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## BASEBALL

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

\* MWC Games, %Internet Audio + web cast \$BYUTV

### BYU Opens MWC Tournament Against Utah

Looking to prove the No. 13 isn't an unlucky number for BYU, the Cougars aim to make it 14-straight wins against the University of Utah on Wednesday. The two teams open the Mountain West Conference Tournament at 11 a.m. (PST) in Las Vegas. The No. 4 seeded Cougars enter the tournament after ending the season winning 14 of their last 19 games and finishing 28-28 and 18-12 in the MWC. The fifth seeded Utes finished the regular season 21-34 and 11-19. Utah lost seven of its final eight games including a season ending sweep to No. 1 seeded San Diego State.

KOVO 960 AM, with veteran broadcaster Brent Norton calling the play-by-play, will broadcast all of BYU's tournament games live. The broadcasts are also available on the BYU Radio channel on DirecTV and the Dish Network as well as over the Internet. Live stats are available for all tournament games. Links to the webcasts and audiocast can be found on the BYU baseball's schedule page at [www.byucougars.com](http://www.byucougars.com).

### Probable Pitching Rotation

May 26 Utah Patrick Wells (7-4, 5.53) Las Vegas, 11 a.m. (PST)

### All-Time vs. Utah

With a six-game season sweep of the Utes this year, BYU is 194-84-1 all time against Utah and has won 13-straight games. BYU's greatest and longest standing rivalry did not start on the football field. In 1895, the Brigham Young Academy played the first ever-intercollegiate event in Utah against the Utes on a baseball diamond. The game ended in a 0-0 tie and a bench-clearing brawl.

### Probable Lineup

1B-#1-Tim Law 2B-#5 Wade Vest SS-#2 Brandon Taylor  
3B-#8 Ranger Wiens RF-#25 Ben Saylor CF-#22 Ryan Chambers  
LF-#12 Kory Knell C-#9 Casey Cloward or #24 Adam Wilkes  
DH-#16 Jeff Hiestand

### Radio Coverage

The play-by-play again comes from Brent Norton, BYU's veteran broadcaster entering his 14th season. All of BYU's MWC Tournament games will be live on KOVO 960 AM with live streams available on BYU baseball's schedule page at [www.byucougars.com](http://www.byucougars.com). The live audiocasts are also available on DirecTV and the Dish Network through the BYU Radio channel.

### Knell Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week by Collegiate Baseball

Kory Knell came into the six-game series against Air Force last week with one home run and came out of it with six. The junior from Salt Lake City hit five home runs in three-consecutive games. He had two-consecutive multi-homer games including a grand slam in the second game of a doubleheader on Friday.

Knell came into the series batting .292 and raised his average 46 points to .338. He also had 15 RBI, 11 runs scored, three doubles and a slugging percentage of 1.476. The outfielder hit .619 for the series. Since sustaining a concussion in a collision at home plate against New Mexico on May 6, Knell has done nothing but hit. After missing three games due to the concussion, he has been on a tear, going 14-for-28 (.500) during the stretch.

"Knell had as good a series as anyone I've ever coached," said BYU head coach Vance Law. "Even his outs were hit hard."

**BYU Quick Facts**

Location: Provo, Utah 84602  
Enrollment: 30,069 (Daytime)  
Founded: Oct. 15, 1875, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Colors: Blue and White  
Nickname: Cougars  
Mascot: Cosmo (the Cougar)  
Affiliation: NCAA Division I  
Conference: Mountain West  
Field: Larry H. Miller Field (2,300)  
President: Cecil O. Samuelson  
Men's AD: Val Hale  
Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1

**Baseball Staff:**

Head Coach: Vance Law (BYU, 1978)  
Office Phone: (801) 422-5049  
Record: 156-134-1, fifth season  
Assistant Coaches:  
Ryan Roberts (BYU, 1998)  
Bobby Applegate (U of Southern Colorado, 1996)  
Seth King (BYU)

Trainer: Spencer Mack

**Baseball Facts:**

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

**Starters Returning (5):**

Ryan Chambers, 6-0, Jr., OF  
Casey Cloward, 5-11, Jr., C  
Wade Vest, 5-9, Sr., 2B  
Ranger Wiens, 6-3, Sr., SS/3B

**Starters Lost (4):**

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

**Other Key Letterwinners Returning:**

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

**Top Retuning Pitchers from 2003:**

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

**Key Newcomers:**

Brandon Taylor, SS  
Ben Saylor, OF/1B  
Patrick Wells, P  
Nick Lemon, P  
J.D. Stambaugh, P  
Lance Beus, P  
Joshua Barrett, P

**Terror on the Base Paths**

Once again Wade Vest used his speed to generate the Cougars' a run on May 8. After reaching first on an infield single, Vest stole his 13th base and reached third on a ground out by Ryan Chambers. The senior second baseman then came around to score on a passed ball. Vest has also been making unbelievable plays and catches, covering ground most second basemen never enter.

"I don't know if there's a better second baseman that I've played with than Wade Vest, even in the major leagues," said BYU head coach Vance Law. "He's a big league second baseman if he could only hit a little bit more. Vest may be the best base runner I've even seen and that's including the major leagues. When Vest is on the bases, I might as well put my hands in my pockets."

**Outfielder Leads Pitching, Pitcher Leads Hitting**

After last week's six-game series with Air Force, center fielder Ryan Chambers leads the BYU squad in pitching and right-hand pitcher Paul Jacinto leads the team in hitting. Chambers came into the final inning of the final game against the Falcons and struck out all three batters he faced in his first pitching appearance with the Cougars. Jacinto made two plate appearances in the second game on Friday. He walked, scored a run and hit an RBI single to finish a perfect 1.000 in his first at-bat with BYU.

Both players were outstanding hitters and pitchers in high school. Chambers hit 17 career home runs, batted .482 and had a 1.81 ERA at Yucaipa High in Yucaipa, Calif. Jacinto had a 7-1 record with a 1.88 ERA and a .450 batting average as a third baseman at LaCosta High in Encinitas, Calif.

**The Catch**

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

**Cougars On Roll Since Jacinto's Move to Pen**

Since last year's MWC Pitcher of the Year, Paul Jacinto, moved from starter to reliever, BYU has won 14 of their last 19 games. The senior right-hander began the year 0-8 as a starter but has gone 3-1 with three saves out of the bullpen; helping lead a phenomenal relief staff down the stretch.

**A Quick Look at the Cougars**

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

**Coach Vance Law and staff**

Vance Law played 14 years of pro ball, including 11 years in the majors with six different teams. In 2001 he was named Coach of the Year for the Mountain West Conference. The 48-year-old coach is in his fifth year at BYU and has a 156-134-1 (.538) record. He is assisted by Ryan Roberts, in his second year at BYU. Pitching coach Bobby Applegate is in his first full year with BYU, having last coached at the Air Force Academy. Volunteer assistant Seth King is in his first year on the BYU staff, succeeding Nate Mathis who is now a member of the Utah Valley State baseball staff.

**Attendance at Larry H. Miller Field**

Date	Opponent	Attendance	3/18/04	UNLV (Night)	1,494	3/20/03	UNLV	1,092
5/11/01	UNLV (Night)	3,120	5/22/04	Air Force	1,487	5/3/03	Utah	1,072
4/5/02	Utah (Night)	2,863	5/22/04	Air Force	— (DH)	4/26/01	San Diego St. (Night)	1,059
4/6/02	Utah (Night)	2,611	3/23/02	SDSU, suspended	1,440	4/17/04	SDSU	1,052
5/2/03	Utah (Night)	2,512	4/27/01	San Diego St. (Night)	1,398	5/8/04	New Mexico	1,042
4/16/04	SDSU (Night)	2,505	5/1/03	Utah (Night)	1,392	5/4/02	UNLV	1,040
5/25/02	SDSU	2,396	4/21/01	Utah	1,371	4/28/01	San Diego St.	1,014
5/25/02	SDSU (Night)	— (DH)	5/12/01	UNLV	1,318	5/10/03	San Diego St.	1,007
3/19/04	UNLV (Night)	2,293	5/10/01	UNLV (Night)	1,282	5/7/02	Southern Utah (Night)	948
4/11/03	Air Force (Night)	2,274	4/12/03	Air Force	1,276	5/2/02	UNLV (Night)	913
4/4/02	Utah (Night)	2,251	4/20/01	Utah (Night)	1,274	4/16/01	Southern Utah	809
4/30/04	Utah (Night)	2,201	4/25/02	Air Force (Night)	1,258	4/17/01	Southern Utah	862
5/1/04	Utah (Night)	2,102	5/6/04	New Mexico (Night)	1,252	5/9/03	San Diego St.	820
5/21/04	Air Force	1,986	4/15/04	SDSU (Night)	1,247	5/9/03	San Diego St.	— (DH)
5/21/04	Air Force (Night)	— (DH)	5/18/02	New Mexico	1,229	4/7/03	Southern Utah	543
4/26/02	Air Force (Night)	1,964	5/12/03	Southern Utah	1,219			
5/7/04	New Mexico (Night)	1,850	4/17/03	New Mexico (Night)	1,216	Totals	99,677 (Avg. 1,557, 8 DH)	
5/17/02	New Mexico (Night)	1,831	5/20/04	Air Force	1,202	All Nighttime	72,471 (Avg. 1,685)	
3/22/02	SDSU (Night)	1,748	5/20/04	Air Force (Night)	— (DH)	2004	24,355 (15 dates, 3 DH)	(Avg. 1,624)
5/24/02	SDSU	1,713	5/3/02	UNLV (Night)	1,189	2003	22,460 (16 dates, 2 DH)	(Avg. 1,404)
5/24/02	UNLV (Night)	— (DH)	5/16/02	New Mexico (Night)	1,183	2002	31,275 (20 dates, 2 DH)	(Avg. 1,564)
5/13/03	Southern Utah (Night)	1,711	5/6/02	Southern Utah	1,178	2001	17,378 (13 dates, 1 DH)	(Avg. 1,337)
4/19/03	New Mexico	1,668	5/22/02	Air Force (Night)	1,177			
4/19/03	New Mexico	— (DH)	3/21/02	SDSU (Night)	1,176	Night record:	29-14	
4/19/01	Utah (Night)	1,609	5/23/02	UNLV (Night)	1,167	Overall Record @ Miller Park:	51-21	
4/10/03	Air Force (Night)	1,601	4/13/01	New Mexico (Night)	1,143	Losses		
3/21/03	UNLV (Night)	1,530	4/29/04	Utah (Night)	1,138			
3/22/03	UNLV	1,527	4/14/01	New Mexico	1,119			
3/20/04	UNLV	1,504	4/14/01	New Mexico	— (DH)			

**Travel Plans**

BYU departs Tuesday morning, busing to Las Vegas. The team will headquarter at the AmeriSuites Las Vegas (702) 369-3366.

**Team Notes**

- **Ben Saylor** leads the team with a 13-game hitting streak, the longest streak this season for BYU. The outfielder began the year with a 10-game streak. **Wade Vest** and **Tim Law** both have six-game streaks, and **Brandon Taylor** and **Kory Knell** have five-game streaks.
- **Brandon Taylor** leads the team in multiple-hit games with 22. **Ben Saylor** and **Ryan Chambers** have 18 multiple-hit games, and **Kory Knell** has 16. Taylor leads the team with nine three-hit games.
- **Brandon Taylor** leads the team in multiple-RBI games with 16. **Ryan Chambers** and **Kory Knell** are second with 10 and **Ben Saylor** has nine. Chambers leads the team with four three-RBI games.
- Designated hitter **Rob Itri** was dismissed from the team in May because of a violation of team rules for academic issues.
- BYU is 9-6 in 15 one-run games this year. In 2003, the Cougars had 15 one-run games and won four of them.
- The Cougars are 4-2 in six extra-inning games this year with BYU's longest extra-inning game ever being played on March 27 in a 17-inning win over Utah.
- BYU's MWC regular season title in 2001 was its first since 1994 when it won the Western Athletic Conference playoff. By winning the MWC title in 2001 and 2002, it marks the first time BYU has repeated as the league champ since 1988-89, the only other time it has happened for the Cougars'. The Cougars' have won 11 league titles dating back to the WAC's inception in 1962.

**Average Attendance Highest Ever at Miller Field**

In its fourth full season at Larry H. Miller Field, attendance barely missed the 100,000 milestone, falling 323 fans short. BYU is averaging 1,624 fans per game this year in 15 dates, the highest average in the four year history. They are averaging 60 fans more per game than the previous high in 2002 with an average of 1,564. The Cougars have ranked nationally in attendance in all three previous years at Miller Field.

**Father and Son**

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

### 2004 MWC Preseason Poll

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

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

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

### College Coaches Who Played In Majors

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

### Pronunciation Guide

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

### Regarding BYU this season

- BYU has nine current players who are married (**Michel Bergeron, Bryce Burger, Casey Cloward, Brad Hales, Tyler Heid, Nathan Hess, Blair Lucas, Ranger Wiens, Adam Wilkes**).
- There are 22 players on the team who have served two-year volunteer Church missions, 15 of whom were assigned outside the United States and speak Spanish, Japanese, Chinese and Russian.
- Incorporated into this year's team are seven players who have just finished serving two-year Church missions (**Joshua Barrett, Brad Hales, Jeff Hiestand, Seth Iorg, Ben Saylor, Justin Su'a, Brandon Taylor**).
- Eight players transferred to BYU this season (**Lance Beus, Bryce Burger, Nathan Hess, Nick Lemon, Kalen Parsons, Ben Saylor, Brandon Taylor, Patrick Wells**).
- Among those throwing batting practice to BYU again this season is former Cy Young winner **Vernon Law** (1960 Pittsburgh Pirates), father of BYU head coach **Vance Law**. Vernon turned 74-years-old in March.
- In January, **Vance Law** was in Washington, D.C., where he was again a resource player (yearly for 12 of the past 13 years) for the major league rookie training. Also in January, Coach Law attended the Cubs Convention, an annual gathering which draws thousands of fans.

### Attendance Ranks Nationally

Attendance at Larry H. Miller field ranked 33rd nationally in 2003 with an average of 1,404 fans attending in 16 dates. The Cougars' ranked 44th nationally in total home attendance with 22,460 fans in 2003. The Cougars' have a 51-21 (.708) record at Larry H. Miller Field. BYU drew its fifth-largest crowd ever in 2004 with 2,505 fans on April 16 against SDSU and its seventh-largest crowd with 2,293 fans in a game against UNLV on March 19.

### Fourth Full Year in New Ballpark at Home

This is BYU's fourth full season at Miller Field, named in honor of Larry H. and Gail Miller, who made a significant financial contribution toward the facility. The baseball field is built on the site the original field was constructed on in 1969 and is named Larry H. Miller Field. The baseball portion seats 2,204 (675 in the lower bowl) and mirrors a back-to-back concept with the adjoining softball field and a shared press box. Both fields have lights. The field measures 400 feet in center, 388 in the alleys and remains at 345 down the lines. BYU played its first night games in Provo with the opening of Miller Park.

### New Indoor Practice Facility

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

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

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

### Graduation

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

**2004 MWC Leaders**

as of May 23, 2004

**Triples**

Young, Matt-NM	11
<b>Chambers, Ryan-BYU</b>	<b>6</b>
Chevalier, Eric-UT	6
Olson, Tyson-UT	6
2 tied with 4 triple(s)	

**Home Runs**

Nielsen, Eric-LV	15
<b>Taylor, Brandon-BYU</b>	<b>13</b>
Giamella, Matt-UT	13
Salas, Joe-NM	12
Stovall, Daniel-NM	10

**Stolen Bases**

Burt, Landon-SDSU	29-33
Kowalski, Ryan-LV	20-23
<b>Vest, Wade-BYU</b>	<b>16-17</b>
<b>Wiens, Ranger-BYU</b>	<b>16-17</b>
Wolfram, Josh-AF	14-23

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**ERA**

Chapados, Michael-AF	2.79, 9.2
Schroyer, Ryan-SDSU	2.84, 38.0
<b>Burger, Bryce-BYU</b>	<b>3.20, 25.1</b>
Harang, Daryl-SDSU	3.96, 84.0
Salas, Joe-NM	3.98, 40.2
<b>Barrett, Joshua-BYU</b>	<b>4.12, 24.0</b>
Shoemaker, Scott-SDSU	4.34, 103.2
Vose, Jake-LV	4.35, 97.1
Zink, J.T.-SDSU	4.50, 30.0

**ERA, IP**

**Batting Avg.**

UNLV	.333
New Mexico	.317
Utah	.301
San Diego State	.296
Air Force	.286
<b>BYU</b>	<b>.284</b>

**Earned Run Avg.**

San Diego State	5.07
<b>BYU</b>	<b>5.62</b>
UNLV	6.06
New Mexico	6.52
Utah	6.94
Air Force	12.33

**Fielding Pct.**

New Mexico	.966
San Diego State	.965
<b>BYU</b>	<b>.962</b>
UNLV	.961
Utah	.960
Air Force	.939

**2004 Team Highlights**

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

### Cougars on Missions (6)

Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
Thomas Bills, 1B, 2003	Montreal (French)
Clayton Barnes, LHP, 2003	Mexico City West
Brian Nielsen, LHP, 2002	Germany
Adam Hanselman, OF, 2003	Long Beach, Calif.
Chris Johnson, SS, 2003	Everett, Wash.
Tyler Manning, LHP, 2003	Guadalajara, Mexico

### Cougars with Mission Calls

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

### Missions Served (22)

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

### Married Players (9)

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

### Top Pitching Outings of 2004

Hits	Pitcher	Opponent, W-L
7*	Patrick Wells	Nevada, W 3-1
7*	Paul Jacinto	New Mexico, L 0-1
7*	Patrick Wells	Utah, W 13-3
5+	Patrick Wells	Pepperdine, W 5-0

\*complete game, +7 innings

### Player Profiles

#### Ranger Wiens

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



Year	Avg	G-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
1999*	.171	36-17	70	10	12	3	0	0	7	15	5	16	0-0
2002	.318	63-63	242	43	77	14	3	3	32	106	22	47	9-15
2003	.405	53-52	220	50	89	25	4	4	55	134	20	25	21-28
2004	.246	53-50	179	32	44	11	3	3	23	70	30	40	16-17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.312</b>	<b>206-181</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>46-60</b>

\* At University of Nevada (Reno)

#### Paul Jacinto

Jacinto earned MWC Pitcher of the Week honors after picking up a win and a save in two relief appearances against San Diego State this year. He was named the 2003 MWC Pitcher of the Year after finishing 10-5 with a 4.14 ERA last year. He was named MWC Pitcher of the Week for his complete game, one-hit outing against UNLV in Provo in a 3-1 victory. Jacinto lost a three-hitter in a complete game in a 1-0 decision against Northwestern in BYU's tournament in Arizona. He set a MWC record for league games with a .222 opposing batting average, and set junior MWC games only marks with 74.1 innings and nine wins His 10 season wins ranked 25th in the nation. Jacinto pitched a complete-game seven-hitter this year against New Mexico on April 2, but lost 1-0.



Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999*	11.52	1-1	11	4	0	1	27.1	43	38	35	23	20
2002	7.83	2-3	14	9	0	0	56.1	77	57	49	28	42
2003	4.14	10-5	18	13	4	0	113.0	101	58	52	38	83
2004	5.67	3-9	20	14	1	3	92.0	109	67	58	20	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6.05</b>	<b>16-18</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>288.2</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>213</b>

#### Ryan Chambers

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



Year	Avg	G-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
2002	.291	39-30	110	18	32	9	2	2	19	51	13	18	6-6
2003	.327	52-50	199	43	65	7	5	11	51	115	19	30	1-6
2004	.279	53-51	215	50	60	10	6	4	40	94	25	39	8-9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.300</b>	<b>144-131</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>15-21</b>

## Bloodlines for Current BYU Baseball Team

- **Michel Bergeron**—father, **Richard Bergeron**, was a running back for the Royal Military Naval Academy.
- **Lance Beus**—cousin **Caroline Beus** played women's basketball for BYU (1998-2000), cousin **Dan Beus** played basketball for Southern Utah University, grandmother is a cousin to former major league pitcher and Cy Young Award winner **Vernon Law**, the father of BYU coach **Vance Law**.
- **Kevin Bills**—father, **Jeff Bills**, played catcher for BYU from 1972-75, grandfather **Karol Bills** played football and baseball in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Brother **Thomas Bills** signed last season with BYU baseball and is currently serving a Church mission to Montreal, Canada.
- **Bryce Burger**—father, **Jeff Burger**, pitched one year for Florida State, sister **Rhianna Burger** played lacrosse for two years at BYU.
- **Casey Cloward**—father, **Rod Cloward**, played for BYU baseball from 1969-72. Wife, **Amberlee Searle Cloward**, is the sister of current BYU pitcher **Bryce Searle**.
- **Brad Hales**—grandfather **Lynn Powell** played for BYU baseball in 1949.
- **Tyler Heid**—father, **Edward Heid**, is a scout for Seattle Mariners, uncle **David Heid** played baseball for BYU. Younger brother **Trevor Heid** signed with BYU baseball last November.
- **Seth Iorg**—father, **Dane Iorg**, played 10 years in the major leagues with the Phillies, Cardinals, Royals and Padres and won two World Series rings with the Cardinals and Royals. Uncle **Garth Iorg** played nine years in the major leagues with the Toronto Blue Jays. Uncle **Lee Iorg** and cousin **Isaac Iorg** also played baseball at BYU. Isaac was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 2001 and now plays in the Atlanta Braves organization. Dane (1969-71) and Lee (1971-74) are members of the BYU Hall of Fame and were All-Americans at BYU. Cousin **Eli Iorg** is a sophomore infielder at the University of Tennessee after playing his freshman year at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Cousin **Cale Iorg**, a senior in high school, signed to play baseball with Alabama.
- **Paul Jacinto**—grandfather **Alvin Jacinto** played one year on the major league Chicago White Sox and then played in the San Francisco Giants organization, father, **David Jacinto**, swam and played water polo for BYU, uncles **Scott Jacinto**, **Brett Jacinto** and **Mark Favero** were swimmers for BYU and uncle **Rex Favero** swam for UCLA.
- **Mike Kessler**—father, **Brad Kessler**, was a 1973 first round draft of the Cincinnati Reds.
- **Seth King**, volunteer assistant coach—younger brother **Eric King** pitches for UVSC.
- **Vance Law**, head BYU coach—father, **Vernon Law**, was 1960 Cy Young winner and was a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1950-67), brother **Veryl Law** played basketball at BYU (1974-77) alongside Vance (1975-77), brothers **Veldon Law** (1975) and **Vaughn Law** (1979) played baseball for BYU, son **Tim Law** played baseball at Dixie and in 2000 and 2002 for BYU. Son **Andrew Law** signed with BYU baseball last November.
- **John Pace**—father, **Corey Pace**, was a center for BYU's football team (1976, '79-81), brother **Daniel Pace** played football for BYU. Grandpa **Wallace Hunt** ran track at BYU.
- **Kalen Parsons**—uncle **Lynn Parsons** played basketball at BYU (1967-69), father, **Stanford Parsons**, played basketball at Snow and Kalen originally went to Snow College with the intent to play both basketball and baseball. Brother **Greg Parsons** played baseball at the College of Eastern Utah. Cousin **Rhet Parsons** played basketball at Southern Utah University (1986-87).
- **Ryan Roberts**, assistant BYU coach—wife, **Angela Roberts**, played volleyball at Idaho State and UVSC, sister **Allison Roberts** plays volleyball at the Univ. of Houston, uncle **Larry Schenk** played baseball for BYU in 1959.
- **Bryce Searle**—father, **Craig Searle**, ran track and played freshman basketball for BYU in 1974 with **Gifford Nielsen** and **Dave Checketts**. Sister **Amberlee Searle Cloward** is the wife of current BYU catcher **Casey Cloward**.
- **J.D. Stambaugh**—father, **Roy Stambaugh**, played baseball for Shippensburg University.
- **Justin Su'a**—father, **Murphy Su'a**, is a former BYU All-American (1978-79) and is the hitting coach at Cal State Dominguez Hills.
- **Brandon Taylor**—grandpa **Robert Taylor** played quarterback at Ricks College, uncle **Val Taylor** played football at BYU.
- **Ranger Wiens**—father, **Randy Wiens**, played AAA baseball for the Toronto Blue Jays, grandfather **Lloyd Brink** played football for BYU (1938-40), uncles **Bill Brink** and **Justin Brink** played baseball for BYU. Younger brother **Logan Wiens** signed with BYU baseball last November. His mother, the late **Sheryl Wiens**, played tennis at BYU and was on the Cougars' legendary coach **Ann Valentine's** first team in 1967.
- **Adam Wilkes**—father, **James Wilkes**, played baseball for the University of Arizona, grandfather was a scout for 30 years with the Los Angeles Dodgers, younger brother **Garrett Wilkes** played basketball for the College of Eastern Arizona. Adam's wife, **Erin Nelson Wilkes**, was an All-American soccer player for the University of Arizona.

## 2004 ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Yr.	DOB	Hometown
1	**Tim Law	1B/OF	5-10	180	L-L	Sr.-2V	11-6-78	Provo, Utah (Dixie JC)
3	Brandon Taylor	SS	6-2	190	R-R	So.-JC	7-26-82	Orem, Utah (UVSC)
4	Patrick Wells	LHP	6-0	180	L-L	Jr.-JC	8-6-83	West Jordan, Utah (CEU)
5	*Wade Vest	2B	5-9	160	R-R	Sr.-1V	12-15-79	Spanish Fork, Utah (UVSC)
6	*Blair Lucas	INF	5-10	210	R-R	Sr.-1V	3-23-80	Lake Forest, Calif. (Saddleback CC)
7	Lance Beus	LHP	6-0	180	L-L	Jr.-TR	3-11-83	Meridian, Idaho (Oklahoma State)
8	\$**Ranger Wiens	SS	6-3	200	R-R	Sr.-2V	5-7-80	Merced, California (Nevada)
9	**Casey Cloward	C	5-11	180	R-R	Jr.-2V	12-8-80	Salem, Utah (Spanish Fork)
11	***Kevin Bills	3B/OF	6-2	175	R-R	Sr.-3V	3-5-80	Reno, Nevada (Reno)
12	Kory Knell	OF	6-0	190	R-R	Jr.-RS	2-6-80	Salt Lake City (Saddleback CC)
13	Kalen Parsons	RHP	6-3	210	R-R	Jr.-JC	9-1-82	Green River, Utah (CEU)
14	Nick Lemon	RHP	6-2	190	R-R	Jr.-JC	10-4-81	Elk Grove, Calif. (Consumes River)
15	***Paul Jacinto	RHP	6-0	190	R-R	Sr.-3V	1-18-80	Encinitas, California (LaCosta)
16	*Jeff Hiestand	OF/C	5-11	215	L-R	So.-1V	8-10-82	Chino, California (Chino)
17	*Tyler Heid	RHP	6-2	175	R-R	So.-1V	8-5-80	Glendale, Arizona (Cactus)
18	Nathan Hess	RHP	6-5	200	R-R	Jr.-JC	4-13-81	Preston, Idaho (SLCC)
22	**Ryan Chambers	OF	6-0	165	L-L	Jr.-2V	12-31-82	Yucaipa, California (Yucaipa)
23	Joshua Barrett	RHP	6-1	170	R-R	Fr.-TR	9-20-81	Pleasant View, Utah (Arizona St.)
24	\$**Adam Wilkes	C	5-9	165	R-R	Sr.-2V	10-26-79	Tucson, Arizona (Sabino)
25	Ben Saylor	1B/OF	6-4	215	L-R	So.-JC	2-14-82	Sandy, Utah (Hillcrest)
26	*Bryce Searle	RHP	6-3	215	R-R	So.-1V	11-1-80	Spanish Fork, Utah (Spanish Fork)
27	*Justin Su'a	3B/RHP	6-3	183	R-R	So.-1V	9-25-82	Torrance, California (West)
32	J.D. Stambaugh	LHP	6-2	210	L-L	Fr.-HS	10-25-84	Collierville, Tenn. (Collierville)
33	Bryce Burger	RHP	6-6	230	R-R	Sr.-JC	7-7-79	Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (UVSC)

### Coaches

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

## Honors for 2004

### Kevin Bills, Outfield

Cougar Scholar Athlete

### Ryan Chambers, Outfield

MWC Player of the Week  
vs. Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic

### Casey Cloward, Catcher

Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic All-Tourney  
Cougar Scholar Athlete

### Tyler Heid, Pitcher

Cougar Scholar Athlete

### Jeff Hiestand, Outfield

Cougar Scholar Athlete

### Paul Jacinto, Pitcher

MWC Pitcher of the Week vs. SDSU

### Kory Knell, Outfield

Nat'l. Player of Week Collegiate Baseball  
vs. Air Force Academy  
Cougar Scholar Athlete

### Ben Saylor, Outfield, First Base

Pepsi-Johnny Quik Classic All-Tourney

### Bryce Searle, Pitcher

Cougar Scholar Athlete

### Brandon Taylor, Shortstop

MWC Player of the Week  
vs. New Mexico

### Patrick Wells, Pitcher

MWC Pitcher of the Week vs. Nevada

### Adam Wilkes, Catcher

Cougar Scholar Athlete

## 2004 Final MWC Standings

	MWC		Overall
	W-L	GB	W-L
SDSU	19-9	-	33-27
UNM	20-10	-	24-27-1
UNLV	20-10	-	33-22
BYU	18-12	2	28-28
Utah	11-19	9	21-34
AFA	0-28	19	5-47

## 2003 Final MWC Standings

	MWC		Overall
	W-L	GB	W-L
UNLV	24-6	-	47-17
BYU	18-12	6	30-24
San Diego St.	18-12	6	29-32
New Mexico	17-13	7	34-26
Utah	10-20	14	24-32
Air Force	3-27	21	15-39



# 2004 Season BYU Baseball Statistics

Record: 28-28 Home: 10-5 Away: 13-19 Neutral: 5-4 MWC: 18-12

Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
JACINTO, Paul	1.000	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	9	13	0	1.000
HIESTAND, Jeff	.341	43	36	123	38	42	12	2	8	33	82	.667	30	5	21	2	.487	0	0	5	5	32	5	0	1.000
KNELL, Kory	.338	45	35	151	36	51	12	1	6	38	83	.550	14	8	25	0	.420	1	3	6	12	59	6	4	.942
SAYLOR, Ben	.315	54	54	216	25	68	11	0	4	40	91	.421	14	1	55	3	.355	3	1	1	3	155	13	2	.988
TAYLOR, Brandon	.314	55	55	229	44	72	15	3	13	52	132	.576	11	2	46	4	.347	3	2	7	9	73	128	23	.897
HALES, Brad	.294	11	2	17	4	5	0	0	0	2	5	.294	3	0	4	1	.400	0	0	0	0	13	12	3	.893
BILLS, Kevin	.280	38	19	93	20	26	6	0	4	18	44	.473	9	6	25	0	.373	2	4	6	6	36	3	1	.975
CHAMBERS, Ryan	.279	53	51	215	50	60	10	6	4	40	94	.437	25	3	39	0	.358	3	6	8	9	140	6	2	.986
VEST, Wade	.277	50	47	166	34	46	9	1	0	20	57	.343	10	2	25	2	.322	2	3	16	17	94	133	7	.970
WILKES, Adam	.273	26	22	77	14	21	1	1	0	9	24	.312	7	2	14	2	.349	0	4	1	2	146	23	2	.988
ITRI, Rob	.268	42	41	157	30	42	8	2	2	21	60	.382	18	1	23	3	.343	2	0	2	2	21	29	7	.877
LAW, Tim	.265	50	43	170	24	45	3	1	0	22	50	.294	12	1	20	3	.314	2	2	7	9	366	39	0	1.000
WIENS, Ranger	.246	53	50	179	32	44	11	3	3	23	70	.391	30	7	40	4	.370	3	1	16	17	31	57	4	.957
LUCAS, Blair	.239	32	15	71	15	17	6	0	1	7	26	.366	7	5	15	0	.349	0	0	2	3	20	39	5	.922
CLOWARD, Casey	.197	41	34	127	18	25	3	0	3	18	37	.291	6	3	24	1	.246	2	0	6	9	240	34	6	.979
Totals	.284	56	56	1992	385	565	107	20	48	344	856	.430	197	46	376	25	.358	23	26	83	103	1465	603	81	.962
Opponents	.304	56	56	1958	375	595	119	14	48	331	886	.453	191	56	383	23	.379	17	34	74	103	1493	598	96	.956

LOB - Team (406), Opp (416). DPs turned - Team (34), Opp (33). IBB - Team (5), ITRI 2, WIENS 2, CHAMBERS 1, Opp (3). Picked off - TAYLOR 3, CLOWARD 2, VEST 2, CHAMBERS 2.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	ABB/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA	
CHAMBERS, Ryan	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0	0
BURGER, Bryce	3.20	1	3	16	0	0	0	1	2	25.1	29	14	9	2	24	2	1	2	102	.284	1	6	0	0	1
BARRETT, Joshua	4.12	1	1	13	0	0	0	0	1	24.0	27	20	11	10	22	7	0	2	94	.287	6	3	0	2	2
SU'A, Justin	5.09	2	2	13	9	0	0	1	0	58.1	80	35	33	11	45	18	0	5	239	.335	0	6	1	2	4
STAMBAUGH, J.D.	5.46	3	0	13	3	0	0	0	2	31.1	46	26	19	7	33	7	2	1	136	.338	3	2	0	2	1
WELLS, Patrick	5.53	7	4	16	16	3	0	1	0	99.1	119	69	61	29	58	30	3	12	398	.299	5	7	1	1	8
PARSONS, Kalen	5.60	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	27.1	43	20	17	4	27	10	0	0	119	.361	0	3	0	2	1
JACINTO, Paul	5.67	3	9	20	14	1	0	1	3	92.0	109	67	58	20	68	22	3	10	368	.296	5	7	0	4	4
BEUS, Lance	5.97	3	1	21	1	0	0	0	0	31.2	38	28	21	23	18	5	1	6	126	.302	3	1	0	1	6
HESS, Nathan	6.23	3	3	13	3	0	0	0	1	26.0	29	23	18	6	22	6	1	0	98	.296	1	7	1	1	3
LEMON, Nick	6.32	2	4	18	5	0	0	0	2	37.0	28	37	26	50	43	4	1	0	131	.214	19	8	0	1	3
HEID, Tyler	7.90	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	13.2	17	16	12	13	9	6	0	3	56	.304	0	2	0	0	1
SEARLE, Bryce	8.44	2	1	9	4	0	0	0	0	21.1	30	20	20	16	11	2	2	7	88	.341	3	4	3	1	0
Totals	5.62	28	28	56	56	4	2	2	11	488.1	595	375	305	191	383	119	14	48	1958	.304	46	56	6	17	34
Opponents	5.71	28	28	56	56	5	2	1	13	497.2	565	385	316	197	376	107	20	48	1992	.284	55	46	9	23	26

PB - Team (16), CLOWARD 10, WILKES 6, Opp (15). Pickoffs - Team (7), WILKES 2, SU'A 2, WELLS 1, BEUS 1, BARRETT 1, Opp (9). SBA/ATT - CLOWARD (38-53), WILKES (36-45), LEMON (19-23), JACINTO (11-15), WELLS (9-14), HESS (8-12), SU'A (8-11), BEUS (3-5), PARSONS (3-4), BURGER (2-4), HEID (4-4), BARRETT (3-4), SEARLE (2-4), STAMBAUGH (2-3).

# BYU 2004 MWC Games Only Statistics

Record: 18-12 Home: 10-5 Away: 8-7 MWC: 18-12

Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
JACINTO, Paul	1.000	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	1.000
KNELL, Kory	.381	23	19	84	25	32	8	0	5	26	55	.655	7	7	10	0	.469	0	1	6	9	25	3	4	.875
TAYLOR, Brandon	.372	29	29	129	31	48	11	1	9	36	88	.682	6	1	26	0	.399	2	1	5	6	45	68	19	.856
HIESTAND, Jeff	.359	24	22	78	26	28	10	2	5	18	57	.731	20	4	13	2	.510	0	0	4	4	8	2	0	1.000
BILLS, Kevin	.357	24	12	56	19	20	6	0	4	13	38	.679	9	3	12	0	.464	1	2	6	6	21	2	1	.958
CHAMBERS, Ryan	.333	29	29	135	34	45	9	2	3	29	67	.496	12	3	17	0	.400	0	3	5	6	75	5	1	.988
SAYLOR, Ben	.333	29	29	120	14	40	7	0	2	32	53	.442	9	1	33	3	.379	2	1	1	1	90	9	1	.990
ITRI, Rob	.333	18	17	75	13	25	6	1	1	12	36	.480	4	1	12	0	.366	2	0	0	0	7	1	2	.800
LUCAS, Blair	.333	18	7	39	11	13	6	0	0	5	19	.487	4	2	9	0	.422	0	0	2	2	5	23	1	.966
WILKES, Adam	.325	14	11	40	9	13	1	0	0	5	14	.350	5	2	6	0	.426	0	0	1	2	80	8	1	.989
LAW, Tim	.303	26	21	89	15	27	1	0	0	14	28	.315	7	0	6	2	.354	0	0	6	6	186	21	0	1.000
VEST, Wade	.278	29	29	108	26	30	6	1	0	14	38	.352	8	2	17	0	.336	1	2	11	11	65	84	5	.968
WIENS, Ranger	.247	28	26	97	20	24	8	2	1	13	39	.402	17	4	21	3	.381	0	1	9	9	24	49	4	.948
CLOWARD, Casey	.178	22	19	73	11	13	3	0	0	9	16	.219	5	1	15	1	.237	1	0	5	6	147	21	3	.982
HALES, Brad	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	.500
Totals	.319	30	30	1124	255	359	82	9	30	227	549	.488	116	31	197	11	.395	9	11	61	68	804	334	52	.956
Opponents	.316	30	30	1091	221	345	76	7	24	193	507	.465	120	29	222	14	.395	10	16	38	55	796	327	50	.957

LOB - Team (240), Opp (241). DPs turned - Team (22), Opp (17). IBB - Team (2), ITRI 1, CHAMBERS 1, Opp (1). Picked off - TAYLOR 2, CHAMBERS 1, CLOWARD 1.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	ABB/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA	
CHAMBERS, Ryan	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0	0
SEARLE, Bryce	1.80	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	10.0	9	2	2	7	4	0	1	1	34	.265	1	0	0	1	0
BURGER, Bryce	2.93	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	1	15.1	17	8	5	1	12	1	0	1	60	.283	1	5	0	0	0
STAMBAUGH, J.D.	4.19	2	0	8	1	0	0	0	2	19.1	25	16	9	6	23	4	2	1	85	.294	1	2	0	0	0
BARRETT, Joshua	4.96	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	16.1	20	17	9	8	15	5	0	1	65	.308	4	3	0	2	1
JACINTO, Paul	5.01	3	4	12	6	1	0	1	3	46.2	55	30	26	6	33	12	1	5	185	.297	2	2	0	2	1
BEUS, Lance	5.75	1	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	20.1	28	18	13	13	14	5	1	4	85	.329	1	1	0	1	4
WELLS, Patrick	6.37	4	2	9	9	2	0	0	0	53.2	70	43	38	19	31	19	1	8	220	.318	3	3	1	1	3
PARSONS, Kalen	6.52	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	19.1	35	17	14	3	22	8	0	0	90	.389	0	1	0	1	0
HEID, Tyler	7.36	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	7.1	11	9	6	7	5	6	0	1	33	.333	0	1	0	0	1
LEMON, Nick	7.53	2	3	11	5	0	0	0	0	28.2	24	29	24	41	31	4	1	0	102	.235	10	6	0	1	3
SU'A, Justin	7.89	0	1	5	4	0	0	1	0	21.2	36	19	19	6	21	9	0	2	94	.383	0	3	1	1	2
HESS, Nathan	11.88	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	8.1	15	13	11	3	8	3	0	0	35	.429	0	2	0	0	1
Totals	5.91	18	12	30	30	3	1	1	6	268.0	345	221	176	120	222	76	7	24	1091	.316	23	29	2	10	16
Opponents	6.99	12	18	30	30	2	1	1	3	265.1	359	255	206	116	197	82	9	30	1124	.319	33	31	4	9	11

PB - Team (12), CLOWARD 9, WILKES 3, Opp (10). Pickoffs - Team (5), WILKES 2, BEUS 1, BARRETT 1, WELLS 1, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - CLOWARD (22-31), WILKES (16-19), LEMON (12-15), WELLS (7-11), SU'A (4-6), BEUS (3-5), BARRETT (2-3), JACINTO (3-3), HEID (3-3), HESS (0-3), PARSONS (3-3), BURGER (1-3).

## BYU's Longest Extra Innings

2004 @ Utah (17 inn)	W	5-4	2004 UNLV (11 inn)	L	9-12
1983 @ Utah (15 inn)	W	12-9	2000 @ San Diego St. (11 inn)	W	7-6
2002 @ UC-Irvine (14 inn)	W	10-7	1984 No. Colorado (11 inn)	W	10-9
1993 Washington# (14 inn)	W	7-6	# Coyote Classic, San Bernardino, Calif.		
1994 @ Utah (13 inn)	L	3-4	% Riverside Baseball Invit., Calif.		
1984 San Diego St.% (13 inn)	W	5-3			
2004 San Diego St. (11 inn)	W	7-6			

## 2004 BYU Results

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Site	Rec.	Div-Rec.	Pitcher	Opp. Pitcher	Line	Opp. Line	Att.
1/29	@ California	L	1-11	A	0-1	0-0	Jacinto	Brown	1-5-2	11-14-1	255
1/30	@ California	L	3-13	A	0-2	0-0	Searle	Crist	3-6-2	13-15-1	173
1/31	@ California	L	4-7	A	0-3	0-0	Wells	Gold	4-11-3	7-10-1	304
2/05	St. Mary's #	L	5-9	N	0-4	0-0	Jacinto	Simo	5-6-1	9-12-2	50
2/06	@ Pacific #	L	4-5	A	0-5	0-0	Hess	Willick	4-9-1	5-9-5	754
2/07	Nevada #	W	3-1	N	1-5	0-0	Wells	Rodrigues	3-5-0	1-7-1	191
2/09	@ Santa Clara	L	3-9	A	1-6	0-0	Jacinto	Fillinger	3-7-2	9-8-2	478
2/10	@ Santa Clara	W	11-10	A	2-6	0-0	Su'a	McConnell	11-11-1	10-16-2	227
2/12	@ UC Riverside	L	1-8	A	2-7	0-0	Wells	Shappi	1-6-1	8-11-1	238
2/13	@ UC Riverside	L	2-4	A	2-8	0-0	Su`a	Martinez	2-10-0	4-11-1	157
2/14	@ UC Riverside	L	4-6	A	2-9	0-0	Jacinto	Winter	4-8-4	6-12-3	311
2/19	@ San Jose State	L	3-4	A	2-10	0-0	Lemon	Durkin	3-3-1	4-8-0	658
2/20	@ San Jose State (10)	L	1-2	A	2-11	0-0	Barrett	Kilby	1-6-0	2-7-3	538
2/21	@ San Jose State (10)	W	3-2	A	3-11	0-0	Hess	Amaya	3-6-1	2-7-1	516
2/26	@ Pepperdine %	W	5-0	A	4-11	0-0	Wells	Barrack	5-7-0	0-6-4	111
2/27	Nevada % (7)	L	0-13	N	4-12	0-0	Jacinto	Sutton	0-5-2	13-9-1	200
2/28	Cal State Northridge %	L	3-6	N	4-13	0-0	Beus	Baker	3-5-2	6-10-2	144
3/4	@ Cal State Northridge	L	6-7	A	4-14	0-0	Burger	Jean	6-10-1	7-9-2	124
3/5	@ Long Beach State	L	1-3	A	4-15	0-0	Hess	Weaver	1-2-1	3-4-0	1,236
3/6	@ Cal State Northridge	W	10-4	A	5-15	0-0	Su'a	Baker	10-15-1	4-9-4	265
3/8	Dallas Baptist +	W	6-4	N	6-15	0-0	Beus	Mitchell	6-8-0	4-7-3	33
3/9	Chicago State +	W	21-3	N	7-15	0-0	Stambaugh	Duncan	21-14-1	3-8-3	52
3/10	@ Fresno State +	W	5-3	A	8-15	0-0	Wells	Cooper	5-11-0	9-5-0	2,689
3/11	Monmouth +	W	11-6	N	9-15	0-0	Hess	Conner	11-7-2	6-10-3	65
3/12	Portland +	W	5-4	N	10-15	0-0	Beus	Ball	5-12-0	4-11-0	303
3/13	@ Fresno State +	L	9-10	A	10-16	0-0	Burger	Griffin	9-10-1	10-15-1	3,196
3/18	UNLV * (11)	L	9-12	H	10-17	0-1	Burger	Scheinbaum	9-13-4	12-19-3	1,494
3/19	UNLV *	L	1-17	H	10-18	0-2	Jacinto	Luca	1-3-8	17-21-0	2,293
3/20	UNLV *	L	6-12	H	10-19	0-3	Hess	Minor	6-10-7	12-15-2	1,504
3/25	@ Utah *	W	13-3	A	11-19	1-3	Wells	Price	13-18-1	3-7-1	564
3/27	@ Utah * (17)	W	5-4	A	12-19	2-3	Lemon	Buck	5-14-0	4-13-6	606
3/27	@ Utah * (10)	W	11-10	A	13-19	3-3	Stambaugh	Schaler	11-16-0	10-19-0	—
4/1	@ New Mexico *	L	3-9	A	13-20	3-4	Wells	Fernandez	3-10-1	9-11-0	794
4/2	@ New Mexico *	L	0-1	A	13-21	3-5	Jacinto	Herrera	0-3-1	1-7-1	868
4/3	@ New Mexico *	L	8-10	A	13-22	3-6	Lemon	Salas	8-9-1	10-17-2	728
4/8	@ UNLV *	W	8-7	A	14-22	4-6	Wells	Luca	8-12-3	7-8-0	649
4/9	@ UNLV *	L	5-13	A	14-23	4-7	Jacinto	Vose	5-9-2	13-16-2	764
4/10	@ UNLV *	L	5-11	A	14-24	4-8	Su'a	Seccombe	5-11-1	11-12-0	880
4/15	San Diego St. * (11)	W	7-6	H	15-24	5-8	Jacinto	Jenson	7-16-0	6-15-3	1,247
4/16	San Diego St. *	L	6-10	H	15-25	5-9	Lemon	Harang	6-5-2	10-11-0	2,505
4/17	San Diego St. *	W	6-5	H	16-25	6-9	Beus	Coon	6-11-0	5-12-2	1,152
4/29	Utah *	W	7-4	H	17-25	7-9	Parsons	Price	7-8-0	4-9-0	1,138
4/30	Utah *	W	9-7	H	18-25	8-9	Jacinto	Westmoreland	9-12-1	7-9-2	2,201
5/1	Utah *	W	14-9	H	19-25	9-9	Stambaugh	Kohn	14-19-1	9-12-5	2,102
5/6	New Mexico *	L	6-9	H	19-26	9-10	Wells	Fernandez	9-12-2	6-12-2	1,252
5/7	New Mexico *	W	12-4	H	20-26	10-10	Lemon	Herrera	12-17-3	4-6-2	1,850
5/8	New Mexico *	W	7-4	H	21-26	11-10	Searle	Eddy	7-11-1	4-11-1	1,042
5/12	@ San Diego St. *	W	12-2	A	22-26	12-10	Wells	Shoemaker	11-14-0	2-5-1	446
5/13	@ San Diego St. *	L	8-11	A	22-27	12-11	Lemon	Harang	8-9-1	11-15-1	502
5/14	@ San Diego St. *	L	4-9	A	22-28	12-12	Jacinto	Billings	4-4-1	9-13-1	833
5/20	Air Force Academy* (7)	W	13-3	H	23-28	13-12	Wells	Vignola	13-17-1	3-7-2	1,202
5/20	Air Force Academy* (7)	W	10-0	A	24-28	14-12	Jacinto	Nixon	10-12-0	0-3-4	—
5/21	Air Force Academy* (7)	W	17-2	H	25-28	15-12	Searle	Cough	17-18-1	2-4-2	1,986
5/21	Air Force Academy*	W	22-14	A	26-28	16-12	Hess	Brown	22-19-3	14-19-1	—
5/22	Air Force Academy*	W	10-9	H	27-28	17-12	Barrett	Fugler	10-12-5	9-12-3	1,487
5/22	Air Force Academy* (7)	W	12-4	A	28-28	18-12	Burger	Tetrault	12-15-2	4-5-1	—

# Pacific Invitational, Stockton, Calif.

% Battle at the Beach, Malibu, Calif.

+ Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic, Fresno, Calif.

\* MWC Games

## FOR THE LAWS, BASEBALL IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

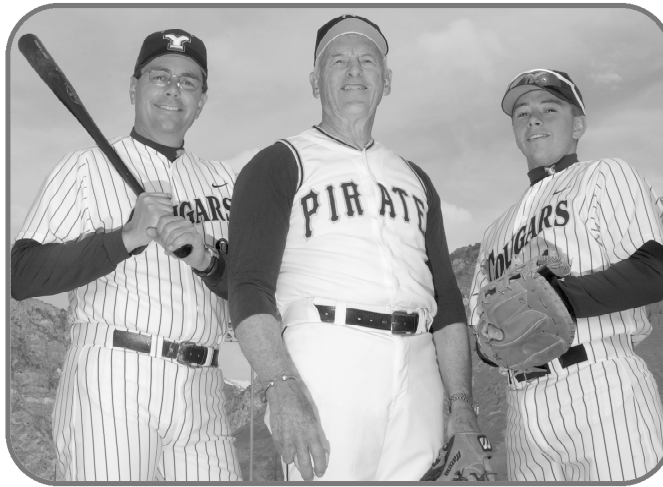
"He's always there to offer extra BP or extra swings if I need them," Tim said. "He's taught me to work hard and don't put too much pressure on yourself. He's told me to play how he knows I can play."

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SOPHOMORE SLUGGER POWERS BYU PAST NEW MEXICO

BY PATRICK RIDGELL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Shortstop Brandon Taylor**

idea of how good he can be."

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

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

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

Others had nice nights for BYU (20-26, 10-10 Mountain West) Friday, as well. Right fielder Ben Saylor went 3-for-6 with three RBIs as the Cougars pounded out 17 hits. Kevin Bills hit his first home

run this season and added two hits, as did Ryan Chambers, Jeff Hiestand and Wade Vest.

"Everybody's hitting," Taylor said.

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

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

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

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

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

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# BYU Baseball

## EX-AFA COACH KEEPS BYU PITCHERS GROUNDED

**BY JASON FRANCHUK**  
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He actually knows some of the kids his team will be playing this weekend, and that's the toughest thing for BYU assistant baseball coach Bobby Applegate.

To go from the process of recruiting one group of players, which he did at Air Force from 1998-2001, to likely beating the tar out of them can be a fairly uncomfortable process.

Air Force students, in some respects, are like the people he tries to recruit now for BYU -- they are academically sound and are expected to be better-than-average citizens. At both schools, the process of getting a recruit can be more difficult than what a typical college faces.

Applegate also knows this: Anything short of six wins total from Thursday, Friday and Saturday could be tough for his new team to stomach.

"Our guys want to win these games," Applegate said. "It'd be a great way to go into the (Mountain West) conference tournament. I know Air Force has had some tough luck this year, though."

Applegate, 30, returned to BYU as part a diversified career path that saw him go from college to becoming a professional player. After graduating from Southern Colorado, he stayed in Pueblo as a pitching coach and also played some professional ball on the side with a team called the Bighorns. Then he became a player-coach with the Tri-City Posse of Pasco, Wash., in the independent Western League.

He first worked at BYU for five months in 1998, as a volunteer graduate assistant for then-coach Gary Pullins before bolting for Air Force around Christmas because a full-time job opened as a pitching coach at the Academy.

"It was just a great chance to be an assistant coach," Applegate said. "And just like at BYU, it was an opportunity to



**Pitching Coach Bobby Applegate**

recruit people who wanted to live by a code of honor, work hard and try their best."

Truth be told, Applegate still racks his brain wondering what could've been done differently to win more games in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Falcons have never been a powerhouse in baseball, no more apparent than this season. Air Force is 5-41 and has lost all 22 MWC games. He remembers one season when the school didn't finish in last place, in 1998, when it put a few players on the all-conference team and accomplished some good things in the Western Athletic Conference.

AFA also finished fourth in the Mountain West Conference in 2002 but Applegate was gone by then, to become a scout for the Kansas City Royals in charge of seeing most of the action in Colorado.

Air Force is established in football and had a remarkable season last winter in basketball, when it won a MWC regular season title. He's not sure if the same could ever be accomplished in baseball.

"The tough thing is, baseball doesn't work against a clock like the other sports," Applegate said. "You can't just hold the ball. You can't stall on someone who can throw 95 miles per hour."

The series will be three doubleheaders, necessary because of late April snowstorms that made playing impossible when BYU visited. It was one of three conference homestands for Air Force to have at least two games canceled because of bad weather.

Applegate has one of the toughest jobs around as BYU prepares for a long weekend: How to spread out the pitching staff, which has so much work to do.

"We're just going to have to let guys go out and get after them, turn it loose," Applegate said. "But it's a different situation. I haven't been involved in something like this before."

Since returning to Provo last August, replacing Mike Karpel, who took another job at the school, Applegate has tried to bring some lessons from the academy to Provo. He wants his pitchers to have the never-say-die attitude that the cadets carry with them everyday. And maybe as a workout for next season, he'd like to get the group to be more pugnacious.

Applegate was a coach on Air Force's boxing team.

"It's a great workout," Applegate said. "I'd like to maybe get the guys to use it as conditioning for next season. It's great for shoulder strength. But I haven't talked to coach (Vance) Law about it yet."

His knowledge of boxing was limited before he got into it at Air Force. But he learned there, was part of a national championship team and brought the lessons here.

And that's tough, in a way. He likes the Air Force players, wants to see them do well off the field as well as on. But BYU is in fourth place (28-28, 18-12 MWC) and needs to win all six rounds.

"The thing about baseball is anything can happen," Applegate said. "The players need to come ready."

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## BYU IN THE NCAA RECORD BOOKS

### Individual Records

#### Hitting For The Cycle (Season)

1(T) – 2, Spencer Oborn, 1998

#### Consecutive Victories

1(T) – 26, Scott Nielson, 1978, 1982-1983 (1-0, 11-0, 14-1, lost last start)

#### Doubles Per Game (Season)

8(T) – 0.59, Wally Joyner, 1983, 54 G, 32 2B

#### Doubles (Season)

5(T) – 34, Gary Schoonover, '87, 63 G  
15(T) – 32, Wally Joyner, 1983, 54 G

#### Home Runs Per Game (Season)

10(T) – 0.58, Mike Willis, 1988, 60 G, 35 HR

#### Home Runs (Season)

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

#### Runs (Career)

2 – 320, Gary Cooper, 1983-86, 242 G

#### Hits (Career)

10 – 359, Gary Cooper, 1983-86, 242 G

#### Home Runs (Career)

9 – 73, Cory Snyder, 1982-84, 173 G

#### Slugging Percentage (Career)

6 – .844, Cory Snyder, 1982-84, 173 G, 679 AB, 573 TB

#### Hits (Annual Champion)

1983 – 115, Wally Joyner, 64 G, .462 Avg.  
1990 – 118, Gary Daniels, 69 G, .437 Avg.

#### Doubles Per Game (Annual Champ)

1987 – 0.54, Gary Schoonover, 63 G, 34 2B

#### Doubles (Annual Champion)

1983 – 32, Wally Joyner, 54 G, 0.59 Avg.  
1987 – 34, Gary Schoonover, 63 G, 0.54 Avg.

#### Triples (Annual Champion)

1990(T) – 10, Gary Daniels, 69 G, 0.14 Avg.

#### Homers Per Game (Annual Champ)

1960 – 0.50, Jim Pierson, 24 G, 12 HR  
1988 – 0.58, Mike Willis, 60 G, 35 HR

#### Home Runs (Annual Champion)

1968 – 12, Larry Romney, 44 G  
1987 – 31, Mike Willis, 63 G  
1988 – 35, Mike Willis, 60 G

#### RBI Per Game (Annual Champion)

1988 – 1.67, Mike Willis, 60 G, 100 RBI

#### Runs Batted In (Annual Champion)

1967 – 51, Dennis Lamb, 43 G

#### Slugging Perc. (Annual Champion)

1988 – .945, Mike Willis, 60 G  
1990 - .878, Gary Daniels, 69 G  
1994 - .923, Ryan Hall, 55 G

#### Total Bases (Annual Champion)

1983 – 218, Wally Joyner, 64 G  
1987 – 221, Mike Willis, 63 G  
1990 – 237, Gary Daniels, 69 G

#### Victories (Annual Champion)

1961 – 12-0, Bob Mosteller, 13 G, 105 IP  
2001 – 16-3, Nate Fernley, 21 G, 152.2 IP

### Team Records

#### Slugging Percentage (Season)

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

#### Hits (Single Game)

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

#### Hits, Both Teams (Single Game)

8(T) – 50, BYU (29) vs. Utah (21), April 25, 1980

#### Hits, Consecutive (Single Game)

2(T) – 9, Cal St. Northridge vs. BYU, May 9, 1996

#### Home Runs, Inning (Single Game)

6(T) – 5, BYU vs. Air Force, April 24, 1987 (5th)

#### Home Runs, Cons. (Single Game)

2(T) – 4, BYU vs. Northern Colo., April 29, 1987 (4th)

#### Total Bases, Inning (Single Game)

8(T) – 26, BYU vs. Air Force, April 9, 1996 (5th)

#### Total Bases (Single Game)

8(T) – 69, BYU vs. Air Force, April 24, 1987

#### Batting Average (Season)

4 - .379, BYU, 1988, 60 G

#### Doubles (Season)

11 – 183, BYU, 1983, 73 G

#### Home Runs Per Game (Season)

2 – 2.68, BYU, 1988, 60 G, 161 HR  
11(T) – 2.23, BYU, 1998, 53 G, 118 HR

#### Home Runs (Season)

2 – 161, BYU, 1988, 60 G  
7 – 148, BYU, 1985, 73 G

#### Grand Slams (Season)

5(T) – 10, BYU, 1988, 60 G

#### Total Bases (Season)

4(T) – 1,544, BYU, 1985, 73 G

#### Slugging Percentage (Season)

1 - .689, BYU, 1988, 60 G  
5 - .637, BYU, 1987, 64 G  
7 - .634, BYU, 1998, 53 G

#### Batting Ave. (Season Ann. Champ)

1987 - .371, BYU, 64 G  
1988 - .379, BYU, 60 G  
1993 - .362, BYU, 57 G

#### Runs Per Game (Seas. Ann. Champ)

1983 – 10.34, BYU, 65 G, 672 runs  
1997 – 10.71, BYU, 55 G, 589 runs

#### Doubles Per Game (Season Annual)

1987 – 2.72, BYU, 64 G, 174 doubles

#### Doubles (Season Annual Champ.)

1987 – 174, BYU, 64 G

#### Home Runs Per Game (Season Annual Champions)

1974 – 1.37, BYU, 46 G, 63 HR  
1988 – 2.68, BYU, 60 G, 161 HR  
1996 – 1.98, BYU, 57 G, 113 HR

#### Home Runs (Season Ann. Champ)

1985 – 148, BYU, 73 G  
1988 – 161, BYU, 60 G  
1989 – 102, BYU, 67 G

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## Slugging Percentage (Season Annual Champion)

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

## Total Bases (Season Annual Champ)

1983 - 1,335, BYU, 65 G

## All-Time Winningest Teams

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

## BYU In The Polls

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

1967 - 18  
 1968 - 7  
 1969 - 18  
 1970 - 27  
 1971 - 5  
 1972 - 29  
 1975 - 29  
 1978 - 23  
 1979 - 14  
 1980 - 29  
 1981 - 19  
 1983 - 17  
 1985 - 25  
 1988 - 30

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

1983 - 6

## Mountain West Conference Baseball Misc. Records

### Grand Slams

**Kory Knell, BYU (vs. Air Force 5/21/04)**  
 Joe Salas, New Mexico (vs. New Mexico State, 3/30/04)  
 Ryan Barba, New Mexico (vs. UC Santa Barbara, 3/7/04)  
**Wade Vest, BYU (vs. Air Force 5/16/03 second game of DH)**  
**Kevin Bills, BYU (vs. Southern Utah 5/13/03)**  
 Matt Ciaramella, Utah (vs. UNM 4/27/03)  
**Doug Jackson, BYU (vs. New Mexico 4/11/02)**  
 Jeff Grady, New Mexico (vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi, 3/28/03)  
 Jeff Grady, New Mexico (vs. Eastern New Mexico 3/25/03)  
 Eddie Gill, UNLV (vs. College of Charleston 2/9/03)  
**Cameron Coughlan, BYU (vs. UNLV 3/12/02)**  
 Pilar Amaya, San Diego State (vs. BYU 4/26/01)  
 Nate Weese, Utah (vs. BYU 4/21/01)  
**Kainoa Obrey, BYU (vs. New Mexico 4/14/01)**  
 Nate Weese, Utah (vs. BYU 4/27/00)  
**Matt Carson, BYU (vs. UNLV 4/13/00)**  
 Brad Beasley, UNLV (vs. BYU 4/13/00)

### Hit For The Cycle

Eric Chevalier, Utah (vs. BYU, 3/27/04 first game of DH)  
**Matt Carson, BYU (vs. New Mexico 5/17/02)**  
 Josh Phifer, Air Force (vs. Colorado-Mines 4/10/02 - four consecutive at-bats)  
 Todd Stroud, New Mexico (vs. Air Force, 3/23/02)

### Triple Plays

UNLV vs. College of Charleston (2/9/03)  
 SDSU vs. UC Riverside (4/9/02)

### Complete Game Shutouts

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

## 2004 NCAA Rankings

### BYU Team Rankings (5/16/04)

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