



Brigham Young Volleyball

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2007 SCHEDULE/SCOREBOARD

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
Jan 5	Cal-Baptist	W, 3-0
Jan 6	Cal-Baptist	W, 3-1
Jan 12	No. 3 UCLA	W, 3-0
Jan 13	No. 3 UCLA	W, 3-0
Jan 19	at Stanford	W, 3-0
Jan 20	at Stanford	W, 3-0
Jan 26	No. 9 Penn State*	W, 3-0
Jan 27	No. 13 Loyola-Chicago*	4 p.m.
Feb 2	UC Irvine	7 p.m.
Feb 3	UC Irvine	7 p.m.
Feb 13	at Cal-Baptist	7 p.m.
Feb 15	at Pepperdine	7 p.m.
Feb 17	at Pepperdine	12 p.m.
Feb 23	Hawaii	7 p.m.
Feb 24	Hawaii	7 p.m.
March 2	at USC	7 p.m.
March 3	at USC	7 p.m.
March 9	at UC Santa Barbara	7 p.m.
March 10	at UC Santa Barbara	7 p.m.
March 23	Cal. State Northridge	7 p.m.
March 24	Cal. State Northridge	7 p.m.
March 29	Long Beach State	7 p.m.
March 30	Long Beach State	7 p.m.
April 6	UC San Diego	7 p.m.
April 7	UC San Diego	7 p.m.
April 13	at University of the Pacific	7 p.m.
April 14	at University of the Pacific	7 p.m.
April 21-28	MPSF Playoffs	TBA
May 3-5	NCAA Championships	TBA

*Outrigger Tournament at the University of Hawaii

2007 QUICK FACTS

Location:	Provo, Utah
Founded:	Oct. 15, 1875
Elevation:	4,553 feet
Enrollment:	33,278
Nickname:	Cougars
Mascot:	Cosmo
Colors:	Dark Blue and White
2006 Record	18-9
2006 MPSF Record	14-8
MPSF Finish:	Fourth (Tied)
Co-Interim Head Coaches:	Shawn Patchell (BYU, 1993) Ryan Millar (BYU, 2001)
Seasons:	First
Records at BYU:	7-0
Career Records:	7-0
Assistant Coach (Seasons):	Rob Neilson (First)

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Outrigger Hotels Tournament

Stan Sheriff Center • Honolulu, Hawaii
No. 2 BYU (7-0) vs. No. 13 Loyola-Chicago (3-1)
Jan. 27 4 p.m. (Hawaii), 7 p.m. (MST)



Match Information

START TIME:	4 p.m. (HT)
SITE:	Honolulu, Hawaii, Stan Sheriff Center (10,300)
TELEVISION:	KFVE-TV (Ch. 5), Chris McLachlin and Lisa Strand-Ma'a
LIVE STATS:	http://uhathletics.hawaii.edu/sport.html?p=11
LIVE INTERNET VIDEO:	None
THE SERIES:	BYU leads, 1-0
ON NEUTRAL FLOORS:	First Meeting
LAST MEETING:	Jan. 8, 2000, BYU won, 3-1

BYU HEADS TO PARADISE FOR OUTRIGGER TOURNAMENT

Off to a hot start, No. 2 BYU will take a break from MPSF play to head to Hawaii for a non-conference tournament. The Cougars will play 2006 national runner-up Penn State and Loyola Chicago. After this weekend, BYU will only play one other non-conference match (Feb. 13 at Cal-Baptist).

SERIES INFORMATION



When BYU faces Loyola-Chicago, it will be only the second match between the two teams. The Cougars beat the Ramblers in four sets to open their 2000 campaign.

BYU and Loyola-Chicago have never played on a neutral court. The Cougars beat the Ramblers at the Smith Fieldhouse.

MATCH COVERAGE

Every home match will have a free live stats feed option. The live stats feed can be accessed by visiting the men's volleyball schedule page at www.byucougars.com. The direct link is <http://www.byucougars.com/Schedule.jsp?SP=201&YR=2006>. The live stats can be launched by clicking on the "Live Stats" link for the appropriate game.

Also available for the second season in a row is a live video feed through CSTV All-Access. Users must subscribe to this service. More information, such as cost and direct links to the CSTV All-Access page can be found by visiting the the schedule page and clicking on the "Live Video" link. This weeks' matches will be televised locally on KFVE-TV (Ch. 5). Chris McLachlin (pbp) and Lisa Strand-Ma'a (color) will do the 4:00 p.m. matches.

"ALL-RETURNING" TEAM

Last season BYU had one All American and five All-MPSF performers. Three of the five return this season including second team AVCA All American Russell Holmes. Holmes was also second team All-MPSF. Ivan Perez earned an MPSF honorable mention citation last season and was the first BYU player to be named to an All America team as a freshman two seasons ago. Yosleyder Cala was named to the All-MPSF third team last year.

POST-MATCH MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Players and coaches will be available to the media after the 10-minute cooling off period. Unless otherwise requested, Coach Shawn Patchell will be available for Friday evening home matches and coach Ryan Millar will be available for Saturday evening home matches. You are welcome to make additional interview requests to Brent Johnson.



COACHES OR PLAYERS?

BYU's entire coaching staff is coaching at its alma mater. Co-interim head coaches Ryan Millar and Shawn Patchell both starred for the Cougars in their playing days while assistant coach Rob Neilson played for earned All-MPSF honors for BYU just last season.

COUGARS IN PRESEASON RANKINGS

For the second consecutive season, BYU made an appearance in the preseason top-5. Last season the Cougars were ranked preseason No. 1. This year, BYU starts the season ranked second behind reigning Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular season champion UC Irvine.

CSTV/AVCA DIVISION I-II MEN'S COACHES POLL

RK	SCHOOL	POINTS	RECORD	LAST WEEK
1	UC Irvine (15)	239	8-0	1
2	BYU (1)	225	6-0	2
3	Hawai'i	198	2-2	5
4	UC Santa Barbara	194	5-2	6
T-5	UCLA	167	3-4	3
T-5	Pepperdine	167	3-1	4
7	IPFW	139	4-0	7
8	Long Beach State	132	4-2	9
9	Penn State	111	1-1	8
10	Cal State Northridge	91	2-5	10
11	Ohio State	83	5-0	12
12	Pacific	73	2-5	11
13	Loyola-Chicago	51	3-1	13
14	Southern California	28	2-4	14
15	George Mason	13	1-0	15

MOLTEN/VOLLEYBALL MAGAZINE MEDIA POLL

RK	SCHOOL	RECORD	POINTS	LAST WEEK
1	UC Irvine (8)	8-0	80	1
2	BYU	6-0	72	2
3	UCSB	5-2	57	5
4	Pepperdine	3-1	55	3
5	Hawaii	2-2	48	6
6	UCLA	3-4	43	4
7	Long Beach St.	4-2	33	7
8	IPFW	4-0	28	8
9	Penn State	1-1	13	9
10	Ohio State	5-0	7	NR

BYU IN THE MPSF TOURNAMENT

Since 1993, BYU has qualified for the MPSF postseason tournament in 12 of 13 seasons including nine 10 consecutive trips. The Cougars all-time record in the MPSF tournament is 15-10. BYU has won the MPSF tournament three times and hold an 8-5 record in the first round, 4-4 record in the semifinals and a perfect 3-0 record in tournament finals. BYU has lost in the first round of the MPSF tourney in two consecutive seasons including a 3-1 setback to Long Beach State last year. The Cougars won consecutive MPSF tournament championships in 2003 and 2004.

EVERY THREE YEARS...

Since BYU's first national championship in 1999, the Cougars have won the NCAA tournament a total of three times (1999, 2001 and 2004). Since the '99 season, BYU has won the NCAA Championship at least once every three years.

BYU IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Cougars have made four NCAA tournament appearances in the program's history. Impressively, BYU has brought home the hardware in three of its four NCAA tournament appearances. The Cougars boast a 7-1 overall record in NCAA tournament play and a perfect 4-0 record in national semifinal matches. The Cougars only loss in the NCAA tournament was in 2003 when they lost to Lewis in a five-game thriller.

BYU has earned automatic bids to the Final Four by winning the MPSF tournament three times: 1999, 2003 and 2004.

ALL-AMERICANS

With Russell Holmes being named a Second Team AVCA All-American last year, it marked the 14th consecutive season the Cougars have had an All-American. Since 1993, 20 different players have earned 36 citations, 13 of which are first-team honors and 12 of which are second-team honors.

20-WIN SEASONS

After finishing the 2006 season with a 18-9 record, BYU was held without 20 wins for the first time since the 2000 season. The Cougars have recorded eight 20-win seasons. The first BYU team to record 20 wins was the 1994 team. The 1994 team finished its season with a 21-6 record and advanced to the final of the MPSF Tournament, losing to Stanford in four games.

PRESEASON EXHIBITION

BYU finished its exhibition schedule having won four of six matches. The Cougars previously played against four of Canada's best teams in Edmonton, Alberta, going 2-2 including a victory over defending Canadian Collegiate Champion Trinity Western. Impressively, the Cougars won two matches against Canada's best with just one week of practice whereas the Canadian teams had been practicing for two months.

After the Canadian tournament, BYU played two home matches against conference rival Pepperdine. The Cougars won both matches in four games.

LAST WEEK RECAP

FRIDAY--BYU extended its winning streak over Stanford to seven consecutive matches as the Cougars swept the Cardinal, 30-23, 30-25 and 30-28. The sweep marks the third consecutive match between the two teams that BYU won in three straight games. BYU was led by Yosleyder Cala's 11 kills on .450 hitting. The middle tandem of Rodnei Santos and Russell Holmes had an efficient night hitting .750 and .667, respectively. Senior Scott Cox also hit well on the night, swinging at a .444 clip.

SATURDAY--BYU's perfect season start continued, as the Cougars swept Stanford for the second consecutive night and the fourth consecutive match overall, 30-24, 30-20 and 30-28. van Perez led BYU with 14 kills while hitting .524 (14-3-21) while Rodnei Santos registered his second consecutive .750 (6-0-8) hitting performance. Perez added six digs and three service aces on the night. BYU hit .374 on the match while holding the Cardinal to just a .219 performance. Russell Holmes led Cougar blockers with four while adding seven kills and hitting .438 (7-0-16).

STO "WELL DONE"

In the first two matches of his collegiate career, 18-year-old true freshman Robby Stowell led BYU to a weekend sweep of three-time defending NAIA champion Cal-Baptist. In his first match, Stowell recorded 11 kills—good for second on the team in the three-game sweep—against only three attack errors. Stowell hit .400, recorded a service ace, five digs and three block assists. On Saturday evening, Stowell recorded a double-double with 17 kills and 10 digs. He recorded a .429 hitting percentage on Saturday and picked up two block assists.

Stowell's weekend totals included 28 kills (a team-best four KPG) on a .417 hitting percentage. He started all seven games in the two matches and was second on the team over the weekend with 15 digs.

HOT HITTING

The Cougars got off to a hot start hitting the ball against Cal-Baptist. Ivan Perez, Russell Holmes and Robby Stowell all hit over .400 in BYU's two matches over the weekend. Perez hit .488 (26-5-43) for the Cougars while Holmes hit .452 (18-4-31) and Stowell hit at a .417 clip (28-8-48).



NEAR RECORD PERFORMANCES

BYU dominated UCLA in its Friday match. Two players had near-record setting nights in hitting percentage. Yosleyder Cala had the fifth best hitting night in BYU history when he posted a .789 hitting percentage (15-0-19). Not far behind him, Russell Holmes posted the sixth best performance when he hit at a .786 clip (12-1-14).

As a team, the Cougars had a top-10 performance all time in hitting performance as they hit .500 collectively (51-12-78). The performance was witnessed by one of the top-15 largest crowds to watch a BYU volleyball match (5,537).

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Redshirt freshman setter Yamil Perez has been spreading the wealth evenly in the early going for the Cougars. Against UCLA, four different BYU players had double figures in kills with only Ivan Perez doing in twice. Along with Perez, Yosleyder Cala, Russell Holmes and Robby Stowell posted double-digit kills in a match.

Yamil Perez has kept the Cougars' opponents off balance as several BYU players posted double-digits in swings. The Cougars hit .500 against UCLA on Friday night while three BYU players posted over .500 hitting percentages.

DOMINATING START

BYU is off to its most dominating start in program history (in terms of sets won vs. sets lost) in its first seven matches. BYU has won 21 sets against only one loss. Previous to this season, the next best start in school history was the 2001 championship season when the Cougars started 10-0. In its first seven matches, BYU won 21 sets while losing two sets (both against Lewis). The Cougars swept eight of their first 10 matches in 2001.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

vs. Cal-Baptist (Jan. 5-6, 2007)

FRIDAY--The No. 2 ranked BYU Men's Volleyball team began the 2007 campaign the same way they did the 2006 season by beating Cal Baptist in three games 30-26, 30-18, 30-25 in front of 1,631 fans at the Smith Fieldhouse Friday night. Junior Ivan Perez had a team-best 13 kills on .550 hitting percentage while All-American Russell Holmes had seven kills and on a team-high .636 hitting percentage. Freshman Robby Stowell had a stellar performance in his first match as a Cougar with 11 kills, five digs and three blocks.

SATURDAY--Freshmen Robby Stowell and Andrew Stewart paced a balanced BYU attack as the Cougars cruised to a 3-1 victory over Cal-Baptist 30-24, 30-20, 24-30, 30-21. BYU (2-0) hit over .400 in the first two games before struggling in game three and only hitting .105. The Cougars finished the match hitting at a .338 mark.

vs. UCLA (Jan. 12-13, 2007)

FRIDAY--For the first time since 2003, No. 2 BYU took No. 3 UCLA down in three straight games, as the Cougars remained undefeated 30-28, 30-22 and 30-26. Sophomore Yosleyder Cala led BYU with game-highs of 15 kills and an astounding .789 hitting percentage. Juniors Ivan Perez (11 kills) and Russell Holmes (12 kills) combined for 23 of BYU's 51 total kills. Freshman Robby Stowell received game-high honors in digs with eight on the night. As a team, BYU recorded 27 digs to UCLA's 13. The Cougars hit .500 for the match while holding the Bruins to 41 kills on .330 hitting.

SATURDAY--For only the third time in the programs history, and the first time since 2003, the No. 2 BYU men's volleyball team completed a weekend sweep of No. 3 UCLA 30-21, 30-23 and 33-31 Saturday night at the Smith Fieldhouse. Freshman Robby Stowell led the Cougar charge Saturday night. He finished with a career-high 19 kills with five blocks while hitting .654. Ivan Perez also enjoyed a strong night with 16 kills on .542 hitting. Yamil Perez controlled the hard-hitting offense with 46 assists.



MPSF PRESEASON POLL

Pl	School (1st Place votes)	2006 Rec.	2006 MPSF Finish
1	UC Irvine (7)	27-5	1
2	BYU (3)	18-9	5
T3	Hawaii (1)	23-5	2
T3	Pepperdine	17-8	3
T3	UCLA*	25-12	7
6	UC Santa Barbara	13-16	8
T7	Cal State Northridge	18-11	6
T7	Long Beach State	23-10	4
9	USC	11-18	9
10	Pacific	8-20	10
11	Stanford	4-24	11
12	UC San Diego	2-27	12

MPSF STANDINGS

Team	Overall Rec.	Pct.	MPSF Rec.	Pct.
UC Irvine	8-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
BYU	6-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
UC Santa Barbara	5-2	.714	3-1	.750
Long Beach State	4-2	.667	2-1	.667
Pepperdine	3-1	.750	2-1	.667
Hawaii	2-2	.500	2-2	.500
UC San Diego	1-2	.333	1-2	.333
USC	2-4	.333	1-2	.333
UCLA	3-4	.429	1-3	.250
Pacific	2-5	.286	1-3	.250
Cal State Northridge	2-5	.286	1-3	.250
Stanford	0-7	.000	0-4	.000

ALL TIME RECORDS VS. 2007 OPPONENTS

Cal Baptist	BYU leads, 6-1 This season: Jan. 5 (BYU, 3-0); Jan. 6 (BYU3-1) Jan. 5, 2006: BYU (3-0); Jan. 6, 2006: BYU (3-1)
UCLA	UCLA leads, 25-15 This season: Jan. 12 (BYU, 3-0); Jan. 13 (BYU, 3-0) Jan. 26, 2006: BYU (3-1); Jan. 27, 2006: UCLA (3-2)
Stanford	BYU leads, 20-10 This season: Jan. 19 (BYU, 3-0); Jan. 20 (BYU, 3-0) Mar. 3, 2006: BYU (3-0); Mar. 4, 2006: BYU (3-0)
Penn State	Penn State leads, 6-5 Last match: Feb. 5, 2005: Penn State (3-2)
Loyola-Chicago	BYU leads, 1-0 Last match: Jan. 8, 2000: BYU (3-1)
UC Irvine	BYU leads, 28-7. Mar. 10, 2006: UCI (3-2); Mar. 11, 2006: UCI (3-2)
Pepperdine	Pepperdine leads, 22-16 Feb. 3, 2006: BYU (3-1); Feb. 4, 2006: Pepperdine (3-0)
Hawai'i	BYU leads, 21-14 Apr. 14, 2006: Hawai'i (3-0); Apr. 15: Hawai'i (3-2)
USC	BYU leads, 20-7 Feb. 10, 2006: BYU (3-1); Feb. 11, 2006: BYU (3-2)
UC Santa Barbara	BYU leads, 20-15 Jan. 20, 2006: BYU (3-1); Jan. 21, 2006: BYU (3-0)
CS Northridge	BYU leads, 20-14 Jan. 13, 2006: BYU (3-1); Jan. 14, 2006: BYU (3-1)
Long Beach State	Long Beach State leads, 16-13 Apr. 6, 2006: LBS (3-2); Apr. 7, 2006: LBS (3-1) Apr. 22, 2006: LBS (3-1)
UC San Diego	BYU leads, 20-0 Feb. 16, 2006: BYU (3-0); Feb. 18 2006: BYU (3-0)
Pacific	BYU leads, 12-4 Mar. 31, 2006: BYU (3-0); Apr. 1, 2006: (BYU (3-1)

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

BYU finished its 2006 regular season with a 13-1 (.929) record at the Smith Fieldhouse. The record was the fourth best mark in Cougar history behind the 1998 (11-0, 1.000), 2004 (16-1, .941) and 1999 (15-1, .938) seasons. BYU started last season with seven consecutive home wins before losing to Pepperdine. The Cougars then ran off six straight wins to finish the season.

Attendance was also up in 2006. For the first time in program history, BYU had at least 2,000 fans in attendance at every home match. The Cougars drew an average of 3,516 fans per match, the second highest average per match. The 1999 team drew an average of 4,748.

2007 TEAM INFORMATION

Overall record in 2006:	18-9
2006 Conference Record:	14-8
Final National Ranking:	7th
Final Conference Finish :	T-4th
Letterwinners Returning /Lost:	9/5
Starters Returning /Lost:	4/4
Conference:	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF)
Court (capacity):	Smith Fieldhouse (5,000) and Marriott Center (22,700)

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Players come from all over the world to play with BYU's volleyball team. The Cougars have players from Brazil, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Venezuela on their roster. Six states are also represented on this year's team: California, Ohio, Idaho, Illinois, Nevada and Utah. California leads the way with 11 players hailing from the Golden State.

Breakdown by State / Country:

<i>Brazil</i> (2)	<i>Idaho</i> (1)
Leandro Justen	Scott Cox
Rodnei Santos	
	<i>Illinois</i> (1)
<i>California</i> (11)	Ryan Oates
Ryan Boyce	
Jonathan Charette	<i>Puerto Rico</i> (2)
Curtis Cohun	Ivan Perez
Brian Congelliere	Yamil Perez
Russell Holmes	
Erik Mayer	<i>Nevada</i> (1)
Chip Neff	Jeff Robinson
Trevor Neff	
J.D. Rasmussen	<i>Utah</i> (3)
Trent Sorensen	Andrew Stewart
Robby Stowell	Bryan Stewart
	Mat Taylor
<i>Cuba</i> (1)	
Yosleyder Cala	<i>Venezuela</i> (1)
	Joel Silva
<i>Ohio</i> (2)	
Reed Chilton	
Andy Pompei	

UP NEXT

Pending the results of this week's tournament--and the results of UC Irvines' matches this weekend--No. 2 BYU could have a No. 1 against No. 2 weekend for the second time in as many years. UC Irvine is ranked No. 1 in this weeks poll and BYU is ranked second. The Cougars and Anteaters will face off next weekend at the Smith Fieldhouse.

After UC Irvine, BYU will head back out on the road to take on Cal-Baptist and Pepperdine.



2007 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Yosleyder Cala	OH	6-8	200	So.	Ciego Avila, Cuba / Marcelo Salado
2	Rodnei Santos	MB	6-6	170	Fr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil / Colegio Campos Salles
3	Reed Chilton	S	6-3	175	Fr.	Centerville, OH / Centerville HS
4	Brian Congelliere	S	6-2	190	Jr.	Newbury Park, CA / St. Louis School
5	Scott Cox	OPP	6-3	195	Sr.	Blackfoot, ID / Snake River HS
6	Joel Silva	LIB	6-2	180	Fr.	San Fernando de Apure, Venezuela / Park Univ.
7	Trent Sorensen	MB	6-7	225	Jr.	Palmdale, CA / Highland HS
8	Ivan Perez	OH	6-4	210	Jr.	Mayaguez, PR / Colegio San Benito
9	Ryan Oates	MB	6-6	195	Fr.	Winfield, IL / Wheaton North HS
10	Bryan Stewart	OPP	6-5	190	Sr.	Sandy, UT / Alta HS
11	Russell Holmes	MB	6-8	185	Jr.	Fountain Valley, CA / Fountain Valley HS
12	Andy Pompei	LIB	5-10	140	Fr.	Fairview Park, OH / St. Edward HS
13	Robby Stowell	OPP	6-7	195	Fr.	Newport Beach, CA / Capistrano Valley HS
14	Yamil Perez	S	6-1	175	Fr.	Guaynabo, PR / Colegio Marista
15	Mat Taylor	OH	6-6	203	Fr.	Orem, UT / Orem HS
16	Chip Neff	S	6-4	165	So.	Thousand Oaks, CA / Thousand Oaks HS
17	Andrew Stewart	OH	6-6	190	Fr.	Sandy, UT / Alta HS

2007 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
	Ryan Boyce	S	6-1	165	Fr.	Long Beach, CA / Huntington Beach HS
1	Yosleyder Cala	OH	6-8	200	So.	Ciego Avila, Cuba / Marcelo Salado
	Jonathan Charette	OPP	6-2	185	Sr.	Fullerton, CA / Long Beach City
3	Reed Chilton	S	6-3	175	Fr.	Centerville, OH / Centerville HS
	Curtis Cohun	OH	6-6	195	Fr.	Calabasas Hills, CA / Agoura HS
4	Brian Congelliere	S	6-2	190	Jr.	Newbury Park, CA / St. Louis School
5	Scott Cox	OPP	6-3	195	Sr.	Blackfoot, ID / Snake River HS
11	Russell Holmes	MB	6-8	185	Jr.	Fountain Valley, CA / Fountain Valley HS
	Leandro Justen	LIB	6-1	162	Jr.	Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil / Missouri Valley Col.
	Erik Mayer	MB	6-6	190	Fr.	Mission Viejo, CA / Scotts Valley HS
16	Chip Neff	S	6-4	165	So.	Thousand Oaks, CA / Thousand Oaks HS
	Trevor Neff	S	6-2	145	Fr.	Thousand Oaks, CA / Thousand Oaks HS
9	Ryan Oates	MB	6-6	195	Fr.	Winfield, IL / Wheaton North HS
8	Ivan Perez	OH	6-4	210	Jr.	Mayaguez, PR / Colegio San Benito
14	Yamil Perez	S	6-1	175	Fr.	Guaynabo, PR / Colegio Marista
12	Andy Pompei	LIB	5-10	140	Fr.	Fairview Park, OH / St. Edward HS
	J.D. Rasmussen	MB	6-6	195	Fr.	Newport Beach, CA / Villa Park HS
	Jeff Robinson	OH	6-3	192	Fr.	Las Vegas, NV / Centennial HS
2	Rodnei Santos	MB	6-6	170	Fr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil / Colegio Campos Salles
6	Joel Silva	LIB	6-2	180	Fr.	San Fernando de Apure, Venezuela / Park Univ.
7	Trent Sorensen	MB	6-7	225	Jr.	Palmdale, CA / Highland HS
17	Andrew Stewart	OH	6-6	190	Fr.	Sandy, UT / Alta HS
10	Bryan Stewart	OPP	6-5	190	Sr.	Sandy, UT / Alta HS
13	Robby Stowell	OPP	6-7	195	Fr.	Newport Beach, CA / Capistrano Valley HS
	Mat Taylor	OH	6-6	203	Fr.	Orem, UT / Orem HS

COACHES:

Head Coaches: Ryan Millar (BYU, 2001), First Year; Shawn Patchell (BYU, 1995), Fifth Year
 Assistant Coach: Rob Neilson (BYU, 2006), First Year

BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

OUTSIDE HITTERS (7)

Yosleyder Cala
 Curtis Cohun
 Leandro Justen
 Ivan Perez
 Jeff Robinson
 Andrew Stewart
 Mat Taylor

OPPOSITES (4)

Jonathan Charette
 Scott Cox
 Bryan Stewart
 Robby Stowell

LIBEROS (2)

Andy Pompei
 Joel Silva
MIDDLE BLOCKERS (6)
 Russell Holmes
 Erik Mayer
 Ryan Oates
 J.D. Rasmussen
 Rodnei Santos
 Trent Sorensen
SETTERS (6)
 Ryan Boyce
 Reed Chilton
 Brian Congelliere
 Chip Neff
 Trevor Neff
 Yamil Perez

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

FRESHMEN (14)

Ryan Boyce
 Reed Chilton
 Curtis Cohun
 Erik Mayer
 Trevor Neff
 Ryan Oates
 Yamil Perez
 Andy Pompei
 J.D. Rasmussen
 Jeff Robinson
 Rodnei Santos
 Andrew Stewart
 Robby Stowell
 Mat Taylor

SOPHOMORES (2)

Yosleyder Cala
 Chip Neff

JUNIORS (5)

Brian Congelliere
 Russell Holmes
 Leandro Justen
 Ivan Perez
 Trent Sorensen
SENIORS (3)
 Jonathan Charette
 Scott Cox
 Bryan Stewart

PRONOUNCIATIONS

Yosleyder Cala	YO-sleigh-der Call-uh
Rodnei Santos	Rod-knee
Brian Congelliere	Con-ja-LEER
Ivan Perez	E-von PEH-rez
Andy Pompei	Pom-PAY
Robby Stowell	Sto-WELL
Yamil Perez	Yah-MEEL PEH-rez
Jonahan Charette	Shar-ET
Shawn Patchell	PATCH-ul
Ryan Millar	Mill-AR

RETURNING STARTERS (4)

Player	Pos.	2006 Fact
Yosleyder Cala	OH	4.01 KPG
Russell Holmes	MB	All-American
Jonathan Charette	OPP	2.23 KPG
Ivan Perez	OH	317 total kills

STARTERS LOST (4)

Player	Pos.	2006 Fact
Victor Batista	MB	.406 Hitting pct.
Taylor Evans	OH/OPP	10+ kills 11 times
Rob Neilson	S	13.11 APG
Brian Rowley	LIB	2.01 DPG

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (4)

Player	Pos.	2006 Fact
Brian Congelliere	S	Stared twice
Trent Sorensen	MB	Played in every match
Scott Cox	OPP	Three kills
Chip Neff	S	Played in two matches

LETTERWINNER LOST (1)

Player	Pos.	2006 Fact
Josh Brecheisen	OH/OPP	Played in two matches

NEWCOMERS (8)

Player	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Ryan Boyce	S	Fr.	6-1	165
Leandro Justen	LIB	Jr.	6-1	162
Erik Mayer	MB	Fr.	6-6	190
Trevor Neff	S	Fr.	6-2	145
J.D. Rasmussen	MB	Fr.	6-6	195
Rodnei Santos	MB	Fr.	6-6	170
Joel Silva	LIB	Fr.	6-2	180
Robby Stowell	OPP	Fr.	6-7	195

RETURNING MISSIONARIES (4)

Player	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Reed Chilton	S	Fr.	6-3	175
Jeff Robinson	OH	Fr.	6-3	192
Andrew Stewart	OH	Fr.	6-6	190
Mat Taylor	OH	Fr.	6-6	203

RETURNING REDSHIRTS (4)

Player	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Curtis Cohun	OH	Fr.	6-6	195
Ryan Oates	MB	Fr.	6-6	195
Yamil Perez	S	Fr.	6-1	175
Andy Pompei	LIB	Fr.	5-10	140



COACH RYAN MILLAR



Ryan Millar and Shawn Patchell were named co-interim head coaches by athletics director Tom Holmoe prior to the season.

Millar is entering his first season coaching at BYU. Millar, a four-time All-America selection and 1999 National Player of the Year, led arguably the best BYU men's volleyball team to a 30-1 record and the first of three national championships in five years.

Millar owns most of the BYU school records for rally scoring statistics. He holds single match records for kills (48), kill attempts (95), block assists (16) and total blocks. Millar's single season records include kills (648), kill attempts, (1,259), block assists (192) block solos (22) and total blocks (214). His career marks include records for kills (1,797), kills per game (5.19), kill attempts (3,338), block assists (590), block solos (72), total blocks (662) and blocks per game (1.91).

After Millar's dominating career with the Cougars, he was selected to the USA National Team. As a member of team USA, he has participated in two Olympic Games (2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens).

Most recently, in November 2006, Millar competed with the USA National Team at the World Championships in Japan.

Millar also played six years of professional volleyball in Italy. His major international competition includes the FIVB World Championship Qualifying Tournament, the NORCECA Continental Championships and the World Grand Champions Cup, where he was named "Best Blocker" of the tournament. Since his college days he has played in several places in the United States, Korea, Japan, Australia and Italy.

Millar has played under and coached with some of the best volleyball minds including former BYU head coach Carl McGown and former Olympic coaches Doug Beal and Marv Dunphy.

Millar currently owns and operates a volleyball camp called the Next Level Volleyball Camps where he coaches volleyball.

A native of Palmdale, Calif., Millar is married to Suzanne Millar. The couple has one son, Max Ryan Millar born in July 2006. Millar earned a Bachelor's degree from BYU in Sociology.

COACH SHAWN PATCHELL



Shawn Patchell and Ryan Millar were named co-interim head coaches by athletics director Tom Holmoe prior to the season.

Patchell enters his first year as head coach and fifth year on BYU's staff. Patchell came to BYU from Laguna Beach High School where he was head coach for both the boy's and girl's volleyball teams. In six seasons, Patchell's teams qualified for the CIF playoffs every year and were CIF finalists in 1998, 1999 and 2001 and state qualifiers in 1998 and 2001. The Laguna Beach Artists won seven Pacific Coast League Titles with Patchell at the helm. In six seasons, Coach Patchell posted a 137-67 record at LBHS and twice was selected to coach the South Orange County All-Stars. Patchell also coached basketball at Irvine High School and assisted the men's volleyball team at the University of California at Irvine along with coaching at Pepperdine and Stanford during the summer.

During the summer of 2005, Patchell coached the US World University Games team and in 2006, he was an assistant coach for the Youth National Team that took second place in the 2006 NORCECA Boys Youth Continental Championship (U-19) in Bayaguana, Dominican Republic.

A member of BYU's first NCAA men's volleyball team, Patchell was a starter from 1990-93 and recorded a .398 career hitting percentage. In 1992, Patchell's junior year, he led the nation in hitting percentage at .488 and was honored as All-Academic Western Intercollegiate Volleyball Association. He was ranked fourth and 10th nationally in hitting and blocking his senior year.

Patchell played professionally in Spain for the Euro Cup qualifier and No. 1-ranked Gran Canaria Team in the Canary Islands and also represented the US in the Federation International Volleyball Association Sand Volleyball Circuit in Europe.

Patchell earned his BA in English with a minor in business management from BYU in 1993 and a master's degree in English Literature from the University of California at Irvine in 2000. He is a member of the BYU English Department where he teaches Masterpieces of American and British Literature and a composition class. Patchell taught English Literature in high schools in Kauai, Hawai'i, and Irvine and Laguna Beach, California.

Shawn and his wife Davis enjoy surfing, skiing, snowboarding, horseback riding, reading and camping with their three daughters: Jordan (9), Sage (7) and Soren (3).



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ALL AMERICA CANDIDATES



Russell Holmes
Middle Blocker
6-8, 185, Jr.
Fountain Valley, CA / Fountain Valley HS

SOPHOMORE - (2006): Named to the AVCA All-America Second Team ... earned second-team All-MPSF honors ... a Student Athlete Academic Center Scholar Athlete ... started all 27 matches and was the only player on the team to play in all 104 games

... finished sixth in the nation with a .456 hitting percentage and third in MPSF play at .462 ... averaged 1.49 blocks per game, eighth in the nation ... was fourth in the MPSF in blocks per game, averaging 1.53 in league play ... had 155 total blocks, tied for second most in a BYU rally scoring season ... had 143 block assists, the fifth most in a BYU season ... recorded double-digit kills 12 times ... hit .400 or better 18 times ... set a career high with 12 blocks against Cal State Northridge, Jan. 13, ranking second in school history for most blocks in a match since the rally scoring era began in 2001 ... had 11 kills against Cal State Northridge, Jan. 13 ... hit .692 and had nine kills and eight blocks against Cal State Northridge, Jan. 14 ... totaled 18 kills and eight blocks in two matches against UC Santa Barbara ... had 11 kills against UCLA, Jan. 26 ... had seven blocks in both matches against UCLA ... hit .615 and had 10 kills and five digs against Pepperdine, Feb. 4 ... had 12 kills, seven blocks, four digs and hit .526 in 3-1 win over USC, Feb. 10 ... had eight kills and five blocks in 3-2 win over USC, Feb. 11 ... averaged 2.83 kills and 2.00 blocks per game in two wins over UC San Diego, Feb. 16 and 18 ... had a season-high 13 kills and hit a season-high .800 in 3-0 win over Stanford, March 4 ... hit .700 and averaged 3.83 kills per game in two wins over Stanford ... had 10 kills and four blocks against Ohio State, March 17 ... named to the Long Beach State Active Ankle Classic All-Tournament Team ... averaged 3.86 kills, 1.71 blocks per game and hit .615 in two matches against Pacific ... had a career-high 15 kills against Pacific, April 1 ... had 17 total blocks in two matches against Long Beach State ... recorded nine blocks against Long Beach State in the MPSF quarterfinals.

FRESHMAN - (2005): Played in 30 matches and appeared in 98 games ... started 13 matches ... recorded 107 kills while hitting .368 ... totaled 67 blocks ... had a career-high 14 kills against Penn State, Jan. 6 ... provided a big lift off the bench in a win over Long Beach State, March 26, tallying four kills, three digs and four blocks ... had a career-best five blocks on five different occasions.

Before BYU

Lettered two years in volleyball at Fountain Valley High School under Coach Tod Hanson ... team was Sunset League Champions in 2001 ... named first-team All-Sunset League ... team won the Francis Parker Tournament in 2001 ... also lettered three years in soccer ... played club volleyball for the Long Beach Club under Derrick Lusaro for two years ... club team won gold medal at 2001 Junior Olympics ... named All-American at the Junior Olympics ... named to Volleyball Magazine Feb 50 in 2001.

Personal

Born in Anaheim, Calif. ... parents are Mark and Tami Holmes ... married to Julie ... served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to London, England ... started playing volleyball as a junior in high school with friends ... enjoys beach volleyball, surfing and snowboarding ... an Eagle Scout ... a pre-communications major.

ALL AMERICA CANDIDATES CONT.



Ivan Perez
Outside Hitter
6-4, 210, Jr.
Mayaguez, PR / Colegio San Benito

SOPHOMORE - (2006): Named honorable mention All-MPSF ... was named the Sports Imports/AVCA player of the week and the MPSF player of the week for his play against UC Santa Barbara ... played in 25 matches and started 24 ... appeared in 89 games

... was second on the team in kills per game at 3.66 ... had a team-high 326 total kills ... hit .278 on the season ... was second in the team with 140 digs and added 63 blocks, 15 aces and 24 assists ... had double-digit kill 16 times ... had 20-or-more kills six times ... set a season high with 23 kills against UC Santa Barbara, Jan. 20 ... hit a season-high .571 against UC Santa Barbara, Jan. 21 ... had nine digs and seven blocks against Cal State Northridge, Jan. 13 ... had seven blocks against CS Northridge, Jan. 13, and UC Irvine, March 10, a career high ... had 21 kills and hit .500 in 3-1 win over UCLA, Jan. 26 ... had 20 kills on Jan. 28 against UCLA ... had 21 kills and 11 digs against Pepperdine, Feb. 3 ... recorded 10 kills, four digs and three blocks while hitting .467 against Stanford, March 3 ... tied career high with seven blocks against UC Irvine, March 10 ... had 17 kills and tied a career high with three aces against UC Irvine, March 11 ... had 18 kills, 10 digs and five blocks against Ohio State, March 17 ... named to the Long Beach State Active Ankle Classic All-Tournament Team ... had 16 digs and four aces in two matches against Long Beach ... had 16 kills and eight digs against Hawai'i, April 15.

FRESHMAN - (2005): Named a second-team All-American by the AVCA and Asics/Volleyball Magazine, the highest national honor for a BYU freshman ... earned All-MPSF Second Team honors, the highest league honor for a BYU freshman ... named Academic All-MPSF ... set the BYU record for most kills by a freshman with 382 ... finished first on the team averaging 3.78 kills per game ... hit .331 on the season, a BYU record for freshman outside hitters ... was named MPSF Player of the Week for his efforts against Hawai'i, March 18 and 19 when he recorded 32 kills in back-to-back sweeps of the Warriors ... registered a career-high 25 kills while hitting .526 in a win over Long Beach State, March 26 ... had 24 kills against Pacific, March 12, tied for third most in a four-game BYU rally-scoring match ... hit a career-high .588 and recorded nine digs against Pacific, March 12 ... recorded a career-high 13 digs to go along with 17 kills at UC Santa Barbara, Jan. 21 ... had 10-or-more kills in 20 matches ... had 20-or-more kills four times, including 24 in BYU's MPSF Tournament quarterfinal match against UC Santa Barbara, April 23 ... had 22 kills against Long Beach State, March 25, the second most in a three-game BYU rally-scoring match ... played in 29 matches and 101 games ... finished second on the team in digs with 150 for a 1.49 per game average ... was fourth on the team with 29 aces ... tallied 75 total blocks.

Before BYU

Lettered three years at Colegio San Benito under Jose "Pepe" Velez ... team won high school league championship of Mayaguez in 2002 ... named team MVP in 2002 ... team earned first place at the NORCECA Championship and seventh place at the World championship, under 19 division ... played club volleyball for the Torrimar club under Carlos Rivera for one year ... club team won first place at the Kentucky Junior Championship ... earned club All-America honors.

Personal

Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico ... started playing basketball and volleyball coach asked him to play ... enjoys dancing and listening to Puerto Rican music ... majoring in elective english with a double minor in physics and math.



LAST TIME VS. PENN STATE

Feb. 5, 2005

The Cougars let one slip away against Penn State, 30-20, 30-23, 21-30, 25-30, 10-15, Saturday night in the championship match of the Hall of Fame-Morgan Classic at Springfield College, losing the last three games after having a 2-0 advantage. No. 4 BYU is now 7-4 overall and 2-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation while the No. 6 Nittany Lions are 7-2 overall.

It was the second meeting between the two teams, having played at the beginning of the season at the Outrigger Tournament. The match was much the same with the teams playing different roles. In that match, the Cougars fell behind two games to none and then stormed back to win.

BYU looked sharp in the first two games, winning with relative ease by scores of 30-20 and 30-23. It was not enough as the Cougars got out of rhythm and never recovered.

The Nittany Lions completed their comeback by winning the fifth game 15-10. BYU was within a point at 9-8 before Penn State went on a 6-2 run to close the game. Kills by Alex Gutor and Nate Meerstein put the Lions up 14-10 and Dan O'Dell finished things off by blocking Batista.

Casey Patterson and Victor Batista paced the Cougars with 20 kills each, a career high for Patterson. Taylor Evans and Michael Burke also had double-digit kills, registering 12 and 11 while hitting .588 and .500, respectively. Burke and Russell Holmes each had five blocks while Rob Neilson dished out 66 assists.

Burke and Patterson were named to the Hall of Fame Classic All-Tournament Team.

Penn State also had four players in double figures, Matt Proper being the high man with 18. Gutor had 16, Keith Kowal chalked up 13 and Meerstein had 11.

The Nittany Lions got the best of BYU on a strong hitting night for both teams. Penn State hit .438 (68-19-112) while the Cougars came in at .396.

The Cougars blitzed the Nittany Lions in the first game, scoring the first five points including a kill and an ace by Patterson and a kill by Burke. Penn State never had a chance as the margin was never less than four, the last time at 18-14. BYU then went on a 5-1 run to put the game out of reach, getting two kills from Evans and one from Burke. The Cougars won 30-20, finishing the game with a Batista ace. Batista, Evans and Burke each registered four kills while BYU hit .500 (18-4-28) as a team. The Nittany Lions hit just .190 (10-4-21).

Game two was close early on, with Penn State leading at 6-4 before BYU tied the game at six. The score was tied at eight before the Cougars went on a 10-5 run to take the 18-13 lead. While it appeared that BYU would put the game away quickly, the Nittany Lions went on a run of their own, outscoring the Cougars 6-1 to knot the score at 19. With the score at 20-all, BYU then scored 10 of the next 13 to take the game, 30-23. Batista had seven kills while Evans added five. The Cougar offense was again strong, hitting .441 (19-4-34).

Penn State returned the favor in the third and fourth games, beating BYU 30-21 and 30-25. The Nittany Lions hit .522 and .500 in the games. In the third, Penn State grabbed its first lead at 5-4 and never looked back. The Cougars were in striking distance at 19-16 but never got on a run and allowed the Nittany Lions to get away.

In the fourth, Penn State pulled away with the score tied at nine by going on a 5-1 run to take a 14-10 lead. BYU once cut the lead to three at 25-22 on a kill by Russell Holmes but then allowed Penn State to take the next two points on a kill by Meerstein and an ace by Aaron Smith to put the game out of reach.

LAST TIME VS. LOYOLA-CHICAGO

Jan. 8, 2000

The 1999 NCAA National Champion BYU men's volleyball team got back to its winning ways on Saturday, downing Loyola-Chicago, 3-1, in front of 5,735 fans at the Smith Fieldhouse. The win marked the Cougars' 13th straight and extended BYU's Smith Fieldhouse win streak to 30 matches, dating back to the 1998 season.

"It's really hard to know how we played tonight," BYU head coach Carl McGown said. "We hit over .400 and we didn't get aced. We dunked some balls and played really well for awhile."

BYU hit a combined .413 at the net, led by sophomore Mike Wall's 23 kills and a double-double performance from Scott Bunker. The 6-5 middle blocker racked up 15 kills and a match-high 10 blocks. Junior Matt Olsen added 16 kills for the Cougars, while setter Chris Pitzak tallied 103 assists. The eight-ranked Cougars tallied 27 blocks and held the Ramblers to just over 27-percent hitting on the night.

The Cougars got off to a quick start in game one, jumping out to a 12-3 lead behind the hitting of Wall and senior Casey Jennings. The duo combined for 11 of the Cougars' 23 kills. Wall picked up one of his game-high six kills on a bullet down the left side to stop a two-point Loyola-Chicago rally at 13-5. Wall would also come up with the ace a few plays later to give BYU the 14-6 advantage. The game ended on a Rambler hitting error, giving the Cougars a 15-6 win.

In game two, junior Matt Olsen paced BYU to a 15-9 victory with a team-high seven kills. Jennings added a game-high three blocks as the Cougars held Loyola-Chicago to a .200 average at the net. The Ramblers' Justin Schnor chalked up a game-high 10 kills.

In game three, Loyola-Chicago took its first lead of the match at 6-5 after an Olsen hitting error. The two teams would battle through ties at 11-11 and 14-14 before Loyola-Chicago wrapped things up with a 16-14 win. Schnor paced the Ramblers with a game-high 11 kills, while teammate Ted Groves added seven more.

"When we got to game three, we lost focus," McGown said. "Something happened out there and we had some hitting errors."

Hitting .523 at the net, the Cougars ended the match with a 15-8 victory in game four. BYU was led by Wall who had 10 kills and Joaquin Acosta who added six of his team-high 25 kills on the night.

The Cougars will be back in action, hosting highly-touted Lewis University in the Smith Fieldhouse on Friday, Jan. 14 and against on Saturday, Jan. 15.



2006 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-game	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
Jan 06, 2006	CBU LANCERS	W, 3-1	30-26,26-30,30-27,30-26	1-0	0-0	2H 5M	2348
Jan 07, 2006	CBU LANCERS	W, 3-0	30-22,30-26,30-27	2-0	0-0	1H 30M	2598
*Jan 13, 2006	#5 CSN MATADORS	W, 3-1	24-30,30-26,30-24,30-24	3-0	1-0	2 H 5 M	4386
*Jan 14, 2006	#5 CSN MATADORS	W, 3-1	30-28,30-25,26-30,30-25	4-0	2-0	2H 7M	4337
*Jan 20, 2006	#8 UCSB	W, 3-1	30-17,35-37,30-23,32-30	5-0	3-0	2 H 16M	3912
*Jan 21, 2006	#8 UCSB GAUCHOS	W, 3-0	30-24,30-28,30-24	6-0	4-0	1H 35M	3592
*Jan 26, 2006	at UCLA Bruins	W, 3-1	24-30,30-26,30-14,30-24	7-0	5-0	2:00	745
*Jan 28, 2006	at UCLA Bruins	L, 2-3	30-26,22-30,30-25,26-30,17-19	7-1	5-1	2:13	1750
*Feb 03, 2006	#1 PEPPERDINE	W, 3-1	20-30,30-28,30-22,30-21	8-1	6-1	2H 5M	5395
*Feb 04, 2006	#1 PEPPERDINE	L, 0-3	28-30,28-30,30-32	8-2	6-2	1H 50M	5682
*Feb 10, 2006	#13 USC TROJANS	W, 3-1	30-24,28-30,30-27,30-25	9-2	7-2	2H 17M	3263
*Feb 11, 2006	#13 USC TROJANS	W, 3-2	25-30,26-30,30-20,30-22,15-11	10-2	8-2	2H 38M	2718
*Feb 16, 2006	at UC San Diego	W, 3-0	30-16,30-23,30-19	11-2	9-2	1:10	92
*Feb 18, 2006	at UC San Diego	W, 3-0	30-27,30-21,30-26	12-2	10-2	1:25	640
*Mar 03, 2006	STANFORD	W, 3-0	30-16,30-23,30-23	13-2	11-2	1:29	3728
*Mar 04, 2006	STANFORD	W, 3-0	30-15,33-31,32-30	14-2	12-2	1:42	2025
*Mar 10, 2006	at UC Irvine	L, 2-3	24-30,30-28,30-27,34-36,13-15	14-3	12-3	2:35	2817
*Mar 11, 2006	at UC Irvine	L, 2-3	29-31,30-26,30-26,24-30,10-15	14-4	12-4	2:28	800
Mar 17, 2006	vs #11 Ohio State	W, 3-1	27-30,30-24,30-21,32-30	15-4	12-4	1:55	
Mar 18, 2006	vs Rutgers-Newark	W, 3-0	30-15,30-21,30-24	16-4	12-4	1:17	
*Mar 31, 2006	#15 PACIFIC TIGERSW, 3-0		30-28,30-25,30-23	17-4	13-4	1:40	3206
*Apr 01, 2006	#15 PACIFIC TIGERSW, 3-1		30-26,28-30,30-23,30-27	18-4	14-4	2:11	2034
*Apr 06, 2006	at #7 Long Beach St. L, 2-3		31-29,30-26,26-30,22-30,13-15	18-5	14-5	2:12	1476
*Apr 07, 2006	at #7 Long Beach St. L, 1-3		31-29,28-30,27-30,24-30	18-6	14-6	1:59	1459
*Apr 14, 2006	at #2 Hawai'i L, 0-3		14-30,21-30,21-30	18-7	14-7	1:32	5414
*Apr 15, 2006	at #2 Hawai'i L, 2-3		30-27,26-30,25-30,30-26,12-15	18-8	14-8	2:44	6826
Apr 22, 2006	at #3 Long Beach St. L, 1-3		21-30,23-30,30-25,25-30	18-9	14-8	1:53	1441

TEAM RECORD

	W-L
Overall	18-9
Conference	14-8
Home	13-1
Away	3-8
Neutral	2-0
3 games	8-2
4 games	9-2
5 games	1-5

ATTEND	Dates	Total	Average
Total	27	72684	2692
Home	14	49224	3516
Away	11	23460	2133
Neutral	2	0	0



2006 STATS

Overall record: 18-9 Conf: 14-8 Home: 13-1 Away: 3-8 Neutral: 2-0

TEAM STATISTICS	BYU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1625	1440
Errors	589	655
Total Attacks	3201	3187
Attack Pct	.324	.246
Kills/Game	15.6	13.8
SET		
Assists	1544	1346
Attempts	3168	3091
Assist Pct	.487	.435
Assists/Game	14.8	12.9
SERVE		
Aces	115	109
Errors	481	441
Attempts	2862	2690
Serve Pct	.832	.836
Aces/Game	1.1	1.0
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	109	115
Errors/Game	1.0	1.1
Attempts	2249	2380
Reception Pct	.952	.952
DEFENSE		
Digs	903	778
Digs/Game	8.7	7.5
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	36	45
Block Assist	537	440
Total Blocks	304.5	265.0
Blocks Per Game	2.9	2.5
Block Errors	88	76
BALL HANDLING ERRORS		
	21	17
ATTENDANCE		
Total	49224	23460
Dates/Avg Per Date	14/3516	11/2133
Neutral site #/Avg	2/0	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	6	-

MATCH WINS BY #GAMES	1	2	3	4	5	Total
BYU Cougars	0	0	8	9	1	18
Opponents	0	0	2	2	5	9

GAMES WON BY GAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
BYU Cougars	17	16	21	11	1	66
Opponents	10	11	6	6	5	38

POINTS BY GAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
BYU Cougars	748	774	787	489	80	2878
Opponents	696	744	682	466	90	2678



2006 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

ATTACK

PLAYER	G	K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct
PEREZ, Ivan	89	326	3.66	142	663	.278
CALA, Yosleyder	67	269	4.01	87	507	.359
HOLMES, Russell	104	250	2.40	53	432	.456
BATISTA, Victor	101	249	2.47	65	453	.406
EVANS, Taylor	101	207	2.05	89	441	.268
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	203	2.23	94	455	.240
NEILSON, Rob	95	47	0.49	17	84	.357
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	44	0.76	27	102	.167
SORENSEN, Trent	76	15	0.20	7	31	.258
MUAINA, Shaun	4	4	1.00	2	8	.250
CONGELLIERE, Brian	20	4	0.20	0	9	.444
COX, Scott	14	3	0.21	1	7	.286
ROWLEY, Brian	90	2	0.02	4	6	-.333
BRECHEISEN, Josh	2	2	1.00	1	3	.333
BYU COUGARS.....	104	1625	15.62	589	3201	.324
Opponents.....	104	1440	13.85	655	3187	.246

SET

PLAYER	G	A	A/Game	TA	Pct
NEILSON, Rob	95	1245	13.11	2405	.518
CONGELLIERE, Brian	20	143	7.15	282	.507
BATISTA, Victor	101	33	0.33	83	.398
PEREZ, Ivan	89	24	0.27	62	.387
ROWLEY, Brian	90	20	0.22	67	.299
NEFF, Chip 2	19	9.50	41	.463	
HOLMES, Russell	104	17	0.16	68	.250
EVANS, Taylor	101	15	0.15	51	.294
CALA, Yosleyder	67	12	0.18	42	.286
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	11	0.12	46	.239
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	3	0.05	12	.250
SORENSEN, Trent	76	2	0.03	9	.222
BYU COUGARS....	104	1544	14.85	3168	.487
Opponents.....	104	1346	12.94	3091	.435

BLOCK

PLAYER	G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE
HOLMES, Russell	104	12	143	155.0	1.49	9
BATISTA, Victor	101	9	104	113.0	1.12	31
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	0	71	71.0	0.78	12
PEREZ, Ivan	89	2	61	63.0	0.71	8
NEILSON, Rob	95	9	52	61.0	0.64	6
CALA, Yosleyder	67	1	44	45.0	0.67	6
EVANS, Taylor	101	3	32	35.0	0.35	11
SORENSEN, Trent	76	0	13	13.0	0.17	2
CONGELLIERE, Brian	20	0	10	10.0	0.50	1
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	0	5	5.0	0.09	0
NEFF, Chip	2	0	2	2.0	1.00	2
BYU COUGARS.....	104	36	537	304.5	2.93	88
Opponents.....	104	45	440	265.0	2.55	76

POINTS

PLAYER	G	Points	Pts/G
PEREZ, Ivan	89	373.5	4.19
HOLMES, Russell	104	341.5	3.28
BATISTA, Victor	101	333.0	3.30
CALA, Yosleyder	67	315.0	4.70
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	252.5	2.77
EVANS, Taylor	101	242.0	2.40
NEILSON, Rob	95	85.0	0.89
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	54.5	0.93
SORENSEN, Trent	76	24.5	0.32
CONGELLIERE, Brian	20	10.0	0.50
MUAINA, Shaun	4	4.0	1.00
COX, Scott	14	4.0	0.29
ROWLEY, Brian	90	2.0	0.02
BRECHEISEN, Josh	2	2.0	1.00
BYU COUGARS.....	104	2044.5	19.65
Opponents.....	104	1814.0	17.44

KILL

PLAYER	G	K	K/Game
PEREZ, Ivan	89	326	3.66
CALA, Yosleyder	67	269	4.01
HOLMES, Russell	104	250	2.40
BATISTA, Victor	101	249	2.47
EVANS, Taylor	101	207	2.05
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	203	2.23
NEILSON, Rob	95	47	0.49
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	44	0.76
SORENSEN, Trent	76	15	0.20
CONGELLIERE, Brian	20	4	0.20
MUAINA, Shaun	4	4	1.00
COX, Scott 14	3	0.21	
BRECHEISEN, Josh	2	2	1.00
ROWLEY, Brian	90	2	0.02
BYU COUGARS.....	104	1625	15.62
Opponents.....	104	1440	13.85

SERVE

PLAYER	G	SA	SE	TA	Pct	SA/G
CALA, Yosleyder	67	23	60	277	.783	0.34
BATISTA, Victor	101	23	100	439	.772	0.23
EVANS, Taylor	101	16	57	325	.825	0.16
PEREZ, Ivan	89	15	70	350	.800	0.17
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	14	59	360	.836	0.15
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	8	30	137	.781	0.14
HOLMES, Russell	104	8	61	408	.850	0.08
NEILSON, Rob	95	3	25	421	.941	0.03
SORENSEN, Trent	76	3	3	49	.939	0.04
COX, Scott	14	1	6	17	.647	0.07
CONGELLIERE, Brian	20	1	5	62	.919	0.05
ROWLEY, Brian	90	0	1	1	.000	0.00
NEFF, Chip	2	0	4	11	.636	0.00
MUAINA, Shaun	4	0	0	4	1.000	0.00
BRECHEISEN, Josh	2	0	0	1	1.000	0.00
BYU COUGARS....	104	115	481	2862	.832	1.11
Opponents.....	104	109	441	2690	.836	1.05

DEFENSE

PLAYER	G	DIG	Dig/G	BHE
ROWLEY, Brian	90	177	1.97	0
NEILSON, Rob	95	148	1.56	7
PEREZ, Ivan	89	140	1.57	1
EVANS, Taylor	101	112	1.11	1
CALA, Yosleyder	67	84	1.25	1
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	78	0.86	1
BATISTA, Victor	101	55	0.54	2
HOLMES, Russell	104	46	0.44	1
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	32	0.55	0
SORENSEN, Trent	76	11	0.14	0
BYU COUGARS.....	104	903	8.68	21
Opponents.....	104	778	7.48	17

RECEPT

PLAYER	G	RE	RE/Gm	TA	Pct
ROWLEY, Brian	90	33	0.37	681	.952
PEREZ, Ivan	89	13	0.15	520	.975
EVANS, Taylor	101	21	0.21	486	.957
CALA, Yosleyder	67	15	0.22	381	.961
GOMES, Rodrigo	58	8	0.14	99	.919
BATISTA, Victor	101	2	0.02	22	.909
CHARETTE, Jonathan	91	3	0.03	20	.850
HOLMES, Russell	104	1	0.01	15	.933
MUAINA, Shaun	4	0	0.00	10	1.000
SORENSEN, Trent	76	1	0.01	1	.000
BYU COUGARS.....	104	109	1.05	2249	.952
Opponents.....	104	115	1.11	2380	.952



Match 1

Cal-Baptist vs #2 Brigham Young Univ. (Jan 05, 2007 at Provo, Utah)

##	Cal-Baptist	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
3	GUNTHOR, Urs	3	8	2	13	.462	0	2	4	0	0	0	3	0	0
4	SPENCE, Corey	3	4	1	11	.273	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	AWUDU, Shamsu	3	6	10	31	-.129	0	2	1	3	0	5	0	0	0
6	SUN, Yukai	2	2	5	13	-.231	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	BUEHRING, Dan	3	2	2	5	.000	26	0	2	0	8	0	0	2	1
23	VETTER, Romain	3	6	2	12	.333	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
17	CAYLAR, Clement	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1
99	MENDOZA, David	2	3	5	14	-.143	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Totals.....		3	31	27	99	.040	30	2	15	2	18	2	11	2	2

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	11	6	31	.161
2	10	11	38	-.026
3	10	10	30	.000

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.5

GAME SCORES

1	2	3	TEAM RECORDS
Cal-Baptist	26	18	25 0-2
Brigham Young Univ.	30	30	1-0

##	Brigham Young Univ.	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
7	SORENSEN, Trent	3	5	2	11	.273	0	0	3	0	0	1	4	0	0
8	PEREZ, Ivan	3	13	2	20	.550	1	0	4	1	4	0	3	0	0
11	HOLMES, Russell	3	7	0	11	.636	1	0	2	0	1	1	6	0	0
13	STOWELL, Robby	3	11	3	20	.400	0	1	2	0	5	0	3	0	1
14	PEREZ, Yamil	3	0	3	3	-1.000	40	1	2	0	10	0	3	1	3
17	STEWART, Andrew	3	8	7	20	.050	0	0	2	0	10	1	1	0	0
5	COX, Scott	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	POMPEI, Andy	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	1	4	0	3	0	0	1
Totals.....		3	44	17	85	.318	44	2	15	2	34	3	20	1	4

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	15	3	28	.429
2	15	6	29	.310
3	14	8	28	.214

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 13.0

Site: Provo, Utah (Smith Fieldhouse)
Date: Jan 05, 2007 Attend: 1631 Time: 1H 37M
Referees: Tom Given, Daphne Nelson, Ryan Mortensen

Match 2

##	Cal-Baptist	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
3	GUNTHOR, Urs	4	3	0	9	.333	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	0
4	SPENCE, Corey	4	7	9	26	-.077	0	0	0	1	11	0	2	0	0
5	AWUDU, Shamsu	4	19	5	35	.400	0	1	3	0	7	0	2	0	0
9	BUEHRING, Dan	4	0	1	5	-.200	41	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	1
23	VETTER, Romain	4	3	6	15	-.200	1	0	2	0	3	1	4	0	0
99	MENDOZA, David	1	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	ANDERS, Bryan	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	SUN, Yukai	4	12	5	32	.219	0	1	4	0	4	0	1	0	0
12	HAGSTROM, Tyler	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
17	CAYLAR, Clement	2	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals.....		4	44	26	123	.146	43	3	12	3	34	1	14	2	1

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	14	6	41	.195
2	10	6	30	.133
3	11	6	26	.192
4	9	8	26	.038

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 8.0

GAME SCORES

1	2	3	4	TEAM RECORDS
Cal-Baptist	24	20	30	21 0-3
Brigham Young Univ.	30	30	24	30 2-0

##	Brigham Young Univ.	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
7	SORENSEN, Trent	4	7	2	13	.385	1	0	5	0	0	0	2	1	0
8	PEREZ, Ivan	4	13	3	23	.435	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
11	HOLMES, Russell	4	11	4	20	.350	0	1	5	0	1	2	2	0	0
13	STOWELL, Robby	4	17	5	28	.429	0	1	0	10	0	2	0	0	0
14	PEREZ, Yamil	4	2	2	5	.000	59	0	3	0	4	1	1	1	0
17	STEWART, Andrew	4	16	7	33	.273	0	2	1	6	0	1	0	0	0
4	CONGELLIERE, Brian	1	0	0	0	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	COX, Scott	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	SILVA, Joel	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
10	STEWART, Bryan	1	1	0	2	.500	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	POMPEI, Andy	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
15	TAYLOR, Mat	3	4	2	11	.182	1	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....		4	71	25	136	.338	67	3	22	3	41	3	8	2	0

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	20	3	37	.459
2	19	5	32	.438
3	15	11	38	.105
4	17	6	29	.379

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

Site: Provo, Utah (Smith Fieldhouse)
Date: Jan 06, 2007 Attend: 1825 Time: 1H 58M
Referees: DAPHNE NELSON, TOM GIVEN, MAETINI

Match 3

#3 UCLA Bruins vs #2 Brigham Young Univ. (Jan 12, 2007 at Provo, Utah)

##	UCLA Bruins	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
10	Brett Perrine	3	3	2	12	.083	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
12	Dylan Bowermaster	3	2	7	14	.273	2	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0
14	Steve Klosterman	3	5	7	12	-.083	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
15	Matt Wade	3	3	0	5	.600	36	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	1
19	Jamie Diefenbach	3	5	2	11	.273	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
21	Paul George	3	15	1	20	.700	1	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0
1	Tony Ker	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
7	Garrett Muagutulia	2	9	3	16	.375	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Kent Kraushaar	2	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
30	Mark Lovein	1	1	0	3	.333	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Eric Chaghouri	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	Shawn Nichols	2	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....		3	44	15	88	.330	41	0	21	0	13	2	10	0	1

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	16	6	31	.323
2	11	5	27	.222
3	17	4	30	.433

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

GAME SCORES

1	2	3	TEAM RECORDS
UCLA Bruins	28	22	26 3-0,1-0 MPSPF
Brigham Young Univ.	30	30	30 2-2,0-1 MPSPF

##	Brigham Young	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
2	SANTOS, Rodnei	3	6	2	11	.364	2	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0
8	PEREZ, Ivan	3	11	3	16	.500	0	0	3	0	4	2	3	0	0
11	HOLMES, Russell	3	12	1	14	.786	0	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	0
13	STOWELL, Robby	3	7	2	13	.385	1	0	3	0	8	0	0	0	0
14	PEREZ, Yamil	3	0	1	1	-1.000	44	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0
17	STEWART, Andrew	1	0	3	4	-.750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	CALA, Yosleyder	3	15	0	19	.789	0	0	5	0	3	0	2	0	0
5	COX, Scott	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	SILVA, Joel	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
7	SORENSEN, Trent	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	POMPEI, Andy	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	NEFF, Chip	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....		3	51	12	78	.500	49	0	19	0	27	2	12	1	0

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	14	7	28	.250
2	20	2	28	.643
3	17	3	22	.636

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 8.0

Site: Provo, Utah (Smith Fieldhouse)
Date: Jan 12, 2007 Attend: 5537 Time: 1h 46m
Referees: Les Calles, Maile Jewkes

Match 4

#3 UCLA Bruins vs #2 Brigham Young Univ. (Jan 13, 2007 at Provo, Utah)

##	UCLA Bruins	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
7	Garrett Muagutulia	3	2	2	8	.000	2	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	0
14	Steve Klosterman	3	5	7	18	-.111	0	0	3	0	3	0	4	0	0
15	Matt Wade	3	1	0	4	.250	42	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	0
19	Jamie Diefenbach	3	13	4	24	.375	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0
21	Paul George	3	7	4	18	.167	1	0	4	2	3	0	1	0	0
51	Shawn Nichols	3	11	0	17	.647	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
1	Tony Ker	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		



ALL-AMERICAN RUSSELL HOLMES

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Peer pressure doesn't always have to be negative. Just ask BYU middle blocker Russell Holmes.

Holmes, who demands attention with his 6-foot-8 frame, didn't start playing volleyball until he was a junior in high school. It was then that Holmes followed a friend's suggestion to give the sport a try.

Volleyball Beginnings

"I started playing volleyball as a junior in high school," Holmes said. "I had a friend who was on the volleyball team while I was playing varsity soccer. My friend suggested that I should come and try out."

If the learning curve was steep, Holmes didn't show it as he made an immediate impact on his various teams that caught the attention of NCAA recruiters. Holmes lettered twice at Fountain Valley High School and was named first-team All-Sunset League. He also played club volleyball for the Long Beach Club and went to the Junior Olympics. He was heralded as an All-American at the Junior Olympics and was named to the Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 in 2001.

"Based on my height and athletic ability, my friends helped convince me to play and were the biggest influence on me early on," Holmes said.

Ironically, Holmes had all his success in just two years of competitive volleyball. He earned more soccer letters (three) than volleyball letters while in high school.

"You can start playing volleyball at such a young age in Southern California," Holmes said. "It is a lot bigger there and it helps that you can go to the beaches and play."

Coming to BYU

As a high school star, Holmes got a lot of attention from colleges. Former BYU head coach Carl McGown recruited Holmes heavily as he came out of high school. For Holmes, the choice to come to BYU was a no-brainer.

"I always wanted to be affiliated with BYU," he said. "My older sister came to BYU, and I really looked up to her. I always wanted to come here and be involved in athletics. As I progressed in volleyball and got better and I saw that BYU had built such a great volleyball program, I knew it was the right place. The LDS [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints] environment helped solidify my decision."

The fact that Holmes came out of high school in 2001, the same year the Cougars won their second National Championship in three years, further encouraged him to make the decision to come to BYU.

"I wanted to be a part of a great program," Holmes added. "Seeing BYU win the National Championship made me excited to come here."

Holmes's dream came true when he signed with the Cougars out of high school. He notes that his most memorable volleyball moment was not on the court or towering above the net, but it was in his home



with a pen in hand signing his letter of intent with BYU.

Holmes put off his playing career when he decided to serve a church mission right out of high school. He spent two years in London, England, doing what he called the most important work of his life.

Upon returning, Holmes was asked to redshirt as a freshman in 2004. The Cougars went on to win their third National Championship in six years.

"Because of my competitive nature, I would have liked to have played a larger role on the National Championship team," Holmes said. "But I learned from those that won that year. I tried to learn what I need to know and what I need to do to help my team compete at that level and to hopefully get another championship. Seeing from the outside ended up being a good experience because I could see how winning affected the guys."

Holmes began to get his chance to shine as a redshirt freshman in 2005. He played in all 30 matches, starting 13. On March 26, Holmes came off the bench to spark his team in a win over No. 7 Long Beach State. He tallied four kills, four blocks and three digs in the 3-2 victory.

Last season as a sophomore, Holmes entered the year with high expectations. He delivered, earning second-team AVCA All-America and second-team All-MPSF honors while leading the Cougars to a No. 1 ranking. Holmes's 155 blocks were second most in a BYU rally scoring season.

"Russell deserved the all-conference and All-American honors last year because of his dedication and consistency," BYU co-interim head coach Shawn Patchell said. "He has the possibility of being first team All-American and even national player of the year if he continues to work hard and leads by example."

Holmes doesn't dwell on his personal accomplishments. In fact, he attributes most of his

success to other people.

"I couldn't pinpoint one single person that had the biggest influence on my playing career," Holmes said. "My parents were key in supporting what I did and making sure I could get into all of the camps and clubs. Also, since I didn't start playing until I was 17, I have had great coaches teach me what I need to know fundamentally to succeed."

Holmes adds that his current coaches help him improve on the court while his wife, Julie, helps him maintain balance off the court.

"Life is very busy as a married student athlete," he said. "But it is also a lot of fun. Before we met, my wife didn't even follow volleyball. Now, she has a bigger heart than I do for volleyball. She is a great support system. She is motivating and encouraging and is always there for me."

Holmes's selfless play is evident when asked what his goals for the upcoming season will be.

"Our goal is to win a National Championship," he said.

When asked what personal goals he has, the conversation swings back to the team.

"My personal goal would be to help this team in any way possible to be champions," Holmes said. "I would like to help my team by improving as a leader and helping the underclassman coming in."

High Hopes

Looking to the 2007 season, the Cougars have a lot of returning talent from a team that was ranked preseason No. 1 a year ago. BYU will draw heavily on Holmes for his ability and leadership.

BYU has won a National Championship at least every third year since 1999, winning national crowns in 1999, 2001 and 2004. This season the Cougars will look to maintain their championship prowess going for a fourth championship in eight years.

What can BYU fans expect to see from the 2007 version of Cougar men's volleyball?

"Some exciting volleyball," Holmes says. "We have a lot of talent on our team and they can expect a lot of wins."

What should fans expect to see from Holmes?

"Russell has shown early on that he will be a leader on this year's team." Co-interim head coach Ryan Millar said. "His presence on the court will be a valuable asset to this team's success."

As a returning All-American, Holmes has only played volleyball since 2001. And that doesn't take into account the two years away from the sport on his mission. In his amazing rise from a 17-year-old soccer player that hadn't thought of playing volleyball to a junior leader on one of the best men's volleyball programs in the nation, Holmes keeps everything in perspective.

"I'm just a laid back guy," Holmes says. "I like to hang out with my wife and my friends."

Hanging out with the right friends six years ago helped change Holmes's life and helped maintain BYU men's volleyball as a dominant program.

BYU volleyball fans can give a collective thanks to positive peer pressure.



2007 STATS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL MATCHES	6-0	4-0	2-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	4-0	2-0	2-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0

##	G	ATTACK					SET				SERVE			DIG		BLOCKING						
		K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SE	SA/Gm	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE		
2	SANTOS, Rodnei	11	24	2.18	3	37	.568	3	0.27	0	4	0.00	0	6	0.55	0	16	16	1.45	2	0	
1	CALA, Yosleyder	9	35	3.89	6	56	.518	2	0.22	2	7	0.22	1	13	1.44	0	7	7	0.78	0	0	
11	HOLMES, Russell	18	51	2.83	9	83	.506	5	0.28	2	18	0.11	0	6	0.33	5	22	27	1.50	0	0	
10	STEWART, Bryan	1	1	1.00	0	2	.500	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
8	PEREZ, Ivan	18	75	4.17	16	122	.484	2	0.11	5	17	0.28	2	25	1.39	2	14	16	0.89	2	0	
5	COX, Scott	12	5	0.42	1	10	.400	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.17	0	1	1	0.08	0	0	
13	STOWELL, Robby	19	73	3.84	28	134	.336	3	0.16	2	11	0.11	0	34	1.79	1	11	12	0.63	1	2	
15	TAYLOR, Mat	5	6	1.20	2	15	.267	1	0.20	1	6	0.20	1	5	1.00	0	1	1	0.20	0	0	
7	SORENSEN, Trent	14	16	1.14	9	38	.184	3	0.21	0	11	0.00	0	5	0.36	1	11	12	0.86	1	0	
17	STEWART, Andrew	12	29	2.42	25	77	.052	0	0.00	1	6	0.08	1	18	1.50	1	5	6	0.50	0	0	
6	SILVA, Joel	15	0	0.00	0	0	.000	6	0.40	0	0	0.00	2	36	2.40	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
12	POMPEI, Andy	12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	4	0.33	0	1	0.00	3	13	1.08	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
16	NEFF, Chip	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
14	PEREZ, Yamil	19	6	0.32	7	17	-.059	262	13.79	4	13	0.21	0	26	1.37	2	11	13	0.68	5	4	
4	CONGELLIERE, Brian	4	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	19	4.75	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.50	0	1	1	0.25	0	0	
	#TM													0								
	BRIGHAM YOUNG	19	321	16.89	107	593	.361	310	16.32	17	96	0.89	10	191	10.05	12	100	62.0	3.26	11	6	
	Opponents.....	19	240	12.63	137	611	.169	226	11.89	10	81	0.53	17	138	7.26	9	76	47.0	2.47	10	7	

TEAM STATISTICS	BYU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	321	240
Errors	107	137
Total Attacks	593	611
Attack Pct	.361	.169
Kills/Game	16.9	12.6
SET		
Assists	310	226
Assists/Game	16.3	11.9
SERVE		
Aces	17	10
Errors	96	81
Aces/Game	0.9	0.5
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	10	17
Errors/Game	0.5	0.9
DEFENSE		
Digs	191	138
Digs/Game	10.1	7.3
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	12	9
Block Assist	100	76
Total Blocks	62.0	47.0
Blocks Per Game	3.3	2.5
Block Errors	11	10
BALL HANDLING ERR.	6	7
ATTENDANCE		
Total	14359	1382
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/3590	2/691
Neutral site #/Avg	0/0	
Current win streak	6	-
Home win streak	4	--

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SCORE-BY-GAME	ATTEND
Jan 05, 2007	CAL-BAPTIST	W	3-0	30-26,30-18,30-25	1631
Jan 06, 2007	CAL-BAPTIST	W	3-1	30-24,30-20,24-30,30-21	1825
*Jan 12, 2007	#3 UCLA BRUINS	W	3-0	30-28,30-22,30-26	5537
*Jan 13, 2007	#3 UCLA BRUINS	W	3-0	30-21,30-23,33-31	5366
*Jan 19, 2007	at Stanford	W	3-0	30-23,30-25,30-28	545
*Jan 20, 2007	at Stanford	W	3-0	30-24,30-20,30-28	837