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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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BYU Record

2003: 0-0 overall, 0-0 conference
(0-0 home, 0-0 away, 0-0 neutral)
All-time : 228-138 (since 1990)
Coach Peterson: 23-7/1

2003 Schedule/Results

Date	Opp/Event	Time/Results
1/9	@ Pepperdine Tournament	7 p.m.
1/10	@ Pepperdine Tournament	8 p.m.
1/16	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	7 p.m.
1/17	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	8:30 p.m.
1/23	@ Ohio State	7 p.m.
1/24	@ Ohio State	7 p.m.
1/28	@ Long Beach State*	7:30 p.m.
1/30	@ Long Beach State*	7:30 p.m.
2/6	PACIFIC*	7 p.m.
2/7	PACIFIC*	7 p.m.
2/20	STANFORD*	7 p.m.
2/21	STANFORD*	7 p.m.
2/26	@ UC Irvine*	7 p.m.
2/28	@ UC Irvine*	4 p.m.
3/5	SANTA BARBARA*	7 p.m.
3/6	SANTA BARBARA*	7 p.m.
3/12	PEPPERDINE*	7 p.m.
3/13	PEPPERDINE*	7 p.m.
3/18	@ Hawai`i*	7 p.m.
3/20	@ Hawai`i*	7 p.m.
3/26	LEWIS	7 p.m.
3/27	GEORGE MASON	7 p.m.
4/2	@ UC San Diego*	7 p.m.
4/3	@ UC San Diego*	7 p.m.
4/8	@ UCLA*	7 p.m.
4/9	@ UCLA*	7 p.m.
4/15	USC*	7 p.m.
4/17	USC*	7 p.m.
4/24	MPSF First Round	TBA
4/29	MPSF Semi-Final	TBA
5/1	MPSF Final	TBA

* MPSF Opponents

*HOME GAMES IN CAPS

Cougars Kick Off 2004 Season

With four starters and 10 players returning from last year's squad, the BYU men's volleyball team opens the 2004 season with a pair of non-conference matches Jan 9-10 against Pepperdine in Malibu, Calif. The first match will begin at 7 p.m. (PST) and the second match starts at 8 p.m. (PST) at the Firestone Fieldhouse.

A Quick Look at the Cougars

In Coach Peterson's first season with the Cougars in 2003, the team finished with a 23-7 overall record and 17-5 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. This year's team returns All-Americans Carlos Moreno and Jon Alleman, All-MPSF selection Fernando Pessoa and a handful of athletes competing for starting positions. BYU finished the 2003 season as the NCAA Runner-up to Lewis University, after defeating Penn State in the NCAA Semi-Finals. In pre-season matches, the Cougars joined three top NCAA teams including Long Beach State, Pepperdine and UC Irvine to compete against four top Canadian teams in the Can-Am Challenge. BYU helped the USA win the crown with a 2-2 record.

Quotes from Coach Tom Peterson

Pepperdine is a team where what you see is what you get. They are one of the biggest teams with tall outside hitters.

We have a chance to be a very good team. We're trying to put together the best combination of players and it will depend on how face we come together. We need to have great ball control and passing against Pepperdine. One good thing is that our team is very deep and we have a lot of guys for our line-up.

Non-Conference Match Up

The match-up this weekend will give both teams a chance to play tough teams before the conference starts. The Cougars led the series 2-1 against Pepperdine last season and came from behind to beat the Waves 3-2 in the final MPSF Tournament match.

Scouting Pepperdine

The Waves finished the 2003 season 24-6 overall and 19-3 in conference. They are returning five starters, nine letterwinners and five newcomers who will make up the roster. Pepperdine fell to Lewis in the NCAA semi-finals and finished third nationally. Junior outside hitters Fred Winters and Sean Rooney led the team last season averaging 4.04 and 4.53 kills per game, respectively, while sophomore middle blocker Andy Hein averaged 1.75 kills per game and 1.18 blocks. The Waves hit .346 as a team on the season.

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: Cecil O. Samuelson
 Athletic Director: Val Hale
 Ticket Office Phone: (801) 378-BYU1 or 1-800-322-BYU1

Volleyball Staff:

Head Coach: Tom Peterson (BYU, 1978)
 BYU Record/Years: 23-7/2nd season
 Office Phone: (801) 422-8291
 Career Record/Years: 271-136/12
 Assistant Coaches:
 Grayson DuBose (BYU, 1993)
 Shawn Patchell (BYU, 1993)
 Volunteer Coach:
 Greg Jorgensen (Utah State, 2002)
 Trainer: Blain Empey

Volleyball Facts:

2003 Overall Record: 23-7
 Conference Record/Finish: 17-5 / 2nd in MPSF
 Final National Ranking: 2nd
 Starters Returning (3):
 Jon Alleman, 6-4, Sr., OH/OPP
 Carlos Moreno, 6-4, So., S
 Fernando Pessoa, 6-4, Jr., LIB/OH
 Starters Lost (3):
 Rafael Paal (NCAA All-Tourn. Team, 3rd Team MPSF)
 Jaime Mayol (2.79 kpg, .325 hitting percentage)
 Luka Slabe (1.53 kpg, .219 hitting percentage)
 Other Letterwinners Returning (3):
 Joe Hillman, 6-7, Sr., OPP
 David HYTE, 6-8, Sr., MB
 Shawn Olmstead, 6-2, Sr., LIB
 Top Newcomer:
 Victor Batista, 6-5, Fr., OH, Dominican Republic
 All-Conference Performers:
 Carlos Moreno (2003 Second Team)
 Jonathan Alleman (2003 Second Team)
 Fernando Pessoa (2003 Honorable Mention)
 Michael Burke (2003 Honorable Mention)

Cougar Standouts

Senior All-American Jonathan Alleman returns to the squad after registering leading BYU in kills per game (3.93) and kills for the season (440). Junior setter Carlos Moreno, another All-American honoree, joins Alleman and the Cougar squad for another run at the NCAA championship. Moreno averaged 14.25 assists per game and recorded 1567 assists on the season, the second-highest in BYU men's volleyball history. All-MPSF libero Fernando Pessoa also joins the Cougars for his senior year and will see time as an outside hitter.

Injuries Shuffle the Lineup

The middle blocker position was hit with a huge blow and will be shuffled around this season due to injuries. Mike Burke is returning as an All-MPSF selection, but will miss most of the season due to an injury. He was en route to become the top blocker in the nation and a strong force in the middle with his height and consistent hitting percentage. Chris Gorny will not compete due to an injury, but will join the Cougars towards the end of January.

BYU Numerical Roster

<u>Num.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
2	Steffin Rangel	6-5	175	OH	So.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
3	Michael Burke	6-8	230	MB	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
5	Carlos Moreno	6-4	185	S	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
7	Chris Gorny	6-6	195	OH/MB	Sr.	Palmdale, Calif.
8	David HYTE	6-8	200	MB	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
10	Cory Carpenter	6-7	200	MB	Sr.	Alpine, Utah
11	Joe Hillman	6-7	195	Opp	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
12	Jon Alleman	6-3	200	OH/Opp	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
14	Rob Neilson	6-3	180	S	So.	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
15	Shawn Olmstead	6-2	195	LIB	Sr.	Carpinteria, Calif.
17	Fernando Pessoa	6-4	190	LIB	Sr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
18	Rob Congelliere	6-5	215	OH/LIB	Jr.	Newbury Park, Calif.
19	Matt Heyes	6-5	195	OH	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
20	Taylor Evans	6-2	175	OH/Opp	So.	Alamo, Calif.
	Enoc Cardona	6-6	190	OH/Opp	Fr.	Aguada, Puerto Rico
	Brian Rowley	6-0	165	LIB	So.	San Diego, Calif.
	Aaron Ferre	6-8	210	MB	Fr.	Sandy, Utah
	Victor Batista	6-5	165	OH	Fr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.
Redshirts	Reed Chilton	6-3	175	S	Fr.	Centerville, Ohio
	Russel Holmes	6-8	185	MB	Fr.	Fountain Valley, Calif.
	Joshua Jergensen	6-5	195	OH	Fr.	Poway, Calif.
	Joe Klein	6-1	175	S	Fr.	Eden, N.Y.
	Ivan Perez	6-4	190	OH	Fr.	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
	Andrew Stewart	6-5	182	OH	Fr.	Sandy, Utah
	Mat Taylor	6-6	203	OH	Fr.	Orem, Utah
	Kent Tuttle	6-4	210	S/OH	Fr.	El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Up Next

Following this week's matches against Pepperdine, the Cougars will open the conference at home against Cal State Northridge in Provo on January 16-17. The first match is set for 7 p.m. (MST) in the Smith Fieldhouse and Saturday's match will kick off at 8:30 p.m. (MST) after the BYU men's basketball game.