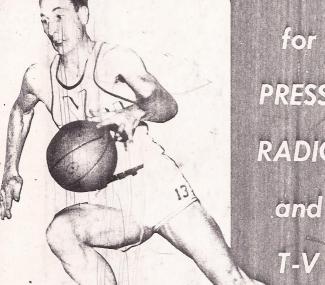
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HAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

PROVO, UTAH

1954 COUGAR __EDULE

Date		School	Place
December	4-5	Idaho State	Provo
December	11-12	Texas Christian	Provo
December	18-19	Murray State	Provo
December	22	San Francisco	Provo
December	26-28-30	Holiday Festival	New York
January 2		Bradley	Peoria
January 5		St. Louis	St. Louis

Conference Schedule

January 8	Denver	Provo
January 9	New Mexico	Provo
January 14	Utah State	Logan
January 16	Montana	Missoula
January 22	Montana	Provo
January 23	Utah State	Provo
January 29-30	*Washington	Seattle
February 12	Wyoming	Laramie
February 13.	Colorado A&M	Fort Collins
February 19	Utah	Salt Lake City
February 20	Utah	Provo
February 26	Wyoming	Provo
February 27	Colorado A&M	Provo
March 4	New Mexico	Albuquerque
March 6	Denver	Denver

^{*} Non-conference Games

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS

New York City	Paramount Hotel
Peoria	Pere Marquett
St. Louis	Melbourne Hotel
Seattle	Olympia Hotel
Denver	Shirley-Savoy Hotel
Laramie	Connor Hotel
Fort Collins	Northern Hotel
Albuquerque	Franciscan Hotel
Missoula	Missoula Hotel
Logan	Eccles Hotel

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BASKETBALL FACTS

The annual Brigham Young University Basketball Facts book, prepared and published by the Public Relations Department is intended to assist members of the press and radio in reporting and covering the activities of BYU's basketball team for the public.

Photographs, news material, features and other data may be conveniently obtained from the Athletic Publicity Bureau, Brigham

Young University.

We want your assignment to be a pleasant one while covering BYU, and we invite sportscasters and commentators to familiarize themselves with the team. On the road or at home, you are invited to attend the practice sessions and to confer with university officials at any time.

—Dave Schulthess Athletic Publicity Director

PRESS PASS INFORMATION

Press passes to Brigham Young University's home games for members of the working press and radio may be obtained by writing to Athletic Publicity Bureau, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Requests should be made at least one week prior to the game you wish to cover. Only those news and radio men actually working the game may obtain entry to the press box, because of limited facilities. Photographers' sideline passes are also available.

HOME GAME SERVICE

The Athletic Publicity Department will furnish all press box personnel with all necessary information for complete game coverage. A play-by-play account of the contest will be distributed at the end of each half of play. Halftime and final statistics will also be available. The shooting charts of both teams will be distributed at the conclusion of each game.

ATHLETIC

Director of Athletics	Edwin R. Kimball
Athletic Council Chairman	Dr. Wayne B Hales
basketball Coach	Stanley Watte
Football Coach	Charles "Chick" Atkinson
Ass't. Football Coach	Read Nilson
Ass't. Football Coach	Robert Bunker
Baseball Coach	Davo Crowton
Frosh Football Coach	Owen Diver
Track Coach	Clarence Pilian
Tennis, Golf Coach	Clarence Kibison.
Athletic Trainer	Pada Visit II
Team Physician	Noaney Kimbali
Team Physician	Dr. Ariel Williams
Athletic Publicity	David Schulthess

WHERE TO REACH THEM

EDWIN R. KIMB	ALL
At BYU - Ext. 246	
Home, 3168-NJ,	Provo.

ROD KIMBALL At BYU - Ext. 260 Home, 0115-R3, Orem

STAN WATTS At BYU - Ext. 246 Home, 2690-M, Provo

DR. ARIEL WILLIAMS A+ BYU - Ext. 241

CHARLES ATKINSON At BYU - Ext. 260 Home, 2775-M, Provo

DAVE SCHULTHESS At BYU - Ext. 234 Home, 2648-NW, Provo

(All calls to the University - Provo, 2460)

WATTS'	COACHING	RECORD
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1949-50		22	12	
1950-51		40	9	
1951-52		14	10	
1952-53		22	8	
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137 Games — 98 Wins, 39 Losses Percentage: .715

CO STAN WATTS

The meteoric rise of Stan Watts in the basketball coaching world is one of the great assets of Brigham Young University athletics. Now entering his first year at the Cougar helm, Stan has won for himself

and the University an international fame in the cage sport in the brief span of four years.

In four seasons Stan has won an NIT title, two Skyline Conference championships, and has yet to finish below second place in league standings. Among other things, he holds several prominent positions on several boards.

He is District Seven representative on the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee, a member of the National Basketball Board, and has authored several articles of the game.

Soft-spoken and mild-mannered on and off the court, Watts has developed for BYU, not only a name for quality basketball, but an enviable reputation in sportsmanship, an earmark of Brigham Young's athletic teams.

Tabbed the "Scientist of the Hardwoods" because of his keen insight into the game, Stan keeps meticulous records and gives his boys the advantage of his penetrating observation.

Watts came to BYU as freshman coach of both football and basketball and later was named assistant basketball coach, backfield football coach and assistant director of athletics. He took over the head basketball job in 1949.

A product of Murray high school, Utah, where he was an all-around star, he enrolled at Weber Junior College, leaving for BYU in 1936. Before graduating in 1938, Stan had won two letters in football, basketball, and track besides being awarded the Y. trophy for the outstanding all-around athlete.

Following graduation, Stan coached championship teams at Millard County High School and Dixie Junior College. From Dixie he went to Jordan high as head basketball mentor in 1945. He was at Jordan for only two years, but his cage teams tied for the Big Nine championship both years.

THE COUGAR OUT JUNE 1953-54

As every BYU basketball fan knows, the biggest problem facing Coach Stan Watts at the start of the season was one of replacement. Three of last year's key figures—forward Joe Richey, guard Harold Christensen, and center Boyd Jarman—were lost through graduation. Essentially this meant Watts was losing a high-scoring All-American, an incomparable floor captain, and a 6-5 pivot man who was ranked as one of the greatest court magicians seen in the Skyline cage circles.

To fill in for these losses, the Y. mentor will draw from his stable of capable reserves and sophomores to work with three of his returned regulars. And, of course, just how the Cougars fare this season will depend largely on how well the boys click in the vacancies.

It's quite obvious that Watts will be relying heavily on three veterans, in particular—Nick Matelian (6-4 center), Tom Karren (6-2 forward), and Dean Larsen (6-1 forward). For the most part these three will shoulder the brunt of the Cougar attack.

Positionwise the Cougars, for the most part, appear strong. The forward line sports a balance of speed and drive with plenty of experience to draw from. Three promising centers will be backing Nick Matelian (they average 6-51/2 in this slot). But the guard line needs a bit more seasoning and punch, which may be forthcoming as the season progresses.

Team height will be better than last year's. No less than seven members of this year's team are 6-4 or better. Two of these players—Herschel "Bones" Pedersen and Dick Horsley—are 6-7 or better.

BYU's bench should be as strong or stronger than last year, if they can get a bit more experience under their belts by the start of the season. Twelve of the boys on the Watts roster are sophomores, thus giving promise of things to come, if perhaps not this year, later.

Team speed and fast break looks sound, and should be able to hold against most Young opponents. There's plenty of scoring punch to be tapped on the starting five, not to mention good potential among the reserves.

If the astute Y. mentor can clip off the rough edges and put his usual sheen on this year's club, such as he has in past seasons, the Cats may well be a serious contender in this year's Skyline derby.

- WYOMING—The obvious choice of all Skyline hoop critics to win the league basketball bunting for second straight year. A veteran crew back in uniform for Coach Ev Shelton. Strong defensively with plenty of scoring power and height.
- UTAH STATE—Always a potential spoiler for Skyline powers, the Farmers and Coach Cec Baker are picked as this year's dark horse. Missing some key players from last year's Holiday Festival championship club, but sporting good balance.
- COLORADO A & M—Rated as best A & M unit of last four years. One of the strongest benches in the league with six returning lettermen, some outstanding sophomores, and good stable of transfers. Fair height and team speed is excellent.
- OTAH—Utes, under new coach Jack Gardner, were off to a slow start, but should score .500 in conference play. Redskins have no seniors, only three returning lettermen. It's Gardner's year to build with practically new team.
- NEW MEXICO—Coach Woody Clements, '53's Skyline Coach of the Year, has nine lettermen back. Look for plenty of fast break. Biggest problem here is lack of overall height, but the Lobos appear well conditioned and gunning for nothing short of first division berth.
- MONTANA Although handicapped for size, the Grizzlies will have stronger bench than in recent years. Missing some of last year's scoring punch and defense through graduation, but should have good speed and another first division contender.
- DENVER—Center appears to be key to success for Pioneers with several candidates battling for pivot spot. Starting five will average 6-3 or better, and plenty of scoring punch to be found in forwards Tom Rhone and Keith Patton.

NEWS OL _L.S

The following newspapers and radio stations in Provo and Salt Lake City are interested in news releases, brochures, and pictures concerning BYU opponents:

Ray Swartz, Provo Daily Herald, 50 South First West, Provo.

Jimmy Lawrence, Radio Station KOVO, 108 West Center

Dallan Oaks, Radio Station KCSU, 12 South & University Ave., Provo.

Mal Wyman, Radio Station KALL, 146 South Main, Salt Lake City.

Dean Bennett, Radio Station KSL, Union Pacific Building, Salt Lake City.

Brigham Young Univere, Campus Newspaper, B.Y.U., Provo.

John Mooney, Salt Lake Tribune, 143 South Main, Salt Lake City.

Hack Miller, Deseret News, 33 Richards Street, Salt Lake City.

Cliff Miller, United Press Sports Writer, Room 411, Tribune Building, Salt Lake iCty.

Dave Wiser, Radio KEYY, Provo, Utah.

Leo Perry, Deseret News-Telegram, 176 East Center, Provo.

Wes Nordgren, Tribune, 45 North Second West, Provo.

Sports Editor, Associated Press, Tribune Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

International News Service, Tribune Bldg., Salt Lake City.

The Brigham Young University will gladly distribute any information, releases, etc., by request.

SKYLINE PUBLICISTS

Un	versity of Utah	Perry Sorensen
Uta	h State	Les Pocock
W_{λ}	oming University	Wiles Hallock
Mo	ntana University	Ross L. Miller
Ne	w Mexico University	George McFaddin
Der	iver University	Martin Reisch
Co	orado A. & M	J. R. Allred
Brig	sham Young University	Dave Schulthess

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Player
Ron Kump
Van Burgess
Terry Tebbs
Mac Madsen
Dean Larsen
Dave Lewis
John Taylor
Sherman Crump
Doug Smoot
Willard Hirschi
Tom Karren
Nick Mateljan
Blaine Anderson
Herschel Pedersen
Richard Horsley
Morris Peterson
Lloyd Rasmussen
Stan Collins

(4) Van Burgess, 20, Jr., 6-1, 169, American Fork, Utah—An all-stater, Van has the court sense needed by floor captain . . . he hits nicely from outer court when he elects to shoot, and is one of the Y's best drivers around the basket . . . A real valuable boy to have on the squad.

(8) Dave Lewis, 19, Soph., 6-0, 180, Provo, Utah—Dave is all-around athlete . . . is devastating on the gridiron and on the diamond . . . the fastest passer on the squad . . . is at his best when zeroed in on the basket with two-handed set shots . . will see lots action this year.

(19) Lloyd Rasmussen, 19, Soph., 6-3, 175, Monroe, Utah—a former South Sevier prep star...has good height and should in time work into varsity...has a good eye for field goals and does fairly well on the boards...will see only limited action this year.

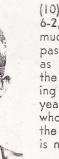
(11) Doug Smoot, 19, Soph., 6-2, 175, Springville, Utah—A bespectacled red head, Doug is one of 12 sophomores listed on BYU roster...he has a variety of shots, and handles himself well in most departments... bigest need now is more experience.

















(10) Sherman Crump, 21, Sr., 6-2, 170, Sandy, Utah—A much improved player over past seasons, is taking shape as heady floor captain for the Cats...he is rebounding and firing better this year...another Wattsman who can drive effectively for the basket. His experience is needed.

(5) Terry Tebbs, 19, Soph., 5-8, 150, Cowley, Wyoming—Another of the Y's little guys who won't be denied in the tall boys' sport . . . a real ball handler, and can collect more than his share of rebounds during a game . . he can consistently pot field goals too . . may be the answer for all-around guard.

(18) Morris Peterson, 20, Jr., 6-4, 178, Sandy, Utah—Tall and quiet as players go, Pete saw only limited action last year . . . will give the Cats more depth . . . could use some more seasoning to move up . . . has good height and is coming along. Should see more action this year.

(3) Ron Kump, 20 Soph., 5-8, Provo, Utah — One of the most promising little men in the league . . . an all-stater from Provo High . . . Ron's forte is speed, dribbling, and deadly push and set shots . . . needs a bit more experience to take over a starting berth with the Cats . . . but few players can handle the ball like Kump.

FORWARDS



(13) Tom Karren, 22, Sr., 6-2, 175, Alberta, Canada—This is definitely Tom's year! ... the Canadian is a driver, and rebound artist ... has exceptional speed ... a real freewheeling type of player ... Watts will be leaning heavily on this boy to come through ... A two-year letterman.



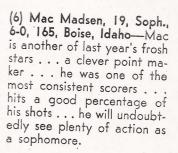
(9) John Taylor, 22 Sr., 6-2, 180, Spanish Fork, Utah—In his final year on the varsity, Taylor is versitile...led the '53 scoring percentagewise with a 43% average...can handle the forward slot at any calling ... should be headed for his best year ... A real driver.

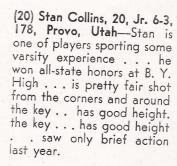


(15) Blaine Anderson, 19, Soph., 6-4, 190, Sandy, Utah
—Watts may use Anderson as center or forward . . . has made great strides in last two seasons, and even more expected this year . . . a big boy who handles himself well on the court . . he hooks, sweeps the boards, and always in the action.



(21) Ed Pinegar, 18, Soph., 6-4, 185, Provo, Utah — Another player who starred at B.Y. High . . . will give more tall timber for the forward line . . . could use more speed, will see only limited action . . he could develop into threat in season or two with some experience.





(12) Willard Hirschi, 19. Soph., 6-1, 175, Rockville, Utah — Willy first hit the sports headlines as a prep, scoring double figures . . . a determined kind of player . . . a good scorer, Hirschi will be valuable reserve this year as a Sophomore . . . is also known as hurdler.









CENTERS



(14) Nick Mateljan, 20, Jr., 6-4, 200, Redlands, California-The key figure in this year's squad, sharpest pivotman in Skyline . . he picked off 292 rebounds last year . . . averaged 11.2 points a game . . . he hooks with either hand, passes well, . . . smoothest center since Mel. Hutchins.



(16) Herschel "Soup Bones" Pedersen, 23, Soph., 6-7, 195, Salt Lake City, Utah-back at BYU after LDS Church mission, tour in service . . . played frosh ball for Cats ... uses height to good advantage ... "Soup" hooks well, knows how to handle himself on the court.



(17) Richard Horsley, 21, Soph., 6-71/2, 190, Salt Lake City, Utah - Rich just returned from LDS mission . . . formerly played frosh ball for U. of U. . . . the tallest man on the team, Horsley should shine on the boards . . . his height is needed by Watts . . . a top prospect.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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195. SKYLINE STAN NGS

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Wyoming University	12	2	.857
BRIGHAM YOUNG	11	3	.786
Utah State	7	7	.500
Montana University	6	8	.429
New Mexico University	5	9	.357
Colorado A & M	5	9	.357
Utah University	5	9	.357

PAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1927	Montana State
1928	
1	Utah University
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	Brigham Young
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1936	
	Montana State
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1949	
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1953	Wyoming University

In the above table only western division champions are listed through 1937. 1938 was the first year which saw a full conference schedule between teams on both sides of the Rockies.

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Most points in single game 91 against Montana
Most field goals attempted 108 against Montana
Most field goals scored 37 against Montana
Most free throws attempted 40 against Wake Forest Most free throws scored 28 against Wake Forest Most fouls committed 31 against Wake Forest Most rebounds in single game 70 against Montana
(2nd game)

TEAM LOWS

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Most points scored 28 by Joe Richey against Duke Most points during season 493 by Joe Richey Most field goals attempted 29 by Joe Richey
29 by Joe Richey
against Wake Forest
Most field goals made II by Joe Richey
against Wake Forest
Most free throws attempted 11 by Joe Richey
against Duke (made 10)
Most rebounds in single game 23 by Nick Mateljan
against Duke.

OTHER FACTS

Brigham Young University's basketball team was the most traveled in the country last year. The Cougars covered more than 18,000 miles during the season, more than any other major college team in the nation.

During the 1952-53 season the Cougars played before an estimated 197,000 fans, and ranked eighth in the nation in that department.

19 SPECIAL HOLLIRS

Joe Richey-Forward Collier's Magazine All-American—Second String. Look All-American-Second String. Sport Magazine All-American—Honorable Mention.

District Seven NCAA-First String for the second year.

Helms Athletic Foundation All-American—Third Team. Unanimous choice on All-conference Teams picked by newspapers, radio, and wire services.

Member of West Team in annual East-West college all-star game played in Madison Square Garden.

First Team Dixie Tournament all-star selection.

HAROLD CHRISTENSEN-Guard

All-conference selection, either first or second string on all intermountain news, radio, and wire service releases.

Member of West team in Kansas City East-West college all-star game, scoring eight points for West.

Winner of the Ed Stein Sports Trophy, which is given each year to the outstanding graduating senior athlete.

WATTS' TOURNEY RECORD

1949-50

Dec. 8-9-10 Conference Pre-Season Toma- ment at Denver	
Dec. 13-17 Los Angeles Invitational a Los Angeles(1-2)	
NCAA Playoff at Kansas City	
1950-51	
Dec. 28-29-30 Conference Tournament at Denver(2-1)	
Denver(2-1) March 12-17 National Invitational Tourney at New York City(3-0)	
March 21-24 NCAA Tournament at Kansas City(2-1)	
Dec. 28-29 Sugar Bowl Tournament at New Orleans(0-2)	
1952-53	
Dec. 28-29-30 Dixie Classic at Raleigh, N. C.	
March 9 National Invitational Tourney at New	

RE ABOUT BY Located at Provo. Utah

CAMPUS—Brigham Young University is located in Provo, Utah, a city of nearly 30,000 which increases considerably during the school year. Located in the northeast section of Provo, the campus is divided into two parts. The older buildings (the lower campus) are on University Avenue, and the newer buildings are on University Hill. Campus property covers nearly 200 acres. Provo is bordered by Utah Lake on the west, 12,000-ft Mt. Timpanogos on the north, and the Wasatch mountains on the east.

FOUNDING—Established October 16, 1875, twentyone years before Utah statehood, by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon).

ADMINISTRATION-Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, president. The university is governed by a church board of trustees.

ENROLLMENT—Over 6,500 total last year. Coeducational.

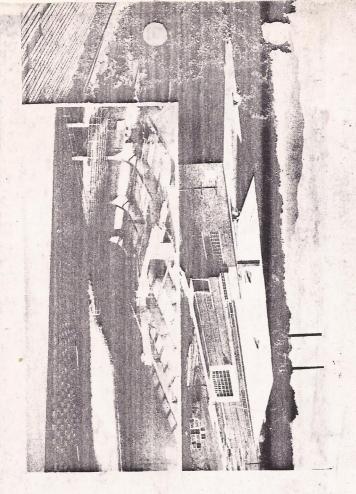
FIELDHOUSE—The BYU fieldhouse, which is a little more than two years old, is located on Second East and Tenth North in Provo. The million-dollar structure is part of the expanding Cougar athletic plant, located just off the upper campus hill. Seating camacity is 11,100.

SCHOOL COLORS—Royal Blue and White.

TEAM NICKNAME—Cougars, Cats, etc.

CONFERENCE—Mountain States Intercollegiate Athletic Association, better known as the "Skyline Conference." The conference includes Wyoming University, Colorado A & M, Denver, University, University of Utah, Utah State Agricultural College, Montana State University, and New Mexico University. The latter joined the conference in 1951. E. L. Romney, conference commissioner, has offices in Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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HOME OF THE COUGARS

Literally the "hub" of Utah's basketball hotbed, the BYU's million-dollar field-house is one of the West's finest athletic plants. With half of last year's games sellouts, BYU officials have seen fit to expand fieldhouse seating to nearly 11,000 capacity. Besides being the site of all the Y's home games, the spacious plant contains two other regular basketball courts, a wrestling room, boxing room, four handball and squash courts, 13 offices, a hospitality room, 2 classrooms.