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SOFTBALL

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2004 Schedule/Results

Date	Opp/Event	Time/Results
Feb. 4	@ Hawai'i	L 4-7
Feb. 5	vs. Oregon State	L 7-0
Feb. 6	vs. Tennessee	L 11-6
Feb. 7	vs. UAB	W 2-1
	vs. St. Mary's	W 2-1
Feb. 19	@ UC Santa Barbara	W 6-2
Feb. 20	vs. UC Riverside	W 7-0
	vs. Loyola Marymount	W 7-6
Feb. 21	vs. Florida International	canceled
	vs. Central Florida	canceled
Feb. 26	@ Houston	W 2-0
Feb. 27	vs. Villanova	L 4-3
	vs. Virginia	L 3-1
Feb. 28	vs. Mississippi State	L 2-1
	vs. Pittsburgh	W 10-2
Mar. 12	vs. Marist	W 9-1
	vs. St. Peters	canceled
	@ New Mexico State	canceled
Mar. 13	vs. Drake	W 12-1
	vs. UTEP	W 6-4
Mar. 18	@ San Diego	L 4-3
Mar. 19	vs. Dartmouth	W 10-5
	vs. Central Connecticut State	W 8-0
Mar. 20	vs. UC Riverside	W 3-2
	vs. Indiana	W 2-0
Mar. 25	vs. Hawai'i	W 5-2
Mar. 26	vs. Illinois	L 3-2
	vs. UC Riverside	W 9-5
Mar. 27	@ Stanford (No. 12)	L 7-5
Mar. 30	@ UVSC DH	W 15-2, W 11-1
Apr. 1	UNLV* DH	L 6-3, W 5-3
Apr. 2	SDSU* DH	W 6-2, L 5-2
Apr. 8	Southern Utah	5 p.m.
Apr. 10	UTAH* DH	2 p.m./4 p.m.
Apr. 13	Utah State DH	3 p.m./5 p.m.
Apr. 15	@ CSU* DH	1 p.m./3 p.m.
Apr. 17	@ New Mexico* DH	1 p.m./3 p.m.
Apr. 20	UVSC DH	5 p.m./7 p.m.
Apr. 22	PACIFIC	6 p.m.
Apr. 24	@ Utah* DH	12 p.m./2 p.m.
Apr. 30	NEW MEXICO DH	4 p.m./6 p.m.
May 1	CSU* DH	2 p.m./4 p.m.
May 4	@ Utah State DH	2 p.m./4 p.m.
May 6	@ UNLV* DH	5 p.m./7 p.m.
May 8	@ SDSU* DH	1 p.m./3 p.m.
May 13-15	MWC Tournament (CSU host)	TBA
May 20-22	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 27-31	College World Series	TBA

* MWC games
Bold BYU home games at Miller Park

Cougar Softball Back at Gail Miller Field (April 8, April 10)

The BYU softball team (20-11, 2-2) will play host to Southern Utah (23-12, 6-2) and the University of Utah (10-21, 2-2) this week to mark its third and fourth home games of the season. The Cougars will face the Thunderbirds on Thursday, April 8 at 5 p.m. and battle the rival Utes in a conference doubleheader on Saturday, April 10 starting at 2 p.m. at Gail Miller Field.

"These games will be two stern tests for us," BYU head coach Gordon Eakin said. "We'll have to play well to come out on top."

After Thursday night's game fans are invited to stay at Gail Miller Field for a free country concert. Ty Perry and his band "Ty Perry and the Broken Bow Band" will be setting up in the fifth inning and performing after the game. Fans are encouraged to come to the game early, before the fifth inning, if they want to get a good seat.

A live audio cast will be available on April 10 against Utah by clicking on the BYU softball schedule page. Jay Monsen will provide the play-by-play. The live audio cast is also available on Direct TV and the Dish Network through the BYU Radio Channel.

After playing six games last week, BYU comes into the games this week posting a 20-11, 2-2 record. The Cougars are coming off two wins over Utah Valley State College (15-2, 11-1) and a split with conference schools UNLV (L 6-3, W 5-3) and San Diego State University (W 6-2, L 5-2).

During the conference match ups, Ashlyn Russell led BYU batting .444 (4-9), with one double, two home runs and two RBI. Five Cougars also batted .300 or better for the MWC opening weekend.

As a team, BYU is batting .295 with 31 home runs in 31 games. Defensively, the Cougars have posted 14 double plays already this season, which ties the season record of 14 in 2002. Freshman Jodi Norton currently leads the Cougars with a .329 batting average, eight doubles and 22 RBI.

The pitching squad is posting a 3.05 overall ERA. Junior Niki Andersen who's coming off back-to-back MWC Pitcher of the Week honors (March 23, 30) stepped up for the Cougars last week to pitch 21.2 innings against UNLV and SDSU on a sprained ankle. Ariel Capra contributed 5.1 innings, and the return of pitcher Brooke Boyce is day-to-day.

BYU Quick Facts

Location: Provo, Utah 84602
Enrollment: 32,122 (Daytime)
Founded: Oct. 15, 1875, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Colors: Dark Blue, White and Tan
Nickname: Cougars
Mascot: Cosmo (the Cougar)
Affiliation: NCAA Division One
Conference: Mountain West
Field: Gail Miller Field (2,100)
Press box phone: 801-378-1973
President: Cecil O. Samuelson
Women's AD: Elaine Michaelis
Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1

Softball Staff

Head Coach: Gordon Eakin (Utah)
Office Phone: (801) 422-1158
Career Record: 36-17 (1 year, 2003)
BYU Record: 36-17 (1 year, 2003)
Assistant Coaches:
Vaughn Alvey (Utah)
Mindy Hanson (BYU '02)
Graduate Assistants:
Cynthia Fallowfield

Team Information

Current Record: 20,11, 2-2
Overall record last year: 36-17
MWC record/finish: 10-7/3rd
Final ranking last year: N/A
Lettermen returning/lost: 11/6
Starters returning/lost: 7/3
Pitchers returning/lost: 3/2
Newcomers: 7 (five freshmen, two transfers)

History

First year of Softball: 2000
Overall all-time record: 117-93
No. years in CWS/last: N/A
MWC Conference Championships: One (2001)
Years in NCAA Regionals/last: One (2001)
Last post-season opponent: San Diego State
Result: BYU lost, 1-3

MWC Preseason Polls

1. San Diego State (23 points, four first-place)
2. Colorado State (21 points, two first-place)
3. BYU (18 points)
4. Utah (13 points)
5. UNLV (nine points)
6. New Mexico (six points)

All-time vs. Conference Opponents

Colorado St. 8-9
New Mexico 9-10
San Diego St. 5-12
UNLV 14-5
Utah 8-9

Scouting the Competition

Southern Utah

www.suu.edu/athletics/softball

The Thunderbirds are coming into this week's games with a 23-12, 6-2 record. SUU will have a big week ahead of them as they will play a doubleheader at Utah State on Wednesday at 1 p.m. followed by single games at BYU on Thursday at 5 p.m. and Utah on Friday at 3 p.m. This will be the Cougars first match up with the Thunderbirds this season.

Second baseman/pitcher Lacey LePrey leads SUU at the plate batting .355 with 13 doubles, four home runs and 19 RBI on the season. Kristen Carmichael is hitting .326 with a team-high 21 RBI, while Anna Leeman has 10 doubles thus far with team-highs of five home runs and 30 runs scored. LePrey also leads the pitchers with a 16-4 record and a 2.27 overall ERA. Sophomore Mandy Brown is 6-6 on the year with a 3.28 overall ERA.

"Southern Utah will be a good test for us," Eakin said. "They're a good team with a veteran pitcher."

Utah

www.UtahUtes.com

The Utes come into this week with a 10-21, 2-2 record. Like the Cougars, the Utes are coming off a split with conference opponents UNLV and SDSU. Leading Utah offensively is shortstop Glennis Donnelly batting .444, with 44 hits, 12 doubles, 11 home runs and 28 RBI. Teammates Melissa Stahnke and Devina Quintero are posting .319 and .315 batting averages, respectively. As a team, the Utes are batting .234 and post a 3.84 ERA. Brianna Gourdin leads the pitching staff with a 2.72 ERA, an 8-3 record and 46 strikeouts in 82.1 innings.

"Any Utah-BYU game is very competitive regardless of the sport, and this weekend won't be any different," Eakin said. "The rivalry will help enhance the competition."

BYU Schedule

April 8	Southern Utah	5 p.m.
April 10	Utah	2 p.m./ 4 p.m. (Live audio cast)

BYU All-Time Records vs. Opponents

Southern Utah: 11-3

Utah: 8-9

BYU Earns MWC Player and Pitcher of the Week Awards

Freshman Jodi Norton and Niki Andersen were named MWC Player and Pitcher of the Week on March 30 for their performances at the Stanford Classic. This is Norton's first MWC award of her BYU career and Andersen's back-to-back honor as she was awarded previously on March 23.

All-time Opponents

Arizona	0-2	Texas Tech	0-1
Arizona State	1-0	Tulsa	1-1
Boston College	0-1	UAB	1-0
California -Berkeley	0-3	UC Riverside	3-0
Cal Poly	2-1	UC Santa Barbara	3-1
Cal St. Northridge	1-0	UCLA	0-2
Central Connect. St.	1-0	Utah State	15-0
Central Michigan	1-0	UTEP	1-0
Connecticut	1-0	UVSC	2-0
Dartmouth	1-0	Villanova	0-1
DePaul	0-1	Virginia	0-1
Drake	1-0	Washington	2-1
Florida International	0-1		
Fresno State	1-3		
Georgia State	1-0		
Hawai`i	1-1		
Hofstra	0-1		
Houston	1-1		
Illinois	0-1		
Illinois State	1-0		
Iowa	0-3		
Indiana	1-0		
Kansas	0-1		
Louisiana Tech	2-0		
Louisville	1-0		
Loyola-Marymount	2-1		
Marist	1-0		
Maryland	1-0		
McNeese St.	2-0		
Miami (OH)	1-0		
Michigan State	2-0		
Mississippi	1-0		
Mississippi State	0-1		
Missouri-Kansas City	1-0		
Nebraska	1-4		
New Mexico St.	1-0		
Northern Iowa	1-0		
Northwestern State	0-1		
Oklahoma	0-1		
Oklahoma State	1-1		
Oregon	1-0		
Oregon State	1-5		
Pittsburgh	1-0		
Portland State	1-0		
Providence	1-0		
Tennessee	0-1		
Sacramento State	1-1		
San Antonio	0-1		
San Diego	4-3		
San Jose State	2-1		
Santa Clara	2-1		
Southern Utah	11-3		
Stanford	1-3		
St. John's	1-0		
St. Mary's	4-0		
Texas	0-1		
Texas A&M	1-1		
Texas at San Antonio	1-0		

A look at the 2004 Cougar Softball Roster

Letterwinners returning/lost: 11/6

Starters returning/lost: 7/3

Pitchers returning/lost: 3/2

Newcomers: 7 (five freshmen and two transfers)

#	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
24	Niki Andersen	P	R/R	5-10	Jr.	2L	Sandy, Utah (Alta HS)
9	Brooke Boyce	P	R/R	5-9	So.	1L	Rocklin, Calif. (Del Campo)
2	Ariel Capra	P	L/L	5-9	Jr.	2L	Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood HS)
1	Krystle Chamberlain	OF	L/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Camarillo, Calif. (Camarillo HS)
7	Kim Dabo	OF	R/R	5-10	Fr.	HS	Hollister, Calif. (San Benito HS)
20	Debbie Dodds	OF	R/R	5-5	Jr.	2L	Twin Falls, Idaho (Twin Falls HS)
4	Lindsey Gerhauser	2B	R/R	5-4	Sr.	1L	Springville, Utah (Snow College)
6	Carli Jones	UTL	R/R	5-3	Fr.	HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Mountain View HS)
10	Milli Jones	OF/IF	R/R	5-7	Jr.	2L	Draper, Utah (Alta HS)
66	Ianeta Le`i	3B/1B	R/R	5-7	So.	1L	Oahu, Hawai`i (Iolani HS)
8	Jodi Norton	SS	R/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Mesa HS)
18	Belinda Osborn	OF	L/R	5-7	Sr.	1L	Payson, Utah (Utah Valley)
19	Paige Paramore	C/OF	R/R	5-9	So.	TR	Allen, Texas (Texas at San Antonio)
25	Ashlyn Russell	1B/3B	R/R	5-6	So.	1L	Maui, Hawai`i (Baldwin HS)
5	Kate Walker	2B/SS	R/R	5-7	Sr.	3L	Sandy, Utah (University of Oregon)
11	Lauren Watson	C	L/R	5-3	Jr.	2L	Castaic, Calif. (Valencia HS)
3	Jennifer Whiteley	OF	L/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Lamar HS)
23	Crystal Young	1B/3B	R/R	5-11	Jr.	TR	Bluffdale, Utah (Utah Valley)

Probable Starting Lineup

24	Niki Andersen	P	R/R	5-10	Jr.	2L	Sandy, Utah (Alta HS)
11	Lauren Watson	C	L/R	5-3	Jr.	2L	Castaic, Calif. (Valencia HS)
25	Ashlyn Russell	3B	R/R	5-6	So.	1L	Maui, Hawai`i (Baldwin HS)
5	Kate Walker	2B	R/R	5-7	Sr.	3L	Sandy, Utah (University of Oregon)
8	Jodi Norton	SS	R/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Mesa HS)
66	Ianeta Le`i	1B	R/R	5-7	So.	1L	Oahu, Hawai`i (Iolani HS)
1	Krystle Chamberlain	DP	L/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Camarillo, Calif. (Camarillo HS)
20	Debbie Dodds	OF	R/R	5-5	Jr.	2L	Twin Falls, Idaho (Twin Falls HS)
19	Paige Paramore	OF	R/R	5-9	So.	TR	Allen, Texas (Texas at San Antonio)
18	Belinda Osborn	OF	L/R	5-7	Sr.	1L	Payson, Utah (Utah Valley)
3	Jennifer Whiteley	OF	L/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Lamar HS)

Long-ball Offense

The Cougars continue their long-ball offense launching 31 home runs on the year in 31 games. Ashlyn Russell leads the team with seven homers.

Cougars strong up the Middle

With freshman Jodi Norton at shortstop and senior defensive specialist Kate Walker at second base, the duo makes a great middle combination turning 14 double plays so far this season. This ties the season-high 14 in 2002. (2003 --13, 2002 --14, 2001--11, 2000--4).

New Mexico State Invitational, Las Cruces, N.M. (March 12-13)

At the NMSU Invitational, BYU was named the Tournament Champs after posting a 3-0 record with wins over Marist 9-1, Drake 12-1 and UTEP 6-4. Junior catcher Lauren Watson was named the 2004 NMSU Softball Invitational All-Tournament Team and was the Tournament MVP after her strong performance. In three games, Watson hit 6-9 (.667), scored five runs, knocked in two RBI and defensively recorded eight putouts and two assists.

CLASS BREAKDOWN

Senior (3)

Lindsey Gerhauser
Belinda Osborn
Kate Walker

Junior (6)

Niki Andersen
Ariel Capra
Debbie Dodds
Milli Jones
Lauren Watson
Crystal Young*

Sophomore (4)

Brooke Boyce
Ianeta Le`i
Paige Paramore*
Ashlyn Russell

Freshman (5)

Krystle Chamberlain*
Kim Dabo*
Carli Jones*
Jodi Norton*
Jennifer Whiteley*

* Newcomer

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

Arizona (2)

Carly Jones
Jodi Norton

California (4)

Brooke Boyce
Krystle Chamberlain
Kim Dabo
Lauren Watson

Hawai`i (2)

Ianeta Le`i
Ashlyn Russell

Idaho (1)

Debbie Dodds

Texas (3)

Ariel Capra
Paige Paramore
Jennifer Whiteley

Utah (6)

Niki Andersen
Lindsey Gerhauser
Milli Jones
Belinda Osborn
Kate Walker
Crystal Young

BYU's Current Stat Leaders for 2004 (as of 31 games)

Batting Average

.329 Jodi Norton

Home Runs

7, Ashlyn Russell

RBI

22, Jodi Norton

Hits

28, Krystle Chamberlain
28, Lauren Watson

Doubles

8, Jodi Norton
8, Ianeta Le`i

Base on Balls

18, Ianeta Le`i

Runs Scored

21, Krystle Chamberlain

Slugging %

.644, Jodi Norton
.714 Niki Andersen (seven at bats)

Hitting Streaks

6, Ianeta Le`i (four-game hitting streak)

Stolen Bases

7-8, Krystle Chamberlain

Wins

11, Niki Andersen

Strikeouts

76, Niki Andersen

ERA

2.31, Niki Andersen

Innings Pitched

89.2, Niki Andersen

No-hitter

Niki Andersen

Against Central Connecticut State on 3-19-04, and the first of her college career. Marks only the second time in BYU history (the first was set by Maryon DeWitt-Wallentine on March 21, 2001 against Utah State).

2004 MWC Awards

Player/Pitcher of the Week

Niki Andersen (March 23, 2004)
Niki Andersen (March 30, 2004)
Jodi Norton (May 30, 2004)

2003 Final MWC Standings

Team	Conference				Overall				
	W	L	T	Pct.	GB	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego State.....	12	3	0	.800	--	39	21	0	.650
Colorado State.....	13	7	0	.650	2.5	37	15	0	.712
BYU.....	10	7	0	.588	3	36	17	0	.679
Utah.....	7	9	0	.438	5.5	20	27	0	.426
New Mexico.....	7	13	0	.250	7.5	25	37	1	.405
UNLV.....	4	14	0	.222	9.5	21	39	0	.350

Eakin's Coaching Record

	Yr.	Overall	Conf.
Gordon Eakin	2003	36-17	10-7 (3rd)
Totals	1 Year	36-17 (.679)	10-7 (.558)

Eakin vs. Mountain West

vs. Colorado State	3-2-0
vs. New Mexico	3-2-0
vs. San Diego State	1-2-0
vs. UNLV	4-1-0
vs. Utah	3-2-0

2004 BYU Softball Schedule

From the looks of the 2004 BYU schedule, the Cougars will be put to the test early and face many quality teams before hitting conference play.

"I think we have a well-rounded schedule that's going to give us a combination of potential top-25 teams as well as exposure with teams we haven't played before," BYU head coach Gordon Eakin said. "Our well-rounded schedule will provide us an opportunity to be ready for championship play when we get to that point."

- Gordon Eakin

2004 Preview

The Cougars enter the 2004 season to battle for their second Mountain West Conference title in four seasons and a shot at the World Series after posting the best record (36-17) in the program's history last season.

Last season's success earned BYU four offensive top-10 national rankings in team batting average (7th), scoring (8th), slugging percentage (4th) and home runs pergame (6th).

"I think we'll compete at a high level this year," BYU head coach Gordon Eakin said. "We have great team chemistry and we have players stepping up from all areas."

The team chemistry and depth of this year's team will help mitigate the loss of those quality players lost, some of which were impact players. After a successful fall softball season, the team looks to be stepping up to the challenge of filling the shoes of those who have gone on before them.

BYU's Returning Stat Leaders (2003)

Batting Average
.379, Lauren Watson

Home Runs
10, Lauren Watson

RBI
40, laneta Le`i

Base on Balls
21, Lauren Watson

Hits
66, Lauren Watson

Stolen Bases
5, Lauren Watson

Doubles
8, laneta Le`i
8, Kate Walker
8, Lauren Watson

Triples
3, Lauren Watson

Wins
12, Brooke Boyce

ERA
2.31, Brooke Boyce

Strikeouts
62, Brooke Boyce

BYU's Returning MWC Award Winners

Academic All-Conference

Brooke Boyce
Lindsey Gerhauser
Belinda Osborn
Kate Walker

All-Tournament
Lauren Watson

All-Conference
laneta Le`i

All-Region
laneta Le`i (Second Team)
Lauren Watson (Second Team)

All-Americans
Lauren Watson (Easton Second Team)

Returning MWC Player of the Week

Brooke Boyce (April 8, 2003)
Lauren Watson (March 25, 2003)