



BYU Baseball

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BYU 2008 Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent/	Time at site of game
2/22	@ Portland	2 p.m.
2/23	@ Portland DH	11 a.m./2 p.m.
2/28	@ Gonzaga	3 p.m.
2/29	@ Gonzaga DH	Noon/3 p.m.
3/1	@ Gonzaga	11 a.m.
3/4	@ Pacific	6 p.m.
3/5	@ Pacific	6 p.m.
3/6	vs. San Jose State	10 a.m.
3/6	@ Sacramento State	2 p.m.
3/7	vs. Utah Valley	10 a.m.
3/8	@ UC Davis	10 a.m.
3/11	Utah Valley	6 p.m.
3/13	@ San Diego State	6 p.m.
3/14	@ San Diego State	6 p.m.
3/15	@ San Diego State	1 p.m.
3/18	Kansas State	2 p.m.
3/19	Kansas State	2 p.m.
3/20	Air Force Academy	6 p.m.
3/21	Air Force Academy	6 p.m.
3/22	Air Force Academy	1 p.m.
3/24	Oregon State	2 p.m.
3/25	Oregon State	2 p.m.
3/27	@ Oral Roberts	3 p.m.
3/28	@ Oral Roberts	7 p.m.
3/29	@ Oral Roberts	2 p.m.
4/2	@ Southern Utah	2 p.m.
4/3	@ UNLV	7 p.m.
4/4	@ UNLV	6:30 p.m.
4/5	@ UNLV	2 p.m.
4/8	Utah	2 p.m.
4/10	@ Washington	6:30 p.m.
4/11	@ Washington	6:30 p.m.
4/12	@ Washington	1 p.m.
4/15	Southern Utah	6 p.m.
4/17	TCU	7 p.m.
4/18	TCU	7 p.m.
4/19	TCU	1 p.m.
4/24	@ Air Force Academy	2 p.m.
4/25	@ Air Force Academy	2 p.m.
4/26	@ Air Force Academy	Noon
4/28	@ Northern Colorado	2 p.m.
4/29	@ Northern Colorado	2 p.m.
5/1	New Mexico	7 p.m.
5/2	New Mexico	7 p.m.
5/3	New Mexico	1 p.m.
5/6	@ Utah Valley	7 p.m.
5/6	Washington State	7 p.m.
5/7	Washington State	7 p.m.
5/8	San Diego State	7 p.m.
5/9	San Diego State	7 p.m.
5/10	San Diego State (CSTV)	1 p.m.
5/13	@ Utah Valley	7 p.m.
5/15	@ Utah	6 p.m.
5/16	@ Utah	6 p.m.
5/17	@ Utah	1 p.m.
5/21	Mountain West Conf. Tournament	
5/30	NCAA Regionals	
6/6	NCAA Super Regionals	
6/13	College World Series	

* MWC Games, % Internet Audio, + webcast

-- All times are local to site

BYU (0-0) at Portland (0-0)

Probable BYU Pitching Rotation

Feb. 22 @ Portland Jake Wortham (8-4, 4.43) 2 p.m.

Feb. 23 @ Portland Jordan Muir (6-4, 5.28) 11 a.m.

Feb. 23 @ Portland Nelson Castleberry 2 p.m.

Coach Vance Law

Vance Law is in his ninth season as head coach at BYU. He 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 in the Mountain West Conference. The 51-year-old coach entered this season with a 265-203-2 (.566) record. He is assisted by Ryan Roberts, in his sixth year at BYU. Pitching coach Bobby Applegate is in his fifth year with BYU, having last coached at the Air Force Academy. Volunteer assistant Paul Bassett is in his second year on the BYU staff.

Travel Plans

BYU flies to Portland on Delta Airlines on Thursday and returns on Sunday morning. The team will headquarter at the Marriott Courtyard-North Harbor (503-735-1818).

Regarding BYU This Season

- BYU has two current players who are married (Thomas Bills and Jeff Meise).
- Incorporated into this year's team are eight players who have just finished serving two-year Church missions (Bryce Ayoso, Jordan Brame, Llyr Christensen, Andrew Law, Jeff Meise, Brandon Relf, Kevin Sloan, and Blake Torgerson).
- Seven players transferred to BYU this season (Sean Amerson, Michael Bowen, Jordan Brame, Kiko Hermosillo, Jordan Jarvis, J.C. Leach, and Jared Miller).
- Among those who could throw 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 77-years-old in March of 2007 and had seven-by-pass heart surgery three years ago.

2008 Baseball Quick Facts

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location Provo, Utah
 Founded October 15, 1875
 Elevation 4,553
 Enrollment 33,278
 Nickname Cougars
 Mascot..... Cosmo
 Colors..... Blue, White, Tan
 Affiliation..... NCAA Division I
 Conference Mountain West
 President Cecil O. Samuelson
 Athletic Website..... www.byucougars.com
 Tickets..... 422-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1

BASEBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach: Vance Law (BYU `78)
 Record at BYU (years)..... 265-203-2 (8)
 Overall Record Same
 Assistant Coaches:
 Ryan Roberts (BYU `98)
 Bobby Applegate (So. Colo. `96)
 Athletic Trainer Kaz Sakita
 Equipment Manager Steve Bushman
 2007 Overall Record 37-20
 Conference record/finish 17-7/2nd
 Highest Ranking Last Year..... N/A
 Final Ranking Last Year N/A
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 17/18
 Starters Returning/Lost 6/4
 Newcomers 16
 Field .. Miller Park - Larry H. Miller Field
 Capacity (2,204)
 Dimensions 345-385-400-385-345

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About the Team . . .

Hitting Streaks

Steve Parker brings a current 10-game hitting streak into this season, followed by Sean McNaughton at five games (all in 2005) and Kasey Ko also with five games.

No Seniors, Oldest to Youngest

There are no seniors and 10 freshmen on the current squad. The ages range from 24-year-old Thomas Bills to 18-year-old Chad Nacapoy — the youngest of three 18-year-olds on the team, Mack Drzayich and Justin Shutt.

MWC Preseason Poll

The Cougars were selected to finish second in the Mountain West Conference, after finishing runner up last season. This was the third year in a row that BYU has finish second in the MWC.

BYU Player Honors

Kasey Ko, First Base

- Preseason All-MWC, 2008 (coaches)
- Preseason 2008 All-MWC, Rivals.com
- Preseason 2008 All-MWC, Baseball America
- All-MWC Tournament Team
- Academic All-MWC
- Second team All-MWC

Sean McNaughton, Outfield

- Preseason All-MWC, 2008 (coaches)
- Preseason 2008 All-MWC, Baseball America
- 2005 Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America Collegiate Baseball magazine
- Baseball America's 2005 Midseason Freshman All-America
- Academic All-MWC , 2005

Jordan Muir, Pitcher

- Academic All-MWC
- Wallace Watch List
- MWC Pitcher of the Week (Sam Houston St.)

J.T. Musso, Catcher

- Academic All-MWC
- BYU SAAC Scholar Athlete

Steve Parker, Third Base

- Preseason All-MWC, 2008 (coaches)
- Louisville Slugger Freshmen All-American
- Freshmen All-American, Third Team Ping!Baseball
- MWC Co-Freshman of the Year
- All-MWC Tournament Team

Kent Walton, Outfield

- Preseason All-MWC, 2008 (coaches)
- Top MWC Draft Prospects, Baseball America
- Academic All-MWC
- MWC Player of the Week (UNLV)
- MWC Player of the Week (Utah)

Jake Wortham, Pitcher

- Preseason 2008 All-MWC, Rivals.com
- MWC Pitcher of the Week (Missouri)
- All-Tournament, Service Academies Classic
- CBF National Honor Roll "Player of the Week" (Missouri)

2008 MWC Preseason Poll

(selected by MWC head coaches and select media)

Team (1st place votes)	Points
1. TCU (6)	60
2. BYU (3)	52
3. San Diego State	42
4. New Mexico	40
5. UNLV	26
6. Utah	23
7. Air Force	9

Projected Starters

Catcher

10 J.T. Musso

DH

11 Bryce Ayoso

First Base

22 Kasey Ko

Second Base

6-Andrew Law or
3-Kiko Hermosillo

Shortstop

13 Dan Vargas

Third base

5 Steve Parker

Outfield

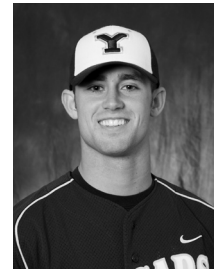
15 Sean McNaughton, LF

9 Kent Walton, CF

8 Jonathan Cluff, RF

Kent Walton, CF, Jr.

Named Mountain West Conference Player of the Week for his performance against UNLV in Provo ... is considered a five-tool player with 6.38 speed in the 60 ... ranked in among the NCAA's leaders in triples ... switched from outfield to second base as a sophomore, then back to outfield as a junior ... led the team with a 16-game hitting streak, which extended into the first eight games the 2007 season ... had an 11-game hitting streak last season, too ... suffered a probable concussion in a collision at first base at San Diego State in a televised game.



Year	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
2006	.316	206	38	65	12	3	5	33	98	14	38	10-12
2007	.350	223	53	78	17	6	8	45	131	11	23	12-19

Sean McNaughton, LF, So.

In 2005 he was selected to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America team by Collegiate Baseball magazine and to Baseball America's Midseason Freshman All-America team ... Academic All-MWC ... tied a league and school record by hitting two triples in the 18-5 victory over Air Force ... hit three doubles in game two at New Mexico State, tying his older brother Troy



Year	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
2005	.327	205	44	67	16	5	16	43	129	13	36	5-8

Jake Wortham, LHP, Jr.

MWC Pitcher of the Week for his play vs. Missouri ... also named all-tournament at the Service Academes Classic in Tennessee ... was BYU's day-three starter in 2007.



Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	3.49	0-0	11	1	0	28.1	31	31	11	5	22
2007	4.43	8-4	15	15	0	83.1	93	93	41	21	54

2008 BYU Baseball Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Yr.	Hometown
1	*Kevin Sloan	SS/2B	6-2	180	R-R	So.-1V	Kansas City, MO (Park Hill South)
3	Kiko Hermsillo	INF	5-11	175	R-R	Jr.-JC	San Diego, CA/Southwestern College
4	*Brandon Relf	INF	5-10	200	R-R	So.-1V	Sandy/Alta HS
5	*Steve Parker	3B	6-1	185	L-R	So.-1V	American Fork/American Fork HS
6	*Andrew Law	2B	6-1	175	R-R	So.-1V	Provo/Provo HS
7	Jake Drzayich	1B	6-3	185	R-R	Fr.-RS	Eagle, ID/Eagle HS
8	*Jonathan Cluff	OF	6-0	195	R-R	So.-1V	South Jordan/Bingham HS
9	**Kent Walton	OF	6-0	185	R-R	Jr.-2V	Yucaipa, CA/Yucaipa HS
10	**J.T. Musso	C	6-1	205	S-R	Jr.-2V	Pueblo, CO/Pueblo County HS
11	*Bryce Ayoso	C	5-10	200	R-R	So.-1V	Provo/Provo HS
12	**Jordan Muir	RHP	6-0	190	R-R	Jr.-2V	Las Vegas, NV/Cimarron-Memorial HS
13	**Dan Vargas	SS	6-0	180	R-R	Jr.-2V	San Diego, CA/ Montgomery HS
14	Daniel Welch	LHP	6-1	170	L-L	Fr.-HS	Alpine/Lone Peak HS
15	*Sean McNaughton	OF	5-9	190	R-R	So.-1V	Lakewood, Washington/Curtis HS
16	Benji Woahn	OF	6-2	188	R-L	Fr.-HS	Pleasant Grove, Utah/Lone Peak HS
17	Eric Judd	LHP	6-1	190	L-L	Fr.-HS	Granite Bay, CA/Granite Bay HS
18	Jared Miller	LHP	6-0	180	L-L	So.-TR	Redlands, CA/Cal St. Northridge
19	Jordan Brame	RHP	5-11	190	R-R	So.-TR	Richland, Wash./Southern Virginia
21	Nelson Castleberry	RHP	6-3	185	R-R	Fr.-RS	Spanish Fork/ Spanish Fork HS
22	**Kasey Ko	1B	6-2	245	S-R	Jr.-2V	Kailua, HI/Punahou HS
23	Tyler Westensee	RHP	6-0	190	R-R	Fr.-HS	Brush Prairie, WA/Hockinson HS
24	Jordan Jarvis	RHP	6-4	205	R-R	So.-JC	Glendale, AZ /Chandler-Gilbert CC
25	Sean Amerson	RHP	6-3	200	R-R	So.-JC	Glendale, AZ /Chandler-Gilbert CC
26	*Michael Ward	RHP	6-0	185	R-R	So.-1V	Dallas, TX/Keller HS
27	Michael Bowen	OF	6-3	205	R-R	Jr.-TR	Acworth, Georgia/Southern Virginia
28	**Jake Wortham	LHP	5-11	205	L-L	Jr.-2V	Allen, TX/Allen HS
30	*Thomas Bills	1B	6-5	200	R-R	Jr.-1V	Reno, NV/Reno HS
31	*Brandon Michon	LHP	6-0	160	L-L	So.-1V	Hamilton, VA/Loudoun Valley HS
32	*Blake Torgerson	RHP	6-5	215	R-R	So.-1V	Westminster, CA (Westminster)
33	Justin Shutt	RHP	6-2	225	R-R	Fr.-HS	Oxnard/Oxnard HS
35	J.C. Leach	1B/3B	6-1	235	R-R	Jr.-JC	Las Vegas, NV/Nevada Southern CC
37	Jeff Meise	C	6-3	195	R-R	So.-HS	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East HS
38	Llyr Christensen	RHP	6-1	210	R-R	Fr.-HS	Boise, Idaho/Borah HS
39	Mack Drzayich	1B	6-3	185	R-R	Fr.-HS	Eagle, ID/Eagle HS
50	Chad Nacapoy	C	5-7	200	R-R	Fr.-HS	La Crescenta, CA/Crescenta Valley HS

Coaches 2—Vance Law, Head Coach, 29—Ryan Roberts, Assistant Coach, 34-Bobby Applegate, Pitching Coach, 36-Volunteer Coach Paul Bassett. * Letters

Bloodlines

- Bryce Ayoso—brother, Jared, played baseball for two years at Utah Valley State College.
- Thomas 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 Kevin Bills played for BYU baseball from 1999-2004.
- Jake and Mack Drzayich—father, Emil, is a coach at Eagle (Idaho) and played baseball in the Cincinnati Reds organization.
- 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 in 1998, and at BYU in 2001, 2003-2004. Son Andrew Law played with BYU baseball in 2005 prior to a Church mission and is on this year's team.
- Sean McNaughton—brother Troy played baseball at BYU and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and also played for the Philadelphia Phillies.
- Jeff Meise—father played basketball and tennis at Biscayne College in Miami.
- Jordan Muir—uncles played college baseball in Illinois and North Carolina. Grandfather played college baseball in Ohio.
- J.T. Musso—father, John, played semi-pro football for the Pueblo Crusaders, sister is a two-time state champion in gymnastics. J.T.'s name, by the way stands for John Thomas.
- Ryan Roberts, assistant BYU coach—wife, Angela Roberts, played volleyball at Idaho State and UVSC, sister Allison Roberts played volleyball at the Univ. of Houston, uncle Larry Schenk played baseball for BYU in 1959.
- Blake Torgerson—father, Dave, played for BYU in 1975.
- Daniel Vargas—grandfather William Vargas, Sr., played minor league baseball in the United States before going to the Korean War, but now lives in Puerto Rico.
- Kent Walton—brother, Kyle, played fall baseball at the University of Houston after playing at Saddleback Community College, but has now transferred to Cal-San Bernardino. Second cousin Jeff Brown played baseball at BYU from 1985-86.
- Michael Ward—father, Colby Ward, (1983-86) pitched for the BYU baseball team, also pitched for the Cleveland Indians (11th round draft, 1986) in the majors, posting a 1-3 record in 22 appearances with one save and a 4.25 ERA in 36 innings.
- Jake Wortham—uncle, Dave Bunnel, played baseball for Ricks College.