about our team, and what good teams do, is they find a way to win."

The team has gone 4-1 in both tournaments in which it has competed this year, the first in Hawaii and the second in Las Vegas. Still more than a month from their first home game, a March 30 date with conference foe UNLV, the team still has two more tournaments slated — at Texas A&M this week and at Stanford next week — as well as a six-game road trip through Oregon.

Eakin said he expects the team to improve as the weather warms

up and players can begin to practice outside.

"It's hard coming out of the snow, because we haven't been able to come outside and practice, and it's always different when you play inside," he said. "It's difficult in the first few tournaments of the season when you play warm-weather schools that have been practicing outside."

And while he said he has not received the kind of performance he expected from his veteran players to this point, Eakin said the team has been working hard in the areas in which it is struggling and remained confident that the improvement will come.

"I think the main point is we're a very talented team that hasn't played up to its potential yet, but we're still 8-2 and that's encouraging," he said. "Once we get it all together, we're going to be a very dangerous team."

Pollsters are starting to agree with that assessment of the team's talent level, it would seem, as BYU debuted at No. 25 in this week's ESPN.com/USA Softball poll. Eakin said he would prefer to have the team in that spot later in the season, when it will become important for postseason positioning, as opposed to early in the season, when it basically creates "a bull's-eye for other teams."

But he's confident that his team is up to the challenge.

"Our goal is to get better every day," he said. "We look at that and we try not to look too far ahead. We obviously feel we can win the Mountain West Conference, then qualify for the NCAA Tournament and go deep into the postseason."

Royal's Ramirez finds comfort zone at BYU

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The hits are coming in bunches. The throws are becoming much stronger. The confidence is steadily increasing.

"I am settling in and finding my comfort zone," Brigham Young freshman Andi Ramirez (Royal) said. "It just feels good to know that everything is coming together."

Benefiting from an increased regimen of weightlifting and conditioning, Ramirez is batting .375. The 5-foot-9 shortstop has tied the school record for doubles (14) in a season.

"I have really seen what it takes to prepare to play at the best level you can," Ramirez said. "It has been nice to see all the hard work that goes into everything and how much it can help."

Although it took Ramirez a while to adjust to the speed of the game, her social transition to college has been aided by having other area players on the BYU roster, including her best friend and roommate Monica Gonzales (Westlake), Krystle Chamberlain (Camarillo) and Kacey Garziano (Newbury Park).

"It's like having a piece of home with you just to carry with you everywhere," she said. "We have the same general interests



and mutual friends, and it's nice to talk about home when you get homesick."

Ramirez believes the extra time in the weight room is also paying off for Gonzalez.

"She has gotten a lot stronger," Ramirez said. "She used to touch the ball and stay out in front of the plate and still make it to first. Now she is driving it into the gaps."

Having grown up in sunny Simi Valley, Ramirez noticed an immediate difference in the weather patterns in Provo.

"The wind lifts more when someone hits, and it hangs a little longer, and the weather is cold, so we practice a lot inside," Ramirez said. "It's just another angle of softball, and it makes you appreciate the outdoors a lot more."

Last week, BYU said goodbye to its seniors with two victories during its last homestand.

"It was fun to see because of how the girls have bonded," Ramirez said. "Even though we have only been here for a year, it's like we are part of a big family. It's nice to see the girls graduating and starting their lives."

Ramirez has three more years before that phase of her life begins, and she plans on enjoying every moment of college until it arrives.

"It has been a growing experience just to see the different world of softball," Ramirez said. "It is becoming a bigger sport with younger girls, and it's so nice to be a part of the finishing product."