



BRIGHAM YOUNG Men's Tennis

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BYU 2002-2003 SCOREBOARD

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Oct. 2-5	BYU Invitational*	All Day
Oct. 10-13	ITA All-American Champ.	All Day
Oct. 23-27	ITA Regional VII Champ.	All Day
Nov. 6-10	Southern Cal Intercollegiate	All Day
Nov. 7-10	Rolex Intercollegiate Indoor	All Day
Nov. 15-16	ITA Region VII Team Indoor	All Day
Jan. 23	Loyola Maramount	1:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	UC Irvine	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	USC	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 30	New Mexico State*	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	Oregon*	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 20-23	ITA Team Indoor Champ.	All Day
Feb. 22	Arizona (if not at indoor)	TBA
Feb. 28	Utah State*	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 8	University of Denver*	Noon
Mar. 15	UC Santa Barbara	TBA
Mar. 22	University of the Pacific	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	Cal Berkeley	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	Stanford	11:00 a.m.
Mar. 28	Boise State	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Fresno State	11:00 a.m.
Apr. 3	Utah*	Noon
Apr. 4	San Diego State*	Noon
Apr. 5	UNLV*	Noon
Apr. 11	Air Force	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	New Mexico	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 24-26	MWC Championships*	All Day
May 9-11	NCAA 1st Round Team	All Day
May 17-26	NCAA Team and Individuals	All Day

* Home matches
All Times are Local to Site and are Subject to Change

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Brigham Young (0-0) ITA Region VII Championship Las Vegas, Nev. Oct. 23-27, 2002 • All Day

2002-2003 BYU Men's Tennis Roster

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
Paul Heapy	6-1	So.	Hamilton, New Zealand
Jose Luis Lechuga	5-8	So.	Mexico City, Mexico
Carlos Lozano	6-2	Sr.	Tlalnepantla, Mexico
Alonso Medina	5-10	Jr.	Hermosillo, Mexico
Erik Nyman	6-0	Jr.	Upsala, Sweden
Jeff Olsen	6-4	Sr.	Idaho Falls, Idaho
Jeremy Price	6-1	Jr.	Fremont, California
Anton Rudjuk	6-0	Sr.	Vancouver, BC, Canada
Rob Sperry	6-1	Fr.	Provo, Utah

Head Coach: Jim Osborne (15th season)
Assistant Coach: Brad Pearce (4th season)

BYU Men's Tennis to Play in ITA Region VII Championships

The BYU men's tennis team travels to Las Vegas this week to participate in the 2002 Omni Hotels Mountain Region Championships, where nearly 100 men's collegiate tennis players will compete.

BYU has had a successful fall season thus far and are looking to add to that success with some competitive play in the Regional Tournament.

Carlos Lozano of BYU, who is ranked No. 91 in the nation, will join five other nationally ranked players that will be in action in the tournament: eight-ranked and top-seeded Oliver Maiberger of San Diego State, No. 70 Guillaume Bouvier of Boise State, No. 75 Felix Hardt of SDSU, No. 87 Marcus Berntson of BSU and No. 90 Divan Coetzee of New Mexico. Lozano is the only BYU player to receive a top seed, going into the tournament seeded sixth.

In addition to some of the top singles players in the nation participating in the tournament, three of the top 30 doubles teams will also compete: SDSU's third-ranked duo of Maiberger and Ryan Redondo, No. 13 Lozano and Eric Nyman of BYU and No. 28 Valentino Pest and Hardt of SDSU.

Members from 17 western teams will face off as individuals from Wednesday through Saturday each day in both singles and doubles. For the sixth consecutive year, the Tournament will be held at the Fertitta Tennis Complex on the UNLV campus.

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Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Oct. 3-6	BYU Invitational	All Day
Oct. 11-14	ITA All-American Champ.	All Day
Oct. 24-28	ITA Region VII Champ.	All Day
Jan. 9-12	Milwaukee Tennis Classic	All Day
Jan. 25	Boise State	W 5-2
Jan. 26	San Diego State*	L 4-3
Feb. 1	Oregon	L 4-3
Feb. 2	Washington	L 5-2
Feb. 18	Fresno State	L 5-2
Feb. 19	USC	L 5-2
Feb. 20	UC Irvine	W 4-3
Mar. 1	Utah State	W 7-0
Mar. 2	Portland	W 5-2
Mar. 9	Denver	W 6-1
Mar. 16	Princeton	W 4-3
Mar. 25	Sacramento State	W 5-2
Mar. 26	California	L 5-2
Mar. 27	Stanford	L 7-0
Mar. 30	Boise State	W 6-1
Apr. 4	New Mexico State	W 7-0
Apr. 5	Air Force*	W 5-2
Apr. 6	New Mexico*	W 6-1
Apr. 11	Utah*	W 7-0
Apr. 12	UNLV*	W 6-1
Apr. 13	San Diego State*	L 6-1
Apr. 26	MWC Champ. (UNM)	W 4-1
Apr. 27	MWC Champ. (SDSU)	L 4-1
May 18-26	NCAA Team & Indiv.	All Day

RECORD 14-9, 4-2 (MWC)

* - MWCGame

BYU QUICK FACTS

Location	Provo, Utah 84602
Enrollment	30,069 (Daytime)
Founded	Oct. 15, 1875
Colors	Dark Blue, White and Tan
Nickname	Cougars
Mascot	Cosmo (the Cougar)
Affiliation	NCAA Division I-A
Conference	Mountain West
President	Merrill J. Bateman
Men's AD	Val Hale
Homepage	www.byucougars.com

BYU SUPPORT STAFF

Equipment Manager	Mick Hill
Head Trainer	Chris Linde
Team Physician	Dr. Darrell Stacey
Academic Coach	E.J. Caffaro
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Special Events Director	Larry Duffin
Director Photo Services	Mark Philbrick

The tournament is one of nine regionals across the nation being played this week. Both singles finalists and championship doubles team advance to the 2002 Omni Hotels National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships on November 7-10 in Dallas, Texas. The Championships is the second of three national championship events at the Division I level during the 2002-03 collegiate tennis season.

Wednesday's first round, which gets under way at 8 a.m., will feature 27 singles matches and 12 doubles matches. A second round of singles will follow. There will be a consolation draw in singles to ensure each entrant at least two matches.

TEAMS SENDING COMPETITORS

Air Force (AFA)
Boise State (BSU)
BYU
University of Denver (UD)
Eastern Washington (EWU)
Idaho
Idaho State (ISU)
Montana (UM)
Montana State (MSU)
UNLV
New Mexico (UNM)
New Mexico State (NMSU)
Northern Arizona (NAU)
San Diego State (SDSU)
Utah (UU)
Utah State (USU)
Weber State (WSU)

TOP SEEDS

SINGLES

1. Oliver Maiberger, SDSU
2. Guillaume Bouvier, BSU
3. Marcus Berntson, BSU
4. Felix Hardt, SDSU
5. Divan Coetzee, BSU
6. Carlos Lozano, BYU
7. Bart Scott, UNM
8. Shannon Buck, AFA

DOUBLES

1. Maiberger/Redondo, SDSU
2. Lozano/Nyman, BYU
3. Hardt/Pest, SDSU
4. Berntson/Bouvier, BSU

2002-2003 BYU MEN'S TENNIS SEASON OUTLOOK

After a successful 2001-2002 season that saw the Cougars finish with a 14-9 record, a trip to the MWC finals and a No. 69 final ranking, the BYU men's tennis team is looking to continue that success this year.

But both the team and head coach Jim Osborne know that to be successful this year, they will need someone to step up and fill the big holes that have been left by the departing seniors.

"We have lost three of our top six players from last year," Osborne said. "The loss of Gert Vilms at No. 1, Nic Lossee at No. 3 and Jeff Harbach at No. 6 is pretty significant. But we have a good, solid team with some great experience."

Osborne, who is entering his fifteenth year at BYU, accredits last year's success partly to the strength of the doubles teams. Of the three doubles teams from last season, each one had one of the seniors that are now gone.

"This year we need to rebuild some doubles teams," Osborne said. "We need some guys to step up and fill the positions in both doubles and singles."

Osborne will be looking to senior Carlos Lozano to take the lead at the No. 1 position this season. Lozano finished last season with an 11-9 record in singles, playing primarily at the No. 1 and 2 spots and was named to the All-MWC and All-American Teams.

"Carlos Lozano has been an All-American and I think he is ready to play at the No. 1 spot," Osborne said. "We need him to step up and fill that position for us this year."

Junior Erik Nyman will also fill an important role on the team in singles and will be

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Mountain West Conference

BYU is one of the original members of the Mountain West Conference. The MWC was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions - Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming - met in Denver and decided to form a new conference.

The cornerstone of the conference's formation was the maintenance of long standing athletic rivalries among its member institutions. Hence the Mountain West Conference was formed.

The Conference officially began operations on July 1, 1999. Prior to opening its doors, an executive committee was established and named Craig Thompson commissioner. Thompson had less than one-year to name the new league, settle on a city to serve as the league's headquarters, hire staff and develop a logo.

The MWC is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful geography in the nation can be found within Mountain West Conference boundaries, including the unparalleled Rocky Mountain range, which borders four MWC schools (Air Force, BYU, Colorado State and Utah). The high plains of Wyoming (elevation 7,000 feet) contrast with the desert city of Las Vegas (the fastest growing metropolitan area in the west), the balmy weather and Pacific Ocean locale of San Diego State and southwestern flavor of New Mexico.



paired with Lozano as the No. 1 doubles team. He and Lozano start the season ranked No. 13 in the nation.

"Erik has a great game," Osborne said. "He had wins over top-100 players last year. He and Lozano will be at the top of our lineup."

"After the top two positions, it is pretty much wide open," Osborne said. "It is going to come down to who wants it the most and who is ready to play hard."

The other seniors on the team, Jeff Olsen and Anton Rudjuk, will be pushing each other for the No. 3 and No. 4 singles spots. They both bring with them great leadership and lots of experience.

Olsen, who finished the year with a 5-9 record in singles, has played a lot in the off season and has really improved his game.

"Jeff Olsen seems to have a lot more maturity in his game this season," Osborne said. "He could play high up in the lineup for us. I think he is going to have a great year."

Anton Rudjuk started off last season on a 5-2 tear in the fall. But once the real season started in January, Rudjuk went 5-6 in singles play.

"Anton has always been one of our best players in the fall," Osborne said. "We need to get him playing his best tennis at the end of the year. I think he could play high up in the lineup if we can get him to peak at the right time."

Of the remaining letterwinners returning to the team, coach Osborne hopes to get significant play from Paul Heapy, Jose Luis Lechuga and Jeremy Price.

The Cougars also welcome two newcomers - Freshman Rob Sperry and junior college transfer Alonso Medina.

"We don't know where the newcomers will fit into the lineup, but they may push those guys at the top position," Osborne said.

Coach Osborne said he feels last year's success will help this year's team.

"Hopefully, the guys will come back ready to play and we won't have to start at square one," he said. "We want to build on last year and get things going quickly."

As for this season's schedule, Osborne said it will be a good one filled with matches that will challenge the team.

"Early on this season, we play last year's national champions, USC, on a road trip," Osborne said. "That will give us a good feel for how our team is. We have a strong schedule this year."

Coach Osborne is especially looking forward to conference play.

"Our conference battles are always tough," he said. "It is going to be a tough conference. We lost the conference finals last year to San Diego State, so we'd like to be there again this year and win."

"Our goal ultimately is to have a top-20 team," Osborne said. "I thought we were real close last year, we just ran into some bad luck. We got off to a slow start last year, so hopefully we can do better this year."



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2001-2002 SEASON REVIEW

The Cougars got All-American performances from a couple of their players, but it turned out to be not quite enough to repeat as Mountain West Conference champions and return to the NCAA Championships. The team powered its way to a 14-9 record, including a trip to the MWC Tournament finals and a No. 69 final ranking.

Carlos Lozano and Gert Vilms led the Cougar attack in doubles play, holding a place in the nation's top ten for most of the season. Their season came to a surprising end when they lost in the first round at the NCAA Championships to the No. 12 team of John Fruttero and Robert Kowalczyk of California. Despite the early exit from the tournament, Lozano and Vilms earned a spot on the All-American team and a season-ending No. 14 ranking.

Lozano and Vilms weren't the only stars on the team though, as BYU got great performances from seniors Nic Losee and Jeff Harbach, juniors Jeff Olsen and Anton Rudjuk, sophomore Erik Nyman and freshman Jose Luis Lechuga. Head coach Jim Osborne set up a grueling schedule for the team, with only four home matches all season, and the Cougars still found success throughout the season.

BYU overcame injuries and tough opponents to compile a 9-7 record in non-conference play. The Cougars endured an early-season five-match losing streak, including losses to conference rival San Diego State and the eventual national champions, Southern Cal. BYU came back to win its next six matches and primed itself for Mountain West Conference play.

The Cougars stormed into their conference season, winning the first four matches of conference play in dominating fashion. BYU's strong start set up a match with San Diego State for the No. 1 seed of the MWC Tournament, but the Aztecs came out on top. The teams met once more in the finals of the MWC Tournament, where BYU had the chance to defend its 2001 MWC title. Unfortunately for the Cougars, San Diego State had their number for the final time. The teams met a total of three times throughout the season, with the Aztecs winning all three matches.

The second-place finish at the MWC Tournament cost the Cougars a spot in the NCAA Team Championships, but Vilms and Lozano each traveled to College Station, Texas, to compete in the NCAA Individual Championships. Vilms suffered the same fate individually as he did with Lozano, losing in the first round of singles play to All-American David Martin of Stanford.

In the 2002-03 season, BYU will need to find a way to make up for the loss of three seniors who each made steady contributions to the team. Harbach will be missed for his leadership and will to win. Harbach, the Dale R. McCann Team Spirit Award winner, played through pain for much of his Cougar career and was an inspiration to his team. Vilms finished his career with an 80-47 singles record and an even better 99-35 doubles record. Losee returned this past season and provided solid production to the middle to top of BYU's singles lineup.



Jim Osborne

Head Coach

Jim Osborne, a former member of the U.S. Davis Cup Team, is in his 15th season at the helm of BYU men's tennis program.

In his 14 seasons at BYU, Osborne has an overall record of 150-143. While serving as head coach of the men's team, he has coached four All-Americans, Johnny Mattice and David Harkness in 1988 and Gert Vilms and Carlos Lozano in 2002. In 2001, Osborne was named Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year.

The Hawaii native came to BYU in 1988 after serving as director of tennis and head professional at Salt Lake City's Fort Douglas Country Club for 13 years.

A 1969 graduate of the University of Utah, Osborne won All-American honors three times as a collegian. He was enshrined in Utah's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991 and served as an assistant coach at the University of Utah in 1970, 1974 and 1982.

Osborne played the professional tour from 1968-1972 and was ranked in the top-10 during that span. At one time, he and doubles partner Jim McManus were ranked second in the United States.

During his career, which included playing on Wimbledon's famed Centre Court, Osborne recorded wins over such names as Arthur Ashe, Stan Smith, John Newcombe, Roy Emerson, Rod Laver, Ilie Nastase and Jimmy Connors.

Osborne played on many U.S. National teams, including the victorious Davis Cup team in 1968 and won a bronze medal for the United States at the Mexico City Olympic Games that same year.

Still active in senior tennis, Osborne played on the U.S. Dubler Cup team, which won the 45-and-over World Championship in Sydney, Australia. He was formerly ranked No. 1 in the nation in singles and doubles in the 35-and-over division. A few years ago he won the national 50-and-over Grass Court Doubles Championship in Philadelphia.

Osborne is active off the court as well. For the last 14 years he has been the National Awards chairman for the Intercollegiate Coaches Association. He has also served on the NCAA and ITA National Operating and Regional Advisory Committees.

He married the former Kimberly Hansen, and they have two daughters, Libbie and Allie.

The Osborne File:

- Was ranked in the Top Ten in the world while playing on the professional tour from 1968-72
- Won a bronze medal in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City
- Member of the 1968 victorious Davis Cup team
- Eight National Senior Championships

Brad Pearce

Assistant Coach

After a successful career on the professional tour that included seven career titles and a quarterfinal appearance at the 1990 Wimbledon Championship, Brad Pearce begins his fourth season as a part-time assistant to coach Jim Osborne.

Pearce joined the professional tour after playing two seasons of collegiate tennis at UCLA. He was a two-time All-American and the PAC-10 singles and doubles champion in 1986. He was a semifinalist in the NCAA tournament, as well as a gold and bronze medalist in the 1986 Goodwill Games

In 1990, Pearce was selected as a traveling member of the U.S. Davis Cup Team. He was also the No. 5 junior player in the world in 1984.

A native of Provo, Pearce graduated from Timpview High School and is a 1999 graduate of BYU with a Bachelor's of Independent Studies degree.

He is married to the former Cindi Abbott. The couple has five children, Jordan, 14, Tara, 11, John, 8, Matthew, 7 and Joshua, 1.

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