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Date Opp/Event Time at site of game

1/30	Arizona	Tucson, AZ	W, 6-3
1/31	Arizona	Tucson, AZ	L, 13-17
2/1	Arizona	Tucson, AZ	L, 3-32
2/6	Arizona State	Tempe, AZ +	L, 5-6
2/7	Arizona State	Tempe, AZ +	L, 6-17
2/8	Arizona State	Tempe, AZ +	L, 4-6
2/15	Cal Poly, Scottsdale, AZ	W, 11-1	
2/15	Northwestern, Scottsdale, AZ	L, 0-1	
2/27-3/1	Banana Belt Tourney	Lewiston, ID	
2/27	%Washington St., Lewiston, ID	Noon	
2/27	%Lewis-Clark St., Lewiston, ID	3:30 p.m.	
2/28	Univ. of Portland, Lewiston, ID	10 a.m.	
3/1	Gonzaga, Lewiston, ID	4 p.m.	
3/6-7	%TCU Ft. Worth, TX	6:30 p.m.	
3/8	%TCU Ft. Worth, TX	1 p.m.	
3/13-14	New Mexico *Albuquerque	2 p.m.	
3/15	New Mexico *Albuquerque	1 p.m.	
3/20-21	UNLV * Provo +	7 p.m.	
3/22	UNLV * Provo +	1 p.m.	
3/25	So. Utah (dh) Cedar City	Noon	
3/27-28	Utah * Salt Lake City	6 p.m.	
3/29	Utah * Salt Lake City	1 p.m.	
4/3-4	SDSU * San Diego	6 p.m.	
4/5	SDSU * San Diego	1 p.m.	
4/10-12	Air Force * Provo +	7, 7, 1	
4/17-19	New Mexico * Provo +	7, 7, 1	
4/24-26	UNLV * Las Vegas	6:30, 6:30, 2	
5/1-2	Utah * Provo +	7 p.m.	
5/3	Utah * Provo + (TV)	1 p.m.	
5/8	SDSU * Provo + (TV)	7 p.m.	
5/9	SDSU * Provo +	7 p.m.	
5/10	SDSU * Provo +	1 p.m.	
5/12	So. Utah Provo +	4 p.m.	
5/13	So. Utah Provo +	7 p.m.	
5/15-17	Air Force * Colorado Spgs.	2 p.m.	
5/21-24	MWC Tournament	Albuquerque	
5/30-6/1	NCAA Regionals	TBA	
6/6-8	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA	
6/13-23	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.	

* MWC Games, %Internet Audio + webcast

2002 Mtn. West Standings

	MWC W-L	Overall W-L
San Diego State	20-10	43-23
Utah	16-14	33-26
#BYU	15-14	31-31-1
Air Force	14-15	27-28
UNLV	13-17	30-30
New Mexico	11-19	22-35
#Won MWC Tourney		

Fourth Appearance at Lewiston, Idaho

BYU, 2-6, is one of five teams playing in the Cellular Two Way Banana Belt Tournament Thursday through Saturday at Lewiston, Idaho. Washington State has a record of 1-8, host Lewis-Clark State is 7-0, the University of Portland is 2-5 and Gonzaga is 2-5. Four of the teams other than BYU will finish the tourney on Sunday.

A Quick Look at the Cougars

Fourth-year coach Vance Law returned four position starters and had several experienced pitchers. Players to watch include junior 2002 pre-season All-American Kainoa Obrey who was granted a medical hardship for last season and fellow juniors Doug Jackson, Ranger Wiens and Rob Itri. Pitchers to watch include junior Jeff Mousser and reliever Tyler Dabo.

Probable Pitching Rotation

Feb. 27	Washington St.	Jeff Mousser (2-0, 2.70)	Lewiston, ID, Noon
Feb. 27	Lewis-Clark St.	Paul Jacinto (0-3, 4.15)	Lewiston, ID, 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	U. of Portland	Jason Garcia (0-1, 46.29)	Lewiston, ID, 10 a.m.
Mar. 1	Gonzaga	Ken Gravley (0-0, 7.04)	Lewiston, ID, 4 p.m.

Radio Coverage

There will be no BYU radio coverage until league play begins. At that point all MWC games for BYU will be carried live on local radio KOVO (960 AM) and/or the Internet. All BYU home games will have livestats on www.byucougars.com. Selected road games will also have livestats on the Internet. The Washington State and Lewis-Clark State games with BYU will be carried live through an audiocast.

Probable Lineup

1B-#1-Tim Law	or #33-Jake Stubblefield	2B-#21 Rob Itri
SS-#8 Ranger Wiens	3B-#32 Kainoa Obrey	C-#9 Casey Cloward
RF-#27 Ryan Chambers	CF-#3 Brock Jacobsen	LF-#13 Doug Jackson
DH-#33 Jake Stubblefield or #25-Beau Seil or #11-Clayton Barnes		

Regarding BYU this season

BYU has six current players who are married (Jacob Chrisman, Casey Cloward, Tyler Dabo, Brock Jacobsen, Jake Stubblefield, Adam Wilkes). There are 19 players on the team who have served two-year volunteer Church missions, 11 of whom were assigned outside the United States and speak Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese and Russian. Incorporated into this year's team are three players who have just finished serving two-year Church missions (Anthony Bingham, Casey Cloward, Tyler Heid, Bryce Searle). Brock Jacobsen is one of five players (Kory Knell, Blair Lucas, Mike Bergeron, Beau Seil) who have transferred to BYU this season. On April 18 there will be a reunion of the 1983 BYU baseball team that was ranked No. 1 in the nation. 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. In January, Vance Law was in Washington, D.C., where he was again a resource player (yearly for 11 of the past 12 years) for the major league rookie training. Also in January, Coach Law attended the Cubs Convention, an annual gathering which draws thousands of fans and he was on the winning 1989 Jeopardy team with Ryne Sandberg which defeated the 1969 Cubs team with Ferguson Jenkins.

BYU Quick Facts

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

Baseball Staff:

Head Coach: Vance Law (BYU, 1978)
Office Phone: (801) 378-5049
Record: 98-82-1, fourth season
Assistant Coaches:

Ryan Roberts (BYU, 1998)
Mike Karpel (Cal State San Bernardino, 1994)
Nate Mathis (BYU, 2000)
Trainer: Jared Hutchinson

Baseball Facts:

2002 Record: 31-31-1 (13-8 home, 18-23-1 away)
Conference Finish: 15-14, MWC Champions
NCAA Finish: Eliminated, first round at Los Angeles
Final National Ranking: NA
Starters Returning (5):
Ryan Chambers, 6-0, So., OF
Rob Itri, 6-3, Jr., 2B/3B
Doug Jackson, 5-7, Sr., OF
Kainoa Obrey, 6-3, Jr., 3B--redshirted in 2002
Ranger Wiens, 6-3, Jr., SS
Jake Stubblefield, 6-1, Sr., DH
Starters Lost (4):
Lars Birkeland, C
Dave Jensen, 1B
Cameron Coughlan, 2B
Matt Carson, OF
Other Key Letterwinners Returning:
Kevin Bills, 3B/OF
Casey Cloward, C
Tim Law, 1B/OF
Mike Weingarten, C
Adam Wilkes, C
Top Returning Pitchers from 2002:
Tyler Dabo, 6-2, RHP, Sr., 2-2, 5 saves, 3.90
Jason Garcia, 6-0, RHP, Sr., 3-1, 6.50
Paul Jacinto, 6-0, RHP, Jr., 2-3, 7.83
Scott Koffman, 6-2, RHP, Jr., 4-4, 6.59
Jeff Mousser, 6-2, RHP, Jr., 9-4, 4.88

Coach Vance Law and staff

Vance Law played 14 years of pro ball, including 11 years in the majors with six different teams. In 2001 he was named Coach of the Year for the Mountain West Conference. The 47-year-old coach is in his fourth year at BYU and has a 98-82-1 record. He is assisted by Ryan Roberts, in his first year at BYU. Pitching coach Mike Karpel is in his fourth year with BYU. Volunteer assistant Nate Mathis is in his second year on the BYU staff, succeeding Hank Taylor who joined the U.S. Military Academy last season at West Point as a member of its baseball staff.

Second Full Year in New Ballpark at Home

This is BYU's second full season at Miller Park, 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 soft-ball 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.

Attendance Record

Three attendance records were set this season, overall attendance at 31,275 surpassing 17,378 for last season; average attendance; and the series record. The three-game series with Utah at the start of April established a new record with 7,725 fans attending, including the second, third and fourth best crowds in Miller Park history of 2,863, 2,611 and 2,251. The old record was 5,720 against UNLV last season, including the record-setting 3,120 fans who watched BYU clinch the MWC title. The average attendance at home was up to 1,422 compared to 1,241 last season. BYU improved to 32nd from 50th the preceding year in average fans per game. Last season in total attendance BYU moved up the rungs to 38th nationally compared with 50th place in 2001.

Team Notes

- Doug Jackson has the longest hitting streaks on the team at five games, followed by Ranger Wiens and Adam Wilkes at three games and Jake Stubblefield and Rob Itri each at two games.
- BYU's MWC regular season title in 2001 was its first since 1994 when it won the Western Athletic Conference playoff. By winning the MWC title in 2001 and 2002, it marks the first time BYU has repeated as the league champ since 1988-89, the only other time it has happened for the Cougars. The Cougars have won 11 league titles dating back to the WAC's inception in 1962.
- Last season Doug Jackson tied a school record with seven at bats in the 14-inning victory at Cal-Irvine. Jackson got six hits in a row in the 2002 MWC Tournament and set a record of 13 hits in the MWC tourney.
- Dave Jensen, Matt Carson and Cameron Coughlan are three players who could have returned to this year's team, but have foregone remaining college eligibility. Jensen, ended up signing as a third-round draft pick by the Kansas City Royals, Coughlan, was the fourth Cougar drafted (signed as the 18th-round-pick by the Texas Rangers), Matt Carson was drafted in the fifth round and signed by the New York Yankees. Kainoa Obrey, who was an 11th round draft in 2002 by the Royals, ended up not signing.

NCAA Rankings

As a team in 2002 BYU finished 12th nationally in doubles averaged at 2.40 (151 total), 18th in triples at .41 (26 total), and 27th in batting average at .321. Individually, Dave Jensen was 10th in doubles .46 (29 total) and 30th in batting average at .411, while Cameron Coughlan was 15th in runs scored 1.25 (76 total) and 23rd in triples .11 (seven total).

Attend. @ Larry Miller Field		
Date	Opponent	Attendance
5/11/01	UNLV (Night)	3,120
4/5/02	Utah (Night)	2,863
4/6/02	Utah (Night)	2,611
5/25/02	SDSU	2,396
5/25/02	SDSU (Night)	—
4/4/02	Utah (Night)	2,251
4/26/02	Air Force (Night)	1,964
5/17/02	New Mexico (Night)	1,831
3/22/02	SDSU (Night)	1,748
5/24/02	SDSU	1,713
5/24/02	UNLV (Night)	—
4/19/01	Utah (Night)	1,609
3/23/02	SDSU, suspended	1,440
4/27/01	San Diego St. (Night)	1,398
4/20/01	Utah (Night)	1,274
4/21/01	Utah	1,371
5/12/01	UNLV	1,318
5/10/01	UNLV (Night)	1,282
4/25/02	Air Force (Night)	1,258
5/18/02	New Mexico	1,229
5/3/02	UNLV (Night)	1,189
5/16/02	New Mexico (Night)	1,183
5/6/02	Southern Utah	1,178
5/22/02	Air Force (Night)	1,177
3/21/02	SDSU (Night)	1,176
5/23/02	UNLV (Night)	1,167
4/13/01	New Mexico (Night)	1,143
4/14/01	New Mexico	1,119
4/14/01	New Mexico	— (DH)
4/26/01	San Diego St. (Night)	1,059
5/4/02	UNLV	1,040
4/28/01	San Diego St.	1,014
5/7/02	Southern Utah (Night)	948
5/2/02	UNLV (Night)	913
4/16/01	Southern Utah	809
4/17/01	Southern Utah	862
Totals	24-12	48,653 (avg. 1,351)
2002	31,275(22game)(Avg. 1,422)	
2001	17,378 (14 games) (Avg. 1,241)	
All Nighttime	37,273 (Avg. 2,330)	
Losses	Night record: 16-7	
Overall Record @ Miller Park	= 24-12	

Kainoa Obrey (see feature story at the end of this release)

Kainoa Obrey, who was granted a medical hardship redshirt, brought a 12-game hitting streak into 2002, but it ended at 13 games. Obrey had a 13-game hitting streak at one point in 2001. He was a repeat selection as a tri-captain this season.

Year	Avg.	G-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO
2000	.342	54-51	190	37	65	13	0	9	45	105	23	37
2001	.381	59-59	226	48	86	20	0	13	56	145	31	58
2002	.242	10-10	33	5	8	5	0	1	8	16	3	11
2003	.375	8-8	32	6	12	4	0	1	8	19	3	8
Totals	.356	131-128	481	96	171	42	0	24	117	285	60	114

Jeff Mousser

Junior Jeff Mousser picked up the first honor of the 2003 season. He was named the Mountain West Conference Pitcher of the Week when he struck out nine in 6.1 innings pitched and earned his 13th career victory as the Cougars defeated Arizona, 6-3, in the season opener for both teams. He allowed two earned runs, walked two and scattered six hits vs. the Wildcats. His nine strikeouts average 12.8 per game using the NCAA formula.

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CGSV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2001	6.38	3-0	12	4	0 0	36.2	47	30	26	22	35
2002	4.88	9-4	19	12	1 1	90.1	109	68	49	38	73
2003	2.70	2-0	3	3	0 0	20	18	8	6	5	18
Total	4.96	14-5	34	19	1 1	147	174	106	81	65	126

Father and Son

BYU Coach Vance Law and his son Tim are one of at least three father/son combinations that have a coach/player relationship in college baseball. San Diego State Coach Tony Gwynn and his son Anthony and Kansas Coach Ritch Price and his son Ritchie are the other combinations.

Last Action

If you had told BYU Coach Vance Law his defense would give up two runs in a doubleheader he probably would have taken it, not knowing BYU would beat Cal Poly-SLO, 11-1, then lose the nightcap 1-0 to Northwestern at the Oakland A's Spring Training Tournament delayed by record rains. Those rains cause three of BYU's scheduled five games to be canceled. In the victory over Cal Poly, BYU pitcher Jeff Mousser threw 103 pitches in eight innings. In the loss to Northwestern, BYU pitcher Paul Jacinto threw a three-hitter in a complete game with 105 pitches.

Travel Plans

BYU will fly via Southwest Airlines on Wednesday evening to Spokane, then bus to Lewiston where players will be staying with a number of local families. The team's return flight will be Saturday evening. BYU Coach Vance Law will be staying at the Red Lion Hotel 208-799-1000.

Past BYU Action at Lewiston, Idaho

The Cougars have played three times in tournaments at Lewiston, Idaho. The last appearance was in 1990 (3-2). BYU also made appearances in 1981 (1-5) and 1978 (3-3). In the three tourneys at Lewiston, BYU has a 1-4 record against WSU, a 3-2 record against LCSU and a 0-1 record against Gonzaga. BYU also played in 1995 at the Gonzaga Tournament where it beat Portland and Gonzaga, but lost to Lewis-Clark State and Oregon State.

Cougars on Missions

Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
Thomas Bills, 1B, 2003	Montreal (French)
Brian Nielsen, LHP, 2002	Germany
Brad Hales, SS, 2001	Spain
Jeff Hiestand, DH, 2001	Colorado-Denver South
Jeff Stearman, RHP, 2001	Perth, Australia
Justin Suta, RHP, 2001	Nicaragua

Missions Served

Player, Pos., Year @ BYU	Place of Service
Kevin Bills, 3B, Jr.	Orlando, Fla.
Anthony Bingham, SS, 3B, Fr.	Chile
Casey Cloward, C, So.	Mexico
Tyler Dabo, RHP, Sr.	Peru
Tyler Heid, RHP, Fr.	Japan
Rob Itri, INF/OF, Jr.	Portugal
Brock Jacobsen, OF, 1B, Jr.	Michigan
Paul Jacinto, Pitcher, Jr.	Brazil
Kory Knell, Infield/1B, Jr.	Illinois
Tim Law, OF, 1B, Jr.	Toronto (Chinese)
Blair Lucas, 3B, Jr.	Brazil
Curtis Rodriguez, Pitcher, So.	Texas (Spanish)
Bryce Searle, RHP, Fr.	Ecuador
Beau Seil, OF, Jr.	Japan
Jacob Stubblefield, DH, Sr.	Chile
Wade Vest, 2b, Jr.	Chile
Mike Weingarten, Catcher, Sr.	Toronto, Canada
Ranger Wiens, SS, Jr.	Hawai'i
Adam Wilkes, Catcher, Jr.	Russia

Married Players

Jake Chrisman, Pitcher, Jr.	Emy Castagnetto
Casey Cloward, Catcher, So.	Amberlee Searle
Tyler Dabo, RHP, Sr.	Jamie Lynn
Brock Jacobsen, OF, 1B, Jr.	Dusty Hart
Jacob Stubblefield, DH, Sr.	Shauna Nielsen
Adam Wilkes, Catcher, Jr.	Erin Nelson

Series Record vs. 2003 Teams

Opponent	BYU-OPP	Last Y Win	Last Loss
Arizona	9-20	2003	2003
Arizona State	7-43	1993	2003
Northwestern	0-2	-	2003
Cal Poly-SLO	1-1	2003	2002
Washington St.	15-16	1990	1985
Lewis-Clark St.	6-8	1985	1985
Univ. of Portland	2-2	1995	1990
Gonzaga	6-7	1995	1994
TCU	1-4	1998	1999
New Mexico *	57-32-1	2002	2002
UNLV *	49-47	2002	2002
So. Utah	133-2	2002	2002
Utah *	181-84-1	2002	2002
SDSU *	27-51-1	2002	2002
Air Force *	108-20	2002	2002

*MWC Opponents

Bloodlines for Current BYU Baseball Team

- Clayton Barnes—father Clint 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.
- Luke Beck—father Kevin played football for Harvard and cousins played lacrosse for Loyola College in Maryland.
- Michel Bergeron—father Richard was a running back for the Royal Military Naval Academy.
- Kevin Bills—father Jeff played catcher for BYU from 1972-75, grandfather Karol played football and baseball in the late 1940s and early 1950s.
- Anthony Bingham—cousins are former BYU baseball players Travis (1990-95) and Tyson DowDell (1993-97).
- Clayton Carson—older brother Matt was BYU's right fielder last season and signed as a junior draft of the New York Yankees, father Eric played water polo at BYU, mother's cousin is former major leaguer Bill Buckner who played for the Boston Red Sox.
- Jacob Chrisman—father Rick played shortstop for the Cincinnati Reds, brother Jed was an outfielder for the University of Utah, sister played softball at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.
- Tyler Dabo—brother Mitch played water polo at BYU, grandpa David Grow was a pro boxer, uncle Lorin Grow played major league baseball for the Cincinnati Reds and Snow College, uncle David Grow played baseball for BYU.
- Tyler Heid—father Edward is a scout for Seattle Mariners, uncle David played baseball for BYU.
- Jason Garcia—cousins Jason and Jeremy Dietrich played baseball for Pepperdine and then both went on to play AAABall, cousin Eddie Guzman played football at the University of Texas and then in the WFL.
- Adam Hanselman—father Michael played football and wrestled for Juanita College in Pennsylvania.
- Rob Itri—father Nick pitched for Drexel University.
- Doug Jackson—brothers Mike and Tony played baseball for Hawai'i-Hilo.
- Brock Jacobsen—father Bill was head baseball coach at Dixie JC and is currently an assistant football coach there for the Rebels.
- Paul Jacinto—grandfather Alvin played one year on the major league Chicago White Sox and then played in the San Francisco Giants organization, father David swam and played water polo for BYU, uncles Scott, Brett and Mark Favero were swimmers for BYU and uncle Rex Favero swam for UCLA.
- Chris Johnson—father Ken played tennis for BYU, uncle Rick Bachman pitched for Long Beach State.
- Mike Karpel, assistant BYU coach—father Peter played basketball at Bowling Green, sisters were four-time All-American tracksters at the Air Force Academy (Shannon) and Boise State (Kathy), cousin Jeff Lamb currently plays basketball for Cal Tech.
- Scott Koffman—father Barry played football at the University of Missouri, great uncle was a catcher for the St. Louis Browns organization.
- Vance Law, head BYU coach—father Vernon was 1960 Cy Young winner and was a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1950-67), brother Veryl played basketball at BYU (1974-77) alongside Vance (1975-77), brothers Veldon (1975) and Vaughn (1979) played baseball for BYU, son Tim played baseball at Dixie and in 2000 and 2002 for BYU.
- Nate Mathis, assistant BYU coach—grandfather LeGrand Mathis played football at the University of Utah.
- Ryan Roberts, assistant BYU coach—wife Angela played volleyball at Idaho State and UVSC, sister (Allison) plays volleyball at the Univ. of Houston, uncle Larry Schenk played baseball for BYU in 1959.
- Curt Rodriguez—uncle Bob Palmer played baseball for BYU.
- Bryce Searle—father Craig ran track and played freshman basketball for BYU in 1974 with Gifford Nielsen and Dave Checketts.
- Jake Stubblefield—father James played football for BYU.
- Mike Weingarten—father Robert played semi-pro basketball, cousin was an Olympic gymnast for the New Zealand women's team.
- Ranger Wiens—father Randy played AAABaseball for the Toronto Blue Jays, grandfather Lloyd Brink played football for BYU (1938-40), uncles Bill and Justin Brink played baseball for BYU.
- Adam Wilkes—father James played baseball for the University of Arizona, grandfather was a scout for 30 years with the Los Angeles Dodgers, younger brother Garrett played basketball for the College of Eastern Arizona.

2003 SCHEDULE

2/27-3/1	Banana Belt Tourney	Lewiston, ID	
2/27	Washington St.	Lewiston, ID	Noon
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3/1	Gonzaga	Lewiston, ID	4 p.m.
3/6-7	Texas Christian	Ft. Worth, TX	6:30 p.m.
3/8	Texas Christian	Ft. Worth, TX	1 p.m.
3/13-14	New Mexico *	Albuquerque	2 p.m.
3/15	New Mexico *	Albuquerque	1 p.m.
3/20-21	UNLV *	Provo	7 p.m.
3/22	UNLV *	Provo	1 p.m.
3/25	Southern Utah (dh)	Cedar City	Noon
3/27-28	Utah *	Salt Lake City	6 p.m.
3/29	Utah *	Salt Lake City	1 p.m.
4/3-4	San Diego St. *	San Diego	6 p.m.
4/5	San Diego St. *	San Diego	1 p.m.
4/10-11	Air Force *	Provo	7 p.m.

4/12	Air Force *	Provo	1 p.m.
4/17-18	New Mexico *	Provo	7 p.m.
4/19	New Mexico *	Provo	1 p.m.
4/24-25	UNLV *	Las Vegas	6:30 p.m.
4/26	UNLV *	Las Vegas	2 p.m.
5/1-2	Utah *	Provo	7 p.m.
5/3	Utah *	Provo	1 p.m.
5/8-9	San Diego St. *	Provo	7 p.m.
5/10	San Diego St. *	Provo	1 p.m.
5/12	Southern Utah	Provo	4 p.m.
5/13	Southern Utah	Provo	7 p.m.
5/15-17	Air Force *	Colorado Spgs.	2 p.m.
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5/30-6/1	NCAA Regionals	TBA	
6/6-8	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA	
6/13-23	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.	

* Indicates MWC Games

2003 ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Yr.	DOB	Hometown
1	*Tim Law	1B/OF	5-10	180	L-L	Jr.-1V	11-6-78	Provo, Utah (Dixie JC)
3	Brock Jacobsen	OF/1B	6-2	195	S-R	Jr.-JC	12-31-78	Santa Clara (Dixie JC)
5	Wade Vest	2B	5-9	160	R-R	Jr.-JC	12-15-79	Spanish Fork, Utah (Utah Valley St.)
6	Blair Lucas	INF	5-10	185	R-R	Jr.-JC	3-23-80	Lake Forest, California (Saddleback CC)
7	**Scott Koffman	RHP	6-2	210	R-R	Jr.-2V	9-27-81	Salt Lake City, Utah (Olympus)
8	*Ranger Wiens	SS	6-3	200	R-R	Jr.-1V	5-7-80	Merced, California (Nevada)
9	*Casey Cloward	C	5-11	180	R-R	So.-1V	12-8-80	Salem, Utah (Spanish Fork)
10	**Kevin Bills	3B/OF	6-2	175	R-R	Jr.-2V	3-5-80	Reno, Nevada (Reno)
11	Clayton Barnes	LHP/1B	6-1	175	L-L	Fr.-HS	12-20-83	Provo, Utah (Provo)
12	Kory Knell	OF	6-0	190	R-R	Jr.-JC	2-6-80	Salt Lake City (Saddleback CC)
13	**Doug Jackson	OF	5-7	155	S-R	Sr.-3V	1-31-81	Kailua, Hawai'i (Iolani)
14	*Mike Weingarten	C	6-2	200	R-R	Sr.-1V	6-28-78	Orem, Utah (Utah Valley St.)
15	**Paul Jacinto	RHP	6-0	190	R-R	Jr.-2V	1-18-80	Encinitas, California (LaCosta)
16	*Tyler Dabo	RHP	6-2	180	R-R	Sr.-1V	2-17-79	Hollister, California (Dixie JC)
17	*Jason Garcia	RHP	6-0	195	R-R	Sr.-1V	1-26-80	Garden Grove, California (Long Beach CC)
18	**Jacob Chrisman	RHP	6-8	225	R-R	Jr.-2V	12-1-81	Provo, Utah (Provo)
19	Kenneth Gravley	LHP	6-0	185	R-L	Fr.-HS	5-5-84	Long Beach, California (Millikan)
21	**Rob Itri	INF	6-3	180	L-R	Jr.-2V	12-17-79	Broomall, Pennsylvania (Marple Newtown)
22	*Ryan Chambers	OF	6-0	165	L-L	So.-1V	12-31-82	Yucaipa, California (Yucaipa)
23	Clayton Carson	INF	6-1	175	S-R	Fr.-HS	4-6-83	Yucaipa, California (Yucaipa)
24	*Adam Wilkes	C	5-9	165	R-R	Jr.-2V	10-26-79	Tucson, Arizona (Sabino)
25	Beau Seil	OF	6-5	220	R-R	Jr.-JC	11-30-78	Boise, Idaho (Ricks JC)
26	Bryce Searle	RHP	6-3	215	R-R	Fr.-RS	11-1-80	Spanish Fork, Utah (Spanish Fork)
27	Chris Johnson	INF	5-11	175	R-R	Fr.-HS	3-30-84	Laguna Hills, California (Laguna Hills)
28	*Curtis Rodriguez	RHP	6-0	165	R-R	So.-1V	1-29-80	Laguna Niguel, California (Capistrano Valle)
30	Michel Bergeron	RHP	6-2	195	L-R	Jr.-JC	6-22-82	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (St. Petersburg JC)
32	**Kainoa Obrey	3B	6-3	225	R-R	Jr.-2V	10-6-80	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Iolani)
33	*Jake Stubblefield	1B	6-1	200	R-R	Sr.-1V	8-16-79	San Diego, California (Ricks JC)
34	Anthony Bingham	RHP	6-2	195	R-R	Fr.-RS	11-26-80	Mission Viejo, California (Capistrano Valley)
35	**Jeff Mousser	RHP	6-2	215	R-R	Jr.-2V	9-10-81	Tempe, Arizona (Marcos de Niza)
36	Kirk Williamson	RHP	6-0	175	R-R	Fr.-RS	1-24-83	Ripon, California (Ripon)
	Luke Beck	RHP	6-2	205	R-R	Fr.-HS	9-18-84	Malibu, California (Malibu)
	Adam Hanselman	OF	6-2	195	L-R	Fr.-HS	3-4-84	Frederick, Maryland (Gov. Thomas Johnson)
	Tyler Held	RHP	6-2	175	R-R	Fr.-RS	8-5-80	Glendale, Arizona (Cactus)
	Trevor Kuresa	1B	6-3	215	R-R	Fr.-HS	3-2-84	Roseville, California (Del Campo)
	Tyler Manning	LHP	6-2	175	L-L	Fr.-HS	1-29-84	Jacksonville, Florida (Terry Parker)
Lost								
4	*Han Yi	2B-SS-OF	5-10	170	R-R	So.-1V	12-12-81	Torrance, California (West)
5	**James Ray	LHP	5-9	160	L-L	Sr.-3V	9-30-78	St. Augustine, Florida (Jacksonville U.)
9	**Matt Ward	RHP	6-2	170	R-R	Sr.-2V	12-30-79	Spanish Fork, Utah (Utah Valley St.)
12	**Lars Birkeland	C	6-1	205	R-R	Sr.-2V	7-12-78	Salt Lake City, Utah (Saddleback JC)
25	**Ryan Adams	RHP	6-3	200	R-R	Sr.-3V	4-3-78	Highland, Utah (UVSC)
23	***Jeff Stone	LHP	6-1	185	L-L	Sr.-4V	10-15-77	Taylorsville, Utah (Taylorsville)
11	***Cameron Coughlan	OF/2B	5-11	175	S-R	Jr.-3V	8-12-81	Malibu, California (Malibu)
28	**Matt Carson	OF	6-2	195	R-R	Jr.-3V	7-1-81	Yucaipa, California (Yucaipa)
17	**Dave Jensen	1B	6-3	205	L-L	So.-2V	12-16-79	Henderson, Nevada (Green Valley)
36	**Brandon Boothe	RHP	6-9	265	R-R	Jr.-2V	6-28-79	Merced, California (Golden Valley)
29	*Sam Fernley	RHP	6-4	200	L-R	So.-1V	1-29-82	Long Beach, California (Long Beach CC)
26	*Ryan Thurgood	SS/OF	5-10	160	R-R	Fr.-1V	10-20-79	Vancouver, Washington (Evergreen)

Coaches

2—Vance Law, Head Coach, 29—Ryan Roberts, Assistant Coach, 31—Mike Karpel, Assistant Coach
4—Nate Mathis, Volunteer Coach * Letters

2003 BYU Baseball Statistics

Record: 2-6 Home: 0-0 Away: 1-5 Neutral: 1-1 Conference: 0-0

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%
CARSON, C.	.600	5	0	5	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	.800	2	0	1	0	.714	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1.000
VEST, Wade	.500	5	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.000	0	1	1	0	.667	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1.000
OBREY, Kainoa	.375	8	8	32	6	12	4	0	1	8	19	.594	3	1	8	1	.444	0	0	0	0	4	13	2	.895
JACOBSEN, B.	.367	8	8	30	6	11	0	0	2	11	17	.567	3	1	10	0	.441	0	1	1	1	17	0	0	1.000
JACKSON, Doug	.364	8	8	33	8	12	2	2	0	2	18	.545	1	2	2	0	.405	1	0	2	3	16	0	0	1.000
CHAMBERS, R.	.346	8	7	26	4	9	2	0	1	7	14	.538	4	0	5	1	.433	0	0	0	0	10	0	3	.769
WIENS, Ranger	.344	8	8	32	7	11	4	0	1	5	18	.562	2	2	4	0	.405	1	0	3	3	13	24	4	.902
STUBBLEFIELD	.276	8	8	29	5	8	2	0	1	5	13	.448	3	0	5	0	.344	0	0	0	0	20	2	3	.880
WILKES, Adam	.250	5	3	12	1	3	0	0	0	2	3	.250	0	0	3	1	.250	0	0	0	0	15	1	0	1.000
ITRI, Rob	.200	8	7	25	7	5	1	0	2	2	12	.480	3	0	4	1	.286	0	1	0	0	13	13	3	.897
LUCAS, Blair	.200	5	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	1	2	2	0	.500	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	.714
LAW, Tim	.143	7	5	14	3	2	1	0	0	1	3	.214	5	1	2	1	.381	1	0	0	1	38	1	1	.975
SEIL, Beau	.125	4	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.125	0	0	5	0	.125	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1.000
CLOWARD, C.	.083	6	5	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.083	1	0	4	0	.154	0	0	0	0	33	2	0	1.000
WEINGARTEN	.000	4	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.125	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1.000
BILLS, Kevin	.000	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.000
BARNES, Clayton	.000	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1.000
JOHNSON, Chris	.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Totals	.284	8	8	282	48	80	18	2	8	44	126	.447	30	10	64	5	.369	3	2	8	11	198	68	21	.927
Opponents	.344	8	8	302	83	104	16	5	12	74	166	.550	33	8	53	6	.419	3	2	9	10	213	89	10	.968

LOB - Team (66), Opp (67). DPs turned - Team (8), Opp (5). IBB - Team (1), OBREY 1. Picked off - LAW 2, OBREY 1, CLOWARD 1, ITRI 1.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	ABB/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA	
SEARLE, Bryce	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	.750	1	0	0	1	0
MOUSSER, Jeff	2.70	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	20.0	18	8	6	5	18	3	1	3	78	.231	0	2	1	0	1
JACINTO, Paul	4.15	0	3	5	1	1	0	0	0	17.1	16	9	8	5	12	1	1	1	68	.235	1	1	0	1	0
BERGERON, Michel	6.48	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	8.1	18	16	6	8	7	2	1	1	42	.429	3	2	1	0	0
GRAVLEY, Kenneth	7.04	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	7.2	11	6	6	4	3	1	0	2	32	.344	1	0	0	0	0
DABO, Tyler	9.00	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3.0	5	5	3	4	2	2	1	0	14	.357	1	0	0	1	0
BINGHAM, Anthony	15.00	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3.0	8	8	5	0	4	2	0	0	19	.421	1	1	0	0	0
CHRISMAN, Jacob	23.62	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2.2	11	10	7	2	3	1	0	1	20	.550	1	1	1	0	0
KOFFMAN, Scott	27.00	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	4	5	4	0	1	2	0	1	8	.500	0	1	0	0	1
GARCIA, Jason	46.29	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2.1	10	13	12	4	3	2	1	3	17	.588	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	7.77	2	6	8	8	1	0	0	0	66.0	104	83	57	33	53	16	5	12	302	.344	10	8	3	3	2
Opponents	4.44	6	2	8	8	0	1	1	1	71.0	80	48	35	30	64	18	2	8	282	.284	3	10	1	3	2

PB - Team (2), WEINGARTEN 1, WILKES 1, Opp (3). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (5). SBA/ATT - CLOWARD (6-7), BERGERON (3-3), MOUSSER (2-3), WEINGARTEN (2-2), WILKES (1-1), BINGHAM (1-1), GARCIA (1-1), GRAVLEY (1-1), KOFFMAN (1-1).

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Site	Rec.	Div-Rec.	Pitcher	Opp. Pitcher	Line	Opp. Line	Att.
1/30	@ Arizona	W	6-3	A	1-0	0-0	Mousser	Little	6-12-2	3-7-2	651
1/31	@ Arizona	L	13-17	A	1-1	0-0	Koffman	Meloan	13-15-3	17-19-1	828
2/1	@ Arizona	L	3-32	A	1-2	0-0	Garcia	Gardner	3-7-10	32-32-1	998
2/6	@ Arizona St.	L	5-6	A	1-3	0-0	Jacinto	Schroyer	5-9-3	6-10-1	2,850
2/7	@ Arizona St.	L	6-17	A	1-4	0-0	Bergeron	Thurmond	6-9-2	17-18-3	2,896
2/8	@ Arizona St.	L	4-6	A	1-5	0-0	Jacinto	Schroyer	4-10-0	6-9-0	2,691
2/15	Cal Poly-SLO	W	11-1	N	2-5	0-0	Mousser	Fitch	11-13-1	1-6-1	121
2/15	Northwestern	L	0-1	N	2-6	0-0	Jacinto	Konecny	0-5-0	1-3-1	143

BYU'S HAWAIIAN PUNCH

KAINOA OBREY

**BY DEVEN McCANN,
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If you drive by Miller Park these days you are likely to see one of BYU's baseball stars battling the bitter cold to work on his game. The cold is not something he's accustomed to nor something he prefers—but whatever it takes to improve is worth it to him.

The BYU baseball team enjoyed success last season despite having one of the team's best players and best kept secrets on the bench. Kainoa Obrey 6-3, 225, Jr., from Honolulu, Hawai'i played in just 13 games during the 2002 campaign. His name is pronounced k-IGH-noh-uh OH-bree.

BYU head coach Vance Law knows what the team missed not having him in the lineup.

"He's a big strong kid who can hit the ball a mile," said Law.

Obrey plays third base for BYU and has become one of the most feared hitters in the Mountain West Conference, but his junior season was cut short due to an injury suffered in practice last fall.

"We were doing base running drills and I went to plant and I couldn't because of the pain in my back," Obrey said.

The injury was diagnosed as a slight herniated disk in his lower back—an injury that makes it very painful to swing a bat or pick up ground balls. Obrey was out most of fall drills but started to feel better as the season drew closer.

"I thought I could tough it out and play through the pain but it just hurt too much," he said.

Just 13 games into the season, Obrey hung up his cleats to let his back heal.

Kainoa is the son of John Obrey and Iwalani Dayton. He grew up on the island of Oahu playing baseball and volleyball. He attended Iolani High school—a private school which includes kindergarten through 12th grade. He lettered three times in



volleyball during high school—but his main interest has always been baseball.

"I always thought baseball was my best chance to play in college and hopefully play professionally," Obrey said.

He began building his baseball resume early in his career. Obrey was named Gatorade State Player of the Year as a prep junior. He earned all-league and all-star honors while helping his team to a sixth-place national ranking in 1997.

He led his team to two state championships and was named the 1999 American Legion State Tournament MVP and won the batting title.

While achieving much success Obrey began thinking about the next level—some-

where that would offer him an education and a chance to play ball.

To his surprise, the University of Hawai'i didn't do much to keep

him on the island, which Obrey admits was a little disappointing.

He kept his options open and shopped around for a school that would offer him a scholarship.

Given his talent and accomplishments it's not hard to see why BYU came knocking on his door. Former BYU assistant coach David Eldredge is a Hawai'i native and began expressing interest in Obrey.

BYU liked what they saw and offered Obrey a scholarship.

"My mom was real happy when BYU came into the picture. She was excited about the opportunity for me to come here and that factored into my decision," he said.

Obrey signed a letter of intent before even visiting BYU and has never regretted his decision.

"I am happy I came here, I would recommend BYU to anyone," he said.

Baseball Schedule for 2003

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
1/30-31	Arizona	Tucson, AZ	3 p.m.
2/1	Arizona	Tucson, AZ	1:30 p.m.
2/6-8	Arizona State	Tempe, AZ	7, 1 p.m.
2/13-15	Rawlings Tourney		
2/13	Northwestern	Scottsdale, AZ	2 p.m.
2/14	Cal Poly	Scottsdale, AZ	10 a.m.
2/13	Missouri	Scottsdale, AZ	Noon
2/27-3/1	Banana Belt Tourney	Lewiston, ID	
2/27	Washington St.	Lewiston, ID	Noon
2/27	Lewis-Clark St.	Lewiston, ID	3:00 p.m.
2/28	Univ. of Portland	Lewiston, ID	10 a.m.
3/1	Gonzaga	Lewiston, ID	4 p.m.
3/6-7, 8	Texas Christian	Ft. Worth, TX	6:30, 1 p.m.
3/13-14, 15	New Mexico *	Albuquerque	2, 1 p.m.
3/20-21, 22	UNLV *	Provo	7, 1 p.m.
3/25	Southern Utah (dh)	Cedar City	Noon
3/27-28, 29	Utah *	Salt Lake City	6, 1 p.m.
4/3-4, 5	San Diego St. *	San Diego	6, 1 p.m.
4/10-11, 12	Air Force *	Provo	7, 1 p.m.
4/17-18, 19	New Mexico *	Provo	7, 1 p.m.
4/24-25, 26	UNLV *	Las Vegas	6:30, 2 p.m.
5/1-2, 3	Utah *	Provo	7, 1 p.m.
5/8-9, 10	San Diego St. *	Provo	7, 1 p.m.
5/12, 13	Southern Utah	Provo	4, 7 p.m.
5/15-17	Air Force *	Colorado Spgs.	2 p.m.
5/21-24	MWC Tournament	Albuquerque	
5/30-6/1	NCAA Regionals	TBA	
6/6-8	Super Regionals	TBA	
6/13-23	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.	

* Indicates MWC Games

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Perhaps influenced by Obrey's decision, long-time friend from home and teammate Doug Jackson also chose to play ball at BYU. Obrey says Jackson's decision to play at BYU doesn't have anything to do with him, but he is glad to have his friend here.

The two can rarely be seen without the other.

After their freshman year they both returned to Hawai'i and played ball on the island. Since then, they have spent their time-off playing in summer leagues on the east coast.

In 2001 Obrey played for the Newport Gulls of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. Obrey was named to the all-star team and was named as one of the leagues Top 10 Prospects.

During the past summer the two friends played in the Cape Cod League. Their teams were located just 10 minutes apart and they were able to spend time together when they weren't playing ball.

Obrey says playing in those leagues gave him a good chance to improve since they played 45 games in two months.

"When you play almost every day it's easier to work on things and get into a rhythm rather than playing a few days then taking a few off like in college."

As a freshman Obrey was named Honorable Mention Freshman All-America by Collegiate Baseball magazine. He hit a team-high nine homers and batted .342 overall. He hit an 11th-inning home run to beat San Diego State 7-6.

Obrey led the team in hitting his sophomore year with a batting average of .381. He had 13 homeruns and 29 doubles. He hit a grand slam against New Mexico off prep teammate Marvin Wong.

His junior season he was named to Collegiate Baseball magazine's pre-season All-America third team. Despite the pain in his back, he hit a three-run homerun in the 14th inning to beat UC Irvine for the first Cougar win of the season. A few games later the pain increased and Obrey decided he couldn't play anymore that season.

Obrey was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 11th round and was given the option to leave BYU for the pros. He decided not to go.

"We talked about it for a few weeks and decided that I would come back to BYU," Obrey said. "I am so close to graduating and that is something I have to do."

Obrey hopes after a full, healthy season his value will increase in the eyes of the pro scouts. He said Kansas City had some concerns regarding the status of his back.

After losing big hitters Dave Jensen and Matt Carson to the draft, Obrey understands his status.

"My role on the team is to drive in runs. I need to look for extra base hits and bring guys in," Obrey said.

Coach Law echoed Obrey's comments and agrees with Obrey's role on the team.

"We are looking for him to drive in a lot of runs this year. He is going to be our big RBI man this season," Law said.

Whether or not Obrey can drive in a lot of runs will influence the Cougar's season and Obrey's career in baseball.

"His future depends on how well he can drive in runs," Law said.

Obrey is not very vocal, but he possess what Law calls "quiet intensity." Law says Obrey is not afraid to vocalize his opinion if things aren't going as they should.

Obrey returns the praise to his coach and says he has been able to learn a lot from Law because of his experience.

"He is a great coach," Obrey said. "He has helped me out so much defensively because he played third base. He has also taught me so much about hitting-especially with a wood bat. There is so much more skill involved when swinging a wood bat."

Law has his players using wooden bats during workouts this fall. Obrey feels using the wood bat has forced him to generate more power with his body and to find the sweet spot of the bat.

"With a metal bat you can cheat hits when you get jammed because the bat won't break. You have to be more disciplined with a wooden bat," Obrey said.

Coming in to this season, expectations are high for BYU since the team fared so well and made it to the NCAA Tournament last year. Obrey is excited to play a full season and to see what he can do.

According to Law, Obrey has the ability to decide how good he wants to be. When asked to describe Obrey's talent in a few words Law chose "un-tapped potential."

"Once in a while everything he has learned comes together and he hits the ball as hard as anyone I've ever seen. He could put baseballs on the steps of the Marriott Center."

Obrey isn't really thinking too far down the road yet.

"First things first, I just want to play all season and stay healthy," he said.

Law thinks if he stays healthy he could be one of the top hitters in the nation.

One day, Obrey's days at BYU will be done and playing everyday somewhere is pretty realistic.

The Island Boy has only one preference when it comes to where he plays professional ball, "hopefully, somewhere warm," he said with a smile.



All-American Obrey learned how to play the hot corner from former major-leaguer Vance Law, BYU's coach, who says "there's not telling how good he could be."