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Media Relations Information

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Date	Opp/Event	Time at site of game	
5/23-26	MWC Tournament Las Vegas		TBA
5/24	Either Utah, SDSU or UNM	11 a.m. PDT	
6/1-4	NCAA Regionals		TBA
6/8-11	Super Regionals		TBA
6/15-28	World Series Omaha, NE		TBA

* MWC Games, *webcast, #TV, %Internet Audio

Coach Law & BYU vs. MWC Field

	Law (8 yrs.) W-L	Overall W-L
AFA	35-9 (.796)	131-23 (.851)
UNM	25-12 (.676)	71-44-1 (.616)
SDSU	29-22 (.569)	42-63-1 (.401)
TCU*	4-10 (.286)	5-14 (.263)
UNLV	30-23 (.566)	65-63 (.508)
Utah	37-13 (.740)	206-89-1 (.698)

*Jim Schlossnagle is 15-11 against BYU, all vs. Vance Law, including two years at UNLV.

Honorees for 2007

Jesse Craig, Pitcher

- Pre-Season All-MWC, Baseball America
- Top MWC Draft Prospects, Baseball America
- MWC Pitcher of the Week (TCU)
- MWC Pitcher of the Week (Utah)
- Academic All-District 8 (CoSida)

Jordan Muir, Pitcher

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

Apana Nakayama, DH

- Pre-Season All-MWC, Coaches
- Pre-Season All-MWC, Baseball America

Kent Walton, Second Base

- MWC Player of the Week (UNLV)
- MWC Player of the Week (Utah)

Stephen Wells, Centerfield

- Sonic TV Player of the Game (San Diego St.)

Jake Wortham, Pitcher

- MWC Pitcher of the Week (Sam Houston St.)
- All-Tournament, Service Academies Classic
- CBF National Honor Roll "Player of the Week" (Missouri)

Second Place Going Into MWC Tourney

BYU, 35-18 overall and 17-7 in the Mountain West Conference (second place) gets a first-round bye at Las Vegas in the MWC Tournament and will play either Utah, New Mexico or San Diego State on Thursday.

Wednesday

11 a.m., GM 1: No. 3 Utah vs. No. 6 UNLV, The Mtn. TV
3 p.m., GM 2: No. 4 San Diego State vs. No. 5 New Mexico, The Mtn. TV
7 p.m., GM 3: Loser GM 1 vs. Loser GM 2, The Mtn. TV

Thursday

11 a.m., GM 4: No. 2 BYU vs. Winner GM 1, The Mtn. and KOVO Radio 960 AM
3 p.m., GM 5: No. 1* TCU vs. Winner GM 2, The Mtn. TV
7 p.m., GM 6: Loser GM 4 vs. Winner GM 3, The Mtn. TV

Friday

11 a.m., GM 7: Loser GM 5 vs. Winner GM 6, The Mtn. TV
3 p.m., GM 8: Winner GM 4 vs. Winner GM 5, The Mtn. TV
7 p.m., GM 9: Loser GM 8 vs. Winner GM 7, The Mtn. TV

Saturday

3 p.m., GM 10: Winner GM 8 vs. Winner GM 9, The Mtn. ^
7 p.m., GM 11 (if necessary): Winner GM 8 vs. Winner GM 9 The Mtn. ^

^ Championship game will be rebroadcast on CSTV May 29, 2007 at 6 p.m. MT.

Probable Lineup

1B-#22 Kasey Ko	2B-#9 Kent Walton	SS-#13 Danny Vargas
3B-#5 Steve Parker	RF-#17 Leon Johnson	CF-#1 Stephen Wells
LF-#24 Apana Nakayama	C-#10 J.T. Musso	
DH-#16 Chase Frampton		

Injuries

Kent Walton suffered a concussion in a collision at first base earlier this month at San Diego, but is now recovered. Collin Fanning is still bothered by shinsplints, but available on game-day decisions. Utility player Jason Johnson is out indefinitely following a surgical procedure last month from an injury in practice. Shortstop Danny Vargas returned last month from a moderate strain of the MCL with a knee injury (game 1 at UNLV). Outfielder Jonathan Cluff is out for eight weeks with a broken foot (at Utah).

Radio Coverage

There will be live BYU radio at the MWC Tournament. KOVO 960 AM, with veteran broadcaster Brent Norton calling the play-by-play. These broadcasts are also available on the Dish Network as well as over the Internet. Links to the webcasts and audiocasts are on the BYU baseball's schedule page at www.byucougars.com.

Travel Plans

The Cougars bus to Las Vegas on Tuesday and will be staying at the Courtyard by Marriott in Henderson (702) 434-4700 where media may contact SID Ralph Zobell.

BYU on TV Four Times

Four BYU games were televised this season--March 22 vs. TCU, April 5 vs. UNLV, and May 17 vs. Utah. The BYUTV games were recorded in three lan-



Baseball Scoring in 2007 with Two Outs			
Opp.	w/2 out	Result	% Scored w/2out
SH St.	9	W, 17-8=	53%
SH St.	3	W, 5-2	60%
Portland	1	L, 1-2	50%
Memphis	2	L, 2-3 (10)	100%
Missouri	2	W, 4-3 (10)	50%
So. Utah	10	W, 20-2	50%
No. Colo.	2	W, 17-2	11%
No. Colo.	8	W, 13-1	62%
No. Colo.	1	W, 7-5	14%
Gonzaga	4	W, 10-3	40%
Gonzaga	3	W, 9-4	33%
UVSC	2	W, 12-8=	17%
UNLV	4	L, 5-12	80%
UNLV	5	W, 9-8=	56%
UNLV	3	W, 5-3=	60%
Utah	1	L, 4-8	25%
TCU	3	L, 5-6	60%
TCU	6	W, 12-11=	50%
Binghamton	10	W, 15-0	67%
Binghamton	1	L, 6-11	17%
Binghamton	9	W, 12-10=	75%
UNLV	4	W, 14-13=	29%
UNLV	1	W, 5-3	20%
UNLV	7	W, 16-9=	44%
Washington	2	W, 8-3	25%
Washington	8	W, 15-9	53%
So. Utah	1	L, 2-7	50%
TCU	4	W, 5-0	80%
TCU	1	L, 2-14	50%
AFA	1	W, 5-4=	20%
AFA	1	W, 7-4=	14%
AFA	1	W, 11-2=	9%
UVSC	1	W, 2-1	50%
New Mexico	2	W, 3-0	67%
New Mexico	3	L, 3-4	100%
New Mexico	4	W, 5-3=	80%
So. Utah	3	W, 12-1	25%
SDSU	3	W, 4-3	75%
SDSU	6	W, 7-3	86%
UVSC	1	W, 6-2=	17%
Utah	1	W, 5-4=	20%
Utah	2	W, 5-4=	40%
2007 Totals:	146	365 total runs	40%
2006 Totals:	171	415 total runs	41%
2005 Totals:	195	500 total runs	39%

=Indicates come-from-behind victory

Double Plays in NCAA History
BYU's six double plays at UVSC three weeks ago ties several teams for the second-best mark in NCAA history. Combined with UVSC's three double plays in that game for a total of nine, that also ties two other games for the second-best mark in NCAA history.

languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese. BYU's 7-3 game at San Diego State was televised on The Mtn.

Coach Vance Law and staff

Vance Law became a grandpa in March. 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 for the Mountain West Conference. The 50-year-old coach is in his eighth year at BYU and has a 228-183-2 (.554) record coming into the 2007 season. He is assisted by Ryan Roberts, in his fifth year at BYU. Pitching coach Bobby Applegate is in his fourth year with BYU, having last coached at the Air Force Academy. Volunteer assistant Paul Bassett is in his first year on the BYU staff.

BYU Scoring With Two Outs

The accompanying chart shows BYU practices what Coach Vance Law preaches, you can still score with two outs. In 2005 BYU won 25 of its 39 games in come-from-behind fashion. In 2006 BYU won 16 of 33 games coming from behind. This season BYU has won 13 games coming from behind.

NCAA Statistics

Last week's NCAA statistics show BYU ranked first again in triples at 0.67 per game, Kent Walton ranked 25th in triples with a 0.13 average, Collin Fanning is ranked 27th in stolen bases (0.55) and Leon Johnson is ranked 29th in stolen bases (0.54), and Jesse Craig is ranked 23rd in pitching victories with nine. The Cougars also rank 15th in double plays (1.04) and 22nd in stolen bases at 1.86 thefts per game.

Team Notes

- **Stephen Wells** leads the team with a current 11-game hitting streak, followed by **Steve Parker** at seven. **Kent Walton** led the team with a 16-game hitting streak, hitting in the first eight games this season. **Walton** had an 11-game hitting streak last season, too. **Collin Fanning** led the team with a 14-game hitting streak ended at TCU. **Kasey Ko** had a 10-game streak also ended at TCU. **Leon Johnson** had a nine-game streak this season ended against TCU. **Wells** had an eight-game hitting streak ended vs. UNLV. **Apana Nakayama** had a seven-game hitting streak ended at Portland. **Parker** had a seven-game hitting streak ended at New Mexico.
- Game-winning RBI this season have come from **Mike McKeever** (a two-run single in game one at Sam Houston State, a single in game three vs. Gonzaga), **Jonathan Cluff** (a two-run single in game three at Sam Houston State & a two-run triple in game two vs. Gonzaga), **Stephen Wells** (solo homer in the 10th inning vs. Missouri and a one-run triple vs. AFA in game 3), **Austin Hall** (double vs. SUU, single vs. UVSC in game one, double vs. UVSC in game 3), **Dan Vargas** (triple in game one & single in game three vs. Northern Colorado), **Kasey Ko** (a two-run double in game two at UNLV, a double against Binghamton, a two-run single vs. UNLV game 3 and a two-out single in the 13th at SDSU), **Apana Nakayama** (a two-run homer against Binghamton, a single vs. UNLV in game 1, a single vs. UNLV in game 2 and a solo homer at TCU), **Collin Fanning** (single in game three at UNLV, single in game one vs. Washington) and **J.T. Musso** (a two-run homer in game two vs. Washington), **Steve Parker** (a one-run triple vs. AFA in game 2, a one-run double at UVSC and a one-run double at New Mexico in game 3), **Kent Walton** (a sac-fly in game one at New Mexico, a 3-run homer vs. Southern Utah in game 3 and a solo homer vs. Utah) and **Leon Johnson** (walk-off solo homer vs. Utah).
- This year BYU is 4-2 in extra-inning games. Last season BYU was 2-0 in extra-inning games. In 2005 BYU was 1-2 in extra-inning contests.

Attendance and Record at Miller Field

BYU has drawn 180,857 fans in seven seasons since the opening of Larry H. Miller Field in 2001, for an average of 1,435 in 126 games (only 11 of which were doubleheaders). At Miller Park, the Cougars have an 102-37 (.707) record in seven seasons, including a night record of 58-24 (.734) for an average of 1,522 fans. The Cougars have ranked nationally in attendance in all six years at Miller Field.

Eagle Scouts on BYU's Team (10)

Thomas Bills	1B	So.
Chase Frampton	C	Fr.
Austin Hall	SS/P	Fr.
Chris Johnson	3B	Fr.
Brad Kidd	RHP	Fr.
Brandon Michon	LHP	Fr.
Apana Nakayama	C/DH	Sr.
Steve Parker	3B	Fr.
David Parry	RHP	Fr.
J.D. Stambaugh	LHP	Soph.

College Coaches Who Played In Majors

Jerry Augustine	Wisc-Milwaukee
Scott Bradley	Princeton
Wayne Graham	Rice
Tony Gwynn	San Diego State
Keith Kessinger	Arkansas State
Vance Law	BYU
Terry Puhl	Houston-Victoria
Steve Rodriguez	Pepperdine
Ed Sprague	Pacific
John Stuper	Yale
Robbie Wine	Penn State

Pronunciation Guide

Apana Nakayama	UH-paw-nuh naw-kuh-YAW-muh
J.T. Musso	MOO-soh
Brandon Michon	mee-shawn

BYU Quick Facts

Location: Provo, Utah 84602
 Enrollment: 33,278 (Daytime)
 Founded: Oct. 15, 1875, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 Colors: Navy, Tan 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: Tom Holmoe
 Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1

Drafted Players (5)

		Team
Jonathan Cluff	Atlanta Braves	20th round 2006
Jesse Craig	Atlanta Braves	36th round 2001
Collin Fanning	Houston Astros	40th round 2005
Blaine Howell	Toronto Blue Jays	25th round 2006
Leon Johnson	Tampa Bay Devil Rays	29th round in 2006 45th round in 2005 41st round in 2003

2007 MWC PRESEASON POLL

Rk.	Team (1st-Place votes)	Points
1	TCU (9)	69
2	San Diego State (1)	52
3	Brigham Young	47
4	UNLV	47
5	New Mexico	34
6	Utah	22
7	Air Force	11

Attendance Ranks Nationally

Attendance at Larry H. Miller field ranked 43rd nationally in 2006 with an average of 1,303 fans in 20 games and a total of 26,058 fans. BYU was 37th nationally in 2005 with an average of 1,442 in 18 games and a total of 25,952 fans.

Seventh Full Year at Home in New Ballpark

This was BYU's seventh 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.

Last Year's Attendance

The crowd of 2,810 fans in game one vs. TCU is the third-best in Miller Park history and the sixth-best home crowd in BYU history. The 26,058 fans drawn for the 2006 home season is the second-best season total for BYU baseball.

Regarding BYU this season

- BYU has three current players who are married (**Jesse Craig, Matthew Jensen and Clayton Barnes**).
- Incorporated into this year's team are two players who have just finished serving two-year Church missions (**Leon Johnson and J.D. Stambaugh**).
- Four players transferred to BYU this season (**Collin Fanning, Leon Johnson, Mike McKeever, and Jacob Perez**).
- 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 77-years-old in March of 2007 and had seven-by-pass heart surgery two years ago.

On the Road Again

The Cougars traveled more than 11,000 miles this season. Early-season Texas trip, road trips to Oregon, Tennessee, Kansas and Texas and Washington by airplane. Prior to conference play the Cougars netted 6,275 miles. By season's end they will have traveled a total of 8,574 miles for non-conference games.

Senior Trio, 13 Froshies

There are only three seniors on the current squad—Jesse Craig, Apana Nakayama and Matt Jensen, and 13 freshmen. The ages range from 24-year-old Apana Nakayama to 18-year-old Blaine Howell—he was 17 years-old when he enrolled last Fall at BYU.

International Flavor

There are five foreign countries represented and five foreign languages spoken on this year's baseball team. The Cougars have 10 players who volunteered two years for Church missions. Seven of the 10 spent their mission service outside the United States, including Apana Nakayama, who did not speak Japanese until he served his mission. There are five languages other than English spoken on the team (French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Thai). See page six for a list of these players and their respective areas of service and languages spoken. Page five also includes a list of former Cougar baseball players who are currently serving missions.

Graduation Last Month

Seven current or former BYU baseball players graduated last month: from this year's team Apana Nakayama, sociology. And from previous teams: Joshua Barrett, communications; Anthony Bingham, political science; Jeff Hiestand, health science; Adrian Molina, sociology; James Platt, exercise science; and Patrick Wells, health science.

Leon and Siberia

BYU outfielder Leon Johnson had the following note in Baseball America's Preview: "10—Size, in millions of kilometers, of Siberia, where Brigham Young OF Leon Johnson spent the last two seasons on a Mormon mission. He's the younger brother of Devil Rays prospect Elliott Johnson."

Initialize It

RBI are some of the most famous initials in baseball and those are important as BYU competes as a D-1 member of the NCAA looking for a good RPI. Coach Vance Law, who last played for the A's, has five siblings whose first name all begin with the letter V and he has a son who played on the team and is serving a Church mission in the U.K. One of the R.M.'s who will be returning from a Church mission along with Law's son is Freshman All-America Sean McNaughton, who is currently serving in Washington, D.C. Only three team members served missions in the U.S.A. Law and Coach Ryan Roberts both coached at UVSC. UNLV and TCU are the only two teams in the MWC that BYU plays at Larry H. Miller Field and away this season. BYU has two players who go by their initials, instead of their first or middle names. J.T. Musso's proper name is John Thomas. J.D. Stambaugh's proper name is Jonathan David.

They Said It This Season

- "Their guy (**Muir**) stretched the plate pretty good and worked both sides with his fastball," said Sam Houston State Coach Mark Johnson. "I was disappointed that we hit so many fly balls and got behind in the count so much. (Muir) kept them in the game and let them get to their closer."
- "BYU has as athletic of a team as there is in the country and Jesse Craig was nothing short of outstanding," said TCU Coach Jim Schlossnagle.
- "Craig's good. He's tough to see early. I don't know if it was the lighting or what. His ball has a lot of run to it," said TCU player Steven Trout. "We weren't picking it up early, but finally when we could see it okay, we put some good swings on the ball, but he was a good pitcher."
- "We didn't have answers for them defensively, and we gave up a lot of runs," **Washington Coach Ken Knutson** said. "We just couldn't stop them. Every time we got close, they got more."
- "It was a great, great, great pitching performance by Jesse Craig," said **New Mexico color analyst Mike Foote, former UNM & Cincinnati Reds player and father of current UNM centerfielder**. "We just saw the next MWC pitcher of the week give a tremendous performance. He has a good fastball that he located well on the inside and outside corners, mixing it up well and not making any mistakes or giving the Lobos any momentum."
- "**Jesse (Craig)** is such a kind guy off the field and is such a competitor when he takes the rubber. He's a very, very good pitcher," **BYU Coach Vance Law** said. "He's a dominant pitcher. I'm anxious to see what professional scouts think of him now. If he's not the pitcher of the year (MWC) this year, in my estimation something is wrong."

They Said It Last Season

- "That may be one of the finest plays I've ever seen a pitcher (**Jesse Craig**) make, said BYU Coach Vance Law. "And he catches it on one hop and gets up quick enough to get the guy at home plate. An unbelievable play," in reference to the sixth inning of his 12-3 victory over SDSU.
- "He (**Jesse Craig**) had a gutsy performance and I'm proud of the way he competed and battled back," said BYU Coach Vance Law of the junior's 135 pitches in a 4-2 victory at Washington. "He still had good zip on his fastball and located well. He pitched like the top pitcher that he is."
- "**Jordan (Muir)** did a great job," said UNLV coach Buddy Gouldsmith, of the BYU freshman who pitched eight innings of scoreless relief, allowing four hits, striking out five and walking two in BYU's 9-5 nationally-televised victory at UNLV. "He's a former UNLV camper and I can't say enough about him. He kept the ball down in the zone and forced guys to swing at pitches you can't swing at."
- "He's (**Muir**) good on that inside corner," said BYU radio analyst Dick Belliston, former Detroit Tiger Scout. "You just don't see that from a freshman in college."

2007 BYU Team Highlights

- **Mike McKeever's** two-out single to left-center scoring two runs, including the game-winner in a 17-8 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Steve Parker** hitting a three-run homer to right-center with two out in the eighth inning for BYU's first home run of the season in a 17-8 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Jonathan Cluff's** soft liner past shortstop to center field for a pair of RBI, including the game-winner in a 5-2 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Apana Nakayama's** blast over right field of a head-high fastball for his first home run of the season in a 5-2 victory at Sam Houston State.
- **Stephen Wells'** sliding left field catch in the third inning of a 4-3 victory which prevented a run scoring at the University of Portland.
- **Brad Kidd**, an Oregon native, entering the 4-3 Portland game with two on and two out and striking out his first batter in the sixth inning.
- **J.D. Stambaugh** striking out the first four batters he faced last Saturday at the University of Portland, coming in relief in the seventh inning with the score 4-3 and a man on first.
- **Kent Walton** stretching a double into a triple by reading the throw from left center to lead off the fourth inning against Memphis.
- **Wells'** pinch-hit home run in the 10th inning against Missouri.
- **Jake Wortham** tossing a two-hitter in nine innings against Missouri.
- **Nakayama's** grand slam on an outside fastball which he crushed over the left-centerfield fence at St. George vs.

2007 BYU Team Highlights, Continued

- Southern Utah.
- Danny Vargas'** glove-flip on a dive to end game three against Northern Colorado to start a 6-4-3 double play.
- Walton's** two first-to-home plate runs in game three vs. Northern Colorado.
- Collin Fanning** stealing second before the pitcher toed the rubber in game three vs. Northern Colorado.
- Wells** stealing home on a double steal, giving BYU the early 1-0 lead in game two at Kansas State.
- Vargas** turning an unassisted double play (6U3) in the third and another gem in the fourth when he went to his right, dropping down on one knee before throwing a bullet to snuff out the Gonzaga runner in game three.
- Jason Johnson and J.T. Musso** getting a double and a triple, respectively, when both could have legged out an extra base against UVSC in game one.
- Walton's** two-run triple to give BYU its first lead in game two at UNLV.
- Nakayama and Parker** hitting towering home runs at Utah.
- Leon Johnson** scoring from second tie the game, nine-all, when **Wells** beat a two-out single to the TCU shortstop and in the eighth inning of BYU's 12-11 victory.
- Kasey Ko's** second of his sixth inning bookend doubles, this one going down the rightfield line on the first pitch against Binghamton, game 3. His first double was right-handed and his second double was left-handed.
- Brad Kidd** snuffing out UNLV in game one at Provo with three innings working his curveball magic to shutout the Rebels for a victory.
- Ko**, then **Leon Johnson** scoring from first on separate plays in the nine-run seventh inning in game three vs. UNLV in Provo.
- Nakayama** hitting a second-pitch towering homer to end the the nine-run seventh inning in game three vs. UNLV in Provo.
- Jesse Craig's** superb 5-0, complete game shutout over TCU, the first in 53 Frog games, stopping a 19-game TCU winning streak at home with 130 pitches.
- Collin Fanning's** lead-off triple in the seventh against Air Force (game one) followed by Kent Walton beating out a super attempt by the Falcon shortstop to bring in Fanning for the tying run.
- Walton** leaping for the catch, then tumbling back to regain his feet to turn one of six double plays at Utah Valley State.
- Craig** going the distance in a 3-0 victory at New Mexico
- Kasey Ko** diving into the stands to catch a foul ball down the first base line in game one at New Mexico.
- Jensen** striking out the side in the 5-3 victory at New Mexico, including the final batter with two out, full count and two men on base in the ninth.
- Nakayama and Wells** each falling a homer shy of the cycle in consecutive games against New Mexico and Southern Utah, respectively.
- BYU winning consecutive 13-inning games at San Diego State, the later of which featured a pair of homers by **Wells**.
- Walton's** game-winning homer in a 5-4 victory over Utah.
- Leon Johnson's** walk-off homer in a 5-4 victory over Utah.

Attendance at Larry H. Miller Field, 2001-present

<u>Date Opponent Attendance</u>		<u>5/21/04 Air Force</u>	<u>1,986</u>	<u>5/11/06 San Diego State (Night)</u>	<u>1,619</u>
5/11/01 UNLV (Night)	3,120	5/21/04 Air Force (Night)	– (DH)	4/19/01 Utah (Night)	1,609
4/5/02 Utah (Night)	2,863	4/26/02 Air Force (Night)	1,964	4/10/03 Air Force (Night)	1,601
4/20/06 TCU (Night)	2,810	4/21/06 TCU (Night)	1,935	3/22/07 TCU (Night)	1,547
4/6/02 Utah (Night)	2,611	5/14/05 UNLV	1,872		
5/13/05 UNLV (Night)	2,545	4/1/05 Air Force (Night)	1,862		
5/13/05 UNLV	–(DH)	5/7/04 New Mexico (Night)	1,850	Totals	180,857 (Avg. 1,435, 11 DH)
5/2/03 Utah (Night)	2,512	5/17/02 NewMexico (Night)	1,831	All Night time	127,810 (Avg. 1,522)
4/16/04 SDSU (Night)	2,505	4/2/05 Air Force (Night)	1,759		
5/25/02 SDSU	2,396	3/22/02 SDSU (Night)	1,748	2007	26,419 (27 dates) (Avg. 978)
5/25/02 SDSU (Night)	– (DH)	4/5/07 UNLV (Night)	1,745	2006	24,055 (19 dates, 1 DH)(Avg. 1,266)
4/15/05 SDSU (Night)	2,369	3/26/05 Utah	1,718	2005	25,952 (18 dates, 2 DH)(Avg. 1,527)
5/18/07 Utah (Night)	2,349	3/26/05 Utah	– (DH)	2004	24,355 (15dates, 3 DH) (Avg. 1,624)
3/19/04 UNLV(Night)	2,293	5/24/02 SDSU	1,713	2003	22,460(16dates, 2 DH)(Avg. 1,404)
4/11/03 Air Force (Night)	2,274	5/24/02 UNLV(Night)	–(DH)	2002	31,275(20 dates, 2 DH) (Avg. 1,564)
4/4/02 Utah (Night)	2,251	5/13/03 Southern Utah (Night)	1,711	2001	17,378 (13 dates, 1 DH)(Avg. 1,337)
4/30/04 Utah (Night)	2,201	5/19/07 Utah	1,686		
5/1/04 Utah (Night)	2,102	3/24/07 TCU	1,682	Night record:	58-24 (.707)
4/16/05 San Diego State	2,064	4/19/03 New Mexico	1,668	Overall Record @ Miller Park:	102-37 (.734)
4/14/05 San Diego State(Night)	2,015	4/19/03 NewMexico	–(DH)	Losses	
5/16/06 Utah Valley St. (Night)	2,003	5/12/06 San Diego State (Night)	1,633		

Cougars on Missions (10)

Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
Jake Drzayich, 1B, 2005	Korea
Andrew Law, 2B, 2005	London, England
Sean McNaughton, 2B, 2005	Wash. D.C., South
Kevin Sloan, 3B, 2005	Italy
Brandon Relf, SS, 2005	South Africa
Blake Torgerson, P, 2005	St. Louis, Mo.
Bryce Ayoso, C, 2005	Houston, Texas
Stetson Banks, 2B, 2006	Kennewick, Wash.
Seth Johnson, OF, 2006	Mexico
Dane Nielsen, Utility, 2006	Mexico
*Chase Frampton, DH, 2007	Dominican Rep.
*Wes Guenther, C, 2007	Chile Concepcion
*David Parry, RHP, 2007	Mendoza, Argentina
*Will enter MTC in July	

Missions Served (9, five languages)

Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
Clayton Barnes, LHP/1B, Jr.	Mexico (Spanish)
Thomas Bills, 1B, So.	Montreal (French)
Jesse Craig, RHP, Sr.	Rochester, New York
Matthew Jensen, RHP, Sr.	Thailand (Thai)
Chris Johnson, IF, So.	Everett, Wash
Leon Johnson, OF, Soph.	Siberia (Russian)
Apana Nakayama, C, Sr.	Japan (Japanese)
Jake Perez, RHP, Jr.	Dom. Rep. (Spanish)
J.D. Stambaugh, LHP, Soph.	Pocatello, Idaho

Married Players (3)

Player	Wife
Jesse Craig, RHP, Sr.	Stephanie
Matt Jensen, RHP, Sr.	Jenny
Clayton Barnes, LHP/1B, Jr.	Tiffany

Top Pitching Outings of 2007

Hits	Pitcher	Opponent, W-L
1	Jesse Craig (5 inn.)	So. Utah, W, 20-2
2	Jake Wortham (9 inn.)	Missouri, W 4-1
2	Blaine Howell (7 inn.)	Wash. St., L 2-1
3	Jesse Craig (7 inn.)	N.Mexico, W, 3-0
3	Jesse Craig (7 inn.)	Wash. St., L 5-4

Top Pitching Outings of 2007

K's	Pitcher	Opponent, W-L
10	Jake Wortham (7 inn.)	AFA, W 7-4
9	Jesse Craig (6.1 inn.)	TCU, L 6-5
8	Jesse Craig (7 inn.)	Utah, W 5-4
8	Blaine Howell (5.2 inn.)	UVSC, W 6-2
8	Blaine Howell (6 inn.)	SUU, L 7-2
8	Jesse Craig (9 inn.)	UNLV, W 5-3
8	Jesse Craig (5 inn.)	So. Utah, W 20-2
7	Jake Wortham (9 inn)	Missouri, W 4-1

Player Profiles

Kent Walton

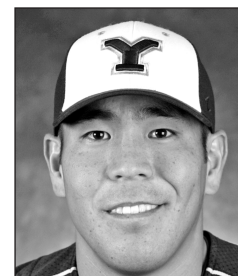
Named Mountain West Conference Player of the Week for his performance against UNLV in Provo ... is considered a five-tool player with 6.38 speed in the 60 ... ranked in among the NCAA's leaders in triples ... switched from outfield to second base as a sophomore ... led the team with a 16-game hitting 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.	G-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
2006	.316	55-49	206	38	65	12	3	5	33	98	14	38	10-12
2007	.343	51-50	207	45	71	16	6	8	41	123	8	22	11-18

Apana Nakayama

A homer shy of the cycle in game three at New Mexico. Apreseason All-Mountain West Conference selection. All-Mountain West Conference Tournament 2005. Redshirted in 2006 due to a knee injury. Hit a walk-off double on full count with two outs in BYU's 13-12 victory over San Diego State. Ranked through much of the 2005 season as one of the toughest to strike out in the NCAA. Had a 14-game hitting streak in 2005 and led the team with 27 multiple hit games. Nakayama was selected as position player of the year in 2000 by the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association and was Sportsman of the Year in 2000 for the Honolulu Quarterback Club. He led his team to two state baseball titles in 1999 and 2000. Prepped at Molokai High where he was coached by his father, Ken Nakayama. Majoring in sociology/law enforcement and graduated last April.



Year	Avg.	G-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB-SBA
2001*	.358	50-48	159	30	57	8	4	3	27	82	16	14	4-6
2002*	.369	52-52	149	16	55	14	3	6	34	93	46	23	4-4
2005	.344	59-59	256	59	88	18	2	10	47	140	29	19	2-3
2007	.332	51-51	208	39	69	12	2	10	39	115	29	32	6-10

* At Utah Valley State College; medical redshirt in 2006

Jesse Craig

MWC Pitcher of the Week for 5-0 shutout at TCU in 2007 ... his cumulative GPA of 3.82 in exercise science is higher than this season's ERA ... named for CoSida Academic All-District ... Last season was second team All-MWC, MWC Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-MWC. Named MWC Pitcher of the week vs. New Mexico State. He was an Academic All-American at the Community College of Southern Nevada in 2005. The righty was selected as the team's most outstanding pitcher in 2005. He was drafted out of Basic High School by the Atlanta Braves in the 36th round of 2001 but opted to play college ball in his home state of Nevada. His Southern Nevada Coyotes won the league title and placed second in the conference tourney in 2005. He led his team in strikeouts and innings pitched. Craig averaged just over one strikeout per inning. In 2002 he also batted .274 for the Coyotes with 2 HR and 21 RBI.



Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2002*	4.50	1-2	5	3	0	0	16.0	16	10	8	9	11
2005*	1.30	8-2	14	14	2	0	83.0	66	25	12	25	84
2006	4.70	7-7	16	15	1	0	103.1	122	61	54	25	80
2007	2.80	10-2	19	19	4	0	119.0	125	60	37	21	85

*at the Community College of Southern Nevada

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Yr.	Hometown
1	Stephen Wells	OF	5-11	175	L-L	Fr.-HS	Kenmore, WA/Inglemoor HS
3	* Chris Johnson	3B	5-11	175	R-R	So.-1V	Laguna Hills, CA/Laguna Hills HS
4	David Parry	RHP	6-1	185	R-R	Fr.-HS	Spartanburg, SC/Dorman HS
5	Steve Parker	3B	6-1	185	L-R	Fr.-HS	American Fork/American Fork HS
6	Wes Guenther	C	6-0	170	L-R	Fr.-HS	Overland Park, KS/Blue Valley NW HS
7	*Jason Johnson	2B	5-8	165	R-R	So.-1V	Houston, TX/Houston Christian HS
8	Jonathan Cluff	OF	6-0	190	R-R	Fr.-HS	South Jordan/Bingham HS
9	*Kent Walton	OF, 2B	6-0	185	R-R	So.-1V	Yucaipa, CA/Yucaipa HS
10	*J.T. Musso	C	6-1	205	S-R	So.-1V	Pueblo, CO/Pueblo County HS
11	**Clayton Barnes	LHP/1B	6-1	190	L-L	Jr.-2V	Provo/ Provo HS
12	*Jordan Muir	RHP	5-10	185	R-R	So.-1V	Las Vegas, NV/Cimarron-Memorial HS
13	*Dan Vargas	SS	6-0	170	R-R	So.-1V	San Diego, CA/ Montgomery HS
14	Leon Johnson	OF	6-1	190	L-L	So.-JC	Thatcher, AZ/Eastern Arizona
15	Blaine Howell	LHP	5-11	200	L-L	Fr.-HS	Asheville, NC/A.C. Reynolds HS
16	Chase Frampton	C	6-2	210	R-R	Fr.-HS	Gilbert, AZ/Mesquite HS
17	Collin Fanning	OF	6-3	180	R-R	Jr.-JC	Edmond, OK/Clarendon College
18	Austin Hall	SS	6-3	195	R-R	Fr.-HS	Danville, CA/San Ramon Valley HS
19	Jacob Perez	RHP	5-10	180	R-R	Jr.-JC	Penryn, CA/Sierra College
21	**Matthew Jensen	RHP	6-2	200	R-R	Sr.-2V	Alpine/Utah Valley State
22	*Kasey Ko	1B	6-2	235	S-R	So.-1V	Kailua, HI/Punahou HS
23	Nelson Castleberry	RHP	6-2	180	R-R	Fr.-HS	Spanish Fork/ Spanish Fork HS
24	*Apana Nakayama	DH	5-10	200	L-R	Sr.-1V	Kaunakakai, HI/Utah Valley State
25	Rett Varner	RHP	6-4	185	R-R	Fr.-HS	Trophy Club, TX/Northwest HS
26	Michael Ward	RHP	6-0	185	R-R	Fr.-RS	Dallas, TX/Keller HS
27	Brad Kidd	RHP	6-2	230	R-R	Fr.-HS	Salem, OR/Sprague HS
28	*Jake Wortham	LHP/OF	5-11	205	L-L	So.-1V	Allen, TX/Allen HS
30	Thomas Bills	1B	6-5	200	R-R	So.-SQ	Reno, NV/Reno HS
31	Brandon Michon	LHP	6-0	160	L-L	Fr.-RS	Hamilton, VA/Loudoun Valley HS
32	*J.D. Stambaugh	LHP	6-2	195	L-L	So.-1V	Collierville, TN/Collierville
33	Mike McKeever	OF/C	6-4	220	R-R	So.-JC	San Diego, CA/Southwestern College
35	*Jesse Craig	RHP	6-3	235	R-R	Sr.-1V	Las Vegas, NV/Southern Nevada CC

Coaches

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

For the second year in a row, BYU baseball has used boxing as its offseason program. The idea came from BYU pitching coach Bobby Applegate, who spent five years as an assistant baseball coach at the Air Force Academy, where all freshmen are required to take a combative course such as wrestling or boxing.

Applegate says the skill sets required for boxing make it a natural fit for cross training. Fast-twitch fibers firing in the upper body and the conditioning workout for upper body, along with leg endurance and foot speed are some of the physical benefits. Boxing builds confidence, mental toughness and teaches the importance of quality decision-making.

The results of the pugilism transfer over to baseball, not only in conditioning, but later in the season when players are faced with tough decisions on the field. Last year only the BYU pitchers used the boxing as a training program, but the success was such that the entire team joined the workouts this year at LA Boxing.



2006 November BYU Signings

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (School)
Cole Abbott	RHP	6-2	173	North Ogden, Utah (Weber HS)
Taylor Cole	INF	6-0	170	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)
Kiko Hermosillo	INF	5-11	155	San Diego, Calif. (Southwestern College)
Jordan Jarvis	RHP	6-3	205	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chandler-Gilbert CC)
Cedric Johnson	OF	6-2	175	Thatcher, Ariz. (Thatcher HS)
Kris Koerper	1B	6-4	235	Las Cruces, N.M. (Ocate HS)

2007 BYU Overall Baseball Statistics

Record: 35-18 Home: 22-5 Away: 11-12 Neutral: 2-1 MWC: 17-7

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%
WELLS, Stephen	.350	47	35	157	26	55	8	5	3	28	82	.522	13	3	22	3	.406	2	0	6	11	99	0	0	1.000
KO, Kasey	.347	51	48	170	26	59	15	1	2	38	82	.482	23	1	26	5	.419	4	3	0	2	440	23	4	.991
WALTON, Kent	.343	51	50	207	45	71	16	6	8	41	123	.594	8	3	22	5	.368	5	1	11	18	78	108	16	.921
NAKAYAMA, Apana	.332	51	51	208	39	69	12	2	10	39	115	.553	29	2	32	3	.413	3	0	6	10	35	1	5	.878
FANNING, Collin	.331	39	30	121	27	40	0	3	0	17	46	.380	14	3	16	1	.410	1	3	21	23	60	1	4	.938
PARKER, Steve	.317	51	51	180	39	57	11	4	6	32	94	.522	33	8	52	5	.443	0	2	5	9	29	117	13	.918
HALL, Austin	.309	31	25	97	24	30	10	3	1	27	49	.505	17	1	30	2	.417	0	6	5	6	55	86	11	.928
VARGAS, Dan	.308	35	35	117	25	36	8	3	2	16	56	.479	11	3	31	0	.379	1	4	3	4	57	109	11	.938
JOHNSON, Jason	.295	24	6	44	10	13	4	1	0	5	19	.432	5	0	7	0	.367	0	0	2	2	6	2	3	.727
FRAMPTON, Chase	.282	22	8	39	5	11	0	1	0	4	13	.333	6	0	8	1	.378	0	2	0	1	6	2	0	1.000
MC KEEVER, Mike	.261	22	12	46	11	12	1	0	1	8	16	.348	7	1	13	3	.370	0	0	1	1	17	0	0	1.000
JOHNSON, Leon	.250	50	49	200	40	50	5	0	5	20	70	.350	25	3	35	1	.341	1	3	28	36	95	9	2	.981
MUSSO, J.T.	.246	52	52	171	28	42	8	4	2	30	64	.374	19	1	54	3	.323	1	4	6	7	326	49	8	.979
CLUFF, Jonathan	.246	18	17	57	11	14	2	1	0	14	18	.316	10	3	15	0	.370	3	1	4	7	23	0	2	.920
BILLS, Thomas	.355	21	4	31	6	11	2	0	0	7	13	.419	3	0	0	2	.412	0	1	0	0	46	4	1	.980
JOHNSON, Chris	.316	13	3	19	0	6	0	0	0	3	6	.316	0	0	1	0	.300	1	0	0	0	7	7	4	.778
GUENTHER, Wes	.188	18	1	16	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	.188	1	0	6	0	.222	1	1	0	0	33	4	0	1.000
HOWELL, Blaine	.000	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	3	14	0	1.000
JENSEN, Matt	.000	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	6	7	1	.929

Totals .308 53 53 1880 365 579 102 34 40 331 869 .462 224 32 370 34 .387 23 31 98 137 1442 617 91 .958
 Opponents .275 53 53 1878 276 517 72 13 24 244 687 .366 159 47 369 35 .344 17 31 57 83 1408 573 86 .958
 LOB - Team (417), Opp (415). DPs turned - Team (54), Opp (48). CI - Team (1), MUSSO 1.
 IBB - Team (5), NAKAYAMA 3, WELLS 1, JOHNSON, J. 1. Picked off - JOHNSON, L. 4, FANNING 2, PARKER 1, NAKAYAMA 1, VARGAS 1, CLUFF 1, HALL 1.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
STAMBAUGH, J.D.	2.67	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	5	27.0	28	13	8	8	23	1	1	2	100	.280	1	1	0	0	2
CRAIG, Jesse	2.80	10	2	19	19	4	2	0	0	119.0	125	60	37	21	85	13	4	3	465	.269	4	13	1	1	7
WARD, Michael	3.25	3	1	19	0	0	0	0	1	27.2	27	16	10	11	26	3	1	0	108	.250	2	7	0	0	3
JENSEN, Matt	3.40	5	4	17	0	0	0	0	3	45.0	39	21	17	20	44	6	2	3	164	.238	3	4	1	1	3
WORTHAM, Jake	4.52	7	4	14	14	0	0	1	0	75.2	88	45	38	18	52	15	3	8	300	.293	2	4	2	3	6
HOWELL, Blaine	4.63	2	2	13	7	0	0	0	0	44.2	47	25	23	19	41	9	0	2	171	.275	3	2	2	0	4
MUIR, Jordan	5.10	5	4	13	13	0	0	0	0	67.0	85	57	38	25	40	14	2	3	277	.307	5	4	4	5	5
PARRY, David	0.00	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	6.1	5	0	0	2	6	1	0	0	24	.208	0	1	1	0	0
KIDD, Brad	0.90	2	0	16	0	0	0	1	1	20.0	20	6	2	13	13	2	0	1	78	.256	2	3	0	2	1
PEREZ, Jacob	1.64	0	1	17	0	0	0	1	1	22.0	19	5	4	6	12	2	0	0	78	.244	1	4	0	2	0
MICHON, Brandon	4.60	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	15.2	18	13	8	5	17	4	0	2	66	.273	0	0	1	1	0
BARNES, Clayton	10.12	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	10.2	16	15	12	11	10	2	0	0	47	.340	3	4	3	2	0
Totals	3.69	35	18	53	53	4	3	1	11	480.2	517	276	197	159	369	72	13	24	1878	.275	26	47	15	17	31
Opponents	5.66	18	35	53	53	1	2	2	3	469.1	579	365	295	224	370	102	34	40	1880	.308	32	32	12	23	31

PB - Team (9), MUSSO 9, Opp (17). Pickoffs - Team (8), MUSSO 5, HOWELL 1, MUIR 1, MICHON 1, Opp (11). SBA/ATT - MUSSO (50-73), CRAIG (14-20), MUIR (10-17), WORTHAM (6-9), GUENTHER (6-8), HOWELL (4-7), STAMBAUGH (5-6), BARNES (5-5), JENSEN (1-5), MICHON (5-5), PEREZ (3-4), WARD (3-4), PARRY (1-1).

2007 Game Results

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Site	Rec.	Div-Rec.	Pitcher	Opp. Pitcher	Line	Opp. Line	Att.
2/8	@ Sam Houston Univ.	W	17-8	A	1-0	0-0	Jensen	Gray	17-20-2	8-12-2	408
2/9	@ Sam Houston Univ.	L	0-8	A	1-1	0-0	Wortham	Howard	0-7-1	8-14-1	361
2/10	@ Sam Houston Univ.	W	5-2	A	2-1	0-0	Muir	Marshall	5-8-2	2-7-2	252
2/17	@ Portland	L	1-2	A	2-2	0-0	Craig	Roberts	1-4-0	2-7-1	—
2/17	@ Portland	W	4-3	A	3-2	0-0	Muir	Kutz	4-7-0	3-8-0	401
2/22	vs. Memphis (10) #	L	2-3	N	3-3	0-0	Jensen	Yokley	2-5-3	3-9-1	530
2/23	vs. Missouri (10) #	W	4-1	N	4-3	0-0	Wortham	Folgia	4-10-2	1-3-1	385
2/27	vs. Southern Utah	W	20-2	N	5-3	0-0	Craig	Noyes	20-21-1	2-4-1	62
3/1	Northern Colorado	W	17-2	H	6-3	0-0	Wortham	Maydew	17-21-3	2-5-5	105
3/2	Northern Colorado	W	13-1	H	7-3	0-0	Muir	Reap	13-17-1	1-6-1	175
3/3	Northern Colorado	W	7-5	H	8-3	0-0	Craig	Banks	7-15-2	5-8-2	615
3/5	@ Kansas State	L	1-5	A	8-4	0-0	Jensen	Linn	1-4-2	5-7-0	872
3/6	@ Kansas State	L	3-6	A	8-5	0-0	Wortham	Morris	3-5-2	6-9-2	511
3/8	Gonzaga	L	5-11	H	8-6	0-0	Craig	Monroe	5-9-4	11-15-1	690
3/9	Gonzaga	W	10-3	H	9-6	0-0	Muir	Harmon	10-12-2	3-10-4	954
3/10	Gonzaga	W	9-4	H	10-6	0-0	Wortham	Highmark	9-13-0	4-10-3	1078
3/13	Utah Valley St.	W	12-8	H	11-6	0-0	Howell	Christensen	12-11-1	8-9-4	1094
3/15	@ UNLV *	L	5-13	A	11-7	0-1	Muir	Heyer	5-10-2	13-16-2	476
3/16	@ UNLV *	W	9-8	A	12-7	1-1	Jensen	Pupo	9-11-1	8-15-1	535
3/17	@ UNLV *	W	5-3	A	13-7	2-1	Craig	Hutchison	5-12-3	3-6-0	425
3/20	@ Utah	L	4-8	A	13-8	2-1	Ward	Bruneel	4-8-1	8-10-1	396
3/22	TCU *	L	5-6	H	13-9	2-2	Perez	Dunbar	5-6-1	6-11-1	1547
3/23	TCU *	W	12-11	H	14-9	3-2	Ward	Dunbar	12-15-3	11-14-3	1487
3/24	TCU *	L	3-12	H	14-10	3-3	Wortham	Johnson	3-8-2	12-20-0	1682
3/28	@ Washington St. (12)	L	3-4	A	14-11	3-3	Jensen	Humes	3-10-2	4-5-0	402
3/28	@ Washington St.	L	1-2	A	14-12	3-3	Howell	Miller	1-8-0	2-3-0	—
3/30	Binghamton	W	15-0	H	15-12	3-3	Wortham	Groh	15-18-2	0-7-3	942
3/31	Binghamton	L	6-11	H	15-13	3-3	Muir	Diamond	6-13-6	11-15-0	1324
4/2	Binghamton	W	12-10	H	16-13	3-3	Jensen	Offerman	12-15-2	10-17-2	652
4/5	UNLV *	W	14-13	H	17-13	4-3	Kidd	Baca	14-12-1	13-16-4	1745
4/6	UNLV *	W	5-3	H	18-13	5-3	Craig	Heyer	5-10-3	3-9-0	1382
4/7	UNLV *	W	16-9	H	19-13	6-3	Michon	Goodman	16-12-2	9-9-3	1285
4/10	Washington	W	8-3	H	20-13	6-3	Ward	Haughian	8-12-1	3-8-0	525
4/11	Washington	W	15-9	H	21-13	6-3	Craig	Cheney	15-19-1	9-11-4	528
4/17	Southern Utah	L	2-7	H	21-14	6-3	Howell	Noyes	2-9-6	7-13-1	1138
4/19	@ TCU *	W	5-0	A	22-14	7-3	Craig	Arrieta	5-12-1	0-7-0	1716
4/20	@ TCU *	L	2-14	A	22-15	7-4	Muir	Johnson	2-7-5	14-13-0	1799
4/21	@ TCU *	L	0-7	A	22-16	7-5	Wortham	Corgan	0-4-0	7-13-0	1936
4/26	Air Force Academy *	W	5-4	H	23-16	8-5	Muir	Ruvolo	5-12-1	4-9-1	964
4/27	Air Force Academy *	W	7-4	H	24-16	9-5	Wortham	Truesdale	7-10-1	4-10-2	1532
4/28	Air Force Academy *	W	11-2	H	25-16	10-5	Craig	Petro	11-13-2	2-10-2	1150
5/1	@ Utah Valley St. (12)	W	2-1	A	26-16	10-5	Jensen	Brimhall	2-11-0	1-10-6	2242
5/3	@ New Mexico *	W	3-0	A	27-16	11-5	Craig	S. Smith	3-7-2	0-3-0	255
5/4	@ New Mexico *	L	3-4	A	27-17	11-6	Jensen	Hewett	3-10-0	4-10-0	400
5/5	@ New Mexico *	W	5-3	A	28-17	12-6	Wortham	Norton	5-12-1	3-7-0	320
5/8	Southern Utah	W	12-1	H	29-17	12-6	Craig	Melling	12-15-1	1-8-2	888
5/10	@ San Diego St.*	L	1-9	A	29-18	12-7	Muir	Billings	1-7-5	9-12-1	554
5/11	@ San Diego St. * (13)	W	4-3	A	30-18	13-7	Jensen	Strasburg	4-7-0	3-11-2	655
5/12	@ San Diego St. * (13)	W	7-3	A	31-18	14-7	Kidd	Koons	7-11-0	3-13-5	556
5/15	Utah Valley St.	W	6-2	H	32-18	14-7	Howell	Christensen	6-6-0	2-9-1	1193
5/17	Utah *	W	5-4	H	33-18	15-7	Craig	James	5-11-4	4-7-2	1355
5/18	Utah *	W	5-4	H	34-18	16-7	Ward	Bruneel	5-12-1	4-6-2	2349
5/19	Utah *	W	12-5	H	35-18	17-7	Wortham	Trinnaman	12-16-1	5-12-3	1686

#Service Academies Classic, Millington, Tenn.

* Mountain West Conference games

Final MWC Games Only Statistics

Record: 17-7 Home: 10-2 Away: 7-5 MWC: 17-7

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%
FRAMPTON, Chase	.400	10	4	15	2	6	0	1	0	2	8	.533	5	0	6	1	.550	0	2	0	1	2	2	0	1.000
JOHNSON, Jason	.364	9	3	22	6	8	2	1	0	2	12	.545	3	0	3	0	.440	0	0	2	2	4	1	3	.625
KO, Kasey	.360	24	24	86	10	31	9	1	1	15	45	.523	11	0	12	3	.424	2	1	0	1	216	11	3	.987
FANNING, Collin	.356	18	16	59	13	21	0	2	0	11	25	.424	5	2	8	1	.424	0	2	7	8	31	0	2	.939
WELLS, Stephen	.341	24	21	88	13	30	5	3	2	21	47	.534	7	2	15	2	.402	0	0	4	7	58	0	0	1.000
WALTON, Kent	.333	24	24	96	26	32	4	3	5	21	57	.594	6	2	13	2	.381	1	1	6	9	35	49	9	.903
NAKAYAMA, Apana	.323	23	23	93	11	30	6	1	4	19	50	.538	13	1	15	2	.407	1	0	1	3	13	0	5	.722
PARKER, Steve	.301	24	24	83	16	25	6	2	1	9	38	.458	19	3	29	1	.448	0	1	3	6	13	60	3	.961
VARGAS, Dan	.255	14	14	47	5	12	5	2	0	4	21	.447	5	1	16	0	.340	0	2	2	2	22	41	4	.940
MUSSO, J.T.	.234	24	24	77	12	18	4	2	0	13	26	.338	11	1	23	1	.333	1	3	4	4	153	26	3	.984
JOHNSON, Leon	.204	22	22	93	21	19	2	0	3	7	30	.323	8	1	18	1	.275	0	2	10	12	44	6	2	.962
HALL, Austin	.163	15	13	49	9	8	2	1	0	4	12	.245	9	1	19	2	.305	0	3	1	1	32	40	6	.923
GUENTHER, Wes	.400	6	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.400	0	0	1	0	.400	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	1.000
BILLS, Thomas	.300	8	1	10	0	3	1	0	0	3	4	.400	0	0	0	1	.300	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	1.000
CLUFF, Jonathan	.143	3	2	7	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	.143	0	2	2	0	.273	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	1.000
MC KEEVER, Mike	.000	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	1	.200	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1.000
JOHNSON, Chris	.000	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.000
HOWELL, Blaine	.000	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
JENSEN, Matt	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1.000
Totals	.293	24	24	839	149	246	46	19	16	133	378	.451	104	16	182	18	.379	7	17	41	57	659	281	43	.956
Opponents	.293	24	24	881	144	258	35	8	17	131	360	.409	64	19	165	16	.352	6	16	33	45	643	265	35	.963

LOB - Team (191), Opp (183). DPs turned - Team (21), Opp (23). IBB - Team (2), NAKAYAMA 1, JOHNSON, J. 1.
 Picked off - JOHNSON, L. 2, PARKER 1, VARGAS 1, HALL 1.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
KIDD, Brad	1.50	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	12.0	12	3	2	5	8	2	0	1	46	.261	1	2	0	0	0
CRAIG, Jesse	1.58	6	0	8	8	3	2	0	0	62.2	58	18	11	6	53	4	3	1	238	.244	2	6	0	0	3
JENSEN, Matt	2.55	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	3	17.2	16	5	5	8	25	1	1	1	64	.250	2	1	1	0	2
STAMBAUGH, J.D.	4.05	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	13.1	14	10	6	3	12	1	1	2	51	.275	0	0	0	0	2
MUIR, Jordan	6.13	1	3	8	8	0	0	0	0	39.2	57	42	27	16	19	9	2	2	170	.335	3	3	4	2	5
WORTHAM, Jake	6.30	3	2	8	8	0	0	0	0	40.0	60	33	28	12	25	7	1	8	167	.359	0	2	2	2	4
PEREZ, Jacob	0.00	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	7.0	4	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	23	.174	0	2	0	1	0
PARRY, David	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0
WARD, Michael	3.18	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	11.1	11	9	4	7	8	2	0	0	46	.239	0	2	0	0	0
MICHON, Brandon	7.88	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	8.0	12	9	7	2	6	3	0	2	36	.333	0	0	0	1	0
BARNES, Clayton	12.46	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4.1	6	7	6	4	3	2	0	0	20	.300	1	1	1	0	0
HOWELL, Blaine	21.00	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3.0	8	7	7	1	3	3	0	0	18	.444	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4.22	17	7	24	24	3	2	0	5	219.2	258	144	103	64	165	35	8	17	881	.293	9	19	8	6	16
Opponents	5.46	7	17	24	24	0	1	1	2	214.1	246	149	130	104	182	46	19	16	839	.293	13	16	4	7	17

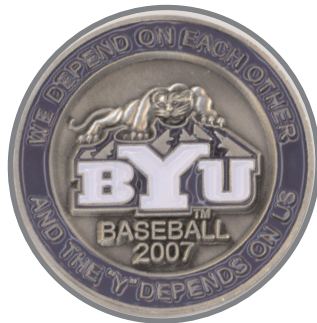
PB - Team (4), MUSSO 4, Opp (5). Pickoffs - Team (5), MUSSO 4, MUIR 1, Opp (5). SBA/ATT - MUSSO (31-42), MUIR (9-13), CRAIG (9-12), WORTHAM (5-7), BARNES (5-5), WARD (2-3), MICHON (2-2), JENSEN (0-2), GUENTHER (1-1), STAMBAUGH (1-1).

TEAM COIN BRINGS UNITY

By Mattson Newell
BYU Athletic Media Relations

PROVO, Utah (February 6, 2007)—This season the Cougar baseball team will once again be carrying a coin with them at all times.

The tradition of the coin was started at the beginning of the 2004 season and has continued ever since. The coin was one of the many things BYU pitching coach Bobby Applegate brought with him from the Air Force Academy. The coins are given out each fall to each player after the team runs up the white “Y” on a nearby mountain which overlooks the campus.



The coin reminds each player of the commitments they have made to the team and the accomplishment of running up the mountain. In 2004 the coin had inscribed on one side “The Road to the Top” and “We Go as a Team.”

Last year the 2005 coin had phrasing like “No One Left Behind,” “Bound By Baseball,” and “United By Brotherhood.”

This year the coin has phrasing like, “The road to the top of the mountain goes through the Y,” and “We depend on each other and the “Y” depends on us.” It also shows Omaha and the BYU Law School on the coin.

“It sounds kind of corny,” head coach Vance Law said of using the do-it-for-the team clichés. “But we rely on each other. We ran up to the ‘Y’ together and it was a total team

effort, guys didn’t leave each other behind, we ran together.”

In 2005 one side of the coin was engraved with a team photo taken at the top of “Y” mountain. Around it are the words “Preparation, Execution, Champions.”

The various military institutions have similar programs. In the military each soldier has the opportunity to earn a specially minted coin. The coins are issued by a company’s commanding officer and are a very big honor. Each individual coin is minted especially for a given unit. Also, each individual military operation—such as Operation Iraqi Freedom—has its own coin created for the soldiers who participated.

The soldiers are required to always keep their coin with them. As encouragement, the military has developed an incentive. At any time a soldier can pull his coin on a fellow soldier. If his counterpart does not have his coin at the time the other pulls it, the counterpart has to buy a drink that night. However, if the counterpart can show the coin, he gets the free drink.



BYU has developed a similar system. If a player or coach pulls the coin on his teammate (or coach) and the teammate doesn’t have the coin, the teammate must buy a drink for all of his teammates who have theirs.

The coin provides a great opportunity to create and build team unity.



MUSSO CATCHING ON AT THE 'Y'

BY JEFF LETOFSKY

PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN 4/14/07

The ceiling is unlimited for J.T. (John Thomas) Musso.

The former Pueblo County High School standout is currently making a name for himself as the starting catcher for Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. A sophomore, Musso has started 33 of the 34 games thus far for the Cougars, who are 21-13 overall and 6-3 in the Mountain West Conference.

Musso, at 6-foot-1, 205 pounds, is your prototypical catcher. He has a solid frame and a rocket for an arm. In fact, he's thrown out 34 percent of runners attempting to steal (16 of 47), nearly unheard of at the collegiate level.

In addition, he's picked four runners off the bases and has made only four errors for a .982 fielding percentage.

"J.T. is a great young man. We really, really enjoy having him here," BYU Head Coach Vance Law said. "He's turned into a pretty good leader. He's handled our pitching staff and is catching nearly 100 percent of the time."

Musso has started to get untracked offensively following a slow start. He's currently hitting at a .259 clip with 29 hits in 112 at-bats with 20 runs scored. He has six doubles, two triples and two home runs, his last round-tripper coming Wednesday when he blasted a two-run shot off the top of the scoreboard at Miller Park. He also has driven in 26 runs, fourth on the team, and stolen two bases.

"He keeps getting better at the plate," Law said. "He's had a ton of clutch RBIs. He's hitting eighth in the lineup and his RBI total is pretty impressive. He's picking up a lot of stragglers left by the other guys."

"There's a couple positions - catcher and shortstop - where you don't put a lot of stock in batting average and run production. It comes down to execution, when and how you get your hits. J.T. has produced runs when we needed them."

Musso sat on the bench behind senior Casey Nelson his freshman season, watching, listening and learning. With Nelson graduating, Musso knew he'd have a chance at fighting for the starting catching job this season.

"Basically, I won the job in the fall and haven't looked back since," Musso said.

Musso said one of the reasons he chose BYU was the ability to play by the time he was a sophomore.

"When I took my recruiting trip to BYU, I was told I'd get a shot to start my sophomore year," he said. "A big part of signing was the ability to play early and not having to sit around and wait for a junior ahead of me to graduate."



Over the past few weeks, Musso has really come into his own, especially offensively where he's boosted his average nearly 50 points.

"It's all been about confidence," he said. "I've got on a hot streak and everything has taken off. Every day in practice I'm always trying to do the little things like taking extra batting practice. Having someone like Coach Law to go to, who has 14 years of major league experience, is nice."

Musso was a switch hitter in high school and his freshman year but has returned to just hitting right-handed.

"I messed up my back swinging left-handed so I went back to strictly hitting right-handed," Musso said. "It took about 100 at-bats to be able to adjust to breaking pitches on the right side again. But I had to quit switch hitting because it hurt my back on the left side."

Still, Musso's main job is to handle the BYU pitching staff, coached by former Colorado State University-Pueblo All-American pitcher Bobby Applegate, who was responsible for recruiting Musso.

Through 32 games, the Cougar staff has posted a 4.35 ERA, an acceptable number in this day and age of the aluminum bat.

Applegate, in his fourth season at BYU, remembers the first time he saw Musso.

"I saw him at the Kansas University camp," Applegate said. "I was coaching a team and he was on the other team. He was catching and he blocked 10 dirtballs out of 15 pitches. He dug out every single one. And on pop ups he hustled after every single one. On effort alone I thought this is a guy who can play catcher at our level."

Adjusting to the college atmosphere along with being around The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a major component of attending BYU, has gone well for Musso. He's

studying communications and would like to some day work a front office job for a professional sports team.

"Coming from Pueblo, where mostly there are Catholics, has been different," Musso said. "But nobody has pushed the LDS thing on me. They ask me why I'm attending BYU and when I tell them I'm on the baseball team, they leave me alone."

While getting a degree is his top priority, Musso is hoping to pursue a professional baseball career as well.

"Playing in the major leagues is something I've always dreamed about," he said. "Every day in practice we talk about it. Definitely, it's something I'd like to pursue."

Musso had a tremendous high school career at Pueblo County as a two-sport athlete. He was among the state's leading hitters as a senior in baseball with a .554 average and played quarterback in football for the Hornets. In addition to BYU, he was recruited by Kansas and CSU-Pueblo out of high school to play baseball.

CRAIG IS BYU'S ACE

BY MATTSON NEWELL

ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

Jesse Craig has taken to heart a quote he got from a fortune cookie that he now carries around in his wallet that says "We are what we repeatedly do—excellence then is not an act but a habit."

Jesse Craig's first experience with baseball came when he was five-years old and played on a tee-ball team in Henderson, Nev.

"I just liked it from the get-go," Craig said. "Ever since then my love for the game has just grown."

Craig was introduced to baseball by his step-dad Bill.

"He married my Mom when I was around four," Craig said. "He grew up in Long Island, N. Y., and was a big baseball fan and a big Yankees fan. He brought that passion for baseball into our home, and it just grew from there."

The Sandlot

Growing up Craig was a die-hard Yankees fan and loved the movie "Sandlot."

"Sandlot was cool because that is what baseball is all about," Craig said. "Just playing for the love of the game, that is baseball at its purest."

When Craig was 13, he was pitching in a game when all of a sudden he heard a loud pop and was in immense pain.

"I was sort of in shock at first," Craig said. "The pain of having my elbow broken probably wasn't the worst of it. After the doctors had taken care of it, they told me that I couldn't touch a ball for nine months. That was the hardest part, being a 13-year old kid and not being able to do too much."

Craig was a starting pitcher for Basic High School in Henderson and was actually selected in the 36th round by the Atlanta Braves in the 2001 MLB draft (he is one of five players on this year's BYU team who have been drafted). Craig declined Atlanta's offer due to his desire to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He finished his mission to Rochester, N. Y., in 2003. Craig credits his mission with helping him come out of his shell.

"I have always shied away from being really social," Craig said. "I don't really like the spotlight. I would go to school, study and play baseball and that was it."

Many people always asked Craig if he played any other sports besides baseball because of his 6-foot-3, 230-pound frame. While Craig admits that he likes playing other sports, he has always just stuck with baseball.



Senior Jesse Craig is scheduled to pitch twice a week this season.

An Emerging Star

After his mission Craig moved on to play baseball at Southern Nevada Community College. In his sophomore season there, Craig posted an 8-2 overall record and had a 1.30 ERA. This caused a lot of schools to come calling including Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Tennessee and BYU.

The decision for Craig came down to BYU and Oklahoma State.

"The coach at Oklahoma State really impressed me," Craig said. "My first day there I walked into his office, and he threw down a phone book on the table and opened it up to the Church section and showed me all of the LDS Churches that were in the area. That was really cool to me, being a Latter-day Saint and having this coach respect my religion."

Craig ultimately chose BYU because it just felt right.

"It was actually a pretty humbling experience when I told

BYU that I wanted to come here, because just a couple of days before I had told assistant coach Bobby Applegate that I wasn't going to come," Craig said. "So I had to pick up the phone and tell them that I had changed my mind and that I wanted to come to BYU."

Becoming a Cougar

In Craig's first season with the Cougars he started off a little rough going 0-5, but then bounced back to finish the year on a 7-2 tear and lead the team with a 4.70 ERA. He was also named second-team All-Mountain West Conference, Academic All-MWC, MWC Pitcher of Week (vs. New Mexico St.) and a Cougar Club Scholar Athlete.

"It was a big adjustment for me coming to this league because they play with aluminum bats," Craig said. "In the league I came from they used wood bats, so it took me a lit-

the while to get adjusted."

Craig also met his wife Stephanie during his junior year and the two were married on May 13 the day after he had pitched a strong eight-inning performance to give the Cougars a 12-3 win over the San Diego State Aztecs.

"That had to be one of my most memorable moments," Craig said. "Pitching as well as I did and then the next day getting married; it was just an all-around great week."

Speaking on consenting to Craig's choice to get married during a pivotal series Coach Law said, "He's probably the only player on the team I'd do it for because he's mature. I might have been upset if he only gave us two innings and given up seven runs."

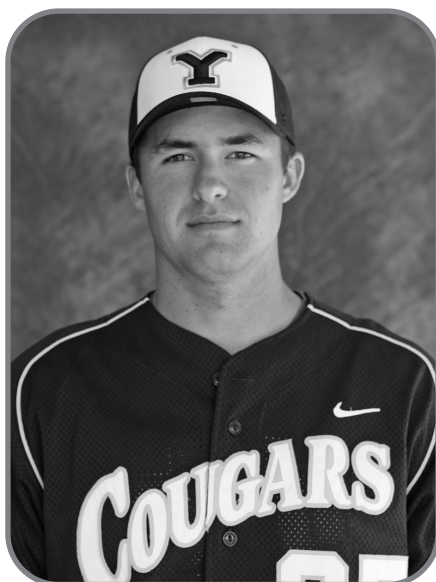
Craig said that he and his fiancée chose the midseason date because of the MLB draft this past June. He said that he didn't know what was going to happen and wanted to have as much time as he could with Stephanie before the draft.

Unfortunately the draft did not work out the way Craig would have hoped as he went undrafted.

"It was a little disappointing," Craig said. "But it just gives me motivation to work harder and come out and have a great senior season."

Craig is excited to have Stephanie take part in his life and be there every step of the way.

"She doesn't know too much about baseball, so I help her



Jesse Craig

out with that," Craig said. "But honestly that was one of the things that I liked about her. She didn't like me because I was a baseball player; she liked me for me."

Future Plans

Craig knows that making it to the Majors will take a lot of hard work and effort.

"I look at guys like Roger Clemens (Houston Astros) and Greg Maddux (Chicago Cubs) and can just imagine all of the time and effort that they have put into it," Craig said. "In my opinion Maddux can do anything he wants with a baseball, because he has taken the time to figure it out and to practice. He is constantly learning."

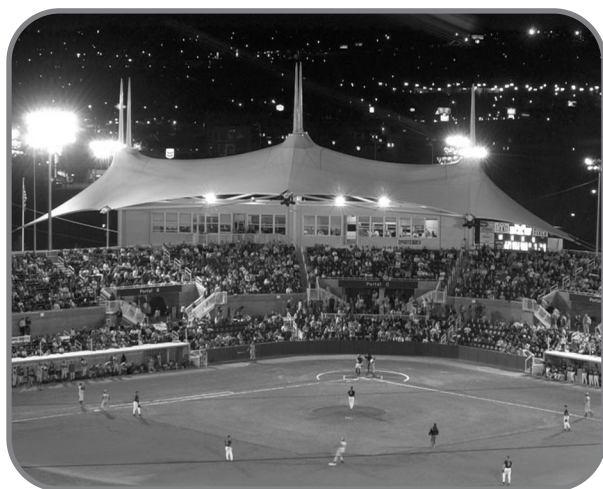
Craig knows that with being a pitcher that comes a lot of pressure at times, but he doesn't let it get to him.

"I know that if I go out there and give it my best effort then I will be satisfied," Craig said. "I always want to leave it all on the field."

Craig is majoring in exercise science with an emphasis in athletic training, but says that it is still his dream to make it to the majors. A lot of people doubt if he will because of his age. Craig is 23 right now and in baseball circles that is considered to be too old when you can draft someone five years younger than he, but Craig doesn't let that get him down.

"My dream is to make it to the Majors," Craig said. "I just need to keep working hard, and hopefully that day will come. I can't worry about what other people say or do. I just have to know that if I just keep on working and never give up, then it will all pay off in the end."

FAVORITE STADIUMS



By Eric Sorenson
CSTV.com, May 9, 2006

A friend of mine asked me the other day what my favorite college baseball stadium was. That got me thinking. Hmmm, tough but fair question.

What would be your favorite place to watch a ballgame? I've been to a good number of college ballparks over the years, and after getting kick-started by my friends' question, I thought I'd list here my favorite places to take in a game.

But first, remember two things; First, obviously, I haven't been to every stadium in the country, including some of those you've seen on those previous "Best Stadiums" lists in Baseball America. Second, my reasons for including some here are probably not the same as yours might be. And third, Rosenblatt Stadium doesn't count. It gets Best Stadium Emeritus status here. So here you go, my Top 5 college stadiums to take in a game:

5. (Tie) UNCG Ballpark, UNC-Greensboro and McKie Field, Miami Univ.
4. Dudy Noble Field, Mississippi State
3. Reckling Park, Rice

2 . Miller Park, Brigham Young
I visited this park in 2001 for a few games when the bowels of the stadium were still being constructed. But what a shrine for college baseball! It has 2,500 stadium seats, very little netting behind home plate and a big league feel. And that wicked-huge white tensile roof that resembles the "peaks" of the nearby mountains (similar to the Denver airport) is just too cool. It also has a nice plaza area that is shared with the softball complex behind it. First class.
Drawback: Too bad the season doesn't extend further into summer. Some of the March and April night games can be a bit on the chilly side.

1. Eddy D. Field Stadium, Pepperdine

NAKAYAMA LEADS BYU BASEBALL TEAM

By Jeremy Twitchell
Deseret Morning News 3/22/07

On paper, Apana Nakayama's collegiate baseball journey has only spanned about 10 miles—the distance from Utah Valley State College, where he spent his first two years of eligibility, to Brigham Young University, where he spent the last two.

But factor in an LDS mission and the knee injury that confined him to the dugout last season, and you've got a long, strange trip that spans seven years.

"It's good to be back playing," Nakayama said. "I'm happy, I'm excited; especially this year, being a senior."

Nakayama was initially recruited by BYU out of high school in Hawaii, but the arrangements fell through and he instead began at UVSC. After his sophomore season in 2002, Nakayama transferred to BYU but first left on an LDS mission to Japan.

He returned for his junior season in 2005, in which he was the only BYU player to appear in all 59 games and led the team with 88 hits before finding his groove in the post-season, hitting .615 in the Mountain West Conference Tournament and being named to the All-Tournament team.

When the season ended, he went to play summer ball in the Cape Cod league, but blew his knee out early in the season.

Coaches hoped to have Nakayama back for the 2006 season, but he made the decision to wait a year and make sure he was fully rehabbed. It was a difficult decision, and when the Cougars dropped their first eight games, it hit Nakayama all the harder.

"I wanted to try to help the team with my bat, but it was a decision I made to get better and not re-injure my knee so I could come back the next year," Nakayama said. "But it was really hard, because I knew what the seniors were going through and what the team was going through."

The Cougars rebounded and finished the season strong, compiling a 33-28 record and finishing second in the MWC. However, with eight of the team's top 10 hitters gone for this season, BYU was hurting for offense as this season began.

BYU's Apana Nakayama, left, dives back to first as Utah first baseman Trevor Eastman dives to make the tag during a doubleheader in Provo in March 2005. (



Apana Nakayama

"We lost a lot of meat in the line-up," said BYU head coach Vance Law. "We really needed a run producer, and Apana certainly fits that mold. He hasn't had the kind of year yet that I expect him to—he hasn't really gotten hot— but once he does, he's going to really help us take off."

Through 20 games, Nakayama is batting .305 with 11 RBIs and shares the team lead in runs (18) and home runs (2). But he's only begun to scrape his potential; Law said he thinks Nakayama is capable of hitting .400 with 10-20 home runs and 70-80 RBIs on the season.

Nakayama says his knee feels fine now, though he can't squat and so his former position of catcher is out of the question. However, he has no problem running, so his transition to first base/designated hitter has been smooth so far.

But, Law said, the physical aspect of a comeback can sometimes be the easy part.

"I think (coming back) is more a mental thing, especially after coming off a mission and then after a year, getting hurt," Law said. "Basically all you do is lift and sit through practice without ever being in a game, and that's really hard on guys."

Nakayama and Law both agreed that the senior, one of just three on the team this year, placed too much pressure on himself to lead the team early in the year. But with a number of younger players coming on strong (three underclassmen are hitting .340 or better), Nakayama said he doesn't feel as much

pressure and is beginning to relax.

After he graduates in April and finishes this season, Nakayama hopes to play ball at the next level. Law, a former pro player himself, said Nakayama has the potential and deserves a shot.

Nakayama has high hopes but is prepared to move on with his life if things don't work out and has nothing but fond memories of his career, both at UVSC and BYU.

"You build a friendship with everyone and there's just that team chemistry and camaraderie," he said. "Overall, baseball's not just a game, but you build friendships that you probably won't ever lose with players. They stick with you for the rest of your life."

Homers in `07 by Nakayama

<u>No.-Opponent, Score</u>	<u>Inn., Outs, Etc.</u>
1-@Sam Houston St., W 5-2	3rd inn., lead-off
2-@So. Utah, W 20-2	6th inn., 1 out, grand slam
3-@Utah, L 8-4	1st inn., 2 out, solo, 440 ft.
4-@Utah, L 8-4	6th inn., lead-off
5-TCU, W 12-11	3rd inn., 1 out, solo
6-Binghamton, W 15-0	1st inn., 1 out, 2-run
7-UNLV, W 16-9	7th inn., 2 out, 2-run
8-TCU, W 5-0	8th inn., lead-off
9-Air Force, W 11-2	5th inn, 2-run
10-So. Utah, W 12-1	6th inn., 1 out, solo

Intentional Walks in 2007 for Apana Nakayama*

Memphis	1
Missouri	1
TCU	1

*Nakayama had 2 IBB in 2005

Bloodlines for Current BYU Baseball Team

- **Clayton Barnes**—father, **Clint Barnes**, played semi-pro baseball for the Cincinnati Reds organization, brother, **Bryce**, played baseball for Sacramento State, brother, **Kyle**, played baseball for UVSC, uncles, **Steve** and **Sean Covey**, played football for Harvard and BYU, respectively, and cousin played basketball for Ricks.
- **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.
- **Chase Frampton**—great grandfather **Joseph Fitzgerald** played baseball for BYU in 1909; uncle **Alan Frampton** played basketball for both BYU (1989-90) and BYU-Hawai'i (1990-93) and a cousin **Jeremy Frampton** also played basketball for BYU-Hawai'i (2000-03). Grandfather **Boyd Frampton** played freshman basketball for BYU in the 1950s. Uncle **Mark Wheadon** was on the BYU ski team in the 1980s and Aunt **Kim Wheadon** played volleyball at Augusta State.
- **Matt Jensen**—sister, **Rachel**, swam for BYU and brother, **Michael**, played football at Snow College.
- **Chris Johnson**—father, **Ken**, played tennis for BYU and uncle, **Rick Bachman**, pitched for Long Beach State.

- **Jason Johnson**—grandfather, **Stan Frank**, ran track for the University of Texas.



Head Coach Vance Law, left, with his father Vernon (1960 Cy Young Winner). Vernon, now 77, had been throwing batting practice for BYU until he underwent seven-bypass heart surgery two years ago.

- **Leon Johnson**—older brother **Elliott** made the 40-man roster for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays; younger brother **Cedric** signed last November with BYU baseball.
- **Brad Kidd**—older brother Kyle was an offensive lineman for Idaho State University football.
- **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 and is currently serving a Church mission in England.
- **Mike McKeever**—cousins **Mike** and **Marlin McKeever** played football for USC and cousin **Randy Sobek** played baseball for Whittier College.
- **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.
- **Jacob Perez**—father, **Mark**, played baseball as a catcher for the University of Pacific (1978). Grandfather **Don Doyle** pitched for the minor league Sacramento Solons.
- **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.
- **J.D. Stambaugh**—father, **Roy Stambaugh**, played baseball for Shippensburg University.

- **Rett Varner**—father **Randy** played baseball at the University of Northern Iowa. Brother **Ryan** runs track at North Texas State University.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Stephen Wells**—maternal great uncle **Allie Reynolds** pitched for the Cleveland Indians (1942-46) and the New York Yankees (1947-54).
- **Jake Wortham**—uncle, **Dave Bunnel**, played baseball for Ricks College.