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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	3 p.m.
Mar. 26	vs. Illinois	10 a.m.
	vs. UC Riverside	2 p.m.
Mar. 27	@ Stanford	4 p.m.
Mar. 30	@ UVSC DH	2 p.m./4 p.m.
Apr. 1	UNLV* DH	3 p.m./5 p.m.
Apr. 2	SDSU* DH	4 p.m./6 p.m.
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

BYU is off to compete at the Stanford Classic

The BYU women's softball team (14-7) is off to compete at the Stanford Classic in Palo Alto, Calif. on March 25-27.

The competition at the Stanford Classic will be tough. The Cougars will face Hawai`i (16-16), Illinois (16-9-1), UCR (8-24) and No. 10 Stanford (20-7).

The game against Illinois, a team receiving votes in the top-25 poll, will mark the first meeting in BYU softball history.

No. 10 Stanford will also be a challenging game for BYU. There will be live stats available for the Stanford vs. BYU game. By clicking on the link available on the BYU softball schedule page (www.byucougars.com/softball/), then clicking on the 2004 schedule at the top, you will be able to access the live stats on Stanford's schedule page.

In the other two games against Hawai`i and UC Riverside, the Cougars lost to Hawai`i in the season opening game 7-3 and have beat UCR twice this season 7-0, 3-2.

The Cougars are coming off the San Diego Classic. Overall on the weekend, BYU went 4-1 to improve to 14-7 on the season. The Cougars hit a combined four doubles, seven triples, two homers and stole eight bases.

BYU defeated Dartmouth 10-5, Central Connecticut State 8-0, UC Riverside 3-2 and Indiana 2-0. The Cougars lost a close one to San Diego 4-3 in the first game of the tournament in eight innings.

Ianeta Le`i provided a spark for the Cougars and led BYU offensively batting 7-14 (.500), with two triples, a stolen base and 25 defensive putouts.

Jodi Norton and Lauren Watson also hit well going 5-12 (.417) and 5-16 (.313), respectively. Norton and Paige Paramore each notched two doubles a piece in the tournament. On the year, Norton leads the team with seven and Paramore has three.

For the pitching squad, Andersen stepped up to record 26 strikeouts. She went 3-1 in the tournament to post an 8-3 record. Against Central Connecticut State, Andersen pitched solid to record her first no-hitter of her career, which marks only the second one in BYU's history.

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: 14-7, 0-0
 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.	4-11
UNLV	13-4
Utah	8-9

BYU Schedule at the Stanford Classic

March 25	Hawai`i	3 p.m. PT, 4 p.m. MT
March 26	Illinois	10 a.m. PT, 11 a.m. MT
	UC Riverside	2 p.m. PT, 3 p.m. MT
March 27	Stanford	4 p.m. PT, 5 p.m. MT

BYU All-Time Records vs. Opponents

Hawai`i: 0-1
 Illinois: marks the first match up
 UC Riverside: 2-0
 Stanford: 1-2

Scouting the Competition in Palo Alto

- **Hawai`i** www.uhathletics.hawaii.edu

Hawai`i is posting a 16-16 record. After losing to the Wahine 7-3 in the first game of the season, BYU will have another shot to even up the series to 1-1. Hawai`i is coming off a close 2-1 loss over the weekend to No. 4 California. Stacy Ritter is leading the team in batting average with a .372, followed by Tyleen Tausaga (.313), Noelle Izumi (.302), Denise Dahlberg (.271) and April Crowell (.254). Tausaga leads the team in hits (31) and RBI (24) and is tied at nine doubles with Crowell. Ritter has eight doubles on the year and leads the team in home runs with four. Dahlberg has four doubles, three triples and three home runs on the year. For the pitching squad, Shannon Tabion posts a 1.78 ERA, with 11 wins and 77 strikeouts in 98.1 inning. Melissa Coogan is also another pitcher to look out for as she posts a 2.60 ERA with five wins, 79 strikeouts in 99.2 innings pitched.

- **Illinois** www.fightingillni.com

Illinois is posting a 16-9-1 overall record. Illinois is a quality team who has received votes in the top-25 poll. The team will compete against Drake on Wednesday, March 24 before playing BYU on March 26 in California. Rachele Coriddi is leading the team in batting average with a .407, followed by Lindsey Hamma (.388), Jenna Hall (.338), Katie O'Connell (.316) and LeeAnn Butcher (.311). Coriddi leads the team in hits (37) and has four doubles, one triple, eight RBI and is 8-10 in stolen bases. Hall is tied with Butcher in doubles, each with five. Hall has three home runs on the year and leads the team in RBI with 19 and walks with 11. Butcher is also is 9-9 in stolen bases. Teammate Erin Montgomery has three doubles and three home runs on the year. For the pitching squad, Amanda Fortune leads the pack with a 1.27 ERA, 10 wins, 60 strikeouts in 88.1 innings pitched. Sherri Taylor registers a 1.57 ERA with four wins and 66 strikeouts in 67.0 innings pitched.

- **UC Riverside** www.athletics.ucr.edu

UCR is registering an 8-24 overall record. Before UCR heads to the Stanford Classic, they will have a double-header game on Wednesday, March 24 against Dartmouth. The match up against the Highlanders will mark the third match up this season against the Cougars. After falling to the Cougars twice already, the Highlanders will be ready for BYU and will be a hard team to beat three times. In the first match up, the Cougars got the 7-0 shutout, but in the second it was a close 3-2 battle. Melissa Sanchez leads the team in batting average posting a .318. She is fol-

All-time Opponents

Arizona	0-2
Arizona State	1-0
Boston College	0-1
California -Berkeley	0-3
Cal Poly	2-1
Cal St. Northridge	1-0
Central Connect. St.	1-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Connecticut	1-0
Dartmouth	1-0
DePaul	0-1
Drake	1-0
Florida International	0-1
Fresno State	1-3
Georgia State	1-0
Hawai`i	0-1
Hofstra	0-1
Houston	1-1
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	1-2
St. John's	1-0
St. Mary's	4-0
Texas	0-1
Texas A&M	1-1
Texas at San Antonio	1-0
Texas Tech	0-1
Tulsa	1-1
UAB	1-0
UC Riverside	2-0
UC Santa Barbara	3-1
UCLA	0-2
Utah State	15-0
UTEP	1-0
Villanova	0-1

lowed by teammates Sarah Smallwood (.296), Jessica Black (.290) and Jamie Yee (.264). Yee leads the team in hits (28) and has two doubles, two triples and seven RBI on the year. Sanchez leads in doubles (8) and walks (20). Teammate Elizabeth Buck is posting a .242 batting average with five doubles, three home runs and 17 RBI. Kimberly Dillon leads the pitching squad in innings pitched (81.2), wins (4) and posts a 4.97 ERA. Janell Jackson has a 4.33 ERA, three wins, 32 strikeouts in 64.2 innings on the mound.

• **Stanford** www.gostanford.com

No. 10 Stanford is 20-7 overall on the year, with a recent loss to UC Santa Barbara on March 21. Leading the Cardinal in batting average is Jackie Rinehart (.459). Rinehart is followed by teammates Meghan Sickler (.357), Lauren Lappin (.329), Catalina Morris (.280) and Jessica Allister (.280). Rinehart leads the team in hits with 39, 6-8 stolen bases, and is tied at six doubles with Sickler and Lappin. Sickler leads the team in home runs with three, and has 16 RBI and three triples. Lappin leads the team in RBI with 22. On the mound, Dana Sorensen leads with a 1.36 ERA, 11 wins and 111 strikeouts in 97.2 innings pitched. Laura Severson is also tough on the mound posing a 1.73 ERA, seven wins and 54 strikeouts in 60.2 innings pitched.

A look at the 2004 Cougar Softball Roster

Letterwinners returning/lost: 11/6

Starters returning/lost: 7/3

Pitchers returning/lost: 3/2

#	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	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	R/R	5-9	So.	TR	Allen, Texas (Texas at San Antonio)
25	Ashlyn Russell	1B	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)

Newcomers: 7 (five freshmen and two transfers)

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	1B	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	3B	R/R	5-7	So.	1L	Oahu, Hawai`i (Iolani HS)
1	Krystle Chamberlain	OF	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)

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

3 Jennifer Whiteley OF L/R 5-4 Fr. HS Houston, Texas (Lamar HS)

BYU's Current Stat Leaders for 2004 (as of 21 games)

Batting Average

.346, Kate Walker

Home Runs

5, Kate Walker

RBI

15, Kate Walker

Hits

20, Krystle Chamberlain

Doubles

7, Jodi Norton

Base on Balls

12, Jodi Norton

Runs Scored

14, Krystle Chamberlain

Slugging %

.673, Kate Walker

Hitting Streaks

2, Paige Paramore (two-game hitting streak)

Stolen Bases

7, Krystle Chamberlain

Wins

8, Niki Andersen

Strikeouts

59, Niki Andersen

ERA

1.93, Niki Andersen

Innings Pitched

56.0, Niki Andersen

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.

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

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

Wins

12, Brooke Boyce

ERA

2.31, Brooke Boyce

Triples

3, Lauren Watson

Strikeouts

62, Brooke Boyce

No-hitter

Niki Andersen (Against Central Connecticut State on 3-19-04, 2nd in BYU history, first of her career)

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)