



# Brigham Young Volleyball

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## 2007 SCHEDULE/SCOREBOARD

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
Jan 5	Cal-Baptist	7 p.m.
Jan 6	Cal-Baptist	7 p.m.
Jan 12	UCLA	7 p.m.
Jan 13	UCLA	7 p.m.
Jan 19	at Stanford	7 p.m.
Jan 20	at Stanford	7 p.m.
Jan 26	Penn State*	4 p.m.
Jan 27	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 Hawai'i

## 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:	0-0
Career Records:	0-0
Assistant Coach (Seasons):	Rob Neilson (First)

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## #2 BYU (0-0) vs. Cal-Baptist (0-1)

Smith Fieldhouse (5,000) • Provo, Utah

January 5 and 6, 2007

7 p.m. and 7 p.m. (MST)



### Match Information

START TIME:	7 p.m. (Friday), 7 p.m. (Saturday) (MST)
SITE:	Provo, Utah, Smith Fieldhouse (5,000)
TELEVISION:	None
LIVE STATS:	<a href="http://www.byucougars.com/Schedule.jsp?SP=201&amp;YR=2006">http://www.byucougars.com/Schedule.jsp?SP=201&amp;YR=2006</a>
LIVE INTERNET VIDEO:	<a href="http://www.byucougars.com/Schedule.jsp?SP=201&amp;YR=2006">http://www.byucougars.com/Schedule.jsp?SP=201&amp;YR=2006</a> .Play-by-play: Jarom Jordan, Commentary: Jordan Feinauer)
THE SERIES:	BYU leads, 4-1
IN PROVO:	BYU leads, 4-1
LAST MEETING:	Jan. 7, 2006, BYU won, 3-0

### 2007 SEASON BEGINS WITH TWO AGAINST LANCERS

BYU will open its regular season with two home matches against Cal-Baptist this weekend. It will mark the second consecutive year the Cougars will open their season against the Lancers at home. Last year, BYU won both matches in impressive fashion (3-0 and 3-1) on its way to a 7-0 start.

### SERIES INFORMATION



The Cougars and Lancers will be playing for the fifth and sixth time with BYU holding a 4-1 advantage in the previous five matchups. The last time Cal-Baptist beat BYU was Jan. 14, 2005 when the Lancers edged the Cougars in five games.

Cal-Baptist is traditionally one of the best NAIA schools. The Lancers are the three-time defending NAIA National Champion. CBU dropped its season opener against No. 1 UC Irvine on Wednesday.

### 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](http://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.

Jarom Jordan will provide the play-by-play coverage for this week's matches with Jordan Feinauer offering commentary.

### "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 a 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 has 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	2006 REC.	FINAL '06 RANKING
1	UC Irvine	234	27-5	2
2	BYU	224	18-9	7
3	UCLA	203	26-12	1
4	Hawai'i	192	23-5	4
5	Pepperdine	179	17-8	6
6	UC Santa Barbara	153	13-16	10
7	IPFW	130	23-7	9
8	Penn State	124	21-9	5
9	Cal State Northridge	117	18-11	8
10	Long Beach State	111	23-10	3
11	Ohio State	81	20-12	15
12	Southern California	54	11-18	13
13	Loyola-Chicago	47	23-7	11
T-14	Pacific	25	8-20	NR
T-14	Ball State	25	33-3	14

## 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.

## 2006 RECAP

BYU finished the 2006 season with an overall record of 18-9 and tied for fourth in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation at 14-8. The Cougars were ranked No. 1 in the CSTV / AVCA Division I-II Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll for four-consecutive weeks during the season and were No. 2 for a total of eight weeks. BYU finished the season ranked No. 7.

The Cougars' season ended in the quarterfinals of the MPSF tournament where they fell to Long Beach State in four games. The 49ers took games one and two but BYU came alive in the third, winning 30-25, before falling in the fourth. It marked the second-consecutive season BYU lost in the quarterfinals of the MPSF postseason tournament.

Coach Tom Peterson is now 90-29 (.756) overall and 66-22 (.750) in the MPSF in four seasons with the Cougars. His teams have qualified for the MPSF postseason tournament all four years and won the tournament in 2003 and 2004, earning automatic bids to the NCAA Final Four. In 2003, he led BYU to a runner-up finish in the NCAA Final Four and in 2004, he led the Cougars to a national championship, defeating Long Beach 3-2.

BYU's 18-9 record in 2006 marks the 10th-consecutive winning season and 13th in 14 years. The Cougars only have four losing season in program history. The 2006 campaign marks the eighth-consecutive season the team has won at least 18 matches but ends a streak of five-straight 20-win seasons.

The Cougars started the season with seven wins, its longest winning streak of the year. Five of the matches were MPSF matches. Their first loss was a 3-2 to UCLA on the road, the eventual national champions. BYU defeated the Bruins 3-1 the night before. After a win and a loss against Pepperdine, the Cougars won six in a row before dropping two at UC Irvine. BYU then won four more before dropping its last five of the season.

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

RK	SCHOOL	REC.	PTS	PRVS.
1.	UCLA (16)	26-12	240	2
2.	UC Irvine	27-5	213	1
3.	Long Beach State	23-10	200	3
4.	Hawai'i	23-5	188	4
5.	Penn State	21-9	177	11
6.	Pepperdine	17-8	167	5
7.	BYU	18-9	147	6
8.	Cal State Northridge	18-11	129	7
9.	IPFW	23-7	116	8
10.	UC Santa Barbara	13-16	98	9
11.	Loyola-Chicago	23-7	84	10
12.	Ball State	21-7	65	12
13.	Southern California	11-18	46	13
14.	George Mason	22-6	30	14
15.	Ohio State	20-12	19	15



## MPSF PRESEASON POLL

Pl	School (1st Place votes)	2006 Rec.	2006 MPSF Finish
1	UC Irvine (7)	27-5	1
2	<b>BYU (3)</b>	<b>18-9</b>	<b>5</b>
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	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000
<b>BYU</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>
Hawaii	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Pepperdine	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
UCLA	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
UC Santa Barbara	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Cal State Northridge	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Long Beach State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
USC	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Pacific	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Stanford	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
UC San Diego	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

## ALL TIME RECORDS VS. 2007 OPPONENTS

<b>Cal Baptist</b>	BYU leads, 4-1 Last season: Jan. 6, 2006: BYU (3-1); Jan. 7, 2006: BYU (3-0)
<b>UCLA</b>	UCLA leads, 25-13 Jan. 26, 2006: BYU (3-1); Jan. 27, 2006: UCLA (3-2)
<b>Stanford</b>	BYU leads, 20-8 Mar. 3, 2006: BYU (3-0); Mar. 4, 2006: BYU (3-0)
<b>Penn State</b>	Penn State leads, 6-5 Last match: Feb. 5, 2005: Penn State (3-2)
<b>Loyola-Chicago</b>	BYU leads, 1-0 Last match: Jan. 8, 2000: BYU (3-1)
<b>UC Irvine</b>	BYU leads, 28-7. Mar. 10, 2006: UCI (3-2); Mar. 11, 2006: UCI (3-2)
<b>Pepperdine</b>	Pepperdine leads, 22-16 Feb. 3, 2006: BYU (3-1); Feb. 4, 2006: Pepperdine (3-0)
<b>Hawai'i</b>	BYU leads, 21-14 Apr. 14, 2006: Hawai'i (3-0); Apr. 15: Hawai'i (3-2)
<b>USC</b>	BYU leads, 20-7 Feb. 10, 2006: BYU (3-1); Feb. 11, 2006: BYU (3-2)
<b>UC Santa Barbara</b>	BYU leads, 20-15 Jan. 20, 2006: BYU (3-1); Jan. 21, 2006: BYU (3-0)
<b>CS Northridge</b>	BYU leads, 20-14 Jan. 13, 2006: BYU (3-1); Jan. 14, 2006: BYU (3-1)
<b>Long Beach State</b>	Long Beach State leads, 16-13 Apr. 6, 2006: LBS (3-2); Apr. 7, 2006: LBS (3-1) Apr. 22, 2006: LBS (3-1)
<b>UC San Diego</b>	BYU leads, 20-0 Feb. 16, 2006: BYU (3-0); Feb. 18 2006: BYU (3-0)
<b>Pacific</b>	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 (2)</i>	<i>Idaho (1)</i>
Leandro Justen	Scott Cox
Rodnei Santos	
	<i>Illinois (1)</i>
<i>California (11)</i>	Ryan Oates
Ryan Boyce	
Jonathan Charette	<i>Puerto Rico (2)</i>
Curtis Cohun	Ivan Perez
Brian Congelliere	Yamil Perez
Russell Holmes	
Erik Mayer	<i>Nevada (1)</i>
Chip Neff	Jeff Robinson
Trevor Neff	
J.D. Rasmussen	<i>Utah (3)</i>
Trent Sorensen	Andrew Stewart
Robby Stowell	Bryan Stewart
	Mat Taylor
<i>Cuba (1)</i>	
Yosleyder Cala	<i>Venezuela (1)</i>
	Joel Silva
<i>Ohio (2)</i>	
Reed Chilton	
Andy Pompei	

## UP NEXT

Next week the Cougars will invite defending National Champion and third-ranked UCLA to the Smith Fieldhouse. BYU expects the Fieldhouse to be filled to capacity as it will be the students' first week back from the Christmas Holiday. Both matches will start at 7 p.m. and both will be televised by BYU-TV.



## 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 YEAR VS. CAL-BAPTIST

Jan. 6, 2006

With Ivan Perez leading the way, BYU began the 2006 season with a 3-1 (30-26, 26-30, 30-27, 30-26) win over the Cal Baptist Lancers Friday in the Smith Fieldhouse.

Perez, a second-team All-American in 2005 as a freshman, registered a match-best 21 kills while hitting .381 (21-5-42) and adding seven digs and three blocks. Taylor Evans added 14 kills while Victor Batista had 10 kills and a match-high seven blocks.

As a team, BYU hit .321 (62-20-131) and had 12.5 blocks and 43 digs. Brian Rowley led the defense with a match-high 11 digs.

BYU took the first game behind a balanced attack as four players had three kills, including Jonathan Charette, Perez, Batista and Evans. After a slow start hitting, BYU hit .407 (15-4-27) and made big plays at the net, registering 5.0 blocks compared to 1.0 block for Cal Baptist. The game was a back-and-forth battle before BYU went on a 7-4 run to close it out with a 30-26 win.

The second was another see-saw battle as the teams traded points throughout. With the score tied at 23, Cal Baptist took control to claim the 30-26 win. Romain Vetter got in on two key blocks and added a kill to spark the rally. Ajanako and Spence each had four kills on seven error-less swings to lead the Lancers in the game two while Batista and Perez each had four kills for BYU.

The Cougars got back on track in the third, taking the lead at 2-1 on a kill by Perez and maintaining an advantage the rest of the way. BYU led by as many as four at 15-11 and eventually won 30-27. Perez was the catalyst for the Cougars in the third, registering seven kills on 12 swings while Rowley had four digs.

Perez proved too powerful, tallying seven kills on 11 attempts without an error to lead BYU to the 30-26 win, clinching the match.

Jan. 7, 2006

With the offense clicking and several players getting into the action, BYU defeated Cal Baptist 3-0 (30-22, 30-26, 30-27) Saturday to complete the weekend sweep of the Lancers.

With Rob Neilson setting the offense, the Cougars hit .457 (51-9-92) for the night compared to .263 (45-19-99) for the Lancers. Taylor Evans had a career-high hitting percentage of .636 (15-1-22) to go with a team-high 15 kills. Ivan Perez was second on the squad with 12 kills.

Russell Holmes and Victor Batista combined to give BYU a dominant presence in the middle as Holmes had eight kills and hit .538 and Batista had nine and hit .562. First year starter Jonathan Charette showed improvement from Friday night, getting six kills while hitting .429 (6-0-14).

In the first game, BYU jumped out to a 5-2 lead behind the hard serving of Batista, who served three consecutive points. The Cougars maintained the lead the rest of the way but Cal Baptist made a run, coming within a point at 21-20. A kill by Evans got BYU back on track and the Cougars coasted the rest of the way, winning the game 30-22. The story of the game was BYU's unstoppable attack.

The Cougars hit .607 (18-1-28), the best single-game team percentage since March 26, 2005 against Long Beach State when BYU hit .615 (18-2-26) in a 30-22 game-two win. Batista was perfect for the game, registering five kills on five attempts.

Cal Baptist took control early in the second game, getting its first lead of the night at 4-3 and increasing the lead to 12-9 on a kill by Ajanako. BYU stormed back, scoring four-straight points to lead 13-12. The score was tied at 14-all before the Cougars went on another 4-0 run to put the game out

of reach for the Lancers. BYU's offense was again efficient as the Cougars hit .448 (16-3-29) on their way to a 30-26 win. Holmes was perfect during the game, registering four kills on four attempts. Evans also had four kill in the second game.

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##	Cal Baptist	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE	PTS
1	AJANAKO, Seidu	4	13	7	38	.158	2	0	6	0	7	0	2	0	0	14.0
3	GUNTHOR, Urs	4	14	2	26	.462	0	2	6	0	3	0	1	0	0	16.5
4	SPENCE, Corey	4	19	4	31	.484	0	0	2	0	7	0	1	0	0	19.5
5	AWUDU, Shamsu	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
11	PLUNKETT, Eric	4	2	0	3	.667	51	0	3	0	5	1	0	2	4	3.0
23	VETTER, Romain	4	11	5	22	.273	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	14.0
6	SUN, Yukai	4	8	5	23	.130	2	0	6	0	9	0	3	0	0	9.5
9	BUEHRING, Dan	2	0	0	1	.000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	HAGSTROM, Tyler	4	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	0.0
41	ANDERS, Bryan	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals.....		4	67	23	144	.306	63	2	24	3	43	2	11	2	4	76.5

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	17	6	32	.344
2	17	3	34	.412
3	19	6	41	.317
4	14	8	37	.162

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.5

GAME SCORES

	1	2	3	4	TEAM RECORDS
CBU Lancers	26	30	27	26	0-2 NAIA
BYU Cougars	30	26	30	30	1-0-0 MPFS

## BYU

##	BYU	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE	PTS
3	CHARETTE, Jon.	4	8	5	22	.136	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	1	1	9.0
8	PEREZ, Ivan	4	21	5	42	.381	2	0	3	0	7	0	3	0	0	22.5
11	HOLMES, Russell	4	6	3	14	.214	2	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	9.0
14	NEILSON, Rob	4	3	1	5	.400	54	0	1	0	9	0	5	0	0	5.5
15	BATISTA, Victor	4	10	2	19	.421	1	2	5	0	2	0	7	1	0	15.5
17	EVANS, Taylor	4	14	4	29	.345	0	1	4	2	6	0	1	0	0	15.5
7	ROWLEY, Brian	4	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0.0
19	SORENSEN, Trent	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.5
Totals.....		4	62	20	131	.321	60	3	16	2	43	1	23	2	1	77.5

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	15	4	27	.407
2	16	8	37	.216
3	18	4	38	.368
4	13	4	29	.310

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 12.5

Site: Smith Fieldhouse BYU (Elaine Michaelis)  
Date: Jan 06, 2006 Attend: 2348 Time: 2H 5M  
Referees: Tom Given, Les Calles, Maetani

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##	Cal Baptist	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE	PTS
1	AJANAKO, Seidu	3	16	6	33	.303	0	0	7	0	8	0	1	0	0	16.5
3	GUNTHOR, Urs	3	9	0	18	.500	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	10.0
4	SPENCE, Corey	3	10	6	21	.190	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	10.0
6	SUN, Yukai	3	2	4	7	-.286	1	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	3.5
11	PLUNKETT, Eric	3	0	0	1	.000	39	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	2	1.5
23	VETTER, Romain	3	7	1	14	.429	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	7.0
7	SCOTIA, Dan	2	1	2	5	-.200	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1.0
12	HAGSTROM, Tyler	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals.....		3	45	19	99	.263	42	2	15	2	25	0	5	2	2	49.5

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	13	6	32	.219
2	14	7	30	.233
3	18	6	37	.324

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 2.5

GAME SCORES

	1	2	3	TEAM RECORDS
CBU Lancers	22	26	27	0-3 NAIA
BYU Cougars	30	30	30	2-0-0 MPFS

## BYU

##	BYU	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE	PTS
3	CHARETTE, Jon.	3	6	0	14	.429	2	0	5	0	4	0	2	0	0	7.0
8	PEREZ, Ivan	3	12	6	24	.250	0	1	3	0	6	0	2	0	0	14.0
11	HOLMES, Russell	3	8	1	13	.538	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	9.5
14	NEILSON, Rob	3	1	0	2	.500	41	0	1	0	9	0	1	1	1	1.5
15	BATISTA, Victor	3	9	0	16	.562	1	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	1	10.5
17	EVANS, Taylor	3	15	1	22	.636	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	17.0
5	CONGELLIERE, B.	1	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
7	ROWLEY, Brian	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	COX, Scott	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
19	SORENSEN, Trent	3	0	1	1	-.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals.....		3	51	9	92	.457	49	2	15	2	28	0	13	2	2	59.5

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	18	1	28	.607
2	16	3	29	.448
3	17	5	35	.343

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 6.5

Site: Smith Fieldhouse BYU (Elaine Michaelis)  
Date: Jan 07, 2006 Attend: 2598 Time: 1H 30M  
Referees: Maile Jewkes, Tom Given, Maetani



## 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



## ALL-AMERICAN RUSSELL HOLMES

By: Brent Johnson  
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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.