



# Athletic Media Relations

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## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Game Notes — March 14-15, 2003

### Media Relations Information

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### BYU Record

2003: 13-4 (7-2 home, 6-2 away, 0-0 neutral)  
All-time : 238-141 (since 1990)  
Coach Peterson: 13-4

### 2003 Schedule/Results

Date	Opp/Event	Time/Results
1/17	@ Stanford*	W, 3-2
1/18	@ Stanford*	W, 3-2
1/20	@ Pacific*	L, 2-3
1/21	@ Pacific*	W, 3-2
1/31	UCLA*	W, 3-0
2/1	UCLA*	W, 3-0
2/7	UC SAN DIEGO*	W, 3-0
2/8	UC SAN DIEGO*	W, 3-1
2/14	@ UC Santa Barbara*	W, 3-0
2/15	@ UC Santa Barbara*	L, 0-3
2/20	HAWAII*	W, 3-0
2/21	HAWAII* (Marriott Center)	L, 1-3
2/28	@ USC*	W, 3-0
3/1	@ USC*	W, 3-0
3/5	CONCORDIA	W, 3-0
3/7	PENN STATE	W, 3-1
3/8	PENN STATE	L, 2-3
3/14	UC IRVINE*	7 p.m.
3/15	UC IRVINE*	7 p.m.
3/21	@ CS Northridge*	7 p.m.
3/22	@ CS Northridge*	7 p.m.
3/28	LONG BEACH STATE*	7 p.m.
3/29	LONG BEACH STATE*	7 p.m.
4/11	@ Pepperdine*	7 p.m.
4/12	@ Pepperdine*	7 p.m.
5/1-3	@ NCAA Tournament	TBA

\* MPSF Opponents  
HOME GAMES IN CAPS, all times local to site

### No. 3 Cougars Host No. 10 Penn State

PROVO, Utah (March 13, 2003) – The BYU men's volleyball team returns to conference play this weekend, hosting seventh-ranked UC Irvine in back-to-back Mountain Pacific Sports Federation matches Friday (March 14) and Saturday (March 15) at 7 p.m in the Smith Fieldhouse.

"These matches will be huge," BYU head coach Tom Peterson said. "We need to win these to have a shot at the conference championship. But Irvine will be in a must-win situation, too."

Friday's match marks the 27th meeting between the teams, with third-ranked BYU (13-4, 11-3 MPSF) holding a 21-5 advantage in the series with UC Irvine (15-6, 8-6 MPSF). BYU has won the last four contests and 21 of the last 22.

The Anteaters opened the season on a 10-match winning streak and spent a few weeks as number one in the polls, but recently have suffered five losses in their past eight matches to drop down to No. 7. The Cougars are enjoying their fifth week in the No. 3 spot despite splitting their last two matches with non-conference opponent Penn State.

### A Quick Look at the Cougars

The Cougars have earned an 13-4 overall record on the season. BYU's 11-3 MPSF record marks the second best in the conference after top-ranked Pepperdine. BYU's team .361 attack percentage is third-best in the nation. As a team, BYU is also among the leaders for hitting percentage, aces and blocking in the MPSF. Sophomore middle blocker Michael Burke is third in the conference for individual hitting percentage, averaging .475 per game, and adds a team-leading 1.15 blocks per game. Two Cougars, Rafael Paal and Jonathan Alleman, have earned National Player of the Week honors this season. Alleman is among the top 20 nationally for average kills (4.27) and hitting percentage per game (.419). Paal has th highest service ace record in the MPSF, averaging .392 per contest.

### Series with the Anteaters

This will be BYU's 27th meeting with UC Irvine. In the overall series, BYU leads 21-5 and has won the last four matches. Last season, the Cougars won a pair of 3-1 matches in Irvine.

### Scouting UC Irvine

UCI is 15-6 overall and 8-6 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF). The Anteaters opened the season on a 10-game winning streak, the best start in the program's history. In last week's NCAA statistics, junior outside hitter

### 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: Blue and White  
Nickname: Cougars  
Mascot: Cosmo (the Cougar)  
Affiliation: NCAA Division I  
Conference: Mountain Pacific Sports Federation  
Arena: Smith Fieldhouse (5,000)  
President: Merrill J. Bateman  
Athletic Director: Val Hale  
Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1

### Volleyball Staff:

Head Coach: Tom Peterson (BYU, 1978)  
Office Phone: (801) 422-8291  
Career Record/years: 260-132/12  
Assistant Coaches:  
Grayson DuBose (BYU, 1993)  
Shawn Patchell (BYU, 1993)  
Volunteer Coach:  
Bob Hadaway (Clayton State College, 1995)  
Trainer: Blain Empey

### Volleyball Facts:

2003 Overall Record: 23-7  
Conference Record, Finish: 16-6, 4th in MPSF  
Final National Ranking: 3rd  
Starters Returning (4):  
Rafael Paal, 6-6, Sr., OH  
Chris Gorny, 6-6, Jr., MB  
Carlos Moreno, 6-4, So., S  
Fernando Pessoa, 6-4, Jr., LIB  
Starters Lost (2):  
Mike Wall (two-time All-American, OPP)  
Joaquin Acosta (All-American, OH)  
Other Letterwinners Returning (4):  
Jonathan Alleman, 6-3, Jr., OH/OPP  
Jaime Mayol, 6-2, Sr., OH/OPP  
Luka Slabe, 6-1, Sr., OH  
Michael Burke, 6-8, So., MB  
Top Newcomer:  
Joe Hillman, 6-7, Jr., OH, Las Vegas, Nev.  
All-Conference Performers:  
Chris Gorny (2002 Honorable Mention)  
Fernando Pessoa (2002 Honorable Mention)

Jimmy Pelzel is tied for sixth in the nation in kills (4.78), second in points (6.13) and tied for fifth in service aces (.448). Kyle Weichert is eighth in blocking, averaging 1.38 blocks per game. Nic Vislay is at 1.22. Vislay is tied for 10th in blocking (1.25) and 11th in hitting percentage (.435). David Kniffin checks in at ninth in assists (13.29).

### Up Next

The Cougars will travel to take on CS Northridge in a pair of MPSF matches March 21 and 22.

### BYU USA Today/AVCA Coaches Top-15 Poll

BYU is enjoying its fourth consecutive week at No. 3 in the polls. BYU has steadily climbed its way up in the USA Today/AVCA Coaches Top-15 polls since January 14. After starting the season ranked fifth in the preseason poll, the BYU Cougars spent a few weeks in the fourth position and are now ranked third. Last year the Cougars finished the season ranked third in the nation.

### Paal Named National Player of the Week Feb. 24



BYU outside hitter Rafael Paal, a senior from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was named the AVCA/Sports Imports Division I/II Men's National Player of the Week Monday for his outstanding performance against Hawaii last weekend, becoming the second BYU player to receive such honors this season. Paal, a 6-6 outside hitter, led the Cougars to a 1-1 record against second-ranked Hawaii on Feb. 20 and 21. He registered 20 kills in a sweep of the Warriors Feb. 20, tying the school record for kills in a three-game match, and added five digs, three blocks and two aces while hitting .607 (20-3-28) for the match. He then garnered a team-high 17 kills, seven digs, four assists and a block in a 3-1 loss to Hawaii Friday night. Paal totaled 37 kills on the week for an average of 5.28, nearly two kills above his current season average of 3.31.

### Alleman Named National Player of the Week Jan. 20



BYU opposite side hitter Jonathan Alleman (Yorba Linda, Calif.) was named the AVCA Division I/II Men's Volleyball Player of the Week on January 20 after leading the Cougars to two 3-2 wins over Mountain Pacific Sports Federation foe Stanford. The Cougars swept the two matches by 3-2 scores. For the two matches, Alleman recorded 60 kills (6.0 pg), hit .489 and added 7 blocks and 12 digs.

### Returning Cougars

BYU has eight letterwinners returning from last year's 23-7 team, including 2002 All-MPSF honorees Chris Gorny (middle blocker) and libero Fernando Pessoa, outside hitter Luka Slabe, opposite Jaime Mayol, outside hitter Rafael Paal, setter Carlos Moreno, Jonathan Alleman and Michael Burke.

**USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll**

(As of Mar. 4, 2003)

1. Pepperdine
2. Hawaii
3. BYU
4. Long Beach State
5. Lewis
6. Pacific
7. UC Irvine
8. UCLA
9. Penn State
10. Cal State Northridge
11. Stanford
12. Loyola-Chicago
13. Ball State
14. Ohio State
15. UC Santa Barbara

**2003 MPSF Standings**

(As of March 13, 2003)

	W	L	Overall
Pepperdine	13	1	15-2
BYU	11	3	13-4
Pacific	8	5	13-8
Hawaii	7	5	13-5
UCIrvine	8	6	15-6
Long Beach State	8	6	12-7
Cal State Northridge	9	7	13-8
UCLA	8	7	13-9
Stanford	8	7	11-10
UC Santa Barbara	4	13	7-16
USC	2	13	5-16
UC San Diego	1	14	5-15

**BYU Individual Single-Match Records:**

**Kills:**

33 (33-9-50) 5g Mike Wall vs. Stanford (Apr. 20, 2002)

**Attack Percentage (min. 12 kills):**

.765 (14-1-17) Joaquin Acosta vs. Concordia (Mar. 8, 2002)

**Total Attempts:**

57 (31-8-57) 5g Mike Wall vs. UCLA (Feb. 23, 2002)

**Assists:**

84 (5g) Carlos Moreno vs. Stanford (Apr. 20, 2002)

**Digs:**

16 (5g) Fernando Pessoa at UCLA (Feb. 23, 2002)

**Aces:**

4 Joaquin Acosta vs. La Verne (Jan. 19, 2001)

4 Chris Gorny vs. Pacific (Jan. 18, 2002)

**BYU Numerical Roster**

Num.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Class	Hometown
1	Casey Patterson	6-6	195	S/OPP	So.	Newbury Park, Calif.
2	Steffin Rangel	6-5	175	OH/OPP	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
3	Michael Burke	6-8	230	MB	So.	Salt Lake City, Utah
4	Joe Hillman	6-7	193	OH	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
5	Carlos Moreno	6-4	185	S	So.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
6	Chris Gorny	6-6	195	MB	Jr.	Palmdale, Calif.
7	Jaime Mayol	6-2	190	OH/OPP	Sr.	Caguas, Puerto Rico
8	David HYTE	6-8	200	MB	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
9	Rafael Paal	6-6	204	OH	Sr.	Rio di Janeiro, Brazil
10	Cory Carpenter	6-7	220	MB	Jr.	Alpine, Utah
11	John Penfield	6-4	217	OH	So.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
12	Jonathan Alleman	6-3	200	OH/OPP	Jr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
13	Tim Layton	6-6	210	OH	So.	Anaheim, Calif.
14	Rob Neilson	6-3	180	S	Fr.	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
15	Shawn Olmstead	6-2	195	LIB	Jr.	Carpinteria, Calif.
17	Fernando Pessoa	6-4	190	LIB	Jr.	Rio di Janeiro, Brazil
18	Luka Slabe	6-1	190	OH	Sr.	Ljubljana, Slovenia
	Enoc Cardona	6-6	190	OH/OPP	Fr.	Aguada, Puerto Rico
	Taylor Evans	6-2	175	OH/LIB	Fr.	Alamo, Calif.

Tom Peterson           Head Coach  
Shawn Patchell       Assistant Coach  
Grayson DuBose      Assistant Coach  
Bob Hadaway         Volunteer Coach

**2003 BYU Individual Match Highs**



**Jonathan Alleman**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .684 (15-219) at USC (Mar. 1, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 30 (30-6-46) 5g at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003); 30 (30-8-48) 5g at Stanford (Jan. 17, 2003)

**Assists:** 5 (5g) at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003)

**Digs:** 9 (5g) at Pacific (Jan. 20, 2003); 9 (4g) vs UC San Diego (Feb. 8, 2003)

**Aces:** 3 at UC Santa Barbara (Feb. 15, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 5 (1-4) vs. UC San Diego (Feb. 8, 2003); 5 (1-4) at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003); 5 (1-4) vs. Hawaii (Feb. 21, 2003)



**Michael Burke**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .600 (6-0-10) vs. UCLA (Jan. 31, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 17 (17-4-25) 5g at Pacific (Jan. 21, 2003)

**Aces:** 2 at UC Santa Barbara (Feb. 14, 2003); 2 vs. UC San Diego (Feb. 8, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 9 (0-9) vs. Penn State (Mar. 7, 2003)



**Chris Gorny**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .667 (7-1-9) at UC Santa Barbara (Feb. 15, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 12 (12-4-24) 5g at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003)

**Digs:** 5 (4g) vs. UC San Diego (Feb. 8, 2003)

**Aces:** 2 vs. Hawaii (Feb. 21, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 9 (2-7) vs. UC San Diego (Feb. 8, 2003)

4 Carlos Moreno vs. Ohio State (Feb. 1, 2002)  
4 Rafael Paal vs. Stanford (Jan. 11, 2002)  
**Blocks:**  
13 (0-13) Scott Bunker vs. Hawaii (Apr. 14, 2001)

**BYU Team Single-Match Records:**

**Attack Percentage (min. 12 kills):**

.655 (42-4-58) at USC (Jan. 31, 2001)

**Kills:**

91 (91-30-156) 5g vs. Stanford (Apr. 20, 2002)

**Total Attempts:**

179 (89-31-179) 5g vs. UCLA (Feb. 23, 2002)

**Assists:**

91 (5g) vs. Stanford (Apr. 20, 2002)

**Digs:**

50 (5g) vs. Stanford (Apr. 20, 2002)

50 (5g) vs. UCLA (Feb. 23, 2002)

**Aces:**

8 vs. Ohio State (Feb. 1, 2002)

8 at UC Irvine (Feb. 9, 2002)

8 at Pepperdine (Mar. 3, 2001)

**Blocks:**

21.0 vs. UC Irvine (Apr. 21, 2001)



**Jaime Mayol**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .706 (13-1-17) at USC (Feb. 28, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 13 (13-5-23) 4g vs. UC San Diego (Feb. 8, 2003)

**Assists:** 3 (5g) at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003)

**Digs:** 9 (5g) at Pacific (Jan. 20, 2003)

**Aces:** 1 vs. UC San Diego (Feb. 7, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 5 (0-5) at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003); 5 (1-4) at USC (Feb. 28, 2003)



**Carlos Moreno**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .857 (6-0-7) vs. Hawaii (Feb. 20, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 7 (7-0-9) 3g vs. UCLA (Jan. 31, 2003); 7 (7-1-10) 4g vs. Penn State (Mar. 7, 2003)

**Assists:** 72 (5g) at Stanford (Jan. 17, 2003)

**Digs:** 12 (5g) at Pacific (Jan. 21, 2003)

**Aces:** 3 at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 6 (2-4) vs. Penn State (Mar. 7, 2003)



**Shawn Olmstead**

**Assists:** 3 (3g) vs. UCLA (Jan. 31, 2003)

**Digs:** 12 (5g) at Pacific (Jan. 21, 2003)



**Rafael Paal**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .640 (19-3-25) vs. Hawaii (Feb. 20, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 22 (22-6-48) 5g at Pacific (Jan. 21, 2003)

**Assists:** 4 (4g) vs. Hawaii (Feb. 21, 2003)

**Digs:** 15 (5g) at Stanford (Jan. 17, 2003)

**Aces:** 4 at Stanford (Jan. 17, 2003); 4 at Pacific (Jan. 21, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 7 (0-7) vs. UCLA (Feb. 1, 2003)



**Fernando Pessoa**

**Assists:** 4 (5g) at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003)

**Digs:** 13 (5g) at Stanford (Jan. 18, 2003)



**Luka Slabe**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .636 (8-1-11) at UC Santa Barbara (Feb. 15, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 10 (10-3-18) 3g vs. Concordia (Mar. 5, 2003)

**Digs:** 6 (3g) vs. UCLA (Jan. 31, 2003)

**Aces:** 3 at Pacific (Jan. 21, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 2 (1-1) vs. UCLA (Jan. 31, 2003)



**David Hyte**

**Attack Percent (K-E-TA):** .750 (12-0-16) vs. Penn State (Mar. 8, 2003)

**Kills (K-E-TA):** 12 (12-0-16) vs. Penn State (Mar. 8, 2003)

**Digs:** 2 (5g) vs. Penn State (Mar. 8, 2003)

**Aces:** 1 vs. Concordia (Mar. 5, 2003)

**Blocks (BS-BA):** 4 (0-4) vs. Penn State (Mar. 8, 2003)