



# Cougar Volleyball

## BYU Welcomes Top Teams to Mizuno Classic

The Cougars open their home schedule Thursday - Saturday with the annual BYU Mizuno Classic, which will feature two of the top-six teams in the nation. BYU will play host to No. 3 USC, No. 6 Florida, Oral Roberts and Wake Forest. All matches will be held in the Smith Fieldhouse.

All four teams traveling to the Mizuno Classic hold winning records, including USC and Florida with perfect 3-0 records.

BYU will welcome No. 3 USC Thursday at 7 p.m in a match that will be televised on KBYU, channel 11 in Utah, and on BYU Television, a satellite and cable channel. The Trojans are fresh off an effort in which they claimed the Radisson Hotel Roberts/Nike Classic tournament title by sweeping No. 2 Nebraska on Monday. BYU currently stands 6-9 all-time against the Trojans. The last meeting between the two teams was a Trojan sweep in the 1994 BYU Mizuno Classic (9/16).

On Friday the Cougars will host Oral Roberts at Noon and Wake Forest at 4 p.m. Oral Roberts started the year 2-0 with wins over Dayton and Baylor at the Long Beach State Mizuno Invitational, but fell to the fifth-ranked host team. The Cougars have met the Golden Eagles twice (1997 and 2000). Both matches were in the BYU Mizuno Classic, and the Cougars swept both matches. Wake Forest enters the Mizuno Classic with a 2-1 record on the season. This is the first-ever meeting between BYU and Wake Forest.

The Cougars finish the tournament with a Saturday match-up against No. 6 Florida at 7 p.m. The Gators have won nine consecutive games to open the season in defeating UAB, Rhode Island and No. 21 Illinois. The two teams last met December 10, 1999, when the Gators bounced the Cougars, 3-0, from the NCAA Tournament in the Mountain Regional. BYU is 3-3 all-time against Florida.

After winning its season opener against Gonzaga at the Les Schwab Cougar Classic, BYU dropped a close match to Nevada and was swept by host Washington State last week. The play of senior Allison Larson and freshman Lexi Brown shone at the tournament as each was named to the all-tournament team.

Offensively, the Cougars are led by Larson and April Varner, who are averaging 3.25 and 2.75 kills per game, respectively. BYU is being outthit .143 to .158 and has yet to establish a consistent basis for attack.

Despite the Cougars' offensive maladies, their defense has been staunch. BYU's middle blocking tandem of Carrie Bowers and Lexi Brown average 1.92 and 1.67 blocks per game, respectively. As a team the Cougars are outblocking opponents 45.5-20 this season. Mountain West Conference Co-Defensive Specialist of the Year Uila Crabbe leads the Cougars this year with 4.25 digs per game. Lindsey Metcalf and April Varner are both averaging 3.08 dpg.

On Friday, other matches will feature Wake Forest vs. USC at 10 a.m. and Florida vs. USC at 7 p.m. Saturday matches will pit Florida vs. Oral Roberts at Noon and Oral Roberts vs. Wake Forest at 5 p.m.

BYU Mizuno Classic • Smith Fieldhouse (5,000) • Provo, Utah

### Thursday, Sept. 5

BYU (1-2) vs. No. 3 USC (3-0) — 7 p.m. — (KBYU-TV/BYUTV/BYU RADIO)

### Friday, Sept. 6

Wake Forest (2-1) vs. USC — 10 a.m.

BYU vs. Oral Roberts (2-1) — Noon

BYU vs. Wake Forest — 4 p.m.

No. 6 Florida (3-0) vs. No. 3 USC — 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 7

Florida vs. Oral Roberts — Noon

Oral Roberts vs. Wake Forest — 5 p.m.

BYU vs. No. 6 Florida — 7 p.m. — (BYU RADIO)

## QUICK REFERENCE

BYU 2002 Record: 1-2

BYU MWC Record: 0-0

Current AVCARanking: N/A

Current VB Magazine Ranking: N/A

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## 2002 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Score(TV)
Aug. 30-31	Cougar Challenge • Pullman, Wash.	
Aug. 30	Gonzaga	27-30, 30-27, 30-19, 30-21 W
Aug. 31	Nevada	22-30, 29-31, 31-29, 30-27, 4-15 L
Aug. 31	@ Washington State	15-30, 23-30, 21-30 L
Sept. 5-7	BYU Mizuno Classic • PROVO, Utah	
Sept. 5	Southern California	7 p.m. / BYU-TV
Sept. 6	Oral Roberts	Noon
Sept. 6	Wake Forest	4 p.m.
Sept. 7	Florida (Family Night)	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Weber State	7 p.m./BYURadio
Sept. 13-14	Texas A&M Invitational • College Station, Texas	
Sept. 13	Louisiana-Lafayette	5 p.m.
Sept. 14	Sam Houston State	11 a.m.
Sept. 14	@ Texas A&M	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Arkansas	7 p.m. / BYU-TV
Sept. 20	Illinois	7 p.m.
Sept. 27*	@ San Diego State	7 p.m.
Sept. 28*	@ UNLV	7 p.m.
Oct. 4*	Air Force Academy	7 p.m.
Oct. 5*	New Mexico	8 p.m.
Oct. 8	@ Utah State	6 p.m.
Oct. 11*	@ Utah	7 p.m.
Oct. 18*	@ Colorado State	7 p.m.
Oct. 19*	@ Wyoming	7 p.m.
Oct. 25*	UNLV	7 p.m.
Oct. 26*	San Diego State (Cosmo Kids Night)	7 p.m.
Nov. 1*	@ New Mexico	7 p.m.
Nov. 2*	@ Air Force	7 p.m.
Nov. 8*	Utah	7 p.m. / BYU-TV
Nov. 15*	Wyoming	7 p.m.
Nov. 16*	Colorado State	7 p.m.
Nov. 21-23	Mountain West Tournament • Fort Collins, CO	
Nov. 26	Hawai'i (Hogi Yogi Night)	7 p.m. / BYU-TV
Nov. 29	Arizona	7 p.m.
Dec. 6-7	NCAA1st and 2nd Rounds	TBA
Dec. 13-14	NCAARegionals	TBA
Dec. 19-21	NCAAFinal Four	New Orleans

\* denotes a Mountain West Conference match.

All times listed are local to site



## USC Trojans



### LOOKING AT USC

The Trojans are fresh off an effort in which they claimed the Radisson Hotel Roberts/Nike Classic tournament title by sweeping No. 2 Nebraska on Monday. The Trojans have started the season by winning nine straight games by an average of just over seven points per game.

USC is an offensive juggernaut, as it has had no problems in setting up its attack by averaging 19.3 kills and 18.2 assists per game with a .338 attack percentage. The onslaught is led by junior All-American April Ross who averages 4.44 kills per game (.333) and sophomore Keao Burdine's 4.22 kills per game (.329). Each of USC's three matches last week held differing degrees of significance. The Trojans win against Ball State snapped the Cardinals 42-match home winning streak. The next night in a win against Pittsburgh, USC head coach and Ball State alum Mick Haley earned his 800th career win. The week was capped off with a clean sweep of No. 2 Nebraska.

### SERIES RECORD

BYU currently stands 6-9 all-time against the Trojans. The last meeting between the two teams was a Trojan sweep in the 1994 BYU Mizuno Classic (9/16).

### GENERAL INFO

Location: Los Angeles, California  
 Enrollment: 28,600  
 Nickname: Trojans/Woman of Troy  
 Colors: Cardinal and Gold  
 Facility: Lyon Center (1,200)  
 Conference: Pac 10

### VOLLEYBALL INFO

Series Record: USC leads, 6-9  
 Last Meeting: 1994  
 Result: USC (0-3)  
 Head Coach: Mick Haley (Ball State '65)  
 Overall Record (Years): 798-192-1 (25)  
 Record at School (Years): 25-4 (1)  
 Asst. Coaches: Paula Weishoff, Rob Machan  
 2001 Overall Record: 25-4  
 2001 Conference Record/Finish: 16-2/2nd  
 2001 Final Ranking/Post Season Finish: No. 5  
 AVCA/Reginal Finalist

### PLAYER INFO

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/1  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/1  
 Top Returners:  
 Katie Olsovsky, 6-3, Jr., MB (2.35 kpg)  
 April Ross, 6-1, Jr., OH, (3.98 kpg)  
 Keao Burdine, 6-1, So., OH (3.31 kpg)  
 Top Newcomers:  
 Staci Venski, 6-3, Fr., MB  
 Bibiana Candelas, 6-5, Fr., MB

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Mick Haley



April Ross

## Oral Roberts Golden Eagles



### LOOKING AT ORAL ROBERTS

Oral Roberts started the year 2-0 with wins over Dayton and Baylor at the Long Beach State Mizuno Invitational, but fell to the fifth-ranked host team as they prepare to play in Provo. The Golden Eagles are led by three-time first team All Mid-Con honoree and

2000 Player of the Year Patricia Menezes who is averaging 3.92 kills per game, but she is hitting a .192 attack percentage. Oral Roberts is being outthit .214 to .190, but are outdigging opponents 15.33 to 13.92 on the strength of Becky Dreher's 4.83 digs per game. Anna Moreno the All Mid-Con 2000 Setter of the Year enters the tournament averaging 11.33 assists per game. Moreno is the sister of current BYU men's volleyball team setter Carlos Moreno. The Golden Eagles are coming off a 2001 campaign that saw them go 19-7 with a seventh consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

### SERIES RECORD

The Cougars have met the Golden Eagles twice (1997 and 2000). Both matches were in the BYU Mizuno Classic, and the Cougars swept both matches.

### GENERAL INFO

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Enrollment: 5,389  
 Nickname: Golden Eagles  
 Colors: Navy, Vegas Gold and White  
 Facility: Cooper Aerobics Center (350)  
 Conference: Mid-Continent

### VOLLEYBALL INFO

Series Record: BYU leads, 2-0  
 Last Meeting: 2000  
 Result: BYU (3-0)  
 Head Coach: Amy Farber Knowles (U of Oklahoma '91)  
 Overall Record (Years): 127-76 (6)  
 Record at School (Years): 121-48 (5)  
 Assistant Coaches: Darrell Pearson, Sheera Sirola  
 2001 Overall Record: 19-7  
 2001 Conference Record/ Finish: 11-1/1st  
 2001 Final Ranking/Post Season Finish: N/A / NCAA0-1

### PLAYER INFO

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/4  
 Top Returners:  
 Patricia Menezes, 5-10, Sr., RH (4.04 kpg)  
 Anna Moreno, 5-11, Sr., S (10.65 apg)  
 Top Newcomers:  
 Mirela Basic, 6-4, Fr., MB  
 Tina Dudic, 5-8, Fr., OH

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Amy Farber Knowles



Patricia Menezes



## Wake Forest Demon Deacons



### LOOKING AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest enters the Mizuno Classic with a 2-1 record on the season. After opening the year by handily defeating Auburn in three straight, the Demon Deacons lost in four close games to Ohio, before winning in five games against Virginia Tech.

Serving power has carried Wake Forest early in the season. The team has 39 service aces to the opposition's 13, led by Valerie Rydberg who has compiled 20 aces (1.67 sapg). Ashley Fisher leads the team with 3.42 kpg (.356).

### SERIES RECORD

This is the first-ever meeting between BYU and Wake Forest.

### GENERAL INFO

Location: Winston-Salem, NC  
Enrollment: 4,000  
Nickname: Demon Deacons  
Colors: Old Gold and Black  
Facility: Reynolds Gym (2,000)  
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference

### VOLLEYBALL INFO

Series Record: First Meeting  
Head Coach: Valerie Baker (Eastern Kentucky '91)  
Overall Record (Years): 41-20 (2)  
Record at School (Years): Same  
Asst. Coaches: Heather Kahl, Jason Pariseau  
2001 Overall Record: 20-11  
2001 Conference Record/ Finish: 10-6/20-11  
2001 Final Ranking/Post Season Finish: 14th/0-3

### PLAYER INFO

Starters Returning/Lost: 6/2  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3  
Top Returners:  
Ashlee Phillips, 6-1, Sr., S (2.50 dpg)  
Ashley Fisher, 5-11, Jr., RS (2.43 dpg)  
Jessica Hauff, 6-0, Jr., MB (2.36 kpg)  
Kim Stern, 6-2, So., MB (1.71 kpg)  
Top Newcomers:  
Erin Borhart, 6-0, Fr., S  
Chirsty Williams, 6-0, Fr., MB

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Valorie Baker



Ashlee Phillips

## Florida Gators



### LOOKING AT FLORIDA

Florida is another high-octane team with a balanced attack that features three players who average more than three kills per game. Benavia Jenkins leads with a .600 attack percentage and 3.14 kpg. Nicole McCrary and Jacque Williams

each average 3.44 kpg while hitting .415 and .393, respectively. McCrary also averages 2.11 digs per game and 1.56 blocks per game. The Gators have won nine consecutive games to open the season in defeating UAB, Rhode Island and No. 21 Illinois. A key to Florida's success this season has been starting quickly in each match. The first game scores this year have been, 30-13, 30-22, 30-16. The Gators have been offensive machines hitting .347 as a team, but they have also been stifling on defense holding opponents to a .031 attack percentage, while outblocking the opposition 27-10.

### SERIES RECORD

The Cougars will conclude the tournament with a match against Florida on Saturday. The two teams last met December 10, 1999, when the Gators bounced the Cougars from the NCAA Tournament in the Mountain Regional, 3-0. BYU is 3-3 all-time against Florida.

### GENERAL INFO

Location: Gainesville, Florida  
Enrollment: 45,937  
Nickname: Gators  
Colors: Orange and Blue  
Facility: Stephen C. O'Connell Center (12,000)  
Conference: Southeastern Conference

### VOLLEYBALL INFO

Series Record: Series tied, 3-3  
Last Meeting: 1999  
Result: UF (0-3)  
Head Coach: Mary Wise (Purdue '81)  
Overall Record (Years): 442-101 (16)  
Record at School (Years): 361-38 (12)  
Associate Head Coach: Nick Cheronis  
2001 Overall Record: 28-2  
2001 Conference Record/Finish: 14-0/1st  
2001 Final Ranking/Post Season Finish: 6th/NCAAREgional Finalist

### PLAYER INFO

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/2  
Top Returners:  
Aury Cruz, 5-11, Jr., OH (4.95 kpg)  
Benavia Jenkins, 6-0, Sr., MB (2.98 kpg)  
Nicole McCray, 6-1, Gr., MB (2.58 kpg)  
Jacque Robinson, 6-2, Jr., RS (2.42 kpg)  
Top Newcomers:  
Jane Collymore, 6-0, Fr., OH  
Rachel Engel, 5-6, Fr., S

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Mary Wise



Aury Cruz



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**UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Location ..... Provo, Utah 84602  
 Elevation ..... 4,553 feet  
 Enrollment ..... 32,122 (Daytime)  
 Founded ..... October 15, 1875  
 Owned . . . Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
 Nickname ..... Cougars  
 Mascot ..... Cosmo  
 Colors ..... dark blue, white and tan  
 Conference ..... Mountain West  
 Arena . . . Smith Fieldhouse (5,000) wood floor

**VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION**

Head Coach ..... Karen Lamb (BYU, 1978)  
 Office Phone ..... 801-422-4225  
 Assistant Coaches . Jason Watson (BYU, 1995)  
 ..... Mari Carpenter (BYU, 2000)  
 Lamb Record at BYU: ..... First Year  
 Lamb Career Record ..... '90-94 (.489)  
 BYU's All-Time Record: ..... '887-225-5 (.796)  
 2001 Record ..... '20-9  
 2001 MWC Record ..... '10-4 (3rd)  
 2001 NCAA ..... First Round (T-33rd)  
 2001 Final Ranking ..... '22nd (AVCA)  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... '2/4  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... '8/4  
 Newcomers ..... '5  
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**2002 NUMERICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
3	April Varner	6-0	So.	OH/RS	TR	Salt Lake City, Utah (Long Beach State)
4	Becky Warnick	5-11	So.	OH	1L	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Capistrano Valley HS)
5	Sahara Castillo	5-11	Jr.	OH/RS	TR	Lima, Peru (Ricks College)
2	Karina Puikkonen	6-0	Jr.	S	2L	Murray, Utah (Murray HS)
6	Lindsey Metcalf	6-0	So.	OH/RS	1L	Orem, Utah (Mountain View HS)
7	Allison Larson	6-0	Sr.	OH/RS	1L	Richland, Wash. (Columbia Basin College)
8	Carrie Bowers	6-2	Jr.	MB	2L	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland HS)
9	Lexi Brown	6-1	Fr.	MB	RS	Sandy, Utah (Jordan HS)
11	Lauren Richards	5-11	So.	S/OH	1L	Orem, Utah (Timpanogos HS)
12	Uila Crabbe	5-7	Jr.	L/DS	2L	Mililani, Hawai'i (Kamehameha HS)
14	Lindsay Lewis	6-4	Fr.	MB	HS	Inkom, Idaho (Century HS)
15	Kimberly Wilson	6-0	Fr.	OH	HS	Provo, Utah (Provo HS)
17	Michelle Mahaffey	5-6	Sr.	L/DS	3L	Martinez, Calif. (College Park HS)
10	Erin Webb	6-0	Fr.	OH	RS	Sandy, Utah (Skyline HS)
18	Laura Nielsen	6-1	Jr.	MB	TR	Fremont, Calif. (Ricks College)

Head Coach: Karen Lamb (BYU 1978) – First Year

Assistant Coaches: Jason Watson (BYU 1995), Mari Carpenter (BYU 2000)

Trainer: Gaye Merrill

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

## Returning Starters (2)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Pct.	KPG	DPG	Other
Karina Puikkonen	S	6-0	Jr.	.400	1.50	1.88	12.65 APG; 0.89 BPG
Uila Crabbe	Lib/DS	5-7	Jr.	-.120	0.04	2.47	Started all matches

## Starters Lost (4)

Nina Puikkonen	MB	6-3	Sr.	.292	4.24	2.33	1.59 BPG; 23 aces
Jackie Bundy	MB	6-1	Sr.	.198	3.02	2.03	1.10 BPG
Natalie Whittaker	OH	6-0	Sr.	.227	1.91	3.04	0.47 BPG
**Sunny Mahe	RS	6-2	Jr.	.319	3.56	1.87	1.02 BPG

\*\* Redshirting in 2002 while she and husband Reno are expecting their first child

## Returning Letterwinners (8)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Pct.	KPG	DPG	Other
Karina Puikkonen	S/OH	6-0	Jr.	.400	1.50	1.88	12.65 APG; 0.89 BPG
Uila Crabbe	Lib/DS	5-7	Jr.	-.120	0.04	2.47	Played all 104 games
Lauren Richards	OH/S	5-11	So.	.136	2.38	0.33	Played in 63 games
Becky Warnick	OH	5-11	So.	.168	1.76	0.56	Played in 25 games
Lindsey Steele	OH	6-0	So.	.081	.044	.028	Played in 25 games
Allison Larson	MB/OH	6-0	Sr.	.053	1.55	0.75	Played in 20 games
Michelle Mahaffey	Lib/DS	5-6	Sr.	.000	0.00	1.00	Played in 20 games
Carrie Bowers	MB/RS	6-2	Jr.	.000	0.33	0.89	Played in 9 games

## Returning Redshirts (2)

Lexi Brown	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Sandy, Utah (Jordan HS)		
Erin Webb	MB	6-0	Fr.	HS	Sandy, Utah (Skyline HS)		

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## Newcomers (5)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Exp.
Sahara Castillo	OH	5-11	Jr.	TR
Laura Nielsen	MB	6-1	Jr.	TR
April Varner	OH	6-0	So.	TR
Lindsay Lewis	MB	6-4	Fr.	HS
Kimberly Wilson	OH	6-0	Fr.	HS



**COUGARS FEATURE ROBUST 2002 SCHEDULE**

BYU features one of the top schedules nationally in 2002. Ten matches are scheduled against teams ranked in the top 25 at the start of the 2002 campaign.

Not including potential 2002 MWC tournament match-ups, BYU will play a minimum of 17 matches against teams that qualified for last year's NCAA tournament compared to the scheduled 12 matches against NCAA teams a year ago.

Overall, nine opponents were ranked in the top 25 at the end of last season, and 14 teams qualified for the NCAA Tournament with a combined tournament record of 20-14.

Among BYU's 2002 opponents, Arizona, ranked No. 6 in the final 2001 poll, reached the Final Four last year, and No. 3 USC and No. 7 Florida were regional finalists in the NCAA Tournament. Other top-25 teams from last year include Hawaii (No. 4), Utah (No. 13), Texas A&M (No. 17), Colorado State (No. 18) and Illinois (No. 19). Of the Cougars' 2002 opponents, BYU has a losing record against only two teams (Hawaii and USC). Against this year's nationally ranked opponents, BYU has an impressive 153-58-1 (.723) record.

All-time BYU records vs. 2002 opponents (Top 25 rankings from 2002 AVCA Preseason Poll)

<u>Top 25 Opponents</u>	<u>Record</u>
Arizona	23-12
Colorado State	42-12-1
Florida	3-3
Hawaii	5-12
Illinois	4-0
Texas A&M	9-1
USC	6-9
Utah	<u>61-9</u>
	153-58-1(.723)

<u>Non-Top 25 Opponents</u>	<u>Record</u>
Air Force	8-0
Arkansas	0-0
Gonzaga	3-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0
Nevada	1-0
New Mexico	50-7
Oral Roberts	2-0
Sam Houston State	2-0
San Diego State	25-13
UNLV	9-1
Utah State	45-11
Wake Forest	0-0
Washington State	5-1-1
Weber State	50-0
Wyoming	<u>50-3</u>
	250-26-1(.904)
Overall	448-105-1(.809)

**2002 NOTES FROM LAST WEEK (AUG. 26-31)**

**LAMB'S BYU HEAD COACHING DEBUT**

Karen Lamb, the third BYU women's head coach in history, won in her Cougar debut as BYU defeated Gonzaga 3-1, in the Cougars' season opener at the Les Schwab Cougar Challenge at Washington State University.

**COUGAR MIDDLE POWERS**

Against Gonzaga BYU's middle blocking duo of Brown and Carrie Bowers combined for 25 kills and only one hitting error while hitting .522. In addition they totaled 14 blocks. Both were making their collegiate starting debuts. In the case of redshirt freshman Brown it was her first college match.

**BELOW .500**

Host Washington State took advantage of BYU's early season inexperience to drop BYU below .500 for the first time since the Cougars lost the first game of the 1999 season to Michigan (9/3/1999).

**TRANSFER SPARK**

Long Beach State sophomore transfer April Varner opened her BYU career with two double-doubles. She had 13 kills and 13 digs against Gonzaga and 14 kills and 19 digs against Nevada. For the week she averaged 2.75 kills and 3.08 digs per game.

**CAREER WEEKENDS FOR COUGARS**

Perhaps underscoring BYU's inexperience, six of the seven Cougar starters set various career-highs during the Cougar Challenge. Defensive specialist Uila Crabbe in digs (21); outside hitters April Varner in kills (14), digs (19) and attack percentage (.324) and Allison Larson in kills (17), digs (5) and blocks (4); middle blockers Lexi Brown in kills (14), blocks (12), service aces (2) and attack percentage (.619) and Carrie Bowers in kills (12), digs (8), blocks (9) and attack percentage (.440); rightside hitter Lindsey Metcalf in kills (8), digs (14), assists (15), blocks (8) and service aces (2).

**BUILDING A WALL AT THE NET**

BYU outblocked all three of its opponents last week. Gonzaga (15-4), Nevada (19-9) and Washington State (11.5-7). For the week BYU outblocked its opponents 45.5-20.

**LARSON KEYING COUGAR ATTACK**

Allison Larson led the Cougars in kills in all three matches. Gonzaga (15), Nevada (17) and Washington State (7).

**ALL-TOURNAMENT PERFORMERS**

Allison Larson and Lexi Brown were named to the all-tournament team at the Cougar Challenge.

**2002 TEAM AND OTHER NOTES**

**RICHARDS REDSHIRT**

Sophomore Lauren Richards will sit out this year and redshirt.

**LINE-UP SHUFFLING**

With the return of only two starters from last year's 20-9 team, the make-up of this year's squad is quite a bit different. All-MWC performers Karina Puikkonen and Uila Crabbe return as setter and defensive specialist, respectively. Inexperience fills the other starting positions as Varner and Larson start on the outside, while Brown and Bowers start in the middle. Sophomore Lindsey Metcalf fills the void left by Sunny Mahe on the right side.

**DOWN AND OUT OF POLLS**

Ranked 23rd in the preseason AVCA/USA Today Top-25 Poll, the Cougars tumbled out of the rankings Monday for the first time since 1996. In 1996 BYU was unranked for nine weeks (Sept. 17 - Nov. 12). The only other times the Cougars have been unranked are in 1984 for one week and 1989 for eight weeks. The Cougars had been tied for sixth all-time with USC in being ranked for a total of 252 weeks.

**FAMILY REUNION**

Oral Roberts' Anna Moreno, the All Mid-Con 2000 Setter of the Year and current Golden Eagles starter, is the sister of current BYU men's volleyball team setter Carlos Moreno.



Former WSU Coach Karen Lamb is  
BYU's New Head Coach



Karen Curtis Lamb was named head coach of the BYU women's volleyball program on July 9, 2002, replacing the legendary Elaine Michaelis. An assistant to Michaelis the past eight seasons, Lamb brings to her new responsibilities 18 years of collegiate coaching experience, including nine years as a head coach, and two years coaching with the U.S. National Team.

Lamb is only the third person to head BYU's program, joining Michaelis (1962-2002) and JoAnne Calderwood (1956-61). Michaelis retired in May 2002 after 40 years at the Cougar helm ranked No. 2 all-time in NCAA Division I women's volleyball wins with an 887-225-5 (.796) record.

In nine years as a head coach, four in junior college and five at the Division I level, Lamb has totaled a 195-123 (.613) overall record while bringing success to each program. Her accomplishments include an NJCAA national championship and national coach of the year honors. As an assistant coach at BYU the past eight seasons, she helped coach seven All-Americans while the Cougars won five conference titles, achieved a 207-51 (.802) overall record, and played in eight NCAA tourna-

"Karen has made a tremendous impact on women's volleyball at BYU and is prepared to use her talents to take the program to the next level. She is an experienced recruiter and program administrator who is well respected, has tremendous passion for the sport and has exceptional knowledge of the game. As a player, she was a great athlete, who played almost every position. She is an intense competitor and a winner who will achieve great success as BYU's head coach."

— Elaine Michaelis

BYU Director of Women's Athletics and Longtime Cougar Coach

ments, including three regional final appearances among five trips to the regional semifinals.

Lamb's opportunity at BYU is her first with a well-established program. In her five prior seasons as a Division I head coach, Lamb took over new or struggling programs and turned them into winners. She owns a 90-94 (.489) record in her five seasons as a Division I head coach at UNLV and Washington State.

Lamb began her coaching career in 1978, serving as an assistant to Michaelis after completing her All-American playing career (1974-77) at BYU. After teaching math at Casa Grande High School in Casa Grande, Ariz., for one year, Lamb took her first volleyball head coaching job in 1980 at Central Arizona College in Coolidge, Ariz. During her four years (1980-83) at the helm, she achieved a 105-29 (.784) record and was named 1983

NJCAA Coach of the Year after guiding her team to the 1983 NJCAA title.

In 1984, Lamb was hired at UNLV, accepting the challenge of restarting the Rebels' volleyball program after its three-year absence. She coached two seasons in Las Vegas, earning a 39-34 (.534) mark, including a 23-17 record in her first season in 1984. In 1986, she accepted another daunting task when she took over a Washington State program that was just entering the Pac-10 Conference after suffering through four consecutive single-digit victory seasons. In spite of the challenging circumstances, she posted a 51-60 (.460) record in her three seasons (1986-88) in Pullman, culminated with the program's first winning season in 10 years with a 22-17 record in 1988. Despite her success, Lamb decided to leave her position to care for her young family, moving to San Diego where her husband Barry was hired as an assistant football coach.



While in San Diego, Lamb worked as a clinician (1989), clinic director (1990) and assistant coach (1990-92) for the U.S.A. Women's National Team, which went on to earn the Bronze Medal in the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics. In 1994, Lamb returned to BYU as a volunteer assistant before being hired as an assistant coach in 1997.

In addition to her college and national-level coaching experience, Lamb has been a pioneer in developing grass-roots volleyball. She founded the first junior volleyball programs in both Arizona and Nevada and has served as the director and owner of Excel Volleyball Camps since the program's inception in 1975. Lamb's camps are administered each summer to more than 500 girls age 12 and older in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

As a player, Lamb was the top of her class. She holds the distinction of being BYU's first female scholarship athlete and was the school's first volleyball All-American, earning second-team honors in 1977. She still holds the BYU single-season hitting percentage record of .485 in 1976, and has a personal-best .777 single-match attack percentage. She once served 15 straight points to deliver a start-to-finish game victory against Weber State.

In 1989, Lamb was recognized by her alma mater for her many accomplishments, being inducted into the BYU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lamb has served as a member of the BYU Coaches Advisory Committee and as an executive board member of Intermountain Volleyball Association High Performance since 1999. She also currently serves as an executive board member of the BYU Varsity Club, a position she has held since 1996. She served on the board of the Cougar Club from 1995-98 and in 1996 taught a volleyball class in the university's department of Health and Human Performance. From 1987-88 she was a member of the AVCA's Russell Advisory National Committee.

Lamb received a bachelor's degree in physical education with a coaching emphasis from BYU in 1978. She earned a master's degree in educational administration with an athletics emphasis from Arizona State in 1984. She has finished her PhD course work at BYU and is currently working on her dissertation.

A Safford, Ariz., native, Lamb is married to BYU assistant football coach Barry Lamb. They have three sons: Mackenzie (17), Tanner (14), Tucker (12). She is the daughter of Brooks and Myrna Curtis.

## Lamb Ledger

### Division I Schools

Year	School	Record	Conf./Finish
1984	UNLV	23-17	1-7 / 5th Big West
1985	UNLV	16-17	5-11 / 7th Big West
1986	Washington St.	13-22	3-15 / T-8th Pac-10
1987	Washington St.	16-21	2-16 / 9th Pac-10
1988	Washington St.	22-17	5-13 / 8th Pac-10
2002	BYU	1-2	0-0 / MWC
	<b>Total</b>	<b>91-96 (.487)</b>	<b>16-62 (.205)</b>

### Junior College Level

Years	School	Record	Notables
1980-83	Central Arizona	105-29 (.784)	1983 NJCAA Title

## Lamb Honors and Awards

- 1989 BYU Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee
- 1983 NJCAA Volleyball Coach of the Year
- District II Coach of the Year
- Collegiate Volleyball Coaches
- Association Coach of the Year – NJCAA Division
- 1977 Volleyball magazine All-American
- BYU Invitational Most Valuable Player
- 1974-77 All-Conference
- 1976-77 BYU Team Captain



## KAREN LAMB TAKES OVER TRADITION-RICH BYU PROGRAM WITH INEXPERIENCED, BUT TALENTED TEAM

*New Era Begins in 2002 with Retirement of Elaine Michaelis*

There will be a new look to BYU volleyball in 2002, both on the court and along the bench. In May 2002, legendary coach Elaine Michaelis retired from coaching after 40 years guiding the Cougar program. Karen Lamb, a BYU assistant the past eight years who also has been a college head coach for nine seasons, takes over a program that returns very little on-court experience from last year's 20-9 team.

In 2002 BYU will be without the services of four key starters. Three time All-American Nina Puikkonen, fellow middle blocker Jackie Bundy and outside hitter Natalie Whittaker all graduated. In addition, senior right-side hitter Sunny Mahe, who was named the AVCA/Sports Imports National Player of the Week and twice honored as the MWC Player of the Week in 2001, will redshirt the 2002 season while expecting her first child in November.

Lamb takes over a Cougar team that enters the season without a returning All-American on the roster for the first time since 1995. Last year was the first season since 1989 that a Cougar did not receive All-America honors and only the fifth time BYU has not had an All-American since Lamb became BYU's first women's volleyball All-American in 1977.

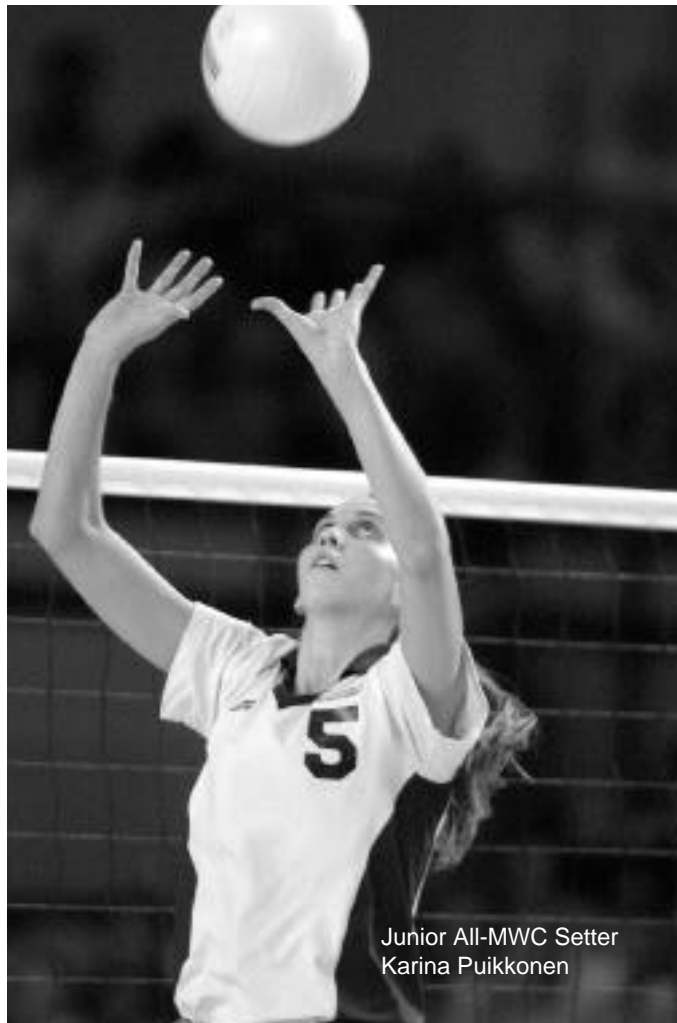
A talented but inexperienced group, the 2002 team returns two starters in All-Mountain West Conference selections Karina Puikkonen and Uila Crabbe. Puikkonen has set the Cougar attack the past two seasons while Crabbe stepped up in 2001 to play a vital role on the back row. Other than sophomore outside hitter Lauren Richards, who played in 19 matches a year ago, no other player on the roster has spent consistent time on the court as a Cougar.

Despite the inexperience, the Cougars have a typically talented roster and extremely versatile lineup. The late summer addition of redshirt sophomore transfer April Varner, who started on the outside during the spring for Long Beach State, gives Lamb another talented option as she opens fall camp. In all, the 2002 Cougar roster is comprised of eight returning letterwinners, three transfers, two redshirt freshmen and two high school recruits.

The following position-by-position look at the Cougars gives further insight into what might transpire on the court for BYU in 2002.

### OUTSIDE HITTERS

The outside will take on a different look in 2002, especially with All-MWC rightside hitter Sunny Mahe sitting out in 2002 while expecting her first child in November. An All-America candidate when she is on the court Mahe will be greatly missed until she can complete her senior year next season. With Natalie Whittaker lost to graduation, sophomore Lauren Richards is the only outside with significant experience, but she will redshirt and sit out the 2002 season. The versatile 5-foot-11 talent came out of a redshirt season as a setter to play the last 19 matches as a hitter on the left side, appearing in 63 of 104 total games last year. She averaged 2.38 kills while hitting .136. A powerful hitter and a premier setter, she showed her potential on the outside with a career-best 20-kill performance at No. 1 Long Beach State in the regular season finale. Although she played setter on the U.S. Junior National Team, Richards played outside in high school where she was an All-American and two-time state MVP at Timpanogos High School in Orem, Utah. In addition to Richards, three other outsides saw some time last year. Sophomores Becky Warnick and Lindsey Metcalf both played in 25 games in 2001 and senior Allison Larson appeared in 20. The 5-foot-11 Warnick had the



Junior All-MWC Setter  
Karina Puikkonen

most success as a hitter, averaging 1.76 kills and a .168 attack percentage, while the 6-foot Metcalf, who got married over the summer, was the more accomplished blocker while hitting .081. The 6-foot Larson averaged 1.55 kills per game but hit only .053. Warnick and Larson saw most of their action early in the season prior to Richards coming out of her planned redshirt, while Metcalf earned some spot time late because of her blocking skill. All three players have shown improvement during the spring and could play a solid role this season. Redshirt freshman Erin Webb is a 6-foot converted middle who was a pleasant surprise during the spring with good all-around skills. Three other outsides are new to the program in 2002, including transfer April Varner, who hit .308 as a reserve in 2001 and started in the spring for Long Beach State before deciding to transfer. The 6-foot sophomore could make an immediate impact for the Cougars. She hit .440 and averaged five kills per game during LBSU's spring season. Junior transfer Sahara Castillo comes to BYU from Ricks College (BYU-Idaho). The 6-foot native of Peru has international experience playing for her national team. Freshman recruit Kimberly Wilson out of nearby Provo High School has excellent athleticism. The 6-foot freshman will redshirt, but displayed tremendous potential during the spring. Mahe's void on the rightside will be filled by Metcalf to start the season, but Castillo, Larson or Varner could also step in if necessary.

### MIDDLE BLOCKERS

With the three-year starting combo of Nina Puikkonen and Jackie Bundy

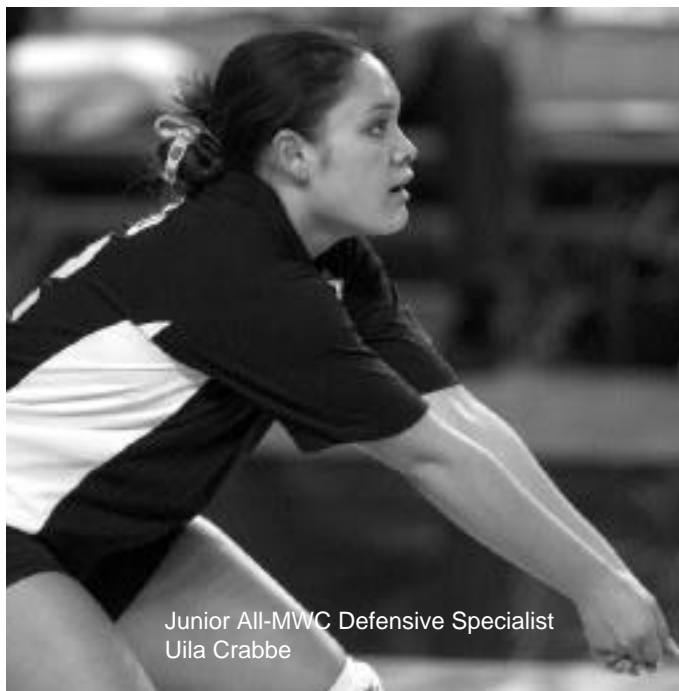




gone in the middle, the Cougars will look to find some replacements among four middles on the roster. Only one, junior Carrie Bowers, has taken the court for BYU and she appeared in nine games last year after playing in four as a redshirt freshman. Bowers stands 6-foot-2 and is an athletic player. A three-time all-state player at Highland High School (Utah) playing alongside Logan Tom, Bowers has had the misfortune of injuries and playing behind BYU's talented middles the past several seasons. After being slowed by foot injuries, she displayed great athleticism in the spring with a solid block and improved attack. She is primed for a starting role in 2002. Redshirt freshman Lexi Brown and newcomers Laura Nielsen, a junior transfer from Ricks College (BYU-Idaho), and Lindsay Lewis, a freshman out of Century High School in Inkom, Idaho, join Bowers. Brown, a 6-foot-1 all-state player out of Jordan High School (Utah) who redshirted last year, has had a year to observe and improve. She showed excellent all-around ability during the spring and is expected to be a solid contributor this season. Nielsen was a second-team Scenic West Athletic Conference Region 18 selection at Ricks College in 2001. The 6-foot-1 transfer looks to earn some time on the floor after being voted the Ricks College Outstanding Volleyball Athlete after leading the team in kills (3.12 kpg) and blocks (1.16 bpg) and finishing second with a .312 hitting percentage. Lewis, a towering 6-foot-4 presence, is a two-sport high school athlete who will concentrate on volleyball at BYU. She will redshirt in 2002, but has the talent and will have the opportunity in 2003 to make a significant impact after a stellar prep career that is rated among the best ever from Idaho. Others who could play the middle if needed include senior Allison Larson.

#### SETTERS

Karina Puikkonen is BYU's most experienced returning player. While guiding BYU's highly rated offensive attack the past two seasons, she has twice garnered All-MWC honors. The 6-foot junior was second in the MWC with 12.65 assists per game last year and was a constant threat on the attack, hitting a team-best .400 attack percentage while averaging 1.50 kills per game. A seasoned and complete player, Puikkonen is an excellent blocker and solid on the back row. She averaged 0.89 blocks and 1.88 digs in 2001 after a redshirt freshman season in 2000 that



Junior All-MWC Defensive Specialist  
Uila Crabbe



Senior Outside Hitter  
Allison Larson

included averages of 12.68 assists, 1.22 kills, 1.59 digs and 0.98 blocks per game. She also hit .290, the third best percentage on the team in 2000. While Puikkonen's skills are a large part of why BYU has ranked highly in hitting and blocking during her two seasons, she will be without most of the hitters, including All-American sister Nina, she has set the past two seasons. In addition to Puikkonen, sophomore Lauren Richards is waiting in the wings as the Cougars' setter of the future. Richards, who like Puikkonen has the size and versatility to also play elsewhere, was among the nation's most prized recruits out of high school. She is one of the most accomplished BYU players with extensive national and international experience, including this past summer when she was invited to train as a setter with the USANational A2 Program.

#### DEFENSIVE SPECIALISTS/LIBERO

Two quality back-row players will see time in 2002, including 2001 MWC Co-Defensive Specialist of the Year Uila Crabbe. Crabbe, a 5-foot-7 junior totaled 118 digs in conference play and averaged 2.57 digs per game overall. She had a career-best 17 digs vs. Texas and was a valuable contributor at the service line, recording four aces twice on her way to 26 aces overall. A solid passer, she played in every game in 2001 after playing in 16 matches as a freshman. Senior Michelle Mahaffey appeared in 15 matches, averaging 1.00 digs playing in 20 games. She could see more time as a senior with the addition of the libero rule in 2002. Crabbe could also see some time as a libero. Castillo could also factor in as the libero.

#### RULE CHANGES

In the first year the NCAA is writing rules for collegiate women's volleyball, the NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules Committee approved several rules changes for the 2002 season. Most prominent among them is the use of the libero player with 12 substitutions. Important rules changes adopted for 2002 are:

- The use of the libero as a designated back-row player who cannot serve, attack or set inside the attack line. The libero is allowed to replace any player in a back-row position. Replacements involving the libero do not count as regular substitutions.
- The use of the pursuit rule allowing players to retrieve a ball that has crossed the centerline outside the court under certain circumstances.
- In a deciding game, teams must switch sides at eight points.
- Expulsion or disqualification of a player results in a loss of rally (point for the opposing team).
- Net sleeves will be allowed on the top of the net with adequate securing devices.

BYU COACH ELAINE MICHAELIS RETIRES AFTER 40 SEASONS



A proven winner, BYU's Elaine Michaelis retired as one of the nation's top volleyball coaches on May 28, 2002, to continue overseeing one of the country's most successful intercollegiate women's athletic programs. Elaine Michaelis served as BYU's women's volleyball 40 seasons. The past seven years she has simultaneously served as the director of women's athletics at BYU, responsibilities

she will now conduct full time.

A legend in the coaching profession, Michaelis retired as the all-time leader in victories among female coaches in collegiate volleyball at any level with 887 wins (in 33 seasons since volleyball records were maintained at BYU in 1969). She ranks second overall in Division I women's volleyball victories, trailing only UCLA's Andy Banachowski (919 wins in 35 seasons). Only six other female coaches (all softball coaches) have ever achieved more wins than Michaelis in an NCAA Division I sport.

Michaelis led the Cougars to a 20-9 record in 2001, her 28th consecutive 20-win season. In addition, the Cougars qualified for their 20th NCAA Tournament. BYU's lone snub from the NCAA Tournament was in 1989, despite a 24-11 record.

Bringing in top-flight talent and teaching sound fundamental volleyball resulted in BYU players earning many honors under Michaelis. Under her guidance, 18 players earned 51 All-America awards for their outstanding play, including nine AVCA/CVCA First Team and six *Volleyball Magazine* First Team honors. Six players have earned national player honors, including Mariliisa Salmi, the 1986 CVCAPlayer of the Year. Four athletes have earned seven GTE Academic All-America awards.

Respected throughout the collegiate volleyball world for her extraordinary volleyball mind, Michaelis was always gracious and dignified before, during and after matches. Her teams were always well prepared for opponents and play under control during the matches. During Michaelis' tenure as head coach, her peers honored her as conference coach of the year eight times - once in the IAC, three times in the HCAC and four times in the WAC. She was named the Tachikara Northwest Region Division I Coach of the Year in 1987 and NCAA District 7 Coach of the Year in 1996.

In her home state, Michaelis has been inducted into the Utah Summer Games Hall of Fame in

1987, the Hall of Fame of the Utah Network of Women and Girls in Sport in 1990 and was one of three honorees of the Salt Lake City Old Time Coaches Association in 1993. She was the 1994 recipient of the Dale Rex Memorial Award, an honor given annually by the BYU Cougar Club to the person who has contributed the most to amateur athletics in the state of Utah.

For her years of dedication, Michaelis received the Volleyball Festival Distinguished Service to U.S. Volleyball Award in 1993. She also accepted the AVCA Founders Award at the Coach of the Year luncheon in 1996, which honors individuals who have been involved in the advancement of volleyball for at least fifteen years. USA Volleyball honored her with its All-Time Great Coach award in 2001.

## The Michaelis Era

YEAR	CONFERENCE	RGN.CONF TOURNEY	NATIONAL	OVERALL
2001	10-4, 3rd MWC	1-1	0-1, 33rd (tie)	20-9
2000	12-2, 2nd MWC	3-0 (1st)	2-1 (9th tie)	26-7
1999	13-1, 1st MWC	2-1 (2nd)	2-1 (9th tie)	28-5
1998	13-1, 1st (tie) WAC PD	2-1 (2nd)	3-1 (5th tie)	31-4
1997	13-1, 1st WAC MD	3-0 (1st)	2-1 (5th tie)	29-6
1996	15-1, 1st WAC MD	3-0, 1st*	2-1 (5th tie)	27-7
1995	11-3, 2nd WAC	----	1-1, 17th (tie)	21-9
1994	13-1, 1st WAC	----	1-1, 17th (tie) NCAA	25-4
1993	14-0, 1st WAC	----	3-1, 3rd (tie) NCAA	29-3
1992	14-0, 1st WAC	----	2-1, 5th (tie) NCAA	29-4
1991	10-2, 2nd WAC	----	0-1, 17th (tie) NCAA	26-5
1990	9-1, 1st WAC	----	0-1, 17th (tie) NCAA	26-8
1989	10-2, 2nd (tie) HCAC	----	DNQ	24-11
1988	9-3, 2nd (tie) HCAC	----	1-1, 9th (tie) NCAA	26-11
1987	11-1, 1st HCAC	----	2-1, 5th (tie) NCAA	34-5
1986	12-0, 1st HCAC	----	2-1, 5th (tie) NCAA	40-3
1985	10-2, 2nd HCAC	----	2-1, 5th (tie) NCAA	34-10
1984	9-3, 2nd (tie) HCAC	----	0-1, 17th (tie) NCAA	33-14
1983	9-1, 1st HCAC	----	1-1, 9th (tie) NCAA	29-7
1982	10-0, 1st HCAC	----	1-1, 9th (tie) NCAA	33-9
1981	10-0, 1st IAC	----	0-1, 9th (tie) NCAA	32-10
1980	8-2, 2nd IAC	3-1, 3rd	DNQ	29-13
1979	8-2, 2nd IAC	2-2, 3rd	2-2, 13th AIAW	21-17-3
1978	9-3, 3rd IAC	2-2, 2nd	4-4, 8th AIAW	29-16
1977	12-0, 1st IAC	4-1, 2nd	6-2, 4th AIAW	34-5
1976	12-0, 1st IAC	5-0, 1st	5-3, 6th AIAW	31-4-1
1975	13-0, 1st IAC	5-0, 1st	6-2, 5th AIAW	29-3-1
1974	11-1, 1st IAC	5-0, 1st	4-3, 7th AIAW	22-4
1973-74	8-0, 1st (Dist.) ICCWPE	4-1, 2nd	6-2, 5th AIAW	18-3
1972-73	8-0, 1st (Dist.) ICCWPE	5-0, 1st	7-1, 2nd AIAW	20-2
1971-72	8-0, 1st (Dist.) ICCWPE	3-2, 7th	DNQ	11-2
1970-71	8-0, 1st (Dist.) ICCWPE	10-0, 1st	4-2, 9th AIAW	22-2
1969-70	14-0, 1st (Dist.) ICCWPE	3-0, 1st	2-3, 7th AIAW	19-3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>356-37 (.906)</b>	<b>59-12 (.831)</b>	<b>73-44 (.624)</b>	<b>887-225-5 (.796)</b>

ICCWPE — Intermountain Conference of College Women Physical Education  
 IAC — Intermountain Athletic Conference (began 1974-75)  
 HCAC — High Country Athletic Conference (began 1982-83)  
 WAC — Western Athletic Conference (began 1990-91)  
 MWC — Mountain West Conference (began 1999-2000)  
 NCAA — National Collegiate Athletic Association began running women's National Championships in the 1981-82 season.



**2001 HIGHLIGHTS/AWARDS**

## Cougars in Conference Stats

## Team:

Blocks: 3rd — 3.04  
 Hitting: 2nd — .251  
 Kills: 2nd — 16.47  
 Assists: 2nd — 14.74  
 Aces: 7th — 1.37  
 Digs: 1st — 14.38

## Individual:

Blocks: Nina Puikkonen, 2nd — 1.59  
 Jackie Bundy, 9th — 1.10  
 Hitting: Sunny Mahe, 6th — .319  
 Nina Puikkonen, 8th — .292  
 Kills: Nina Puikkonen, 1st — 4.24  
 Sunny Mahe, 5th — 3.56  
 Assists: Karina Puikkonen, 2nd — 12.65  
 Digs: Natalie Whittaker, 1st — 3.04  
 Uila Crabbe, 8th — 2.47

## Cougars in National Stats

## Team:

Blocks: 14th — 3.04  
 Assists: 25th — 14.74  
 Kills: 26th — 16.47

## Individual:

Blocks: Nina Puikkonen, 11th — 1.59  
 Assists: Karina Puikkonen, 28th — 12.65

## BYU's Individual Honors

**AVCA National Player of the Week**

MVP - Sunny Mahe, Jr., RS/OH

**All-MWC Team**

Nina Puikkonen, Sr., MB  
 Sunny Mahe, Jr., RS/OH  
 Karina Puikkonen, So., S  
 Uila Crabbe, So., DS

**MWC Player of the Week**

Nina Puikkonen, Sr., MB  
 Sunny Mahe, Jr., RS/OH (twice)

**Point Huskies Invitational Team**

Nina Puikkonen, Sr., MB  
 Sunny Mahe, Jr., RS/OH

**BYU Mizuno Classic Team**

MVP - Sunny Mahe, Jr., RS/OH  
 Nina Puikkonen, Sr., MB  
 Jackie Bundy, Sr., MB

Karina Puikkonen, So., S

**All-MWC Tournament Team**

Nina Puikkonen, Sr., MB  
 Uila Crabbe, So., DS

**Verizon Academic All-District VIII****Team**

Nina Puikkonen, 3.43 GPA, Zoology -  
 2nd Team

**2001 SEASON NOTABLES**

The BYU women's volleyball team continued its tradition of excellence in the 2001 season. A program rich in tradition, BYU continued its winning ways, as head coach Elaine Michaelis led the Cougars to their 28th consecutive 20-win season (20-9). At 887 wins, Michaelis stands first in wins among NCAA women's coaches.

With a talent-laden line up featuring All-American Nina Puikkonen and All-MWC players Jackie Bundy, Sunny Mahe and Karina Puikkonen, the defending 2000 Mountain West Conference champion Cougars were ranked as high as No. 11 during the season.

**SENSATIONAL SEPTEMBER**

The Cougars got off to a fast start in the first full month of the season. After losing to Texas to even its record at 1-1, BYU reeled off eight straight wins. Cougar victims included No. 23 Colorado and sweeps of No. 19 UC Santa Barbara and No. 21 Utah. The Cougars swept seven of their 10 matches and won 29 of 35 games.

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Rightside hitter Sunny Mahe was selected as the AVCA/Sports Imports Division I National Player of the Week on Oct. 1. She was named for the first time in her career and was the third Cougar to ever garner the award. For the week, Mahe averaged 4.56 kills, 1.00 blocks, 1.78 digs, 1.11 assists and 0.44 service aces per game with a .554 attack percentage. Mahe was also twice recognized as the MWC Player of the Week (Sept. 3 and Oct. 1).

Nina Puikkonen was named co-MWC Player of the Week on Oct. 29, her seventh such honor. Puikkonen led BYU to three road wins over Sacramento State, Air Force and New Mexico averaging 5.00 kills, 2.30 digs, 2.30 blocks and hitting .438 for the week.

**BUNDY, PUIKKONEN RECORDED RARE TRIPLE-DOUBLES**

Nina Puikkonen and fellow senior middle blocker Jackie Bundy each recorded one triple-double in 2001. Bundy had her first career triple-double in BYU's win over No. 23 Colorado. She totaled 15 kills, 12 digs and a season-high 10 blocks on the night. Puikkonen had her fourth career triple-double with career highs of 32 kills and 20 digs along with a season-high 11 blocks vs. Cal Poly in Long Beach. Two of Nina's triple-doubles were recorded in 2000, both against the University of Utah.

**RICHARDS ROCKS VS. 49ERS**

Freshman outside hitter Lauren Richards set a career high with 20 kills vs. No. 1 Long Beach State last week. Recruited as a setter, she came out of a redshirt year to play outside after sitting out the first 10 matches.

**NINA IN BYU ALL-TIME STATS**

Nina Puikkonen finished fifth all-time at BYU in kills, second all-time in total blocks and block assists and is the school's all-time leader in blocks per game. Puikkonen recorded a team-leading 13 double-doubles in 2001 for BYU.

**ALLCONFERENCE HONORS**

Four BYU players were named to the 2001 All-Mountain West Conference Volleyball Team. BYU sisters Nina (MB) and Karina Puikkonen (S), and AVCA/Sports Imports National Player of the Week Sunny Mahe (RS/OH) earned all-conference honors for the second straight year. The Cougars' Uila Crabbe (DS) was a first-time honoree. Crabbe was named MWC Co-Defensive Specialist. Crabbe, hailing from Mililani, Hawai'i, totaled 118 digs in league play.

A season fraught with injury and sickness, the Cougars finished the year with a 20-9 record and a No. 22 final ranking in the AVCA Coaches Poll. BYU made its 20th overall and 12th straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Cougars, one of only eight teams with 20 NCAA appearances, are 26-20 all time in NCAA Tournaments with one Final Four appearance (1993). The Cougars rank ninth in total NCAA tournament victories. BYU finished regular MWC play with a 10-4 record. In the conference tournament, the Cougars beat Wyoming in three games in the first match. Facing Utah in the semifinals, BYU fell in four close games.



**AII MATCHES**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL MATCHES	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-1

##	STATS SUMMARY	G	ATTACK					SET		SERVE			DIG			BLOCKING					
			K	KPG	E	TA	Pct	A	APG	SA	SE	SAPG	RE	DIG	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	BE	BHE
9	BROWN, Alexis	12	23	1.92	9	61	.230	1	0.08	2	6	0.17	0	2	0.17	1	22	23	1.92	1	0
7	LARSON, Allison	12	39	3.25	19	97	.206	0	0.00	0	4	0.00	2	12	1.00	0	10	10	0.83	2	1
2	PUIKKONEN, Karina	12	13	1.08	7	34	.176	109	9.08	2	2	0.17	0	20	1.67	2	13	15	1.25	3	6
12	CRABBE, Uila	12	1	0.08	0	6	.167	6	0.50	0	0	0.00	6	51	4.25	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
3	VARNER, April	12	33	2.75	17	100	.160	3	0.25	2	5	0.17	1	37	3.08	0	6	6	0.50	2	0
8	BOWERS, Carrie	12	24	2.00	14	89	.112	4	0.33	0	2	0.00	0	14	1.17	0	20	20	1.67	2	0
6	METCALF, Lindsey	12	19	1.58	17	82	.024	18	1.50	2	7	0.17	5	37	3.08	0	14	14	1.17	0	1
4	WARNICK, Becky	2	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
10	WEBB, Erin	1	1	1.00	1	4	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
17	MAHAFFEY, Michelle	12	0	0.00	1	1	-1.000	1	0.08	1	2	0.08	4	24	2.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
TEAM															0						
BY.....		12	153	12.75	85	475	.143	142	11.83	9	28	0.75	18	199	16.58	3	85	45.5	3.79	10	8
Opponents.....		12	180	15.00	98	519	.158	154	12.83	18	23	1.50	9	205	17.08	6	28	20.0	1.67	5	9



Team Statistics – 2002 Matches

TEAM STATISTICS	BYU	OPP
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<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	153	180
Errors	85	98
Total Attacks	475	519
Attack Pct	.143	.158
Kills/Game	12.8	15.0
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	142	154
Assists/Game	11.8	12.8
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	9	18
Errors	28	23
Aces/Game	0.8	1.5
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	18	9
Errors/Game	1.5	0.8
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	199	205
Digs/Game	16.6	17.1
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	3	6
Block Assist	85	28
Total Blocks	45.5	20.0
Blocks Per Game	3.8	1.7
Block Errors	10	5
<b>BALL HANDLING ERRORS</b>		
	8	9
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	0	609
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	1/609
Neutral site #/Avg	2/57	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

2002 BYU Record ...

	TEAM RECORD	W-L
Overall		1-2
Conference		0-0
Home		0-0
Away		0-1
Neutral		1-1
3 games		0-1
4 games		1-0
5 games		0-1
when win first game		0-0
when win first two games		0-0
when lose first game		1-2
when lose first two games		0-2
when attack pct. over .400		0-0
when attack pct. over .300		0-0
when attack pct. over .200		1-0
when attack pct. under .200		0-2
when have higher attack percentage		1-0
when opponent has higher attack percentage		0-2
when have more kills		1-0
when opponent has more kills		0-2
when have more aces		1-0
when opponent has more aces		0-2
when have same aces as opponent		0-0
when have more service errors		1-1
when opponent has more service errors		0-1
when have same service errors		0-0
when have more return errors		0-2
when opponent has more return errors		1-0
when have same return errors as opponent		0-0
when have 5 or less return errors		1-1
when have more than 5 return errors		0-1
when have more digs		1-0
when opponent has more digs		0-2
when have more team blocks		1-2
when opponent has more team blocks		0-0
on Mondays		0-0
on Tuesdays		0-0
on Wednesdays		0-0
on Thursdays		0-0
on Fridays		1-0
on Saturdays		0-2

BYU 2002 Results

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L SCORE	SCORE-BY-GAME	Overall	Conf.	Time	Attend
^ Aug 30, 2002	vs Gonzaga	W 3-1	27-30, 30-27, 30-19, 30-21	1-0	0-0	1:46	53
^ Aug 31, 2002	vs Nevada	L 2-3	22-30, 29-31, 31-29, 30-27, 4-15	1-1	0-0	2:04	61
^ Aug 31, 2002	at Washington State	L 0-3	15-30, 23-30, 21-30	1-2	0-0	1:20	609
* MWC Match							
^ Les Schwab Cougar Challenge at Pullman, Wash.							





Karina Puikkonen  
6-0, Jr., S **2**



April Varner  
6-0, So., OH/RS **3**



Becky Warnick  
5-11, So., OH **4**



Sahara Castillo  
5-11, Jr., OH/RS **5**



Lindsey Metcalf  
6-0, So., OH/RS **6**



Allison Larson  
6-0, Sr., OH/RS **7**



Carrie Bowers  
6-2, Jr., MB **8**



Lexi Brown  
6-1, Fr., MB **9**



Erin Webb  
6-0, Fr., OH **10**



Lauren Richards  
5-11, So., S/OH **11**



Uila Crabbe  
5-7, Jr., L/DS **12**



Lindsay Lewis  
6-4, Fr., MB **14**



Kimberly Wilson  
6-0, Fr., OH **15**



Michelle Mahaffey  
5-6, Sr., L/DS **17**



Laura Nielsen  
6-1, Jr., MB **18**



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90-94 in five seasons overall

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Sahara Castillo: SAH-ra Kah-STE-oh  
Uila Crabbe: WEE-luh CRAB

Karina Puikkonen: ka-REE-nuh PWEE-koh-nehn

