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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

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Women's Gymnastics Quick Facts

School: Brigham Young University
 Location: Provo, UT
 Elevation: 4,553 feet
 Enrollment: 32,122 (Daytime)
 Arena (Capacity): Smith Fieldhouse (5,000)
 Marriott Center (22,700)
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Head Coach: Brad Cattermole
 Alma Mater: BYU
 Record at BYU (years): 180-217-1 (15)
 Overall Record: Same
 Coach's Phone: (801) 422-4769
 Assistant Coaches: Dawn Cattermole
 Shauna Mertz
 Letterwinners R/L: 8/3
 All-Americans R/L: 0/1

Letterwinners Returning: Trisha Driggs Ashton,
 Lindsay Lines Butterfield, Brooke Craig
 Haskett, Mindi Hilton, Bogan Jacobsen, Lena
 Johnson, Kari Dye Lords, Jaime Mabray,
 MeganShupe Pessoa, Kristen Pauga, Candace
 Cosgrave Slater.

Letterwinners Lost: Jeni Lopez, Kelly Parkinson-
 Evanson, Angie Hickman

Newcomers: Staci Butterfield, Meghan Donahue,
 Jennifer Harvey, Misty Philbrick, Lisa Willis.

BYU TRAVELS TO UNIVERSITY OF UTAH FOR SEASON OPENER

PROVO, Utah (January 15, 2002) – The BYU women's gymnastics team heads to Salt Lake City this Friday as they compete in their season opener against the University of Utah.

The Cougars field a team that has the talent to qualify for the NCAA Championships at the seasons' end. Last year BYU fell short at the NCAA regional meet and is ready to compete against Utah, who took fourth at the NCAA National Championships in 2002.

"Utah is probably the hardest team in the country to start out against," BYU head coach Brad Cattermole said. "Utah won't make early season mistakes, so we can't make early season mistakes."

Losing four top-of-the-line seniors last year has put pressure on the team to step up its performances. All four seniors were top scorers for the team last season, but the team isn't completely disadvantaged from the loss.

"We have a young and talented team," Cattermole said. "We don't have the big all-around starters that we did last year. We are working on stepping up our performances."

2002 BYU Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Event	Hometown
Trisha Driggs Ashton	5-4	Jr.	All-Around	Flower Mound, Texas
Lindsay Lines Butterfield	5-0	Sr.	All-Around	Chandler, Arizona
Staci Butterfield	5-2	Fr.	All-Around	South Jordan, Utah
Meghan Donahue	4-11	Fr.	All-Around	Sierra Vista, Arizona
Jennifer Harvey	5-4	Fr.	All-Around	Taft, California
Brooke Craig Haskett	5-3	Sr.	All-Around	Mesa, Arizona
Mindi Hilton	5-1	Sr.	All-Around	West Jordan, Utah
Brogan Jacobsen	5-3	Jr.	All-Around	Salt Lake City, Utah
Lena Johnson	4-11	So.	All-Around	Athens, Georgia
Kari Dye Lords	4-11	Jr.	All-Around	Las Vegas, Nevada
Jaime Mabray	5-5	So.	All-Around	Carrollton, Texas
MeganShupe Pessoa	5-1	Jr.	All-Around	Provo, Utah
Kirsten Pauga	5-5	So.	All-Around	Lethbridge, Alberta
Misty Philbrick	5-0	Fr.	All-Around	Murray, Utah
Candace Cosgrave Slater	5-5	Sr.	All-Around	Highland, Utah
Lisa Willis	5-6	Fr.	All-Around	Albuquerque, New Mexico

Head Coach: Brad Cattermole (16th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Dawn Cattermole (16th Season), Shauna Mertz (11th Season)

2002 Brigham Young Women's Gymnastics Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEET</u>
Jan 17	Utah
Jan 25	Boise State
Jan 31	Kentucky
Feb 7-8	Cat Classic
Feb 14	Boise State
Feb 21	Utah State
Feb 28	Kentucky
Mar 7	Utah State, SUU, CMU
Mar 15	Oregon State
Mar 21	Missouri
Mar 24	Southern Utah
Mar 28	Utah
Apr 12	NCAA Regionals
Apr 23-26	NCAA Nationals

BYU SEASON OUTLOOK

Even with high hopes for the 2002 season dampened by a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Regional Championships and the loss of four incredible seniors, the 2003 season BYU's gymnastics team looks bright.

With plenty of talent and optimism these motivated women can nail this season.

Despite the team's disappointing finish at the NCAA Regional Championships, the 2002 season was full of outstanding performances. Kelly Evanson broke the school record in the all-around against Southern Utah with a 39.700, and Jeni Lopez also scored a career-high 39.425 in the all-around against Southern Utah.

Coach Brad Cattermole knows that it won't be easy to replace last year's seniors--Evanson, Lopez, Mindi Hilton and Angie Hickman--but as long as every gymnast scores personal bests, the team will be in great shape.

"Gymnastics isn't as much an individual sport as it may seem," Coach Cattermole said. "It is mostly a team effort. Everyone has good kids, but who has more of them?"

Losing four top-of-the-line seniors has put the pressure on the team to step up their performances. All four seniors were top scorers for the team last season. But Coach Cattermole is quick to point out that the team isn't disadvantaged by the loss.

"We have a young and talented team," he said. "We don't have the big all-around starters that we did last year. How well we do is determined on how we come together as a team."

Founded by incredible performance and success in the 2002 season, Kari Lords and Jaime Mabray are predicted to be the high scorers and leaders for this year's team. Mabray barely missed qualifying individually for nationals last year as a freshman and Lords tied the school records on the floor exercise at Southern Utah and on the balance beam at the University of Utah.

Juniors Brogan Jacobsen and Trisha Ashton and senior Lindsay Butterfield are also strong assets to the team. Jacobsen specializes on bars and floor, while Ashton and Butterfield compete all-around.

Newcomers to this year's team, Staci Butterfield, Meghan Donahue, Jennifer Harvey, Misty Philbrick and Lisa Willis will have to work hard to fill the shoes of the departed seniors, but will add greatly to the team.

This year's captains are seasoned seniors Brooke Haskett and Candace Slater. Excluding vault, Haskett has competed in every event on a regular basis. Slater has specialized in floor exercise.

Coach Cattermole is excited for the season to start, but also would like a few pre-season meets or exhibition meets.

"We need to start meets and start competing, but you always want two more weeks to practice and to prepare."

The team gets its first chance to show off their skills at the season opener at Utah on January 17. The Cougars are also up against Oregon State, who edged out BYU for the final position at Nationals in 2001.

With national competitors like Utah and Oregon State on their schedule, each gymnast is going to have to step up their performances and hit their routines, but Coach Cattermole knows that the only time a win-loss record really makes a difference is at regionals and nationals.

"Whether or not you beat somebody's score doesn't matter. Beating personal bests and scoring high team scores is the focus. You only have to win at regionals or nationals. Everything else is about the team," he said.

The road ahead for the Cougars isn't going to be easy, but with the leadership of skilled captains, the talent of the incoming freshman, and the high level of ability and heart from the other returning gymnasts, these capable and talented women are on the right track to qualify for the national championships.

2002 BYU Team and Individual Results

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Total	W/L
1/13	Bahama Breeze	48.800	47.500	46.725	48.625	191.650	0-2
1/25	Oregon State	48.400	48.550	48.300	49.150	194.400	1-2
2/1	Cat Classic	48.850	49.275	47.750	49.075	194.950	4-2
2/6	Utah State	48.875	48.875	48.800	48.875	195.425	5-2
2/15	Southern Utah	49.000	48.650	48.800	49.175	195.625	6-2
2/22	USU/Boise St.	48.850	49.150	48.300	49.475	195.775	8-2
3/1	Utah	48.850	49.000	48.350	49.325	195.525	8-3
3/9	Missouri	49.025	48.325	48.700	49.350	195.400	9-3
3/11	Boise State	49.100	47.800	48.600	49.300	194.800	9-4
3/15	Southern Utah	49.175*	49.425	49.125	49.650*	197.375*	10-4
3/23	Utah	49.025	48.275	48.550	49.400	195.250	10-5
BYU Team Records		49.175	49.475	49.275	49.650	197.375	

KARI DYE LORDS

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
1/13	Bahama Breeze	--	--	9.250	--	--
1/25	Oregon State	--	9.650	9.350	9.800	--
2/1	Cat Classic	--	9.775	9.250	9.825	--
2/6	Utah State	9.650	9.675	9.425	9.850	38.600
2/15	Southern Utah	9.650	9.650	9.725	9.850	38.875
2/22	USU/Boise St.	9.575	9.850	9.375	9.925	38.725
3/1	Utah	9.675	9.075	9.425	9.900	38.075
3/9	Missouri	9.700	9.825	9.900	9.950	39.375
3/11	Boise State	9.650	9.225	9.850	9.200	37.925
3/15	Southern Utah	9.650	9.925	9.925	9.975*	39.475
3/23	Utah	9.700	9.425	9.975*	9.900	39.000
4/6	NCAAREgionals	9.475	9.725	9.775	9.775	38.750
Career Best		9.750	9.925	9.975*	9.975*	39.475

JAIME MABRAY

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
1/13	Bahama Breeze	9.625	--	9.650	9.750	--
1/25	Oregon State	9.625	--	9.800	9.825	--
2/1	Cat Classic	9.750	9.800	9.875	9.800	39.225
2/6	Utah State	9.775	9.700	9.850	9.750	39.075
2/15	Southern Utah	9.750	9.725	8.325	9.825	37.625
2/22	USU/Boise St.	9.750	9.525	9.425	9.850	38.550
3/1	Utah	9.750	9.800	9.300	9.875	38.725
3/9	Missouri	9.725	8.950	9.200	9.850	37.725
3/11	Boise State	9.800	9.775	9.900	9.875	39.350
3/15	Southern Utah	9.775	9.275	9.400	9.900	38.350
3/23	Utah	9.775	9.500	9.100	9.850	38.225
4/6	NCAAREgionals	9.675	9.700	9.800	9.725	38.900
Career Best		9.800	9.800	9.900	9.900	39.350

MINDI HILTON

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
2/1	Cat Classic	--	9.825	--	--	--
2/6	Utah State	--	9.875	--	--	--
2/22	USU/Boise St.	--	9.825	--	--	--
3/1	Utah	--	9.750	--	--	--
Career Best		9.725	9.900	8.800	--	--

CANDACE COSGRAVE SLATER

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
1/13	Bahama Breeze	--	--	--	9.650	--
1/25	Oregon State	--	--	--	9.750	--
2/1	Cat Classic	--	--	--	9.725	--
2/6	Utah State	--	--	--	9.800	--
2/15	Southern Utah	--	--	--	9.825	--
2/22	USU/Boise St.	--	--	--	9.875	--
3/1	Utah	--	--	--	9.825	--
3/9	Missouri	--	--	--	9.875	--
3/11	Boise State	--	--	--	9.850	--
3/15	Southern Utah	--	--	--	9.875	--
3/23	Utah	--	--	--	3.000	--
Career Best		--	--	--	9.900	--

BROOKE CRAIG HASKETT

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
1/13	Bahama Breeze	--	8.900	9.425	--	--
1/25	Oregon State	--	9.700	9.600	--	--
2/1	Cat Classic	--	--	9.650	--	--
2/6	Utah State	--	--	9.775	--	--
2/15	Southern Utah	--	9.575	9.725	9.775	--
2/22	USU/Boise St.	--	--	9.750	9.850	--
3/1	Utah	--	--	9.850	9.850	--
3/9	Missouri	--	9.825	9.675	9.825	--
3/11	Boise State	--	9.025	9.675	9.850	--
3/15	Southern Utah	--	9.850	9.800	9.850	--
4/6	NCAAREgionals	--	9.725	9.500	9.650	--
Career Best		--	9.900	9.850	9.925	--

LINDSAY LINES BUTTERFIELD

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
1/13	Bahama Breeze	--	9.275	9.125	--	--
1/25	Oregon State	--	9.675	9.725	--	--
2/1	Cat Classic	--	9.900	9.800	--	--
2/6	Utah State	--	9.775	9.850	--	--
2/15	Southern Utah	--	9.750	9.800	--	--
2/22	USU/Boise St.	--	9.775	9.875	--	--
3/1	Utah	--	9.725	9.325	--	--
3/9	Missouri	--	9.825	9.425	--	--
3/11	Boise State	--	9.750	9.125	--	--
3/15	Southern Utah	--	9.850	9.675	--	--
3/23	Utah	--	9.600	9.625	--	--
4/6	NCAAREgionals	--	9.675	9.725	--	--
Career Best		--	9.900	9.875	--	--

2002 BYU Team and Individual Results

BROGAN JACOBSEN

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
1/13	Bahama Breeze	8.925	7.650	--	9.450	--
1/25	Oregon State	9.200	--	--	9.675	--
2/1	Cat Classic	9.575	--	--	--	--
	Career Best	9.825	9.875	--	9.675	--

KIRSTEN PAUGA

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
2/6	Utah State	--	--	9.050	--	--
3/23	Utah	--	--	9.250	--	--
	Career Best	--	--			

MEGAN SHUPE PESSOA

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	A-A
1/13	Bahama Breeze	9.700	--	--	--	--
1/25	Oregon State	9.700	--	--	--	--
2/1	Cat Classic	9.700	--	--	--	--
2/6	Utah State	9.725	--	--	--	--
2/15	Southern Utah	9.775	--	--	--	--
2/22	USU/Boise St.	9.775	--	--	--	--
3/1	Utah	9.700	--	--	--	--
3/9	Missouri	9.800	--	--	--	--
3/11	Boise State	9.800	--	--	--	--
3/15	Southern Utah	9.800	--	--	--	--
3/23	Utah	9.250	--	--	--	--
4/6	NCAAREgionals	9.800	--	--	--	--
	Career Best	9.800	--	--	--	--