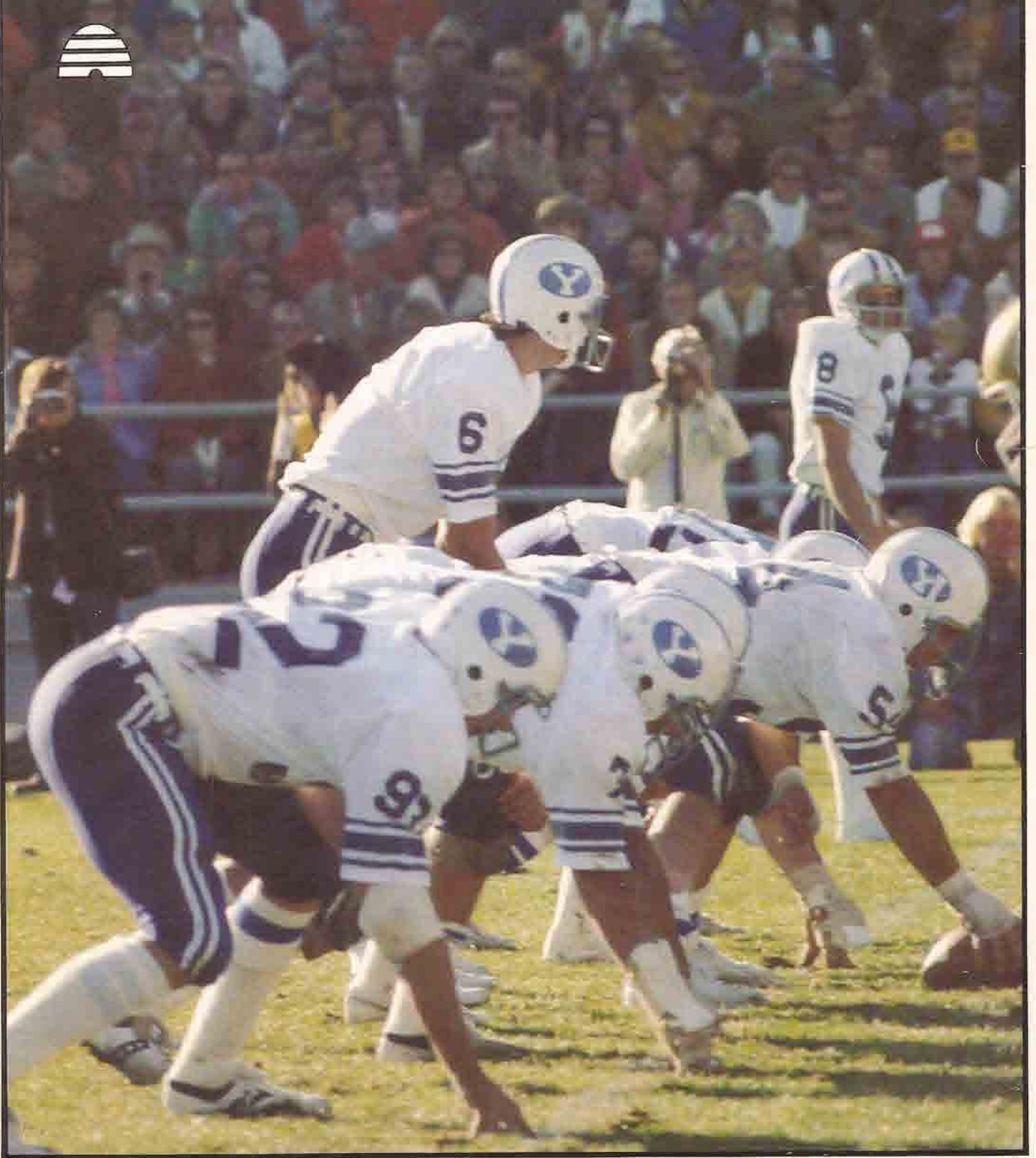


BYU 1978



1978 Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 9 (Saturday)	Oregon State	Corvallis	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 (Saturday)	Arizona State	Tempe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23 (Saturday)	*Colorado State (TV)	Provo	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 30 (Saturday)	*New Mexico	Albuquerque	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Saturday)	Utah State	Provo	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Saturday)	Oregon	Eugene	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 (Saturday)	*Texas-El Paso	Provo	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 4 (Saturday)	*Wyoming	Provo	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 11 (Saturday)	*San Diego State	Provo	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 18 (Saturday)	*Utah	Salt Lake City	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 25 (Saturday)	Hawaii	Honolulu	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2 (Saturday)	University-Nev. LV	Yokohama, Japan	1:30 p.m.

*Western Athletic Conference Games

1977 WAC Standings

Team	WAC					OVERALL					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
*Arizona State	6	1	.857	264	91	9	3	..	.750	369	154
*Brigham Young	6	1	.857	280	108	9	2	..	.818	433	165
Colorado State	5	2	.714	188	163	9	2	1	.792	310	223
Wyoming	4	3	.571	112	141	4	6	1	.409	166	273
Arizona	3	4	.428	148	159	5	7	..	.417	256	250
New Mexico	2	5	.286	160	192	5	7	..	.417	273	339
Utah	2	5	.286	123	245	3	8	..	.273	212	379
Texas-El Paso	0	7	.000	128	304	1	10	..	.090	168	469

*WAC Co-Champions

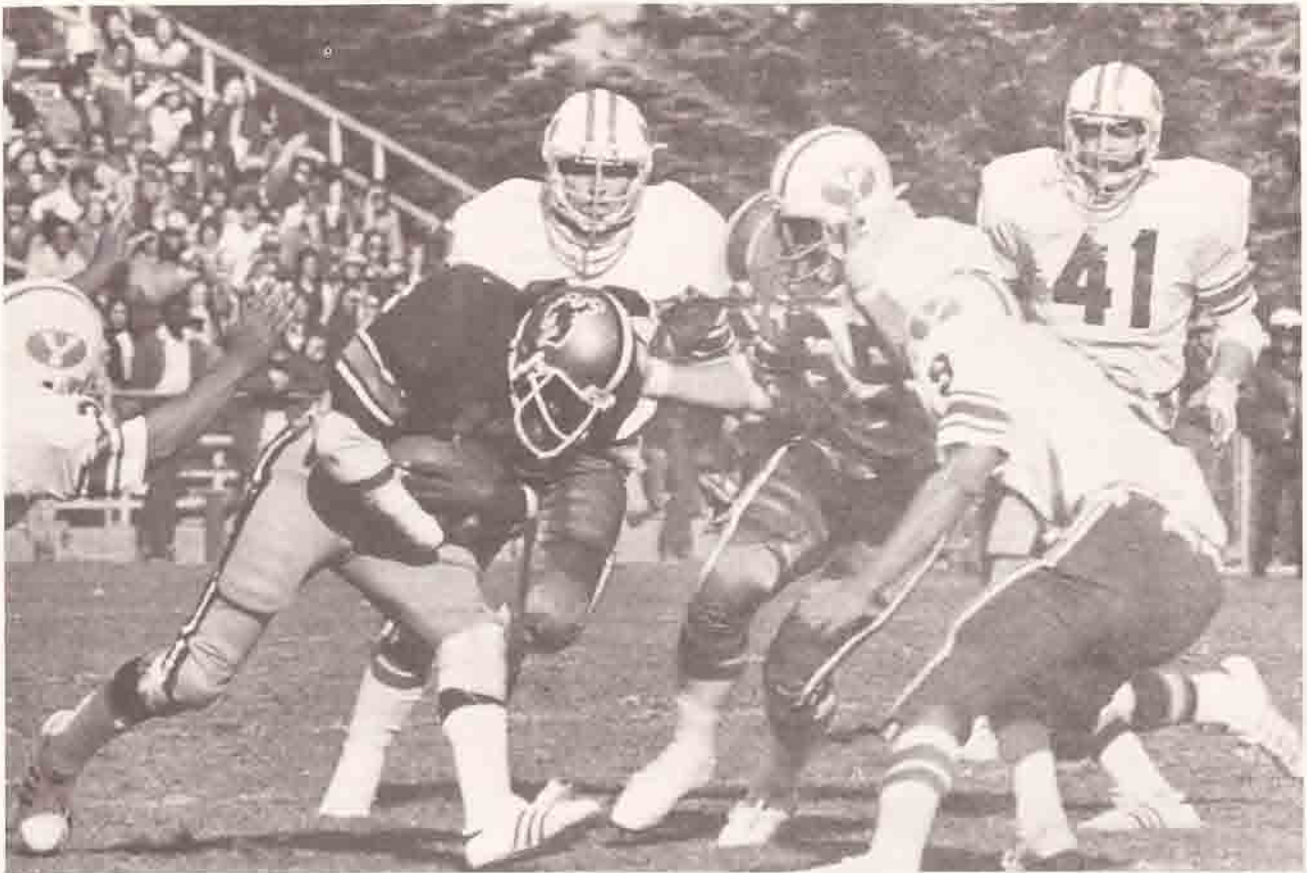
BYU Results - 1977

Date	BYU	Opponent	OPP	Site	Attendance
Sept. 10	39	Kansas State	0	Provo, Utah	35,196
Sept. 24	65	Utah State	6	Logan, Utah	20,103
Sept. 30	54	*New Mexico	19	Provo, Utah	33,352
Oct. 8	19	Oregon State	24	Corvallis, Oregon	33,965
Oct. 15	63	*Colorado State	17	Fort Collins, Colorado	29,110
Oct. 22	10	*Wyoming	7	Laramie, Wyoming	25,398
Oct. 29	34	*Arizona	14	Provo, Utah	33,621
Nov. 5	38	*Utah	8	Provo, Utah	34,208
Nov. 12	13	*Arizona State	24	Tempe, Arizona	58,295
Nov. 19	30	Long Beach State	27	Provo, Utah	21,322
Nov. 26	68	*Texas-El Paso	19	El Paso, Texas	7,800
	433		165		32,370

*Western Athletic Conference Games
Losses in bold type

Home Average: 31,540
Season Average: 30,215

Overall Record: 9-2
WAC Record: 6-1 (Tied for 1st with ASU)



BYU Thumbnail

LOCATION: Provo, Utah (estimated population 65,000)

ENROLLMENT: 25,000 (approximate)

FOUNDED: October 16, 1875, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon)

PRESIDENT: Dallin H. Oaks. BYU is governed by a Board of Trustees

CONFERENCE: Western Athletic Conference (Rocky Mountain-Southwest), headquarters in Denver, Colorado. Stan Bates, Commissioner, Office: 1515 Cleveland Place, Suite 300, Denver, Colo. Members as of July 1, 1978: Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, Texas-El Paso, Utah, and Wyoming.

COLORS: Royal Blue and White

NICKNAME: Cougars

STADIUM: BYU Stadium (1964) 30,000 capacity with possible future expansion to 45,000.

VARSITY SPORTS: Football, basketball, baseball, track, wrestling, golf, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, cross country, indoor track, and soccer.

CAMPUS EXCHANGE: Area code 801, 374-1211

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On The Cover

Swinging into action is Marc Wilson, Cougar quarterback who was voted WAC Back of Year for 1977.

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Western Athletic Conference

The Western Athletic Conference will enter its 17th year of existence this fall. But things have changed since its formation in 1962. A major change took place as of July 1, 1978. At that time two of the charter members, Arizona and Arizona State, officially left the league for membership in the Pac-Ten. On the same day, San Diego State made its official entry in the new seven-member conference.

More changes are in the future. The WAC timetable calls for the addition of University of Hawaii on July 1, 1979, and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas exactly a year later, 1980.

All three newcomers possess well rounded athletic programs and represent three of the fastest growing areas in the country.

At that point in time, the WAC will stretch from the pine tree forests of Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming to the desert southwest of West Texas, New Mexico,

and Nevada to the surf of California and Hawaii.

Founded on July 1, 1962, the charter members included Arizona, Arizona State, Brigham Young, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. In September 1967, Colorado State and Texas-El Paso were added to make the WAC an eight team league.

Based in Denver, Colorado, the WAC is led by Commissioner Stan Bates who assumed his current position in 1971. Bates, former athletic director at Washington State University, is the conference's third commissioner.

He's assisted by Nurdy Jensen, director of information; John Adams, supervisor of football officials, and Irv Brown, supervisor of basketball officials.

The office is located at 1515 Cleveland Place, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202. The phone number is AC 303, 534-0217.



Campus Directory

Position	Name	Campus Extension	Home Phone
University President	Dallin H. Oaks	2521	375-4242
College Dean	Clayne Jensen	2645	377-1983
University Relations	Bruce Olsen	2943	225-6156
Athletic Director	Glen Tuckett	2096	225-4155
Administrative Assistant	Alan "Pete" Witbeck	2096	375-1104
Business Manager	Floyd R. Taylor	2096	374-0218
Head Football Coach	LaVell Edwards	2916	375-0487
Assistant Head Coach	Dave Kragthorpe	2916	375-2775
Assistant Coach	Dick Felt	2916	225-7156
Assistant Coach	Tom Ramage	2916	225-6429
Assistant Coach	Fred Whittingham	2916	375-8582
Assistant Coach	Garth Hall	2916	224-2973
Assistant Coach	Wally English	2916	373-0479
Assistant Coach	Norm Chow	2916	374-9085
Junior Varsity Coach	Mel Olson	2916	225-7193
Team Physician	Dr. Wendell Gadd	3102	489-9156
Trainer	Marv Roberson	3102	375-3103
Assistant Trainer	Olavi Julkunen	3102	785-5356
Special Events Manager	Scott Williams	3501	225-8999
Ticket Manager	LaRae Hawkins	2639	225-6496
Equipment Manager	Floyd Johnson	4400	225-3476
Sports Information	Dave Schulthess	4911	225-6566
	Ralph Zobell	4911	377-4088
Ticket Office	LaRae Hawkins	2639	—
Events Director	Scott Williams	3501	—

Area Code: 801 Campus exchange: 374-1211

Cougar Stadium

Brigham Young University's 30,000-seat stadium—which is known simply as the BYU Stadium—will enter its 14th year this fall. It was opened for use on Oct. 2, 1964, in a night game with the University of New Mexico.

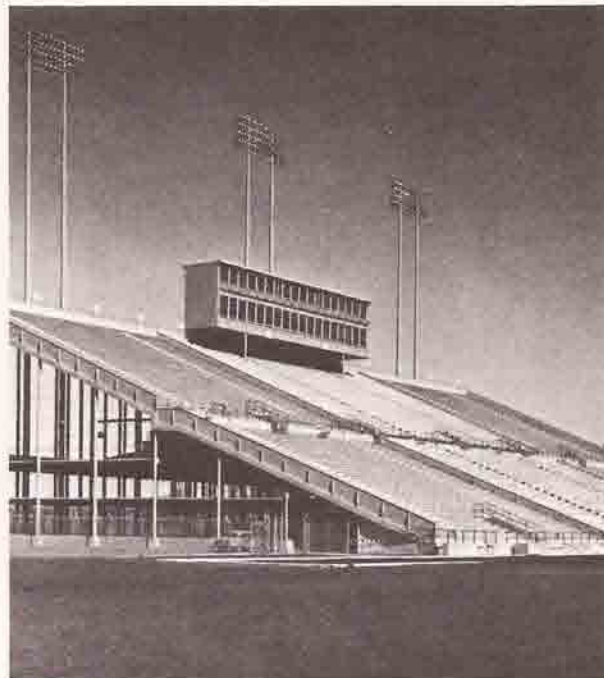
Two years later a crowd of 38,333 watched BYU battle Wyoming for the WAC championship. Wyoming won. Two years ago the second largest crowd on record (35,423) was on hand for BYU's homecoming game with Wyoming. And last year the Cougars set a new attendance record for the season, drawing an average of 31,540 fans to five home games. In four of the five games BYU drew crowds well beyond its capacity.

With BYU's student body almost as large as the stadium's seating capacity, a plan to expand to 45,000 seats is under consideration.

The press box is located on the west side of the stands. The west stands is also the location for most public seats, while the students and faculty are on the other side of the field. Temporary bleachers on both ends of the field allow for crowds in excess of capacity.

The all-steel stadium was financed from personal donations of students, faculty, staff, Provo businessmen, alumni, and friends.

The NCAA track and field championships have been hosted twice: 1967 and 1975 on the Chevron 440 all-weather track.



*BYU's football stadium (1964)
has 30,000 permanent seats.*

On The Road

OREGON STATE GAME (at Parker Stadium, Corvallis, Ore., 7:30 p.m., Sept. 9) Leave Friday afternoon at 3:55 p.m. aboard United 661. Arrive in Portland at 5:19 p.m. and bus to Corvallis where team headquarters will be set up at Townhouse Motor Inn (503) 753-4496. Return to Salt Lake City from Eugene aboard an Air West charter after the game.

ARIZONA STATE GAME (at Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz., 7:30 p.m., Sept. 16) Leave Friday morning at 10 a.m. on a Texas International charter and arrive in Phoenix where the team will headquarter at the Newton Sands (602) 275-7848. The team will fly home on the same charter after the game.

NEW MEXICO GAME (at University Stadium, Albuquerque, N.M., 7:30 p.m., Sept. 30) The team leaves on Friday with a late afternoon departure from Salt Lake City aboard a Texas International charter. Upon arrival in Albuquerque the team will headquarter at the Holiday Inn-Midtown (505) 345-3511. Following the game the team will fly the charter back to Salt Lake City.

OREGON GAME (at Autzen Stadium, Eugene, Ore., 1:30 p.m., Oct. 14) Friday departure time at 3:55 p.m. aboard United 601 out of Salt Lake City. Arrival

at Portland is 5:19 p.m. where the team will bus to Eugene and headquarter at the Country Squire Inn (503) 484-2000. Following the game, the team will fly out of Eugene aboard an Air West charter to Salt Lake City.

UTAH GAME (at Rice Stadium, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1:30 p.m., Nov. 18) BYU will bus to Salt Lake City Friday evening at 6 p.m. from Provo. At Salt Lake City the team will headquarter at the Hilton Inn (801) 521-2930. Following the game the Cougars will bus back to Provo.

HAWAII GAME (at Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawaii, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 25) BYU will depart November 23 from Salt Lake City at 11:30 a.m. on Western 29 and arrive in Los Angeles at 12:05. The team will then board Japan Airlines 63 and leave Los Angeles at 3 p.m. and arrive in Honolulu at 5:25 p.m. Headquarters are at the Moana Hotel at Waikiki (808) 922-3111.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS GAME (at Yokohama Stadium, Yokohama, Japan, Dec. 2) BYU will depart from Honolulu aboard Japan Airlines on the afternoon of November 27 and arrive in Tokyo at 6 p.m. on November 28 where they will headquarter at the New Otani Hotel. BYU will return home from Japan on Dec. 2.

Definite Potential in New-Look League

Even though the Cougars had identical 9-2 records the past two seasons, and even though it appears there's enough talent to do it again, mathematically the chances for a repeat performance are remote. If everything falls into place, the Mountain Cats might improve on that kind of mark. Or, if some breaks go the other way, the record could be something less.

With three teams from the Pac-Ten, plus new WAC member San Diego State, on the schedule, the



Marc Wilson engineers Cougar passing game

experts are probably expecting fewer than nine wins.

The first thing to take into account is the change within the league itself. Arizona and Arizona State have moved into the Pac-Ten, and San Diego State has been added to the WAC, making it a seven-school conference. Conference ties with the Fiesta Bowl have been severed, but the league is now affiliated with the recently-approved Holiday Bowl in San Diego. Consequently, the main goals—winning a WAC title and a post-season bid—are much the same, despite the change in participants and bowl sites.

A summary of the strong points for 1978 includes: 11 of the top 22 starters of last year returning; a is still the trigger. Mike Chronister, judged the finest total of 18 players from the second units back in the fold; plus the WAC offensive player of the year,

quarterback Marc Wilson, and a healthy number of the '77 receivers; and, finally, an excellent group of new recruits for added support.

Wilson, only a junior, is the pivotal player, of course. He is one reason the Cougars earned national passing honors for the second year in a row, and he receiver the Cougars have had, will be the main target, but it will take more than Mike to do the job again.

Opponents looking for BYU soft spots may have already recognized them—the two interior lines. Veteran performers are missing in both sections of the line, and the Cougars admit they will be rebuilding, albeit with promising timber, the offensive and defensive lines.

Listed below is a more in-depth picture and analysis of the squad:

Offensive Analysis

Pro-Set

QUARTERBACKS: A Gifford Nielsen-type quarterback doesn't come along very often, but the Cougars appear to have another prime candidate for national honors in **Marc Wilson**, who stepped into the lineup when Nielsen was injured. Marc had a record-setting sophomore season, and there is reason to believe he will pick up from where he left off last season. Another sophomore, **Jim McMahon**, will be in a back-up capacity. McMahon, who also serves as punter, is also a fine runner, but needs more battle time to sharpen his game. The other reserves have little, if any, playing time, but may be heard from.

RECEIVERS: Underscore the name of **Mike Chronister**, who is being moved from flanker to split end. The shift shouldn't make much difference—he'll still be hard to check. Redshirt **Kent Tingey** will be behind Chronister. Two relative unknowns, **Lloyd Jones** and **Stan Younger**, both sophomores, will be at flanker. Both have excellent speed; Jones as a hurdler on track team, Younger as an outfielder on the baseball team. Since Cougar quarterbacks frequently unload on the fullback and tight end, these receivers must be kept in mind, especially tight end **Tod Thompson**. Last year Thompson scored 54 points on nine touchdowns. Even so, the Cougars may not be able to rotate with the ease they did last year, since they do not have the depth or quality of 1977. Some may not notice the difference, however.

RUNNING BACKS: It figures with the Cougars' moving the ball the way they do, BYU's ground game doesn't need to be spectacular. As a result there is little in the way of yardage or much notice for the ball carriers. However, this could be the surprise of the season, if the Cat rushers get rolling. Tailbacks **Scott Phillips** (only a sophomore) and senior **Casey Wingard** both run well, and both have break-away speed and maneuverability. **Bill Ring**, probable starter at fullback, proved his ability last year behind **Todd Christensen**, and **Scott Reber**, regarded as potentially explosive, had a good freshman year in 1977. Running game may not sparkle, but they should get the job done.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Big holes were left with the departure of Lance Reynolds, Keith Uperesa, Kelly Harris and others who were three and four-year lettermen.

But the center position, with veterans **Scott Nielsen** and **Tom Miller** back, will give the Cats something to build around. **Tod Thompson** is a two-year letterman at tight end, and there is enough help so that position shouldn't be a problem. Coach Dave Kragthorpe has brought along talent in former seasons, and is expected to do it again. Guard **Tom Bell** is back off a mission and will join senior **Al Gaspard** on that side of the line. Sophomore **Nick Eyre** is well enough to

have the edge at right tackle, and **Danny Hansen**, a junior, at right guard. While there is good up-front talent, the reserve talent is a little thin.

SUMMARY: Offensively, the Cougars will differ only slightly, although pass protection is still a question. Wilson's passing is pretty well established, but the receivers may not have the versatility and depth of previous seasons. In time, might be as strong as 1977 unit.



Defense will be strong again

Defensive Analysis

Defense: 4-3

FRONT FOUR: Take away defensive tackles Mekeli Ieremia and Gary Petersen, and it doesn't look like the same group. But the Cougars still have two fine ends in **Mat Mendenhall** and **Ross Varner**, plus letterman **Doug Stromberg** and sophomore **Dennis Webb** to join them as starters. Others are expected to emerge as the season progresses. Fans may have been spoiled by former greats in front four. Overcoming depth problems may take time, but defense here should measure up to the tradition.

LINEBACKERS: While the linebackers were adequate last year, they should be even better in 1978. Coach Fred Whittingham has established players in all three positions, plus depth to draw from. Seniors **Rod Wood** and **Larry Miller** are classed with best in the league, while strongside senior **Tom Enlow** moves up to take over for Mark Berntsen. Another senior, **Gary Kama**, can come in the game any time without missing a beat. Sophomores **Glen Redd** and **Danny Frazier** bode well for future in this position.

SECONDARY: In terms of returning personnel, the outlook is bright with three of four regulars returning. Again, the brilliant speed a team would like to have in the secondary isn't there. But the players do well in execution and technique. Safeties **Jason Coloma** and **Ron Velasco** are both two-year lettermen, as is reserve **Marc Swenson**. **John Neal**, judged as best hitter in the group, returns kicks and figures as alternate starter. Cornerbacks **Bob Prested** and **Dave McKee** are returning lettermen. Sophomore reserves include **Bill Schoepflin** and **Dave Fancis**.

SUMMARY: Overall, the defense appears adequate. With the possible exception of depth in the front four, there are enough veterans, and enough reserve talent, to keep the Cougars respectable. Last year the defense preserved one victory (10-7 over Wyoming), and that kind of hard-nosed play will be needed again, if the Cougars are looking for national attention.

1978 Depth Chart

Offense

Position

TIGHT END
 RIGHT TACKLE
 RIGHT GUARD
 CENTER
 LEFT GUARD
 LEFT TACKLE
 QUARTERBACK
 FULLBACK
 TAILBACK
 SPLIT END
 FLANKER

PUNTING
 PLACE KICKING

First Unit

****Tod Thompson (Sr.)**
 *Nick Eyre (Soph.)
 *Danny Hansen (Jr.)
 *Scott Neilson (Sr.)
****Tom Bell (Jr.)**
 *Al Gaspard (Sr.)
 *Marc Wilson (Jr.)
 *Bill Ring (Sr.)
 *Scott Phillips (Soph.)
****Mike Chronister (Sr.)**
 Lloyd Jones (Soph.)

*Jim McMahon (Soph.)
 Brent Johnson (Jr.)

Second Unit

*Rob Anderson (Jr.)
 Steve Herring (Soph.)
 Ray Linford (Soph.)
****Tom Miller (Sr.)**
 Randy Tidwell (Jr.)
 Doug Wilkes (Jr.)
 *Jim McMahon (Soph.)
 *Scott Reber (Soph.)
 *Casey Wingard (Sr.)
 Kent Tingey (Jr.)
 *Stan Younger (Soph.)

Clay Brown (Soph.)

Defense

LEFT END
 LEFT TACKLE
 MIDDLE LINEBACKER
 RIGHT TACKLE
 RIGHT END
 STRONGSIDE LINEBACKER
 WEAKSIDE LINEBACKER
 LEFT CORNERBACK

RIGHT CORNERBACK

STRONGSIDE SAFETY
 FREE SAFETY

****Ross Varner (Sr.)**
 Dennis Webb (Soph.)
*****Rod Wood (Sr.)**
 *Doug Stromberg (Jr.)
 *Mat Mendenhall (Jr.)
 *Tom Enlow (Sr.)
*****Larry Miller (Sr.)**
 *Bob Prested (Jr.)

*Dave McKee (Jr.)

****Jason Coloma (Jr.)**
****Ron Velasco (Sr.)**

*Jeff Harris (Sr.)
 John Kormylo (Sr.)
*****Gary Kama (Sr.)**
 Jim Jaramillo (Soph.)
 Rob Buchanan (Jr.)
 Glen Redd (Soph.)
 *Danny Frazier (Soph.)
 *Steve Corson (Sr.)
 Bill Schoepflin (Soph.)
 Dave Francis (Soph.)
 *Tim Halverson (Jr.)
 **Marc Swenson (Sr.)
 *John Neal (Sr.)

1977 Starters in **Boldface**

*Letters earned

Returning Starters (11)

OFFENSE (4)

C —	**Tom Miller	6-2	230	23	Sr.	Chowchilla, California
TE —	**Tod Thompson	6-4	225	22	Sr.	Concord, California
FL —	**Mike Chronister	6-0	190	21	Sr.	Concord, California
QB —	*Mark Wilson	6-5	206	21	Jr.	Seattle, Washington

DEFENSE (7)

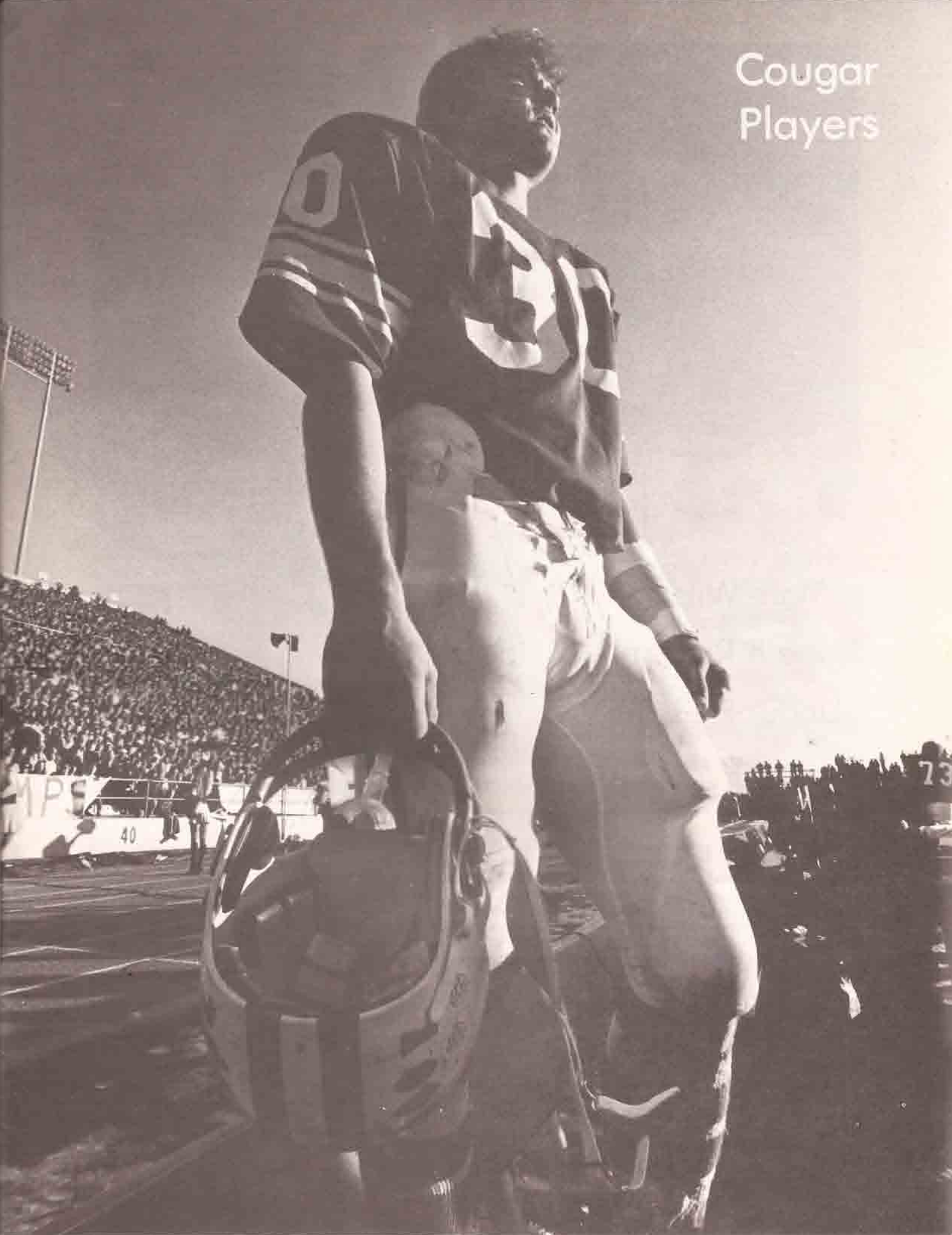
DE —	**Ross Varner	6-3	236	22	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
MLB —	***Rod Wood	6-1	230	22	Sr.	Durango, Colorado
DE —	**Mat Mendenhall	6-6	227	21	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
WLB —	***Larry Miller	6-5	225	20	Sr.	Bountiful, Utah
LC —	*Bob Prested	5-11	187	20	Jr.	Glendale, California
WS —	**Ron Velasco	6-2	170	20	Sr.	Aiea, Hawaii
SS —	**Jason Coloma	5-10	186	21	Jr.	Haleiwa, Hawaii

Lettermen Lost (24)

*****Dev Duke**, Kicking Specialist
****Terry McEwen**, Quarterback
*****John VanDerWouden**, Wide Receiver
****Dave Campos**, Defensive Back
*****Gifford Nielsen**, Quarterback
 *Bill Popin, Defensive Back
*****Lynn Zwahlen**, Wide Receiver
*****Roger Gourley**, Running Back
*****George Harris**, Wide Receiver
****Tony Hernandez**, Defensive Back
******Todd Christensen**, Fullback
 *Danny Hartwig, Quarterback

*****Mark Bernsten**, Linebacker
 *John Ramage, Linebacker
 *Calvin Close, Offensive Line
 *Alan Carlile, Offensive Line
****Jan Van de Merwe**, Offensive Line
*****Gary Petersen**, Defensive Tackle
****Kelly Harris**, Offensive Tackle
******Keith Uperesa**, Offensive Guard
*****Lance Reynolds**, Offensive Tackle
******Mekeli Ieremia**, Defensive Tackle
 *Rick Jones, Wide Receiver
****Kip Apostol**, Defensive End

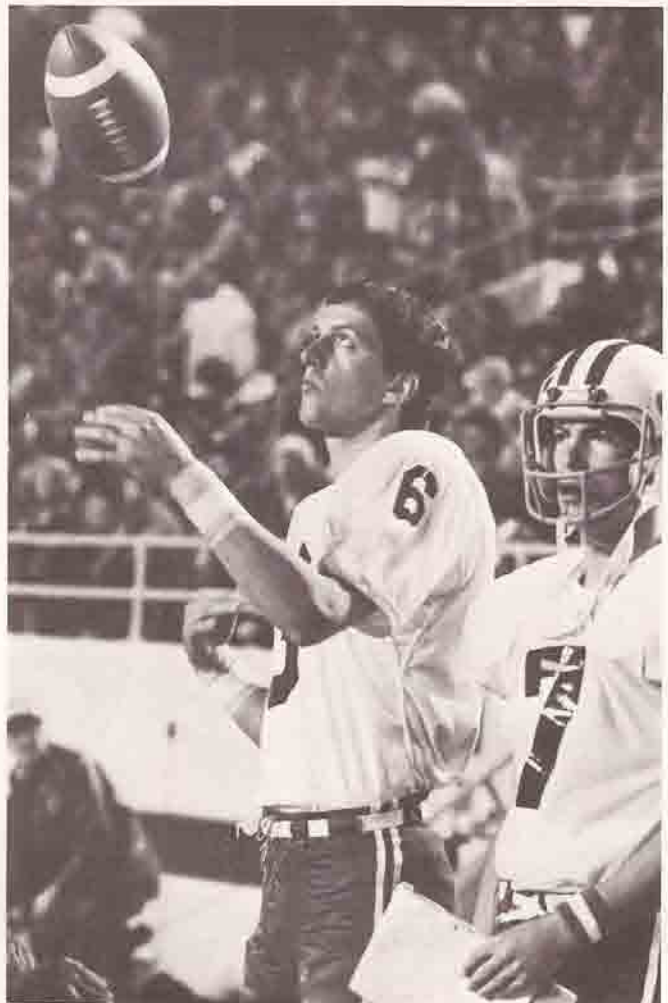
Cougar
Players





WAC Back of the Year

Marc Wilson: Smooth Response Under Pressure



Wilson biding time on the sidelines

When does an 11-game football schedule suddenly come to a close after only four games? The answer—for BYU, at least—seemed to be when your All-America quarterback is injured and declared out for the season.

Such were the circumstances last year in Corvallis, Ore., when the Cougars lost Gifford Nielsen, plus the ball game, at Oregon State. And once the shock was over, there was frantic concern among the fans regarding a replacement for the irreplaceable Gifford Nielsen.

The fans waited less than a week for an answer.

Marc Wilson, a relative unknown going into the fifth game of the 1977 season, stunned a previously-undefeated Colorado State team by

throwing a total seven touchdown passes in a 63-17 rout of the Rams. In his first start he covered 332 yards through the air, hitting 15 of 25 with one interception.

His initiation against CSU resulted in all kinds of national honors (listed elsewhere in the media guide) and rave notices.

From that starting point Wilson engineered the Cougars to the national passing title, placing first in the nation in forward passing with 341.6 yards per game.

Even though he was in a reserve role through the first four games of his sophomore year, Wilson finished eighth in the nation in passing, and third in the nation in total offense (221.6 yards per game).

At final count Wilson was credited

with two all-time NCAA records: most passing yardage in one game (571 against Utah), and most passes completed in one half (27 - tie, against Long Beach State). The WAC and school records set by Wilson can be found in the records section of the media guide.

But, the best part—at least from the standpoint of the coaches, fans, and Wilson himself—is the fact that the 6-5 splinter from Seattle will enter the 1978 campaign with two full seasons ahead of him.

Reflecting on that fateful week after Nielsen's injury and prior to the CSU game: "I didn't eat or sleep or anything. I felt all of the weight was on me. It was a tough period for me, really."

"Then, after I had thrown my first

TD pass at Fort Collins, I went over to the water cooler for a drink when I heard a guy in the stands yell, 'You're lucky, Wilson. You'll never be able to do that again!' Marc then returned to throw six more.

There were fans in Fort Collins that afternoon who thought Wilson was Nielsen. They have been labeled look-alikes; same size, same kind of sports background, etc.

As an all-city performer in three sports at Shorecrest High in Seattle, Marc felt his future was in baseball where he pitched and played the outfield. He also carried a 3.83 GPA in the classroom and averaged 19 points per game on the basketball team.

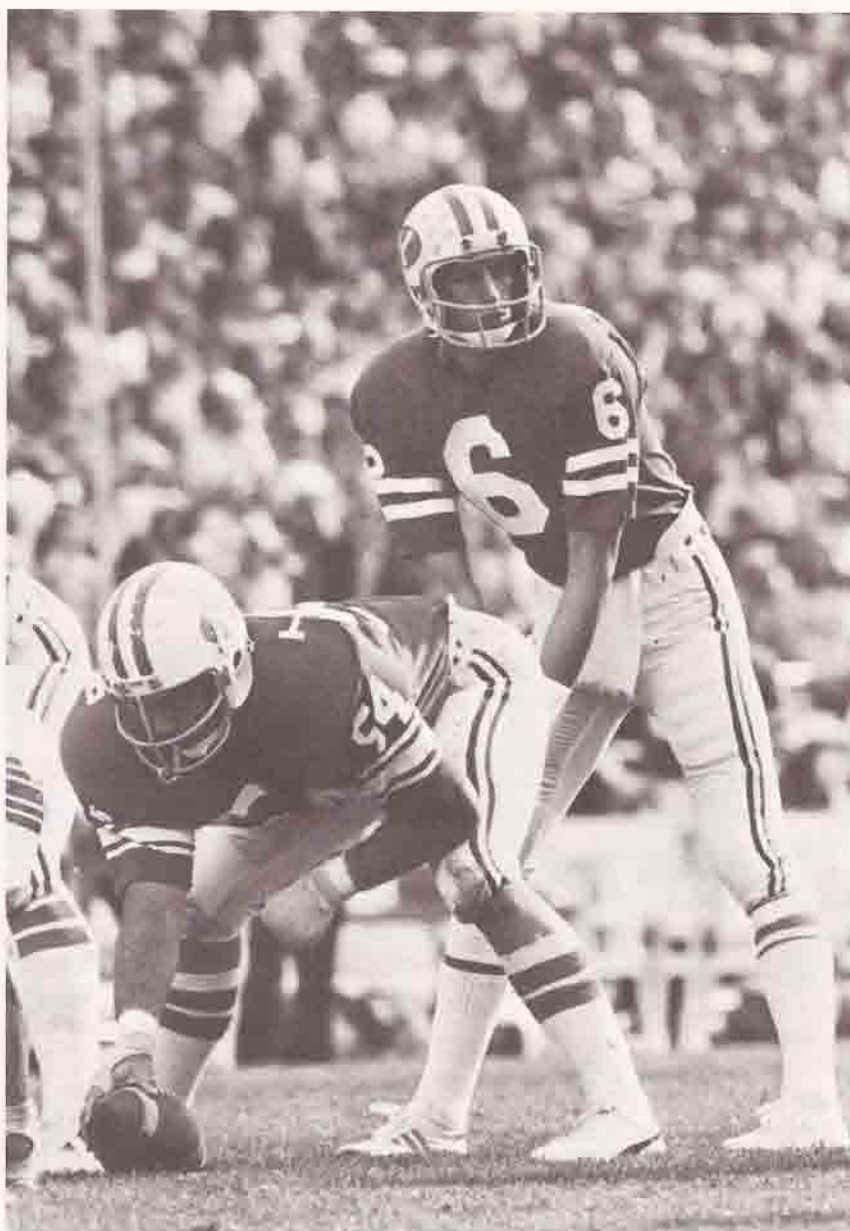
Heavily recruited by the Pac-Eight schools, he decided to stick with football and elected to come to BYU. With the varsity playing in bowl games, Wilson was somewhat obscured on the jayvee team. With Nielsen returning in 1976, Marc decided to redshirt that season.

"It was one of the greatest decisions that I have ever made," he recalls.

He spent so much time with the Jayvees running plays against the varsity that he almost became an expert in the offense of BYU's opponents.

Marc's immediate plans, of course, involve football for the next two seasons. But he also plans to continue his studies in the field of economics, then either go to law school or get a master's in business.

Wilson is married to the former Colleen Cox, who was a cheerleader for one of the high schools in the same Seattle league as Northcrest. They met first at a church dance.



Noted for his passing, Wilson can also run the ball

MARC WILSON - 1977 STATISTICS (Sophomore Year)

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING						
	Carries	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	AT.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Comp %	TDR
Kansas State	2	8	0	8	0	9	8	0	101	1	.889	1
Utah State	3	13	15	-2	0	7	7	0	52	1	1.000	1
New Mexico	4	5	23	-18	0	4	3	0	29	0	.750	0
Oregon State	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0
Colorado State	8	26	21	5	1	25	15	1	332	7	.600	8
Wyoming	10	20	9	11	0	26	10	6	96	1	.385	1
Arizona	11	11	23	-12	0	43	23	2	334	2	.535	2
Utah	8	31	20	11	0	41	26	3	571	5	.634	5
Arizona State	15	51	45	6	0	38	21	3	283	1	.553	1
Long Beach	12	32	31	1	0	54	37	1	408	4	.685	4
Texas-El Paso	7	29	25	4	1	30	14	2	212	2	.467	3
TOTALS:	81	232	212	20	2	277	164	18	2418	24	.592	26

Goals Geared to Team Effort

Opponents who a year ago were dreading the thoughts of a Nielsen-to-Chronister confrontation from BYU can't afford to relax in 1978. The combination of last fall has been replaced by Wilson-to-Chronister, and that could mean a few worries for pass defenders.

An all-WAC wide receiver, Chronister returns for his last season in quest of an 11-0 record, helping BYU to a chance at cracking the nation's top 10 ranked teams and not necessarily to lead the nation, conference or team in receptions.

"I should be better because I'm not lying around stagnant," says the receiver of 38 catches last season. "Goals and statistics are nice and I wouldn't mind being the leading receiver, but I'd just as soon be third or fourth individually and have the team go 11-0."

The senior from Concord, Calif., doesn't doubt his ability to duplicate the 22.8 yards per catch which set a new school record in his sophomore year. And since transferring to BYU three years ago from Diablo Valley College in California, Chronister has helped BYU to a pair of 9-2 seasons.

"A record of 9-2 is a good year and we have been co-champions for the last two years," says Chronister, "but we want to win a championship outright. I have never been on a team that has won the championship outright or gone undefeated."

As a prep at Concord High, Mike's team won only one game and his team placed second on the Junior college level. During Chronister's prep career he injured his ankle and consequently, few four-year schools were interested in recruiting him. So Mike attended Diablo Valley College for a year where he scored 16 touchdowns.

Chronister's junior college performance helped convince BYU coaches that he was the calibre of athlete who could keep a passing tradition growing for the Cougars. That was three years ago before many people had heard of Chronister, let alone quarterback Gifford Nielsen.

As a sophomore, most of Chronister's 31 receptions came from Nielsen's arm. Chronister started as a flanker, whose speed and jumping



Mike Chronister has been moved to split end

ability led to eight BYU TDs and a Tangerine Bowl appearance. The aerial show which Chronister had heard of at BYU became a reality to him and others.

"I heard BYU threw the ball a lot, so I knew I could start here," says Mike. "I came at the right time when there was a coaching change, so I got a fresh look from the coaches."

Chronister transferred to BYU just as former quarterback and receivers coach Doug Scovil was implementing new angles to the passing game. Scovil had vacated the pro ranks with the San Francisco 49ers and masterminded the BYU attack until this last spring when he left to join the Chicago Bears.

"Football is a skill game and Scovil taught receivers to get the lucky catch again and again. Also, Coach Scovil taught us to develop skills to make difficult catches a spectacle and a treat."

Last season, Chronister gave Utah Coach Wayne Howard one of those treats with a diving catch in front

of the Utah bench near the end of a 38-8 BYU victory.

"Chronister's catch is the best I've ever seen," said Howard after the game.

"It was a corner pattern," says Chronister. "I saw the defensive back was way off and I adjusted my pattern, but I over-compensated and that's why I had to dive."

"I jump for a lot of balls because I can usually outjump my defender," says Chronister, a 6-8 high jumper. "Actually I'm a better long jumper, though. I went 24-0 in the long jump and 44-0 in the triple jump in high school."

However, Chronister has contented himself to be a receiver and enjoys the passing game more than anything right now.

"Passing is our regular game. We perfect our passing game like other teams perfect the running game. The reason other teams run so much is because they don't have the tools like we have here for the passing attack," says Mike.



Proven Strength at Linebacker

Twice during the life of Rod Wood his path to BYU has been influenced by drawing straws. The rest has been the product of pure work for the Cougars' 6-1, 230-pound middle linebacker.

In the first instance Rod and his family were living in Wisconsin, but decided to move to a more mountainous region close to good fishing and hunting. After Rod's sophomore year at Hartford, Wisc., they drew straws and decided to move to Durango, Colo.

The second occasion was in an over-crowded ceramics class at BYU.



Linebacker Rod Wood

Rod was assured a spot in the class, but two girls had to draw straws for the last spot on the class roll. Cheryl, his wife-to-be, won and they began attending class together.

Both "draws" had an effect on Rod's life.

"Had I remained in Wisconsin I feel my football career would have been overshadowed, because of lack of publicity in Division II football," says Rod.

But he and his parents fortunately chose Durango from among five towns in the U.S. they were interested in.

When Rod was recruited to come to BYU, he was a 183-pound running back. He got his weight up to 205 before he redshirted as a sophomore, then put on ten more pounds. Last year he got married and added another 15 pounds.

In 1976 as a 230-pound linebacker, he helped BYU earn a Tangerine Bowl berth. He was second in defensive scoring, leading the team with 98 assisted tackles and 16 unassisted tackles in 1976.

Last year he played the majority of the season with an injury, yet ended up as the team's number two

defensive scorer again, scoring 201 points. He led the team with 81 assisted tackles and four "fumbles caused."

Rod figures redshirting and the coaching of Fred Whittingham, a pro veteran, have made him a better middle linebacker, not discounting the fact that Gary Kama has been constantly pressing Rod for a starting role the past two years.

"After my redshirt year in 1975 I had a hard time reading the plays and I made a lot of mistakes because I was so anxious," says Rod. "I was hyper and wanted to get to the runner before he even got the ball. But Coach Whittingham taught me to take my time and read the play. Since then I have been playing with more consistency and intensity."

However, Wood believes the toughest offense he faced last season was the BYU offense in practice.

"We do so many things with the football other teams don't even think of," says Rod. "I swear they lay awake at night dreaming up those things. Many times we know what our offense is going to do and we still can't defense some of those things."

In the movie *Wedge*, a recent production filmed near BYU, Larry Miller is cast as a fullback, linebacker and hotshot wrestler for Rockville High School.

But in reality, the 6-5, 225-pound Miller is the Cougars' weakside linebacker who was named the hardest hitter on the team last year.

But during the off-season while playing basketball in the Smith Fieldhouse, Miller was spotted by the movie's producers. The blond, muscular lad from Bountiful, Utah, fit the mold of the "big, bad dude who is a fine athlete."

The movie, which was filmed near BYU, opens with Miller running for a 55-yard touchdown, then making a few key tackles.

Wedge premieres in November. But off screen, Miller will be starting his senior year with the Cougars.

The advertising major turned to BYU football when he lost out on a basketball scholarship.

"Coach Edwards offered me a football scholarship and I really wanted to come to BYU," said Miller. "Truthfully, I was scared to play

college football because of the competition. I only weighed 190 pounds and I didn't think I could play, but after two-a-days were over I knew I had a chance playing pro ball because of my height and speed."

Miller, one of the nation's tallest linebackers at 6-5, runs the 40-yard dash in 4.7, often the same speed as the running backs he hunts. And Miller could be one of the strongest players on this year's grid squad, benching 405 pounds.

He hopes his hitting is the kind that entertains the fans. It may be pride on the part of his mother,



Linebacker Larry Miller

Sylvia, when she sold over \$500 worth of season tickets to friends last year.

This year, Larry thinks he will have even more fans in the crowd because of interest by his wife's family. Last spring, Larry married Rhonda Stewart.

Linebacker coach Fred Whittingham sees the potential in the towering linebacker.

"Coach Whittingham makes me tougher," says Larry. "He works on me mentally and I respect him a lot. He knows his game and it means something to me when he tells me I'm a top draft choice for pro ball."

Playing pro ball is in the back of Larry's mind, but of immediate interest is earning a Holiday Bowl berth.

The 1978 season offers Larry more chances, like the one two years ago in Provo, where he intercepted Arizona State's first pass of the game and the Cougars eventually won 43-21.

Or this season could offer repeats of last year's three fumble recoveries and a crucial fourth down sacking of a Wyoming quarterback.

A Little Laughter in End Zone for Tight End

On a cool evening in Provo last fall, Tod Thompson assumed his specialty team position, awaiting New Mexico's third straight kickoff in the fourth quarter. Everyone expected an on-side kick and the squib was scooped up by Thompson who dashed for a 45-yard touchdown to cap a 54-19 victory.

"I thought about running the kick-off back for a touchdown even before I got out on the field," says Thompson, a 6-4, 225-pound tight end from Concord, Calif. "I knew the ball would be coming my way, and it did. When I got past the first defender, I knew I was home free and laughed all the way to the goal line."

The touchdown was one of nine Thompson scored last year. He finished third on the scoring list. Thompson was also one of four receivers who caught over 30 passes each last season for more than 600 yards apiece.

Originally recruited for the 1974 season, Tod was shown around BYU's campus on a recruiting trip by his sister Cristi. Thompson, a senior this year, selected BYU as one of two universities near the mountains where he could participate in his second love—skiing.

"I didn't decide where I was going

to school until the last signing date," says Thompson, "not even my mother knew where I was going."

As a freshman, Thompson had a good season, but by the fall of 1975 things weren't working out too well because of injuries. He redshirted that year and got his first break in the spring of 1976 when starter Brian Billick (a pro draftee) was injured.

"Billick was hurt for the first couple weeks of spring practice and I got to play with the first string. That helped me, and I continued to split

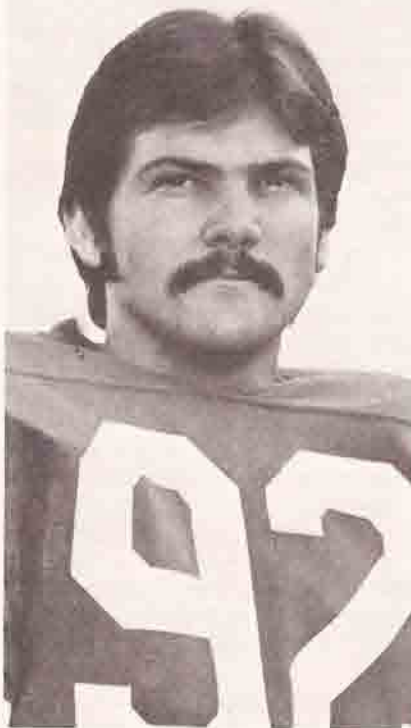
passes from Wilson in the seven remaining games, some of which were one-handed grabs.

"I was forced to catch some of the passes one-handed because I dislocated my thumb and I didn't use two hands until the injury healed," says Tod. "Then, too, I feel more confident stretching out with one hand and trying to tip the ball back rather than diving for it."

In Japan, Thompson caught five passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns during BYU's two Silk Bowl



Thompson on only aerial score in Tangerine Bowl



Thompson touchdowns include one kickoff return

time with him right through the Tangerine Bowl."

In the regular season of 1976, Thompson caught 13 passes and was the Cougars' leading receiver yardage-wise at the Tangerine Bowl. His 27-yard touchdown reception from Gifford Nielsen was the only aerial score of the Tangerine Bowl for BYU.

Thompson assumed the starting position last year and he caught 11 passes up to the time quarterback Gifford Nielsen was injured.

In the Colorado State game last year, Marc Wilson's first start, Thompson caught three of Wilson's record-setting seven touchdown passes. In fact, Thompson caught 26

games last year. Also while in Japan, Thompson played part of the game as a defensive end, a position he hadn't played since high school.

At Clayton Valley High, Thompson played defensive end, tight end, linebacker. He has played some at fullback, quarterback and punted at times during his career. But now he prefers the drifts, curls and blocking that come with the tight end's assignments.

"My blocking is the part of the game most people seem to think I need to work on, so I'm putting on some weight and building up my strength," says Tod, an honorable mention All-WAC selection.

Salt Lake Defenders Forcing Detours

Football analysts in the Western Athletic Conference are pretty well agreed the Cougars will have a good overall defensive unit. In particular positions, like defensive end, BYU will be manned by established players such as junior Mat Mendenhall and senior Ross Varner. In 1977 the two earned critical praise from BYU coaches and the press alike.



Veteran defensive end Ross Varner

Teams that regularly play the Cougars probably get tired of facing a Varner in BYU's lineup year after year. But there's relief in sight . . . if they are willing to wait out the 1978 campaign.

Every season since 1973 the Cougars have had a Varner at defensive end, either Stan (1973-75), who is now playing pro football, or Ross, the 6-3, 235 pound, two-year letterman who will be a senior this fall.

"We're both very aggressive on the field," says Ross, "but Stan is meaner off the field. People are always comparing me to Stan, but we are different."

Ross credited his older brother for instilling in him a desire to work harder.

"He encouraged me, too. And since we both played the same position, I was able to see why he did the things he did."

At the time, Ross was in need of support. As a relatively small lineman at Skyline High School in Salt Lake City, Ross was regarded by most recruiters as too small for the college game. He was 160-pound lineman as a Skyline sophomore.

"Schools tend to look at players with size," he noted, "but no one judged me by the stuff I had inside."

As a result, Varner was forced to approach the game as a walk-on before picking up a grant on his playing ability.

Ross passed up the opportunity of playing on the same squad as brother Stan in 1975, the year his brother was a senior. "The coaches didn't want to redshirt me, but I knew I needed the physical development. I still didn't weigh as much as I wanted to."

When Ross finally made the scene,



Mat Mendenhall has been called "most talented lineman"

he was ready. Playing in a position (defensive end) he calls the most injury prone in football, he soon had a spot anchored.

Last year, although slowed by an injury, Ross was second only to Mat Mendenhall in "tackles for a loss," and he led the team in fumble recoveries (3) and "hurries" (14). His best game was against Long Beach State when he had two pass deflections and two sacks.

Ross met his wife while both were still in high school, and this summer Ann Wagstaff and Ross were married.

Meanwhile, Mendenhall's playing career turned out to be one of those overcoming-obstacles stories.

Mat, whose father played end for the Cougars a generation back, played his prep ball at East High School in Salt Lake City. Besides earning all-state honors and All-America recognition, he was one of

the most sought-after athletes in the state.

As a freshman Mat suffered a head injury that could have ended his playing career altogether. He redshirted the 1976 season, but bounced back in 1977 to take over a starting berth. He did more than bounce back, he led the team in defensive statistics, a healthy 16 points ahead of runner-up Rod Wood. He was not only outstanding defensively, he was consistent throughout the season.

Of particular note were his exceptionally fine games against Arizona State and Utah.

Only a junior, Mat looms as one of the school's gridiron greats.

Says defensive line coach Tom Ramage: "He's got it all. Because of his size, attitude, competitiveness, quickness, and determination, Mat is one of the most talented linemen we've ever had at BYU."

Pair of Toms Could Shine in Offensive Line

Tom Bell Has Star Quality

Once in uniform and on the playing field, 6-3, 230-pound Tom Bell looks like any football player. But there was a time in Indonesia when Bell was mistaken for a movie star.

While serving as a missionary in Jakarta he found his car blocked by a smaller car. Bell studied the situation, then hefted the machine aside as a crowd of astonished Indonesians watched. One of those who observed this display of strength came up to Bell and said, "I know you are Charles Bronson."

Bell served as an LDS missionary in Southeast Asia for two years where he was dubbed "the biggest missionary ever seen in Indonesia."

However, Bell knows that his size isn't overpowering on the offensive line, and he has tried to make up for it with technique.

Before his mission, Bell lettered as a freshman and as a sophomore. In demand by Wake Forest, Syracuse, and Maryland, the prepster from Gaithersburg, Md., selected BYU and became one of the few freshmen to letter.

As a freshman he was having to go one-on-one against veteran Keith Rivera.

"I learned technique against Rivera because I soon learned I couldn't run over him. The more I would stop him, the harder he would hit. That's where I learned to take shots."

Offensive line coach, Dave Kragthorpe, taught Bell to master technique.

"I have to play technique ball. That's my whole thing, and everybody knows it. On my mission I learned how to put my whole self into something. Now I know on the football field it is legal to knock people down, but I don't try and damage any one," says the Fiesta Bowl veteran.

Bell returned home from his mission last winter, but had corresponded with Coach Kragthorpe throughout his two-year mission.

Bell's best game prior to his mission was against the University of Wyoming in 1975 when Jeff Blanc, BYU's all-time rushing leader, rushed for 215 yards and three touchdowns off of trap plays behind Bell's blocking.

"My mission made me smarter," says Bell. "Some people say that a mission made me more mature, but I say it made me smarter. I now realize that I have to put everything else aside in order to start. I'm not allowed to have excuses."

Bell got his start in football as a little league player. By the time he started playing for his high school, he was the next-smallest guy on the offensive line.

Bell's interests include restoring old cars.

Tom Miller Takes Tumble

Plunging off a cliff and tumbling 50-feet while snowmobiling in Canada is a lot different than getting blocked on the football field, according to BYU center Tom Miller.

"It was like a blindside block," says Miller, "you never see it coming and don't know it's happened until it is over."

The 6-2, 245-pound senior from San Jacinto, Calif., went to Canada last winter to speak at the Lethbridge Sports Banquet. He spoke to 2,200 people on the subject of never giving up, a favorite lecture topic for Miller. When it was time to return to Provo, he discovered the airplane flight was already booked, so he stayed over in Alberta.

Meanwhile, Miller was invited to go snowmobiling with some friends. The friends tried to familiarize Tom with the terrain before Miller tried a solo run. He intended to circle the big mesa and loop back to the party, when he found himself clinging in mid-air to the snowmobile with the ground far below.

"My first thought was, 'I'm going to die,'" says Tom. When he landed, he and the snowmobile parted but tumbled to the same halting spot. "There was nothing wrong with the snowmobile, but I knew something was wrong with my knee. I rolled over on my back and tested it in the air and my knee tightened up. I then thought, 'my football career has come to an end.'"

There's no telling what BYU Coach LaVell Edwards thought when he saw his starting center return to Provo on crutches. Miller's injury was serious enough to keep him out of spring

practice's hitting drills, but it didn't require surgery.

In the off season, Miller had the knee working again, and he will now be faced with a problem he's encountered each year at BYU—trying to regain his starting spot at center.

Last year, Miller returned from his mission and was one of a few candidates for the center slot. It wasn't until the fifth game of the season in 1977 that Miller started. Coincidentally, it was also the first start for BYU quarterback Marc Wilson.

It was in the 63-17 victory at CSU that Miller hiked the ball repeatedly to Wilson and then Wilson tossed seven touchdown passes for a new WAC record. Consequently, Wilson was named everybody's player of the week nationally.

"Mentally I had been ready to play since returning off my mission, but my body was not used to the hitting," says Miller. Prior to the CSU game Miller had been battling for the starting slot with Scott Neilson, his roommate on the road and also a returned missionary from Australia.

Prior to serving his mission, Tom met Diane, his wife to be. When she learned Tom was going on a mission, she decided to wait for him by also serving a mission. She was called to New Zealand.

In 1972 Miller played on the junior varsity team as a freshman and then redshirted the following year. Then in 1974, BYU's Fiesta Bowl year, Miller tutored Orrin Olsen how to play center. Olsen had been playing defensive end. After Miller taught Olsen the position at center, Tom lost his starting spot.

"If I hadn't lost the starting spot to Olsen, I probably wouldn't have gone on an LDS mission to Perth, Australia," says Miller.

When he came to BYU out of Chowchilla High, his prep coaches had peddled him as a center prospect.

Searching for a school to launch his college football career, Miller was more interested at first in attending Stanford. "But as soon as I stepped on the BYU campus I knew I was going to play football in Provo," says Miller.

Regardless of what happens this season, Miller won't give up snowmobiling, but he will give up riding off cliffs.



Tom Bell



Rod Buchanan



Jason Coloma



Steve Corson



Bill Davis

Profiles of Cougar Players

***ANDERSEN, ROB (95) Tight End, 6-3, 217, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 10/25/57 at Salt Lake City . . . parents are Alving (contractor) and Grethe, (housewife) Andersen . . . both parents were born in Denmark . . . likes photography . . . majoring in communications and minoring in business.

HIGH SCHOOL: High School Coach Ken Schmidt (Utah) called him up before two-a-days started to give him his start in football . . . played fullback at Skyline High . . . was a Utah Basketball all-star and all-state in football . . . also lettered in track.

BYU: Redshirted in '76 . . . was a walk-on who earned a scholarship . . . was second string on varsity last year . . . scored a TD on a two-yard pass against New Mexico . . . also had a 14-yard pass in that game . . . caught three passes over 10 yards each in Japan last year.

ANDERSON, STEVE (42), Defensive Back, 5-10, 195, Soph., Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 10/22/57 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are Boyd (pharmacist) and Joyce (housewife) . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: A halfback and defensive back for Cottonwood High . . . state 4A champion in 100 and 220 yard dash . . . over 100 yards rushing in one game . . . voted outstanding player by team . . . member of honor squad and all-region . . . prep mentor was H. G. Linford (Utah).

BYU: Redshirted in '77 . . . has good speed and size, along with good one-on-one moves.

****BELL, TOM (66) Offensive Guard, 6-3, 230, Jr., Gaithersburg, Maryland**

PERSONAL: Born 3/29/56 . . . in Quincy, California . . . parents are Dr. Thomas (president of American Health Care Association) and Kay (housewife) Bell . . . served an LDS mission to Indonesia . . . majoring in business and minoring in Asian Studies.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was all-Metro Washington, D.C., all-Maryland, all-county and all-league in football for Gaithersburg High . . . coached by John Marvill (Maryland) . . . participated in freestyle wrestling and lettered three times.

BYU: Was a consistent performer as a freshman . . . started for most of his sophomore year . . . went to the Fiesta Bowl last spring . . . bounced back into aggressive mold following return from mission . . . will be counted on heavily this year because of age and experience.

BLACKWELL, CLAY (23), Tailback, 5-9, 175, Jr., Ogden, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 3/21/57 in Ogden . . . parents are Willard (instructor in Job Corps) and Adeen (social worker) Blackwell . . . both attended Weber State . . . majoring in business administration.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a tailback-halfback at Bonneville High, Clay set rushing and scoring records for the Tigers . . . voted athlete of the year . . . all-state . . . All-American mention . . . school honor roll for two years . . . also lettered three years in track . . . state sprint champ in 100 and 220.

BYU: Alternated between jayvee and varsity as a freshman . . . rushed for 552 yards in first two games of the season with jayvee . . . carried five times for 13 yards with varsity and one TD against Utah . . . redshirted in '76 . . . in '77 had a stint at defensive back with jayvee corps, but returned to running back in game with Snow College . . . tallied 180 yards in five kickoff returns, scored two touchdowns, had one pass interception and three TD-saving pass deflections, plus the game saving tackle on one-yard line—all against the Badgers in a 32-27 victory.

BONA, DEAN (11) Defensive Back, 6-1, 180 Soph., Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 6/15/56 . . . a returned missionary . . . played spring ball . . . will beef up the secondary . . . majoring in business management.

BRADFORD, PERRY (28), Defensive Back, 6-1, 170, Soph., Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 4/24/58 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are James (tire manager) and Shirley (housewife) . . . business major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Three-sport performer at West High in Salt Lake City . . . basketball, track, and football . . . running back and cornerback for Panthers . . . won all-state honors . . . voted MVP . . . pole vaulted 13-6½ . . . second in state.

BYU: Redshirted in '77 . . . had a good JV year two years ago . . . will be playing behind two seniors.

BRADY, MARK (12), Defensive Back, 6-2, 170, Soph., Oak Ridge, Tennessee

PERSONAL: Born 3/26/59 in Oak Ridge . . . parents are Kendall (engineer for Union Carbide) and Barbara (housewife) . . . father played football at Georgia Tech . . . general studies major.

HIGH SCHOOL: A defensive back and wide receiver for Oak Ridge High . . . team was 30-3 for three years . . . state champs during '76 . . . earned the Head Hunter and Defensive Back awards on his team . . . was all-state honorable mention . . . coached by Emory Hale (East Tennessee State).

BYU: Good technique and plays run well . . . needs experience . . . played with JV in '77.

BROCK, RAY (48), Defensive Back, 6-4, 200, Soph., Toronto, Ontario, Canada

PERSONAL: Born 4/5/57 in Toronto . . . parents are Marshal (independent cab owner) and mother (housewife) . . . a P.E. major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Western Tech in Toronto where he was voted MVP . . . played under Roman Pysanczyn, a Wyoming graduate . . . team reached finals his junior year, quarterfinals his senior year.

BYU: Shared starting and supporting role with Mark Flammer as JV signal caller in '76 . . . made switch from quarterback to defensive back in '77 during a redshirt year.

BROWN, CLAYTON (85), Tight End, 6-4, 205, Soph., San Gabriel, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 9/20/58 in Whittier . . . parents are Neal (FBI) and Betty (school nurse) McGinnis . . . majoring in mathematics, minor in business.

HIGH SCHOOL: One of the fine athletes to come out of San Gabriel High, Clay lettered three years in football, two in basketball . . . was MVP as basketball forward . . . also MVP back of the year with 800 yards on 95 carries (8.4 average) . . . had punting average of 45.6 . . . team champion of Mission Valley League . . . 3.2 GPA.

BYU: JV starter . . . averaged 53.7 yards in seven punts against Air Force Academy JV in '76 . . . redshirted in '77.

BUCHANAN, ROBERT (68), Defensive End, 6-3, 216, Jr., Santa Maria, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 7/6/57 at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio . . . parents are Frank (owner of Broadway Tire) and Marian (housewife) Buchanan.

HIGH SCHOOL: A '75 graduate of Ernest Righetti High . . . played defensive tackle . . . was on Santa Barbara County all-star team . . . honorable mention all-league.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Attended Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria for two years . . . was honorable mention all-conference there.

BYU: Hurt his knee at the beginning of the season last year . . . forced to redshirt . . . had an excellent spring . . . will help out in the line this fall.

BYBEE, ROYCE (10) Quarterback, 6-1, 185, Jr., Alhambra, California

A transfer from Ricks College . . . had a good spring . . . will remain on squad for depth purposes . . . was 3-6 in spring game for 51 yards passing and one TD.

CAMPBELL, MARC (70), Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 225, Soph., McLean, Virginia

PERSONAL: Born 2/15/59 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are A. Pierce (executive) and Beverley (promoter) . . . communications major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Langley High . . . was a defensive tackle . . . all-district and all-regional . . . played on Northern Virginia Sun all-star squad . . . coached by Charles Martin (West Virginia) . . . all-state.

BYU: Played jayvee ball last fall . . . has good quickness and strength.

CARLSEN, STEVE (30), Tailback, 6-0, 204, Soph., Montpelier, Idaho

PERSONAL: Born 11/7/57 in Montpelier . . . parents are Garth (service station owner) and Elaine (housewife) Carlsen . . . married Kristy Williams 8/7/76 . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Did about everything at Bear River High . . . all-state in basketball, sprint champion (10.1) . . . set school rushing record . . . over 3,000 yards rushing in three years.

BYU: Started on JV team two years ago . . . redshirted in '77 . . . had another good spring.

CHRISTENSEN, CRAIG (57) Center, 6-2, 215, Soph., Concord, California

PERSONAL: Born 3/18/56 . . . majoring in business management.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prep MVP as a defensive and offensive lineman . . . team captain . . . an outstanding wrestler at Concord High.

BYU: Played as a defensive lineman at BYU in '75 . . . served a church mission.

****CHRONISTER, MIKE (29)**, Wide Receiver, 6-0, 190, Sr., Concord, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 1/27/57 in Portales, New Mexico . . . parents are Bruce (loan executive) and Irene (personnel management) in Concord . . . majoring in forestry.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was wide receiver and defensive back at Concord High . . . lettered in three sports . . . team captain in both football and track . . . MVP in basketball and track . . . team captain in Contra Costa all-star game.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Enrolled at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill . . . scored 16 TDs as a freshman at DVC . . . averaged 21.7 per catch, ranked second in the league . . . was all-Golden Gate, All-California jayvee.

BYU: In '76 he had 706 yards in receiving, the team high . . . 31 receptions . . . averaging 22.8 yards per catch for new school record . . . scored eight TDs . . . one rushing on a 45-yard flanker reverse against Southern Miss. . . . 38-yard punt return set up BYU safety in critical San Diego State affair . . . came alive in Utah State game with 9 receptions for 182 yards . . . caught a 58-yard pass and later scored TD against UTEP . . . had TDs against New Mexico and Utah, too . . . caught two passes in Tangerine Bowl . . . averaged 7.6 yards on punt returns . . . was part of longest pass play in '76, 81 yards from Nielsen against Arizona State . . . stadium record too . . . in '77 his 649 yards again led all receivers . . . caught 11 TD passes . . . caught first TD pass of '77 from Gifford Nielsen . . . also Marc Wilson against Kansas State . . . was eight for 86 against Utah State . . . was the most active receiver in the 24-19 loss against Oregon State with two TD receptions . . . rushed for 56 yards on reverses against Arizona . . . 72-yard Wilson-Chronister TD pass play against Utah was the longest of BYU's '77 season . . . he made a spectacular diving catch in Utah game . . . was four for 179 against the Utes . . . an all-WAC performer.

****COLOMA, JASON (21)**, Defensive Back, 5-10, 186, Sr., Waiialua, Hawaii

PERSONAL: Born 5/21/57 in Oahu . . . parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Coloma . . . majoring in industrial education.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jason won a total of ten letters at Waiialua High . . . averaging 15 points per game as basketball forward, was first baseman on baseball team and long jumped 22-6 in track . . . was both quarterback and safety on football team . . . earned berth in all-star game . . . coached by Edward Diaz (Oregon State) .

BYU: In '76 was a kickoff specialist . . . went to Tangerine Bowl . . . a starter from the beginning of '77 had three fumble recoveries and three pass interceptions during the season . . . returned punts and kickoffs last year . . . named to the all-WAC team . . . an outstanding athlete with excellent tools.

Pronunciation Guide

Tom Enlow — N-low
Nick Eyre — air
Pulusila Filiaga — Pool-lu-SEE-lah Fee-lee-ONG-guh
Wayne Faalafua — Fowl-uh-FOO-uh
Jim Jaramillo — Jar-MILL-o
Gary Kama — Comma
John Kormylo — KOR-mul-oh
Rick Pinckard — PINK-curd
Bob Prested — PRESS-ted
Scott Reber — REB-bur
Bill Schoepflin — CHEF-lynn
Kent Tingey — TING-ee
Casey Wingard — WIN-guard



Russ Davis



Tom Enlow

***CORSON, STEVE (13), Defensive Back, 6-2, 185, Sr., Arizona City, Ariz.**

PERSONAL: Born 12/18/56 in Sacramento, Calif. . . . parents are Edward (retired Air Force) and Billie Jean (real estate) . . . physical education major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Won a total of 11 letters while enrolled at Mingus Union High in Cottonwood, Ariz. . . . had a B average in studies . . . MVP on team . . . was all-conference, all-state and a member of the North-South all-star game . . . set state record for number of carries in game, 42 . . . carried the ball 228 times as a running back for the season.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Was a two-year letterman at Arizona Western College in Yuma, Ariz. . . . his team was second both years in their conference.

BYU: A backup to Bob Prested at left corner . . . had 41 defensive points last season . . . very intense on the field.

CROWTHER, LONELL (33), Running Back, 5-10, 191, Jr., Sanford, Colorado

PERSONAL: Born 2/10/54 . . . a walk-on . . . played with the JV team last season . . . scored a two-yard TD against Ricks College . . . majoring in general studies.

DAVIS, BILL (88), Wide Receiver, 6-2, 170, Soph., Denver, Colo.

PERSONAL: Born 9/26/58 in Cortez, Colo. . . . parents are William (geologist) and Gloria (housewife) . . . major is geological engineering.

HIGH SCHOOL: While at Arvada West High, he was a member of National Honor Society . . . a member of all-state tournament team . . . was an all-conference football player for two years . . . team also was conference champion for two years . . . he was an all-metro and all-state selection . . . all-conference in track and basketball . . . coached by Brian McGregor (Debuque).

BYU: Caught seven passes for 100 yards in spring game . . . great job of receiving for JV corps in '77 . . . danced his way for two TDs against Air Force, three TDs with Dixie and two against Snow College . . . longest was a 41-yarder against Air Force . . . most consistent and outstanding receiver in '78 spring drills.

DAVIS, RUSSELL (66), Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 240, Sr., Murray, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 5/5/54 in Tucson, Ariz. . . . son of Ned (traffic supervisor) and Fern (housewife and bank teller) . . . married Sarah Emerson . . . served church call to Texas-Houston Mission . . . majoring in communications.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered in football, track and wrestling at Murray High . . . was outstanding scholar-athlete in 1972 . . . team captain in football and track . . . was all-region in football . . . second in state discus . . . coached by Gene McKeean (Utah State) and Dan Slaugh (BYU) . . . team logged more victories than any previous team in 15-years.

BYU: Played on '74 squad before mission . . . suffered a knee injury that year . . . didn't participate in '76 spring drills . . . played on JV unit last year . . . had a good spring . . . one of the most promising returnees to the offensive line.

***ENLOW, TOM (55) Linebacker, 6-0, 222, Sr., Fall City, Wash.**

PERSONAL: Born 12/31/56 in Apple Valley, Calif. . . . parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Enlow of Fall City, Wash. . . . a physical education major.

HIGH SCHOOL: A '75 graduate of Mount Si High in Snoqualmie, Wash. . . . received an academic award from the American Legion . . . lettered in football, track and wrestling . . . was team captain and all-conference . . . coached by Pat Alexander (Whitworth).

JUNIOR COLLEGE: While at Yakima College in Washington, he was team co-captain . . . also named an all-conference player.

BYU: Backed up all-WAC Mark Berntsen at strong linebacker . . . saw most action in '77 during CSU game where he made two unassisted tackles and five assisted tackles . . . a candidate for starting berth in '78 . . . an outstanding spring and a pleasant surprise for the coaches.

***EYRE, NICK (74) Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 255, Soph., Las Vegas, Nevada**

PERSONAL: Born 6/16/59 in Las Vegas . . . parents are Gordon (railroad brakeman) and Ann (credit union clerk) . . . majoring in business

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated with honors from Las Vegas High . . . won American Legion Award . . . all-conference selection all three years of prep ball . . . all-state and all-American . . . voted Mr. Football by teammates . . . coached by Mickey Curtwright (Missouri).

BYU: Was a backup on the varsity in '76 . . . played on specialty team and made all road trips . . . started in the spring . . . bright future ahead.

FLAMMER, MARK (19), Quarterback, 6-1, 180, Jr., North Logan, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 1/24/55 in Minneapolis, Minn. . . . parents are Gordon (civil engineering professor) and June (housewife) . . . pitched world series baseball while living in Thailand as a youngster . . . a science fundamentals major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Straight A student in high school . . . prepped at two different high schools . . . MVP for San Jose High in California . . . Deseret News 1972 Player of the Year for Skyview near Logan . . . coached by Earl Lindley (Utah State) at Skyview.

BYU: Following a mission to Germany and Switzerland, Mark got rolling with JV's . . . shared quarterback duties for Kittens with Ray Brock in '76 . . . responsible for a number of touchdowns . . . including a TD pass helping in the 26-21 victory over Ricks . . . redshirted in '77.

FRANCIS, DAVE (8), Defensive Back, 6-1, 180, Soph., Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 1/26/59 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are Harvey (credit union manager) and Karen (hospital PBX) . . . general studies major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Brighton High's tailback and cornerback . . . total of ten letters in football, basketball, track, and baseball . . . second in 100-yard dash . . . all-region and all-state . . . all-American for Will Hammer Prep and Coaches magazines . . . coached by Steve Dangerfield (BYU).

BYU: Mainstay of JV defensive backfield . . . made a one-handed interception against Air Force . . . one of the fleetest players on squad . . . had a 71-yard kickoff return against Dixie College . . . competitive . . . made switch from running back to secondary last year.



Nick Eyre



Mark Flammer



Dave Francis



Danny Frazier



Al Gaspard

***FRAZIER, DANNY (51), Linebacker, 6-5, 220, Soph., Tooele, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 6/18/59 in Phoenix, Arizona . . . parents are John (instrumentation engineer) and Shirley (Job Service interviewer) Crump . . . major is accounting.

HIGH SCHOOL: A delegate to Boys' State for Tooele High . . . member of National Honor Society . . . senior class president . . . won citizenship award . . . won track honors . . . third in high jump, second in discus . . . team captain for all-state basketball team . . . member of all-star football team . . . coach was Dick Raben.

BYU: Had 26 assisted tackles and 11 unassisted tackles as a backup to Larry Miller . . . outstanding freshman year . . . hard hitter . . . could be one of the outstanding linebackers to play at BYU.

***GASPARD, AL (76), Offensive Tackle, 6-1, 256, Sr., Daly City, Calif.**

PERSONAL: Born 10/15/57 in San Francisco, Calif. . . . parents are Albert (janitor) and Theola (housewife) . . . a communications major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Got his start at Jefferson High where he lettered four years in football . . . also lettered three years in track and once in wrestling . . . coached by Tom Martinez (San Francisco State) . . . he was all-conference two years.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Really came alive at College of San Mateo in Calif. . . . was second-team all-conference his first year . . . first-team all-conference in '76 as well as all-state . . . team MVP for the line, too.

BYU: Participated in '76 spring drills . . . saw backup action behind All-American Lance Reynolds . . . had an excellent spring . . . a possible starter.

***HALVERSON, TIM (18), Defensive Back, 6-1, 175, Jr., West Covina, California**

PERSONAL: Prepped at Covina High . . . originally recruited to BYU as a running back in '74 . . . prior to mission in Nagoya, Japan, he lettered at BYU . . . was a starter . . . an excellent competitor according to coaches . . . didn't return home from mission in time to play spring ball . . . worked with publicity for the Cougars when they were in Japan last year for Silk Bowl games.

HANSEN, BRIAN B. (56), Linebacker, 6-2, 220, Soph., American Fork, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 1/1/58 in American Fork . . . parents are Wendell and LaVon Hansen . . . the family is still very active in athletics . . . brother was captain of Utah team that won conference title . . . three sisters are cheerleaders . . . will major in business.

HIGH SCHOOL: As wingback and linebacker, Brian was all-state two years . . . all-state in basketball, too . . . KUTA Playmaker Award in basketball . . . coached by Dan Mower . . . team went 8-1 for two years . . . team captain . . . honor student.

BYU: Excellent JV player in '76 . . . recuperated from knee injury during redshirt year last season . . . was slow coming back . . . had a good spring.

***HANSEN, DANNY (62), Offensive Line, 6-3, 230, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 6/6/58 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are Walther (cleaning contractor) and Mabel (housewife) Hansen . . . majoring in business management.

HIGH SCHOOL: Another fine athlete out of Granite High, Dan was defensive end and tight end, and was voted MVP lineman on team two years ago . . . coached by Darold Simmons (Utah) . . . was all-state . . . good leader . . . had 3.4 GPA.

BYU: Impressed coaches as a JV regular in '76 . . . went to Tangerine Bowl . . . saw some starting action in '77 but mostly backed up All-WAC Keith Uperesa . . . started in spring ball.

***HARRIS, JEFF (89), Defensive End, 6-4, 230, Sr., Jacksonville, Florida**

PERSONAL: Born 12/15/54 in South Carolina . . . parents are N. D. (plumbing contractor) and Anita (housewife) Harris . . . served church mission in Indiana . . . majoring in building technology . . . wife's name is Cheri.

HIGH SCHOOL: Three years of baseball, three years of football at Paxon High . . . was defensive end . . . earned all-state honors.

BYU: A '76 JV starter . . . saw some backup action on the left side in '76 . . . '78 spring practice was promising.

HARTMANN, STEVE (35), Defensive Back, 6-1, 190, Soph., Batavia, Ill.

PERSONAL: Born 6/30/58 in Aurora, Ill. . . . parents are Terry (trucking) and Barbara (housewife) . . . an open major.

HIGH SCHOOL: An honor roll student at Batavia High . . . played hockey and was a trackman in addition to football . . . team captain . . . all-conference . . . coached by Tuenis Tait (Iowa).

BYU: A walk-on with good size and speed . . . just learning corner position . . . redshirt in '77.

HEAD, GREG (52) Defensive End, 6-0, 207, Sr., Denton Texas

PERSONAL: Born 3/2/55 in Dallas, Tex. . . . parents are A. Lee Jr. (mechanical engineer) and Georgie (housewife) Head . . . served a church mission to Washington, D.C. . . . majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in math.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Denton High . . . was all-region as a nose guard for Bill Ryan (SMU).

BYU: Played for BYU during '74 season before his mission . . . returned to squad last year . . . started for JV squad.

HERRING, STEVE (63), Offensive Tackle, 6-3, 240, Soph., Santa Maria, California

PERSONAL: Born 12/2/58 in Whiteville, N.C. . . . parents are Charles (engineer technician) and Pauline (secretary) . . . majoring in justice administration.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduate from Ernest Righetti High . . . honorable mention played during two years as a prepster . . . coached by Ray Coldiron (Ohio Wesleyan).

JARAMILLO, JAMES (90), Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 247, Soph., La Mirada, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 5/28/58 in Compton, Calif. . . . son of Jesus Jaramillo . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jaramillo won eight letters in three sports at Neff High . . . was all-league and all-CIF as offensive tackle . . . coached by Stan Thomas (Whittier).

BYU: Answered the call to fill backup varsity role when Lance Reynolds got hurt . . . another frosh who went to the Tangerine Bowl . . . had surgery on thumb during redshirt season last year . . . made the switch to defensive line from offensive last fall . . . had a good spring and could figure in for a down lineman job.

JOHNSON, BRENT (2), Kicker, 6-4, 202, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 9/17/53 in Salt Lake City, Utah . . . parents are Bill (personnel officer) and Ruth (housewife) Johnson . . . served on church mission in California North . . . speaks Spanish . . . history major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered in three sports at Granger High outside Salt Lake City . . . was linebacker and tight end . . . kicked 39-yard field goal on his 18th birthday . . . coached by Ken Grier.

BYU: Redshirted in '76 . . . kicked exclusively on the jayvee team in '77 following a summer of intensive kicking practice . . . very successful with PATs . . . had field goals of 29, 38, and 41 yards in last year's JV season . . . during '78 spring game he kicked a field goal over 50 yards and had a 37-yarder as well.

JONES, LLOYD (87), Wide Receiver, 6-3, 175, Soph., Pomona, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 1/7/58 in Detroit, Mich. . . . parents are Lloyd (disabled) and Julie (housewife) Jones of Detroit . . . business major.

HIGH SCHOOL: A track and football star at Canesha High . . . won four letters in both sports in addition to three letters in basketball . . . a scholar athlete . . . made all-prep, all-league, and all-valley as a griddy . . . as a 120-yard high hurdler, he was champion for the league, CIF masters and the State of California . . . also ran 330-yard lows . . . received Russell Stickler award.

BYU: Outstanding as a freshman . . . has a real future ahead of him . . . redshirted last season . . . ran track for BYU . . . placed second in NCAA indoor track regionals with a 7.39 time in 60-yard hurdles . . . had a 14.4 time in the 110-meter hurdles during outdoor season . . . one of the fastest players on the squad . . . caught seven passes for 132 yards and two TDs in last spring game . . . has natural ability.



Brian Hansen



Danny Hansen



Jeff Harris



Greg Head



Jim Jaramillo

*****KAMA, GARY (37), Linebacker, 5-11, 228, Sr., Honolulu, Hawaii**

PERSONAL: Born 6/20/57 in Hawaii . . . parents are Peter (sales manager) and Virginia (secretary) Kama of Haleiwa . . . majoring in communications and recreation.

HIGH SCHOOL: A total of four letters at Saint Louis High as linebacker . . . played in all-star game . . . coached by Ron Marciel (Stanford) . . . 3.4 GPA and named to honor roll.

BYU: Played lot of jayvee ball . . . played behind Rod Wood at middle linebacker, in '76 . . . saw plenty of action last year as a junior behind Rod Wood . . . 74 defensive points in '77 . . . scored a safety against Kansas State . . . best games were against CSU with four unassisted tackles and five assisted tackles . . . against Arizona he caused a fumble, had a pass deflection and had four tackles . . . will battle Rod Wood again for the starting spot.

KORMYLO, JOHN (61) Defensive End, 6-3, 250, Sr., Rapid City, South Dakota

PERSONAL: Born 7/1/54 . . . father John makes artificial limbs . . . John served church mission to Italy . . . played center and did some kicking while playing for the Colorado Buffaloes prior to church call . . . majoring in Animal Science.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for Thermopolis High in Central Wyoming . . . prep football team was runner-up for state championship.

BYU: Joined the BYU program following his mission . . . started for JV squad last year . . . had an outstanding spring . . . could be moved to tackle position where he played with JV.

LACEY, MIKE (45) Linebacker, 6-4, 215, Soph., Rancho Cordova, California

PERSONAL: Born 12/14/56 . . . played high school ball at Cordova High . . . before serving a mission, played on '75 freshman squad . . . had a good spring and coaches feel he is a topnotch performer . . . a general studies major.

LINFORD, RAYMOND (67), Offensive Guard, 6-2, 246, Soph., Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 8/11/58 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are Duane (manager of Linford Bros. Glass) and Mary Ellen (secretary) Linford . . . brother to former BYU great Paul Linford, three-time all-WAC defensive tackle . . . is married to Verlyn Kovern of Salt Lake City . . . major is business management.

HIGH SCHOOL: A starter as both offensive and defensive tackle at Granite . . . voted the most-improved player on the team . . . coached by Darold Simmons (Utah) . . . put the shot in track.

BYU: Played Jayvee ball the past two seasons . . . converted from defense to offense . . . had a good spring.

MANWILL, WALT (69), Offensive Tackle, 6-2, 240, Soph., Boise, Idaho

PERSONAL: Born 4/17/59 in Boise . . . parents are Eldon (salesman) and Cleona (underwriter) . . . majoring in architecture and minoring in physical education.

HIGH SCHOOL: At Borah High was member of National Honor Society . . . all-city, all-conference and all-state for perennial state champs . . . second in state wrestling . . . football coach was Dee Pankratz (Idaho State).

BYU: Excellent run blocker . . . good spring . . . did some wrestling for BYU.

***McKee, DAVID (15), Defensive Back, 5-9, 159, Jr., Holden, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 10/31/57 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are Lex (life insurance) and Phyllis (housewife) . . . majoring in physical education.

HIGH SCHOOL: A high school honor student and student body president at Millard High . . . was first in state 100-yard dash and pole vault . . . was a member of all-region and all-state teams . . . coached by Lewis Mosen (BYU).

BYU: Was a starter for the Junior Varsity as a freshman . . . was a walk-on, now on scholarship . . . 37 defensive points last year . . . best games were nine unassisted tackles at UTEP and six tackles at CSU . . . has excellent foot-work and is a starting candidate at right corner.

***McMAHON, JIM (16), Quarterback, 6-1, 175, Soph., Roy, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 8/22/59 in Jersey City, N.J. . . . parents are Jim (accountant) and Roberta (key punch operator) . . . brother, Mike, wrestles at Weber State . . . has three sisters who are cheerleaders . . . majoring in physical education.

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-sport letterman at Roy High . . . was all-region, all-state, and all-Intermountain . . . averaged around 45 yards per punt . . . was scholar-athlete award winner . . . was team MVP . . . Roy was undefeated, 20-0 for his last two years . . . coached by Ernest Jacklin.

BYU: Had one TD pass against UTEP . . . in Japan he threw three TD passes . . . averaged 39.3 punting for BYU . . . longest punt was 54 yards against Arizona . . . backed up Marc Wilson at QB . . . most varsity quarterback experience was at UTEP where he was four of seven in passing and one TD pass.

****Mendenhall, MAT (83), Defensive End, 6-6, 227, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 5/14/57 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are Paul (real estate broker) and Lenore (housewife) Mendenhall, his father, Paul, is former BYU football player . . . majoring in political science.

HIGH SCHOOL: Mat had three good years at East High in Salt Lake City . . . played defensive under Grant Martin (Utah) won all-state, All-American recognition.

BYU: Outstanding potential . . . saw a lot of good action with the jayvees and varsity three years ago . . . redshirted in fall of '76 because of head injury . . . defensive scoring champion with 217 points in '77 . . . honorable mention all-WAC . . . had 16 tackles for losses last year along with 24 hurries and 11 sacks . . . had eight tackles, including three for losses against New Mexico . . . recovered a fumble which led to game winning field goal at Wyoming . . . five tackles and two hurries against Arizona . . . seven unassisted tackles, three hurries and two sacks against Utah . . . has the possibility of becoming the best lineman ever at BYU . . . a definite starter.

*****MILLER, LARRY (82), Linebacker, 6-5, 225, Sr., Bountiful, PERSONAL:** Born 9/10/57 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah . . . parents are L. Paul (teacher) and Sylvia (housewife). Miller . . . majoring in advertising.

HIGH SCHOOL: Larry was a standout in both football and basketball at Bountiful High . . . was offered grants by schools in both sports . . . but elected to go with football . . . was all-state and received all-American recognition.

BYU: Larry logged playing time with jayvees and varisty as a freshman . . . picked off an interception for each . . . in the offense vs. defense game three springs ago he did what every defender hopes to do: intercept a pass and carry it in for a TD . . . Larry's was good for 53 yards . . . in '76 season he had pass interceptions at San Diego State and two steals against Arizona State . . . one set up a BYU TD against ASU . . . was team defensive leader against Southern Miss with 21 points . . . in that game he tackled twice for losses and caused a fumble . . . caused another fumble and blocked a kick against Utah State . . . had four of team's 22 interceptions . . . number five scorer in defensive stax last year . . . led team with 31 unassisted tackles . . . best game was against Utah with 11 tackles and a pass interception . . . intercepted another pass at UTEP and romped for a 33-yard TD.

***MILLER, TOM (54), Center, 6-2, 245, Sr., San Jacinto, Calif. PERSONAL:** Born 11/10/53 in Twin Falls, Idaho . . . wife's name is Diane . . . parents are Bill (a pump salesman) and Alyce Miller . . . served a mission to Perth, Australia . . . majoring in public relations.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered nine times in four sports at Chowchilla High . . . batted over .400 in baseball . . . threw discus 150-feet . . . was catcher on the baseball team . . . prep coach was Ron Moore.

BYU: Before serving a mission, he was backup to Orrin Olsen (Baltimore Colts) played jayvee football in '72, redshirted in '73 . . . was on '74 Fiesta Bowl team . . . strated midway through last season, but suffered a knee injury during the off season . . . didn't practice during spring ball . . . coaches expect a comeback as the most experienced player on the offensive line.

MLOTT, JIM (37), Linebacker, 6-1, 210, Soph., Lake Zurich, Illinois

PERSONAL: Born 2/7/59 . . . a walk-on last year who started for the jayvee squad . . . showed promise in spring workouts . . . majoring in business fundamentals.

***NEAL, JOHN (47), Defensive Back, 5-11, 190, Sr., Mountain View, Calif.**

PERSONAL: Born 12/18/56 in San Jose, Calif. . . . wife's name is Jan . . . parents are John (detective) Peggy (housewife) . . . brothers used him as a tackling dummy . . . majoring in physical education.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was an all-league performer several times while at Los Altos High . . . MVP in Santa Clara Valley his junior and senior years . . . still holds the valley scoring title with 144 points, 22 TD's and six PAT's . . . a quarterback coached by Tom Burt (Santa Barbara).

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Attended Foothill College in Los Altos . . . was all-conference and MVP.

BYU: A head-hunter, according to teammates . . . had 116 defensive points last year . . . led team in kickoff returns, too, with 23.1 average . . . had a 72-yard kickoff return against Oregon State . . . played backup to Ron Velasco most of last season, but started in two games . . . a tough player who will be battling for starting position.

***NIELSON, SCOTT (50), Center, 6-3, 215, Jr., Salt Lake City Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 12/1/54 in Salt Lake City to Joseph (contractor) and Janice Neilson . . . two brothers played college basketball . . . served a mission to Australia . . . married Michelle Clark, spring of 1977 . . . majoring in business management.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was first-team all-region and all-state for Olympus High . . . a state wrestling champion at 185-pounds . . . coached by Wayne Statin (BYU).

BYU: Started first four games of '77 season following absence on the BYU scene due to a mission . . . has adjusted well . . . had a good spring and provides depth to make the centers the strongest position on the offensive line.

***PHILLIPS, SCOTT (20), Tailback, 6-1, 185, Soph., Springville, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 11/11/58 in Provo . . . parents are Ridge and Bonnie Phillips . . . general studies major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Four-year scholar at Springville High . . . all-region and all-state player . . . MVP in class 3A . . . participated in Utah-Arizona All-star game . . . coached by Mike Jacobson (BYU).

BYU: Scored first TD against CSU on a 10-yard run . . . netted 101 yards receiving at Arizona State . . . 63-yard reception was the longest . . . a 25-yard TD at UTEP was one of two TDs . . . great fall in '77 . . . a fluid outstanding runner . . . injury slowed him in spring . . . made switch from quarterback to running back in '77.

PINCKARD, RICKY LYNN (93), Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 240 Soph., Quitman, Texas

PERSONAL: Born 9/13/58 in Houston, Texas . . . mother, Mrs. Doris Hobbs, lives in Mineola, Texas . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rick was first-team All-East Texas for two years as a nose guard at Quitman High, where he was coached by Ron Erwin (UTEP) . . . also won some honors in shot put and discus . . . Quitman was district champion.

BYU: Converted to defensive tackle last season, but redshirted because of knee injury . . . very quick for his size . . . didn't play spring ball, but coaches expect a lot from him.

***PRESTED, BOB (5), Defensive Back, 5-11, 187, Jr., Glendale, Calif.**

PERSONAL: Born 1/1/58 in Los Angeles . . . parents are Daniel (maintenance man) and Jean (bookkeeper) Prested . . . brothers Steve and Dan both collegiate athletes . . . P.E. major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Bob was credited with all-CIF honors as athlete at Glendale High, where he was coached by John Brannan . . . was all-league as offensive and defensive back . . . MVP on team . . . captained grid team . . . ran a 9.8 100 in track.



Brent Johnson



Lloyd Jones



Gary Kama



Tom Miller



Dave McKee

BYU: JV starter two years ago . . . recovered a fumble against Utah State for varsity . . . went to Tangerine Bowl in '76 . . . started all of last season . . . scored 131 defensive points . . . led team with five pass interceptions . . . five unassisted tackles at Oregon State . . . had a pass interception, two pass deflections, a fumble recovery, a tackle for a loss and five tackles against Arizona.

***REBER, SCOTT (34), Running Back, 6-2, 215, Soph., St. George, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 9/15/55 . . . majoring in General Studies.
HIGH SCHOOL: A very successful running back at Dixie High . . . played baseball there too . . . was heavily recruited.

BYU: Nicknamed the Baby Bull by teammates . . . had a 70-yard TD against Ricks College . . . netted 122 yards rushing and 109 yards pass receiving against Snow College . . . at Snow, he scored on 39 and 32-yard receptions . . . scored a 22-yard TD in Japan . . . caught a 42-yard pass with the varsity against Arizona.

REDD, GLEN (41), Linebacker, 6-2, 220, Soph., Ogden, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 6/17/58 in Ogden . . . son of James P. Redd, president of Greashum Roofing Co. . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Glen was all-state in football and all-region in baseball at Ogden High . . . coached by Eric Mangum (Utah State) . . . fullback and linebacker . . . three-year letterman in baseball.

BYU: He impressed coaches as a JV mainstay in '76 . . . played in Utah varsity game that year . . . traveled with team to Tangerine Bowl . . . redshirted in '77.

REID, ANDY (64) Offensive Guard, 6-3, 240, Jr., Glendale, California

PERSONAL: Born 3/19/58 . . . was one of four junior college transfers brought in for the '78 season . . . played on the same team as Randy Tidwell at Glendale Junior College . . . a knee injury prevented him from playing during spring drills.

***RING, BILL (24), Tailback, 5-10, 189, Sr., Belmont, Calif.**

PERSONAL: Born 12/13/56 in Des Moines, Iowa . . . parents are Randall (insurance agent) and Margaret (housewife) . . . majoring in business management.

HIGH SCHOOL: Academically, he was on the dean's list in junior and senior years . . . in wrestling he was league and division champion as a senior . . . was on all-league player in baseball . . . as a running back, he was first-team in the league and offensive player of the year . . . an All-Central Coast selection and a prep all-American . . . set league records for most rushing in one game, 305 yards . . . 96-yard run from scrimmage . . . 15 TD's in one season . . . gained 1,076 yards in a season.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: At College of San Mateo, he was an all-Golden Gate Conference pick . . . was captain and most inspirational player both years . . . team MVP in '76.

BYU: Saw starting action against Wyoming and Arizona in place of injured Todd Christensen . . . rushed for 91 yards against Wyoming . . . ran for a two-yard TD against Arizona . . . named player of the game in BYU's second Silk Bowl appearance in Japan . . . in Japan he scored two TD's, including a 56-yard punt return . . . returned six punts for 121 yards in Japan . . . netted 262 yards overall in '77.

RUCKER, RICHARD (39) Fullback, 6-3, 210, Soph., Tucson, Arizona

PERSONAL: Born 6/2/56 in Tucson . . . parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rucker . . . has five brothers and sisters who attended the University of Arizona . . . played for the University of Arizona as a freshman before going on a mission.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played linebacker and fullback at Canyon Del Oro High . . . All-American, All State, All-league and All-City in football and wrestling . . . captained football, track, and wrestling teams . . . lettered three times in football, three times in wrestling and four times in track.

BYU: A walk-on . . . injured first part of spring practice . . . has a chance to be a player on the varsity.

SCHOEPFLIN, BILL (26), Defensive Back, 5-11, 175, Soph., Arvada, Colorado

PERSONAL: Born 5/12/59 in Denver . . . parents are Earl (office supervisor) and Beverly (secretary) Schoepflin . . . has four brothers and two sisters . . . a general studies major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Had a 3.25 GPA at Arvada High . . . lettered three times in wrestling and football, twice in track . . . all-state in football as cornerback and running back . . . outstanding player of the year in '77 in Colorado . . . pole vaulted 13-6 in track . . . football coach was Bob Cortese (Colorado) . . . team was '76 AAA football champions.

BYU: Played extensively with the jayvee team in '77 . . . had three punt returns against Ricks College . . . recovered a fumble in spring game . . . had an excellent spring.

***SIMMERMAN, BOB (73) Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 223, Sr., Fresno, Calif.**

PERSONAL: Born 1/12/54 in Fresno, Calif. . . . parents are Robert (policeman) and Margaret (housewife) Simmerman of Fresno . . . spent three years in the Army . . . younger brother, Jim, defensive tackle at UCLA . . . Bob and wife, Sherry Lynn, were married 1/19/73 in Provo, and they have three children (Wendy, Bobby and Becky) . . . law enforcement major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Bob participated in three sports (wrestling, track, and football) at Fresno High . . . offensive and defensive tackle . . . played in 1972 California North-South Shrine Game . . . his coach was Vance Stanley . . . team was 9-1 in 1972.

BYU: Logged playing time with the jayvee team in '76, following military service . . . saw some varsity playing time last year . . . injured during '78 spring ball.

SMITH, DAVE (96) Tight End, 6-3, 200, Jr., Richland, Washington

PERSONAL: Born 8/14/54 . . . played at Ricks College . . . walk-on last spring . . . ended up as the number two receiver in gradings . . . a hard worker with ability to catch in a crowd . . . an intense blocker . . . rounds out exceptional ability depth-wise at tight end . . . majoring in business fundamentals.

ST. PIERRE, ED (38), Linebacker, 6-1, 195, Soph., Downey, California

PERSONAL: Born 11/14/59 . . . a walk-on who started for jayvee last season . . . has a chance to make the traveling squad with the varsity this season, according to coaches . . . a general studies major.



Jim McMahon



John Neal



Scott Neilson



Scott Phillips



Bob Prested



Rick Pinckard



Bill Ring



Bill Schoepflin



Bob Simmerman



Doug Stromberg

***STROMBERG, DOUGLAS (79), Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 252, Jr., Ogden, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 12/4/57 in Ogden . . . parents are Carl (civil service) and Bernice Stromberg . . . a physical education major, education.

HIGH SCHOOL: Doug was offensive and defensive lineman at Ogden High . . . also lettered three years in track, winning first in state in 1976 . . . still holds region shot put record . . . coached by Eric Mangum (Utah State).

BYU: A '76 JV regular . . . blocked a PAT against Snow College . . . 2 unassisted tackles in Utah varsity game . . . was on Tangerine Bowl squad . . . in '77 he filled in for an injured Mekeli Ieremia . . . had 10 hurries . . . stepped into starting role at times and was solid . . . had a good spring and should retain starting slot.

****SWENSON, MARC (46), Defensive Back, 6-1, 186, Sr., Santa Maria, Calif.**

PERSONAL: Born 5/31/57 in Seattle, Wash. . . parents are Richard (operations manager) and Lee (housewife) Swenson of Seattle . . . majoring in law enforcement.

HIGH SCHOOL: Marc was all-league as end and safety at Righetti High . . . was sprinter in track, forward on basketball team . . . he was outfielder who hit .382 . . . was voted MVP twice.

BYU: In 1976 he lettered . . . had 21 assisted tackles, 26 unassisted . . . starter for varsity . . . against Arizona he tackled the runner for a 7-yard loss . . . picked up pass interceptions against Utah State and New Mexico . . . in '77 he lost his starting position because of a knee injury . . . bounced back for 67 defensive points as a backer . . . intercepted a lateral pass for a 92-yard TD against UTEP . . . is in a four-way battle for starting slot.

TANNER, KIRK (80) Tight End, 6-3, 200, Jr., Los Altos, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 4/23/56 . . . prepped at Los Altos High . . . played for BYU from 1974-75 . . . a returned missionary.

TAYLOR, NORMAN, Tight End, 6-2, 235, Soph., Chatsworth, California

PERSONAL: Born 7/16/59 . . . majoring in business fundamentals management.

BYU: Played JV ball at center and tight end.

****THOMPSON, TOD (92), Tight End, 6-4, 225, Sr., Concord, Calif.**

PERSONAL: Born 12/13/55 at Jerome, Idaho . . . parents are Max (teacher) and Darlene (housewife) Thompson of Concord . . . physical therapy major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Football, track, and basketball were Tod's sports at Clayton Valley High . . . named to Northern Cal football as tight end . . . coach was Peter Carpino.

BYU: Split game duties with Brian Billick (San Francisco 49ers) in '76 . . . his 17-yard catch set up a field goal at Kansas State . . . scored TDs against Wyoming and Southern Mississippi . . . had two long receptions of 24 and 27 yards in Tangerine Bowl . . . scored a TD there, too . . . had a TD also in spring

game . . . stats for '76 were 13-227 yards . . . in '77 he had several class performances . . . was 4-89 against New Mexico in pass receptions . . . scored on a 38-yard TD and had a TD from a 45-yard kickoff return against the Lobos on an on-side kick . . . was 3-78 at Oregon State, all in the first half . . . his 13-yard TD was BYU's only TD at Wyoming . . . was 6-132 with a 26-yard TD against Utah . . . was 7-79 and two TDs against Long Beach State . . . was third in scoring for BYU with 54 points . . . 37-602 yards in pass receptions overall . . . honorable mention all-WAC . . . has great range and sure hands to make the big catch . . . one of the best tight ends in the Rocky Mountain area.

TIDWELL, RANDY (60) Offensive Guard, 6-4, 240, Jr., Glendale, California

PERSONAL: Born 11/2/58 . . . a junior college transfer from Glendale Junior College . . . made great strides in learning BYU's system . . . a general studies major.

TINGEY, KENT (25), Wide Receiver, 6-1, 190, Jr., Logan, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 12/24/54 in Provo, Utah . . . parents are Marsel (soil conservation service) and Joylene (housewife) . . . both BYU graduates . . . served two years on church mission to Montreal, Can. . . political science major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Kent was all-state in both football and basketball at Sky View High in Logan . . . also voted MVP as all-around athlete . . . coached by Earl Lindley (former grid assistant at BYU) . . . won eight letters before graduating in 1973.

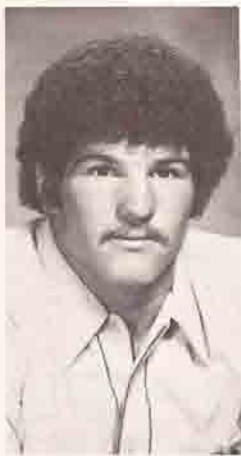
BYU: Lettered in both football and basketball (javyee) before serving a mission . . . during first year back in '76 he scored against Snow College on JV squad . . . participated in Tangerine Bowl . . . redshirted in '77 . . . came on last spring.

****VARNER, ROSS (91), Defensive End, 6-3, 236, Sr., Salt Lake City, Utah**

PERSONAL: Born 7/29/56 in Salt Lake City . . . parents are Everett (brick contractor) and Joan (housewife) Varner . . . younger brother to Stan Varner, outstanding defensive end for the Cougars . . . majoring in business management . . . married Ann Wagstaff last summer.

HIGH SCHOOL: Did not have a spectacular athletic career at Skyline High but came on very strong latter part of his senior year . . . won two letters in football, one in wrestling . . . coached by Ken Schmidt (Utah).

BYU: Worked hard his freshman year . . . redshirted two years ago . . . in '76 he was an able standby to Marcus Kanahela . . . caused a fumble against Wyoming . . . had two hurries and a sack against Southern Miss . . . had a sack and a pass interception against Utah State . . . number four in '77 team defensive stax . . . led team with 28 hurries . . . had eight tackles for losses and a sack against New Mexico . . . had seven tackles and a fumble recovery at Wyoming . . . had nine tackles at Arizona State . . . against Long Beach State he had two pass deflections, two sacks and three hurries . . . recovered from injury, so missed spring ball in '78.



Marc Swenson



Tod Thompson



Randy Tidwell



Kent Tingey



Ross Varner

****VELASCO, RON (9), Defensive Back, 6-2, 170, Sr., Aiea, Hawaii**

PERSONAL: Born 8/24/57 in Hawaii . . . parents are John (athletic director at high school) and Barbara (student life director) Velasco . . . father was fullback for the Cougars a generation back . . . recreation major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ron played his football at Radford High, where his father was the coach . . . a total of 12 letters (basketball and track) . . . was good defensive back.

BYU: As a freshman he spent most of his time with the jayvees, picked off three interceptions . . . played well in spring game, taking two interceptions for a total of 37 yards that year . . . rendered fine service in 1976 . . . 10 assisted tackles, 9 unassisted . . . was second unit varsity . . . leading defensive scorer of the secondary . . . had 44 assisted tackles and 23 unassisted tackles for the season in '77 . . . had seven unassisted tackles at Oregon State . . . seven tackles at Wyoming . . . at UTEP he returned one of his two pass interceptions for a 33-yard TD.

WEBB, DENNIS (65), Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 220, Soph., Mesa, Arizona

PERSONAL: Born 10/4/58 in Mesa . . . parents are Wilford (Western Electric) and Valerie (housewife) Webb . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Voted most outstanding lineman, second-team all-state at Mesa High . . . team tied for league title, but lost in tie-breaker . . . tackle and defensive end . . . also a center on basketball team . . . received Powers Plaque for athletics and sportsmanship.

BYU: Redshirted following freshman year . . . converted from offensive to defensive tackle last year . . . excellent spring.

WHITE, KEN (32), Tailback, 6-1, 190, Jr., Pleasant Hill, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 3/19/57 in Walnut Creek, Calif. . . parents are D. C. (manager of Coca-Cola) and Jennie (housewife) White of Pleasant Hill . . . animal science major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ken has an interesting combination of letters: two in football as running back and defensive back, four in track as hurdler and sprinter, and three in wrestling (156-179 pound divisions) . . . all-conference and all-East Bay . . . MVP on team, and set school records for most TDs in one game . . . best average per carry: 10.9.

BYU: In games with the jayvees he carried 10 times for 35 yards . . . redshirted in '76 . . . saw action with '77 Jayvee team . . . scored TDs on short runs against Ricks and Air Force JV.

WHITSETT, VICTOR (44), Fullback, 6-2, 210, Jr., Othello, Washington

PERSONAL: Born 1/26/56 in Los Angeles . . . parents are Maurice (quality control inspector) and Isabel (physical therapist assistant) Whitsett . . . majoring in P.E.

HIGH SCHOOL: Vic played his prep ball at Workman High in Othello, Wash. . . was tailback on team that won league championship two years . . . voted most valuable back both years . . . coached by Mel Galli (Cal Poly) . . . leading rusher

two years, second in AA scoring . . . also lettered in baseball, basketball and track.

BYU: Was the leading rusher in '77 spring game . . . redshirted in '77.

WILKES, DOUG (78) Offensive Tackle, 6-3, 245, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 12/17/57 . . . prepped at Olympus High . . . played past two seasons for Snow College . . . transferred in time for BYU spring drills . . . majoring in athletic training.

WILLIAMS, DOUGLAS (22), Running Back, 6-0, 201, Jr., Sacramento, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 1/8/58 in Oakland . . . parents are Robert (insurance) and Rosemary (housewife) Williams . . . will major in business.

HIGH SCHOOL: Doug was leading rusher, leading scorer and all-Superior while playing at La Sierra High in Carmichael, Calif. . . . George Souza (California) was his coach . . . also lettered in track.

BYU: Played the last two years with jayvee squad . . . last year, he rushed for 141 yards in eight carries against Dixie . . . scored two TDs in that game . . . one was a 38-yard run . . . broke loose for a 53-yard run to set another BYU score in that game.

***WILSON, MARC (6), Quarterback, 6-5, 206, Jr., Seattle, Wash.**

PERSONAL: Born 2/15/57 in Bremerton, Wash. . . parents are Douglas (State Liquor Control Board) and Carrol (housewife) Wilson of Seattle . . . wife's name is Colleen . . . majoring in economics.

HIGH SCHOOL: A most outstanding career, both athletically and academically, at Shorecrest High in Seattle . . . was all-metro in basketball (averaged 19 points per game as forward) . . . was all-metro in baseball (pitcher and outfielder) and was voted MVP three years in a row . . . his baseball team won state title in 1975 . . . in football was all-metro as quarterback and safety . . . academically, he carried a 3.83 GPA, was member of the National Honor Society, and was scholar-athlete (seven in Seattle area).

BYU: A relatively unknown reserve quarterback on the Cougar squad at the start of the 1977 season, Marc looms as an all-American candidate at the start of the '78 campaign . . . Wilson was with the jayvee squad as a freshman, connecting on 23 of 63 attempts for 355 yards . . . then redshirted the 1976 season, the year Gifford Nielsen made All-American as a junior . . . still behind Nielsen last fall, he came in the game, generally, when the contest was on ice . . . as a reserve he was 18 for 20 in passing . . . but was forced into the lineup as a starter when Nielsen was hurt . . . in first game as a starter against the Rams, Wilson set a new WAC record of seven TD passes in one game in 63-17 victory . . . was 15-25 in passing for 332 yards against CSU . . . consequently he was named WAC offensive player of the week, UPI Backfield of the Week, Associated Press Back of the Week and Sports Illustrated offensive player of the week . . . against Arizona, he was 23-43 for 334 yards . . . set an NCAA record of 571 passing yards against Utah . . . against the Utes he also set a WAC record

for single game total offense with 582 yards . . . total against Utah, 26-41, 571 passing yards and five TD passes . . . the 72-yard TD pass to Chronister against Utes was the longest counter for BYU's season . . . as a result Wilson was selected as WAC offensive player of the week, UPI backfield and AP co-back of the week . . . against Long Beach State, he tied an NCAA record for most passes completed in one half, 27 of 37 attempts . . . in that game he totaled 37-54 passes for 408 yards and four TD passes . . . set four WAC records overall during the season . . . led WAC in passing and total offense . . . ranked third nationally in total offense and eighth in passing offense . . . set five school records and four stadium records . . . totals for 1977: 164 of 277 passes, 18 interceptions, 2,418 passing yards and 2,483 yards total offense . . . tied for second nationally with 24 TD passes. (profile listed elsewhere in football guide).

WILSON, ROB (17) Defensive Back, 6-1, 190, Soph., Tempe, Arizona

PERSONAL: Born 3/20/56 . . . originally recruited as a quarterback from Coronado High . . . played with '74 freshman squad . . . a returned missionary . . . majoring in pre-physical therapy.

WING, CRAIG (3), Kicker, 5-11, 170, Jr., American Fork, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 2/2/55 in American Fork . . . parents are Niles (insurance salesman) and LaVonne (receptionist), both BYU alumni . . . served a mission to Sapporo, Japan . . . wife, Debbie, married last year . . . worked with retarded at Utah State Training School for four years . . . majoring in physical therapy.

HIGH SCHOOL: Had a 3.6 GPA at American Fork High . . . participated on two state playoff teams as a fullback and linebacker . . . catcher on baseball team . . . wrestled at 185-pounds . . . ran the 100-yard dash.

BYU: Did punting for JV team in '77.

***WINGARD, CASEY (4), Tailback, 5-11, 183, Sr., Dayton, Ohio**

PERSONAL: Born 9/27/56 in Dayton, Ohio . . . parents are James (machine operator) and Christine (housewife) . . . brother Walt was former running back at University of Dayton.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Jefferson High . . . holds school rushing title . . . coached by Bob Gregg.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Attended San Jose Community College for two years . . . team won Golden Gate Conference . . . had over 1,000 yards rushing individually . . . named school's back of the year.

BYU: Got off some good gallops last season . . . 45-yard TD run at Utah State was best of the regular season . . . other long runs were 20 and 27 yard jaunts . . . scored six TDs in Japan . . . longest was 61-yard TD . . . made front page of many Japanese papers . . . returned kickoff for BYU in latter part of season . . . exciting runner who can crack a long run.

*****WOOD, ROD (36), Linebacker, 6-1, 225, Sr., Durango, Colo.**

PERSONAL: Born 2/21/56 in Bozeman, Montana . . . parents are Donald (wholesaler) and Joan Wood . . . married Cheryllyn Coleman 7/10/76 in Provo . . . they have a son named Jesse, son named Jesse .

HIGH SCHOOL: A total of ten letters at Durango High and at Hartford High in Wisconsin (three each in football, and track; one in tennis) . . . was all-state and All-American . . . made all-conference as a middle linebacker and tailback . . . team's MVP . . . coached by Ken Biegel (Wisconsin) . . . Rod was on student council, was class president and made the honor roll . . . averaged 7.5 yards per carry as running back . . . scored five TDs in one game . . . Colorado MVP of the week.

BYU: Redshirt two years ago . . . assistant coach (linebackers) Fred Whittingham very high on Wood . . . top defensive statistics leader returning to '76 squad . . . had 147 points . . . 87 assisted tackles . . . twice WAC defensive player of the week . . . had school defensive point record for one week at 42 . . . Jeremiah holds it at 45 . . . in '77 Rod was second with 201 defensive points . . . led team with 81 assisted tackles, despite playing with injured ankle all season . . . honorable mention All-WAC . . . against New Mexico he had 11 tackles, two for losses . . . had 12 tackles against Oregon State . . . had 10 tackles and two hurries against Arizona . . . named JoLene defensive player against Utah for five tackles, a fumble caused and a pass defelection . . . had 18 tackles against Arizona State.

YOUNG, MIKE (77), Offensive Tackle, 6-7, 260, Jr., Torrance, California

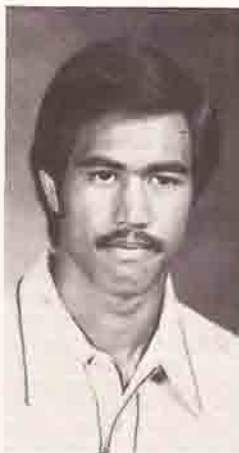
PERSONAL: Born 11/27/53 . . . transferred from Hartnell Junior College in Salinas, Calif. . . came back off a knee injury, but hurt the other knee in spring drills . . . a question mark, but has great potential, according to coaches . . . a general studies major.

***YOUNGER, STAN (7), Wide Receiver, 6-2, 175, Soph., Santa Monica, California**

PERSONAL: Born 1/27/59 in Santa Monica . . . parents are Stanley and Thelma, both retired . . . general studies major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Santa Monica High . . . was all-bay league, all-west side and all-CIF selection . . . bay region Lineman of the Year . . . coached by Ted Kussurow (Southern Cal.) . . . an outstanding baseball prospect, drafted by St. Louis Cardinals in baseball . . . great receiver with speed . . . played in Shrine All-Star game.

BYU: Had a 6-yard TD pass against Utah State . . . had a 46-yard reception at UTEP . . . played with JV squad, too . . . best JV performance was against Dixie with a 73-yard TD pass play on the game's opening down . . . a bundle of stolen bases with BYU's baseball team, including four in one game . . . needs experience.



Ron Velasco



Dennis Webb



Doug Williams



Casey Wingard



Rod Wood

Cougar Opponents

No. 1 - Oregon State

September 9 - 6:00 p.m. - Corvallis



Craig Fertig

Location: Corvallis, Oregon
Conference: Pacific-Ten
Enrollment: 16,513
Colors: Orange and Black
Stadium: Parker (41,000)
Mascot: Beavers
Head Coach: Craig Fertig (USC, '64) 3rd year, 4-19
Athletic Director: Dee Andros
Publicist: John Eggers
Exchange: (503) 754-2611

1977 Record: 2-9 **League:** 0-7

Games: Syracuse, 24-12; USC, 10-17; Arizona State, 31-33; Tennessee, 10-41; Brigham Young, 24-19; California, 17-41; Washington, 6-14; Stanford, 7-26; Washington State, 10-24; UCLA, 18-48; Oregon, 16-28.

Players to Watch: Best of the running backs is James Fields, a 215-pound running back who has been the leading ground gainer for the past two years. Middle linebacker Kent Peyton (6-3, 223), is the team's defensive quarterback. Strong safety Tom Steven ranks as a standout in the secondary.

Series Record: 4-2, Oregon State - Biggest OSU Margin, 35-0 (1961). Biggest BYU Margin, 37-14 (1973).
season.

No. 3 - Colorado State

September 23 - 11:00 a.m. - Provo



Sark Arslanian

Location: Fort Collins, Colorado
Conference: Western Athletic Conference
Enrollment: 17,500
Colors: Green and Gold
Stadium: Hughes Stadium (30,000)
Mascot: Rams
Head Coach: Sark Arslanian (Utah, '50) 6th year, 30-24-2
Publicist: Mike Mills
Exchange: (303) 491-5067

1977 Record: 9-2-1 **League:** 5-2

Games: Pacific, 20-3; Hawaii, 20-16; Northern Colorado, 48-10; Utah, 44-3; UTEP, 40-31; Brigham Young, 17-63; New Mexico, 14-9; Wyoming, 13-29; Arizona, 35-14; West Texas State (T), 21-21; Arizona State, 25-14; Utah State, 13-10.

Players to Watch: Offensively, the Rams have Larry Jones, last year's top rusher, returning, along with wide receiver Mark Bell who had 40 catches for 797 yards last year. Defensively, who can forget Mike Bell, 6-5, 265-pound tackle who was lineman of the year in WAC.

Series Record: 22-15-3, Colorado State - Biggest CSU Margin, 35-0 (1955). Biggest BYU Margin, 63-17 (1977).

No. 2 - Arizona State

September 16 - 7:30 p.m. - Tempe



Frank Kush

Location: Tempe, Arizona
Conference: Pacific-Ten
Enrollment: 35,278
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Stadium: Sun Devil (70,104)
Mascot: Sun Devils
Head Coach: Frank Kush (Michigan State, '53) 21st season, 164-49-1
Athletic Director: Dr. Fred L. Miller
Publicist: Dick (Moon) Mullins
Exchange: (602) 965-6592

1977 Record: 9-3 **League:** 6-1

Games: Northwestern, 35-3; Oregon State, 33-31; Missouri, 0-15; New Mexico, 45-24; Air Force, 37-14; Texas-El Paso, 66-3; Utah, 47-19; Wyoming, 45-0; Brigham Young, 24-13; Colorado State, 14-25; Arizona, 23-7; Penn State, 30-42.

Players to Watch: Al Harris, 6-5, 235-pound defensive end, is All-America calibre. Sun Devils may have another strong quarterback in Mark Malone, and fine running backs in Mike Harris and Arthur Lane, along with sophomore Newton Williams. Chris DeFrance is expected to lead ASU receivers.

Series Record: 17-5, Arizona State - Biggest ASU Margin, 52-12 (1973). Biggest BYU Margin, 43-21 (1976).

No. 4 - New Mexico

September 30 - 1:30 p.m. - Albuquerque



Bill Mondt

Conference: Western Athletic Conference
Enrollment: 21,529
Colors: Cherry, Silver, and Turquoise
Stadium: University Stadium (30,650)
Mascot: Lobos
Head Coach: Bill Mondt (Colorado, 1958) 5th year, 19-25-1
Publicist: John Gonzales
Exchange: (505) 277-2026

1977 Record: 5-7 **League:** 2-5

Games: Hawaii, 35-26; Texas Tech, 14-49; Colorado, 7-42; Brigham Young, 19-54; Arizona State, 24-45; Wichita State, 22-17; Colorado State, 9-14; New Mexico State, 35-13; Texas-El Paso, 33-17; Arizona, 13-15; Wyoming 21-23; Utah, 41-24.

Players to Watch: Mike Williams, 6-2, 220-pound fullback is an All-American candidate, having rushed for 2,847 yards in three previous seasons. Safety Max Hudspeth was runner-up in NCAA punt returns last season, and was all-WAC. In the offensive line, Tom Ryan was all-WAC offensive lineman as center.

Series Record: 16-10-1, BYU - Biggest New Mexico Margin, 51-8 (1970). Biggest BYU Margin, 54-19 (1977).

No. 5 - Utah State

October 7 - 1:30 p.m. - Provo



Bruce Snyder

Location: Logan, Utah
Conference: Pacific Coast Athletic Association
Enrollment: 9,300
Colors: Navy Blue and White
Stadium: Romney (20,000)
Mascot: Aggies
Head Coach: Bruce Snyder (Oregon, '63) 3rd year, 7-15
Athletic Director: Ladell Andersen
Publicist: Craig Hislop
Exchange: (801) 752-4100

1977 Record: 4-7

Games: San Jose State, 22-10; Memphis State, 26-31; Brigham Young, 6-65; San Diego State, 0-19; Penn State, 7-16; Utah, 0-20; Boise State, 16-23; Weber State, 23-14; Wyoming, 32-31; Idaho State, 35-7; Colorado State, 10-13.

Players to Watch: Real standout is Jimmy Bryant, wide receiver who caught 41 passes for 561 yards and six TDs last year. Running back Rick Parros had record-setting year as a sophomore last year. Quarterback Eric Hipple and split end Ron Cassidy also figure to be USU stars.

Series Record: 30-20-3, USU - Biggest USU Margin, 47-21 (1955). Biggest BYU Margin, 65-6 (1977).

No. 7 - Texas-El Paso

October 21 - 1:30 p.m. - Provo



Bill Michael

Location: El Paso, Texas
Conference: Western Athletic Conference
Enrollment: 15,800
Colors: Orange and White
Stadium: Sun Bowl (30,000)
Mascot: Miners
Head Coach: Bill Michael (Arkansas, '59) 2nd, 1-10
Athletic Director: Jim Bowden
Publicist: Scott Binning
Exchange: (915) 747-5330

1977 Record: 1-10 League: 0-7.

Games: North Texas State, 10-41; Wyoming, 17-27; Oklahoma, 0-54; New Mexico State, 23-21; Colorado State, 31-40; San Diego State, 7-49; Arizona State, 3-66; New Mexico, 17-33; Utah, 17-29; Arizona, 24-41; Brigham Young, 19-68.

Players to Watch: Bubba Garcia was team's leading receiver and won first-team all-WAC honors, while defensive standout of last year was Elroy Stoglin, an outside linebacker. Anchor in the offensive line is center Leonard Hill.

Series Record: 10-5-1, BYU - Biggest UTEP Margin, 47-6 (1949). Biggest BYU Margin, 63-0 (1973).

Last Meeting: November 26, 1977 at El Paso - BYU 68, UTEP 19.

No. 6 - Oregon

October 14 - 1:30 p.m. - Eugene



Rich Brooks

Location: Eugene, Oregon
Conference: Pacific-Ten
Enrollment: 17,000
Colors: Lemon Yellow and Emerald Green
Stadium: Autzen Stadium (42,000)
Mascot: Ducks
Head Coach: Rich Brooks (Oregon State, '63) 2nd year, 2-9
Athletic Director: Dr. John Caine
Publicist: George Beres
Exchange: (503) 686-5494

1977 Record: 2-9 League: 1-6

Games: Georgia, 16-27; TCU, 29-24; Wisconsin, 22-10; Stanford, 10-20; Washington, 0-54; USC, 15-33; LSU, 17-56; Washington State, 20-56; UCLA, 3-21; California, 16-48; Oregon State, 28-16.

Players to Watch: One of the top freshmen on the Coast last year, Vince Goldsmith is great middle guard. Quarterback Mike Kennedy, a redshirt last year, definitely figures in Duck plans, as does wide receiver Ken Page, leading receiver of last year. Free safety Kenny Bryant earned all-Coast honors last year.

Series Record: 0-2, Oregon. Biggest Oregon Margin, 27-14 (1965).

Last Meeting: October 2, 1965 at Eugene - Oregon 27, BYU 14.

No. 8 - Wyoming

November 4 - 1:30 p.m. - Provo



Bill Lewis

Location: Laramie, Wyoming
Conference: Western Athletic Conference
Enrollment: 8,900
Colors: Brown and Yellow
Stadium: Memorial (33,500)
Mascot: Cowboys
Head Coach: Bill Lewis (East Stoudsburg '63) 2nd year, 4-6-1
Athletic Director: George C. McCarty
Publicist: Kevin M. McKinney
Exchange: (307) 766-2256

1977 Record: 4-6-1 League: 4-3

Games: Air Force (T), 0-0; Texas-El Paso, 27-17; Michigan State, 16-34; Arizona, 13-12; Utah, 13-23; Brigham Young, 7-10; Colorado State, 29-13; Arizona State, 0-45; Utah State, 31-32; New Mexico, 23-21; LSU, 7-66.

Players to Watch: Cowboys feel Myron Hardeman should be one of the best, if not the best, running backs in the conference. Latrail Jones has been moved to flanker. Wyoming is also high on Ken Fantetti, considered one of the area's foremost linebackers.

Series Record: 25-20-3, Wyoming - Biggest Wyoming Margin, 48-0 (1950). Biggest BYU Margin, 40-0 (1929).

Last Meeting: October 22, 1977 at Laramie - BYU 10, Wyoming 7.

No. 9 - San Diego State

November 11 - 1:30 p.m. - Provo



Claude Gilbert

Location: San Diego, Calif.
Conference: Western Athletic Conference
Enrollment: 31,500
Colors: Scarlet and Black
Stadium: San Diego Stadium (54,000)
Mascot: Aztecs
Head Coach: Claude Gilbert (San Jose State '58), 6th year, 45-8-2
Athletic Director: Ken Karr
Publicist: John Maffei
Exchange: (714) 286-5547

1977 Record: 10-1

Games: Fullerton State, 34-17; Arizona, 21-14; Utah State, 19-0; Fresno State, 14-34; Texas-El Paso, 49-7; Nevada (Las Vegas), 31-7; Tulsa, 41-7; Pacific, 29-7; Long Beach State, 33-22; Florida State, 41-16; San Jose State, 37-34.

Players to Watch: One of the great linemen on the Coast is Pete Inge (6-0, 262), offensive guard who hasn't missed a game as an Aztec. Opponents will also get to know Lonnie Moore, a wide receiver who caught 51 passes for 900 yards last year, 58 for 1,279 yards as a freshman. Newcomer to watch is Merced College transfer Chris Schaefer, a quarterback who passed for 3,092 yards and 27 TDs.

Series Record: 2-2 - Biggest San Diego State Margin, 32-7 (1947). Biggest BYU Margin, 8-0 (1976).

Last Meeting: October 2, 1976 at San Diego - BYU 8, San Diego 0.

No. 10 - Utah

November 18 - 1:30 p.m. - Salt Lake City



Bill Howard

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah
Conference: Western Athletic Conference
Enrollment: 22,000
Colors: Crimson and White
Stadium: Rice (30,000)
Mascot: Utes
Head Coach: Wayne Howard (Redlands, '57) 2nd year, 3-8
Athletic Director: Arnie Ferrin
Publicist: Bruce Woodbury
Exchange: (801) 581-3510

1977 Record: 3-8 League: 2-5

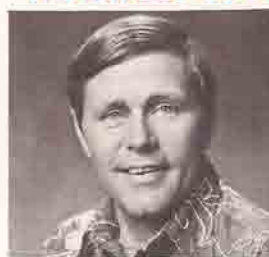
Games: Oklahoma, 24-62; Houston, 16-34; Colorado State, 3-44; Wyoming, 23-13; Utah State, 20-0; Arizona, 17-45; Arizona State, 19-47; Brigham Young, 8-38; Texas-El Paso, 29-17; Florida, 29-38; New Mexico, 24-41.

Players to Watch: Quarterback Randy Gomez, a 5-8 senior, passed his way into the Utes' record book with over 2,015 yards passing last year. Fullback Mike Moseley will be back after missing '77 season with injury. Top defensive newcomer is tackle Jeff Lyall. Utes also have outstanding punter in Rick Partridge (44.0 per kick).

Series Record: 38-11-4, Utah - Biggest Utah Margin, 48-0 (1922). Biggest BYU Margin, 51-20 (1975).

No. 11 - Hawaii

November 25 - 7:30 p.m. - Honolulu



Dick Tomey

Location: Honolulu, Hawaii
Conference: Independent
Enrollment: 21,000
Colors: Green and White
Stadium: Aloha Stadium (50,000)
Mascot: Rainbow Warriors
Head Coach: Dick Tomey (DePauw, '61) 2nd year, 5-6
Athletic Director: Ray Nagel
Publicist: Ed Inouye
Exchange: (808) 948-7523

1977 Record: 5-6

Games: New Mexico, 26-35; Colorado State, 16-20; Idaho, 45-26; SW Louisiana, 20-6; Pacific, 7-37; Southern Mississippi, 26-28; Portland State, 21-12; San Jose State, 14-24; Bowling Green, 41-21; South Carolina, 24-7; Arizona, 10-17.

Players to Watch: Linebacker Mike Arvanetis (6-4, 230) is regarded as one of the better players around, and tight end Mike Jackson (6-6, 225) is also a standout. Quarterback Jeff Duva passed for 1,487 yards last season, and fullback Wilbert Haslip is three-year starter.

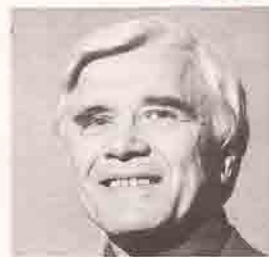
Series Record: 1-4, Hawaii - Biggest Hawaii Margin, 49-13 (1930). Biggest BYU Margin 20-7 (1957).

Last Meeting: September 14, 1974 at Honolulu - Hawaii 15, BYU 13.

No. 12 - Nevada-Las Vegas

December 2 - 1:30 p.m.

Yokohama, Japan



Tony Knap

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada
Conference: Independent
Enrollment: 9,100
Colors: Scarlet and Gray
Stadium: Las Vegas Silver Bowl (32,000)
Mascot: Rebels
Head Coach: Tom Knap (Idaho '39) 3rd year; 18-5
Athletic Director: Bill Ireland
Publicist: Dominic Clark
Exchange: (702) 739-3207

1977 Record: 9-2

Games: Montana, 15-13; Troy State University, 35-28; Boise State, 14-45; Northern Arizona, 20-16; Western Illinois, 59-29; Weber State, 26-13; San Diego State, 7-31; Cal State-Fullerton, 24-21; Idaho, 35-14; North Dakota, 38-14; Nevada-Reno, 27-12.

1978 Evaluation: Sixteen starters among 49 lettermen sounds like a good start. With transfers and new recruits, depth will not be a problem. There is enough talent to keep the Rebels moving throughout the season, and there are nine starters returning on defense. Coach Tony Knap will have six home games in the new 32,000-seat Silver Bowl.

Players to Watch: Seniors Brian Harris and Henry "Varoom" Vereen led the team in receiving last year. Place kicker Jim Gaetano led the Rebels in scoring last year with 60 points (36 of 37 on PAT, eight field goals). As a reserve, quarterback Carlton Kelley (6-6, 225) passed for over 1,000 yards.

Series Record: First Meeting

Numerical Roster

1978 Varsity Roster

	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
2	95	Brent Johnson, K	TE	6-3	217	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
3	42	Craig Wing, K	RB	5-10	195	So.	Salt Lake City, Utah
4	66	Casey Wingard, TB	OG	6-3	230	Jr.	Gaithersburg, Maryland
5	11	Bob Prested, DB	DB	6-1	180	So.	Salt Lake City, Utah
6	28	Marc Wilson, QB	DB	6-1	170	So.	Salt Lake City, Utah
7	12	Stan Younger, WR	DB	6-0	177	So.	Oak Ridge, Tennessee
8	68	Dave Francis, DB	DE	6-3	216	Jr.	Santa Maria, California
9	10	Ron Velasco, DB	QB	6-1	185	Jr.	Alhambra, California
10	23	Royce Bybee, QB	TB	5-9	177	Jr.	Ogden, Utah
11	85	Dean Bona, DB	TE/P	6-4	205	So.	San Gabriel, California
12	48	Mark Brady, DB	DB	6-4	200	So.	Toronto, Canada
13	30	Steve Corson, DB	FB	6-0	204	So.	Paris, Idaho
15	70	David McKee, DB	LB	6-3	215	So.	McClellan, Virginia
16	57	Jim McMahon, QB/P	C	6-2	215	So.	Concord, California
17	29	Rob Wilson, DB	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	Concord, California
18	13	Tim Halverson, DB	DB	6-2	185	Sr.	Arizona City, Arizona
19	33	Mark Flammer, QB	RB	5-10	191	Jr.	Sanford, Colorado
20	21	Scott Phillips, RB	DB	5-10	186	Jr.	Haleiwa, Hawaii
21	88	Jason Coloma, DB	WR	6-2	170	So.	Denver, Colorado
22	75	Doug Williams, TB	OT	6-4	240	Sr.	Murray, Utah
23	55	Clay Blackwell, TB	LB	6-0	222	Sr.	Fall City, Washington
24	72	Bill Ring, TB	OT	6-4	255	So.	Las Vegas, Nevada
25	19	Kent Tingey, WR	QB	6-1	180	Sr.	North Logan, Utah
26	8	Bill Schoepflin, DB	DB	6-1	180	So.	Salt Lake City, Utah
28	51	Perry Bradford, DB	LB	6-5	220	So.	Tooele, Utah
29	76	Mike Chronister, WR	OT	6-1	256	Sr.	Daly City, California
30	18	Steve Carlsen, FB	DB	6-1	175	Jr.	West Covina, California
32	56	Ken White, TB	LB	6-2	220	So.	American Fork, Utah
33	62	Lonell Crowther, RB	OG	6-3	230	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
34	89	Scott Reber, RB	DE	6-4	230	Sr.	Jacksonville, Florida
35	35	Steve Hartmann, DB	DB	6-1	190	So.	Batavia, Illinois
36	52	Rod Wood, LB	DE	6-0	207	Sr.	Denton, Texas
37	63	Jim Mlott, LB	OT	6-3	240	So.	Santa Maria, California
38	90	Ed St. Pierre, LB	DT	6-5	247	So.	LaMirada, California
39		Richard Rucker, LB	DT	6-2	220	So.	Ponderosa, California
41	2	Glen Redd, LB	K	6-4	202	Jr.	Granger, Utah
42	84	Steve Anderson, RB	DE	6-2	200	Jr.	Cedar City, Utah
43	87	Mark Thornburg, WR	WR	6-3	175	So.	Pomona, California
44	61	Vic Whitsett, FB	LB	5-11	228	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii
45	74	Mike Lacey, LB	DE	6-3	250	Sr.	Rapid City, South Dak.
46	45	Marc Swenson, DB	LB	6-4	215	So.	Rancho Cordova, Calif.
47	71	John Neal, DB	DT	5-11	220	Jr.	Shelley, Idaho
48	67	Ray Brock, DB	OG	6-2	246	So.	Salt Lake City, Utah
50	69	Scott Neilson, C	OT	6-2	240	So.	Boise, Idaho
51	15	Danny Frazier, LB	DB	5-9	159	Jr.	Holden, Utah
52	16	Greg Head, DE	QB/P	6-1	175	So.	Roy, Utah
54	83	Tom Miller, C	DE	6-6	227	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
55	82	Tom Enlow, LB	LB	6-5	225	Sr.	Bountiful, Utah
56	54	Brian Hansen, LB	C	6-2	245	Sr.	Chowchilla, California
57	37	Craig Christensen, C	LB	6-1	210	So.	Lake Zurich, Illinois
59	47	Norman Taylor, TE	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	Mountain View, Calif.
60	50	Randy Tidwell, OG	C	6-3	215	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
61	20	Gary Kama, LB	RB	6-1	185	So.	Springville, Utah
62	93	Danny Hansen, OG	DE	6-3	240	So.	Quitman, Texas
	5	Bob Prested*	DB	5-11	187	Jr.	Glendale, California

63	Steve Herring, OT	34	Scott Reber*	RB	6-2	215	So.	St. George, Utah
64	Andy Reid, OG	41	Glen Redd	LB	6-2	220	So.	Ogden, Utah
65	Dennis Webb, DE	64	Andy Reid†	OG	6-3	240	Jr.	Glendale, California
66	Tom Bell, OG	24	Bill Ring*	TB	5-10	189	Sr.	Belmont, California
67	Ray Linford, OG	39	Richard Rucker	FB	6-3	210	So.	Tucson, Arizona
68	Rob Buchanan, DE		Greg Sargent	DB	5-10	165	Jr.	Layton, Utah
69	Walt Manwill, OT	26	Bill Schoepflin	DB	5-11	175	So.	Denver, Colorado
70	Marc Campbell, LB	73	Bob Simmerman*	DT	6-5	223	Sr.	Fresno, California
71	Mark Landon, DT	96	Dave Smith	TE	6-3	200	Jr.	Richland, Washington
72	Nick Eyre, OT	79	Doug Stromberg*	DT	6-3	252	Jr.	Ogden, Utah
73	Bob Simmerman, DT	46	Marc Swenson**	DB	6-1	185	Sr.	Santa Maria, California
74	John Kormylo, DE	38	Ed St. Pierre	LB	6-1	195	So.	Downey, California
75	Russ Davis, OT	80	Kirk Tanner	TE	6-3	200	Jr.	Los Altos, California
76	Al Gaspard, OT	59	Norman Taylor	TE	6-2	235	So.	Chatsworth, California
77	Mike Young, OT	92	Tod Thompson**	TE	6-4	225	Sr.	Concord, California
78	Doug Wilkes, OT	60	Randy Tidwell†	OG	6-4	240	Jr.	Glendale, California
79	Doug Stromberg, DT	25	Kent Tingey	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	Logan, Utah
80	Kirk Tanner, TE	43	Mark Thornburg	WR	5-10	170	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
82	Larry Miller, LB	91	Ross Varner**	DE	6-3	236	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
83	Mat Mendenhall, DE	9	Ron Velasco**	DE	6-2	175	Sr.	Aiea, Hawaii
84	Sid Johnson, DE	65	Dennis Webb	DE	6-6	220	So.	Mesa, Arizona
85	Clay Brown, TE/P	32	Ken White	TB	6-0	195	Jr.	Pleasant Hill, California
87	Lloyd Jones, WR	44	Vic Whitsett	FB	6-2	210	So.	Othello, Washington
88	Bill Davis, WR	78	Doug Wilkes†	OT	6-3	245	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
89	Jeff Harris, DE	22	Doug Williams	TB	5-11	188	Jr.	Sacramento, California
90	Jim Jaramillo, DT	6	Marc Wilson*	QB	6-5	206	Jr.	Seattle, Washington
91	Ross Varner, DE	17	Rob Wilson	DB	6-1	190	So.	Tempe, Arizona
92	Tod Thompson, TE	3	Craig Wing	K	5-11	170	Jr.	American Fork, Utah
93	Rick Pinckard, DE	4	Casey Wingard*	TB	5-11	183	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio
95	Rob Andersen, TE	36	Rod Wood***	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Durango, Colorado
96	Dave Smith, TE	77	Mike Young†	OT	6-7	260	Jr.	Salinas, California
		7	Stan Younger*	WR	6-2	175	So.	Santa Monica, California

*Letterman
†Junior College Transfers

Freshman Roster

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
Marv Allen	DL	6-3	225	Hacienda Heights, California	Los Altos
Neil Anderson	DL	6-3	215	Claremont, California	Claremont
Sam Casmus	OL	6-3	225	El Camino, California	El Camino Real
K. C. Christensen	DB	5-11	180	Portland, Oregon	Sunset
Scott Collie	WR	6-2	190	San Jose, California	Bellarmino
Steve Duddy	QB	6-1	175	Reno, Nevada	Reno
Wayne Faalafua	DL	6-4	252	Carson, California	Carson
Pulusila Filiaga	DL	6-2	240	Kahuku, Hawaii	Kahuku
Wesley Grimes	DL	6-5	230	Silver City, New Mexico	Cobra
Carl Hansen	RB	6-0	190	Idaho Falls, Idaho	Skyline
Tom Holmoe	DB	6-2	175	La Cresenta, California	La Cresenta
Mike Jones	QB	6-3	195	San Jose, California	Bellarmino
John Mannion	DB	6-2	180	Las Vegas, Nevada	Chapparel
Steve Meenderink	OL	6-5	210	Roy, Utah	Roy
Mike Mees	QB	6-3	200	Cody, Wyoming	Cody
Mike Morgan	DL	6-4	215	Salt Lake City, Utah	Brighton
Mike O'Neil	LB	6-3	200	Los Altos, California	Los Altos
Mark Otteson	OL	6-4	230	Pocatello, Idaho	Highland
Greg Peterson	WR	5-10	170	Calgary, Canada	Dr. El P. Scarlett
Dan Plater	WR	6-2	175	Reno, Nevada	Reno
Randy Rawlinson	DB	6-4	190	Tulsa, Oklahoma	East Central
Jay Sample	DL	6-4	225	Murray, Utah	Murray
Kevin Walker	DB	5-11	180	Salt Lake City, Utah	Granite
Kyle Whittingham	RB	5-11	215	Provo, Utah	Provo

Freshman Profiles

ALLEN, MARVIN—Linebacker, 6-3, 215, Hacienda Heights, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 4/7/60 in Maywood, Calif. . . . parents are Dr. John and Hazel Allen.

HIGH SCHOOL: Made the principal's honor roll at Los Altos High where he won three letters each in football and basketball . . . played three positions: linebacker, tight end and defensive end . . . coached by Dwayne Despaign (Pepperdine) . . . all-league, all-valley.

ANDERSON, NEIL—Tackle, 6-4, 215, Claremont, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 3/12/60 in Lynwood, Calif. . . . parents are George (engineer) and Iva Dell (housewife) . . . engineering major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Two sport performer from Claremont High where he was coached by Esper Keiser (LaVerne) . . . team won a 1977 CIF playoff berth . . . mentioned as prep all-American.

CASMUS, SAMUEL—Tackle, 6-3, 230, Canoga Park, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 10/12/59 in Buffalo, New York . . . plans on a business economics major with a physical education minor.

HIGH SCHOOL: While at El Camino Real he was coached by Skip Giancarelli (Loyola) . . . voted the most valuable player in valley.

CHRISTENSEN, K. C.—Defensive Back, Wide Receiver, 5-11, 175, Portland, Oregon

PERSONAL: Born 3/28/60 in Portland, Oregon . . . parents are David (insurance) and Dona . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both defensive back and wide receiver at Sunset High in Portland where he was coached by Don Mathews (Idaho State) . . . team won state title in 1976 and 1977 . . . set school record for most interceptions in one year, named defensive player of the year.

COLLIE, SCOTT—Wide Receiver, 6-2 185, San Jose, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 4/21/60 in Kansas . . . parents are Richard (paper-hanger) and Ferne (bookkeeper) . . . plans on a political science major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Did about everything for Bellarmine College Prep . . . was wide receiver, kicker, punter, outside linebacker . . . coached by Walt Arnold (California).

DUDDY, STEVE—Quarterback, 6-1, 180, Reno, Nevada

PERSONAL: Born 10/25/59 in Peoria, Ill. . . . parents are Tom and Dorene Duddy . . . history major.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a quarterback at Reno High, Steve had the following passing totals: completed 233 out of 406 for 3,112 yards and 38 touchdowns . . . was all-state two years in a row, and was ranked among the top 20 prep backs in the nation . . . coached by Gene Scattini (San Jose State).

FAALAFUA, WAYNE—Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 255, Carson, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 11/18/60 in San Francisco, Calif. . . . parents Lio (machine operator) and Lole (housewife) . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Won letters in two sports, football and track (shot put) at Carson High . . . coached by Gene Voll-nagle (Pepperdine) . . . voted all-city, all-South Bay . . . team won Marine League title.

FILIAGA, PULUSILA, JR.—Tackle, 6-2, 245, Hauula, Hawaii

PERSONAL: Born 11/17/59 in American Samoa . . . parents are Pulusila (business man) and Augaute (housewife).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played four different positions (all line) at Kahuku High . . . coached by Chuck Mead . . . honors include OIA Football Classic . . . parents reside in Pago-Pago, American Samoa.

GRIMES, WESLEY—Tackle, 6-5, 230, Bayard, New Mexico

PERSONAL: Born 2/23/60 in Silver City, New Mexico . . . parents are Jimmie (pilot) and Helen (business manager) . . . chemical engineering major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Three-year letterman in three sports . . . including MVP in basketball in 1977 . . . plus all-state in football . . . coached by Ron Darnell (Western New Mexico) . . . was in upper 10% of class for three years.

HANSEN, CARL—Running Back, 5-11, 190, Idaho Falls, Idaho
PERSONAL: Born 11/13/59 in Idaho Falls . . . father is Wayne L. Hansen of Idaho Falls.

HIGH SCHOOL: At Skyline High he was track star (sprinter), wrestler (188), and fullback in football . . . rushed for 1,482 yards as a senior . . . had a total of 3,570 rushing yards in high school . . . all-city, all-state, voted back of the year . . . coached by Mahlon Rasmusson (Utah State) . . . a 3.4 grade point.

HOLMOE, TOM—Defensive Back, 6-3, 175, La Crescenta, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 3/7/60 in Glendale, Calif. . . . parents are Ivan (barber) and Esther (housewife) . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Three letters in three sports at Crescenta Valley High . . . coached by Dennis Gossard . . . holds two school records: longest pass reception (82 yards) and longest kickoff return (93 yards) . . . all-CIF first-team as a senior defensive back.

JONES, MIKE—Quarterback, 6-3, 192, Campbell, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 10/1/60 in Birmingham, Ala. . . . parents are Howard (electrician) and Dorothy (executive secretary) . . . majoring in engineering.

HIGH SCHOOL: At Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose he won four letters as a quarterback . . . won numerous honors . . . set 10 school and league passing records, including most touchdown passes (24), best completion percentage (64%), most yards gained (1,600), most TD passes one game (5) . . . coached by Walt Arnold (California).

MANNION, JOHN—Free Safety, 6-3, 180, Las Vegas, Nevada

PERSONAL: Born 2/28/59 in Salt Lake City, Utah . . . parents are Jack (teacher/athletic director) and Terry (school principal) . . . majoring in physical therapy.

HIGH SCHOOL: John was all-conference in two positions, quarterback and safety . . . was all-state first-team as a safety . . . coached by John Chura (Purdue) . . . team at Chaparral High was 10-1 last fall . . . also state champions . . . lettered in track, basketball and baseball.

MEENDERINK, STEVE—Tackle, 6-5, 229, Roy, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 3/3/60 in Ogden, Utah . . . parents are LeRoy (railroad engineer) and Michal (housewife) . . . undecided major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Besides winning letters in three sports at Roy, he made the honor roll . . . was a shot putter . . . coached by Ernest Jacklin (BYU).

MEES, MIKE—Quarterback, Punter, 6-3, 195, Cody, Wyoming

PERSONAL: Born 2/17/60 in Cody, Wyoming . . . parents are Kenneth (field foreman for Husky Oil) and Alice (teacher) . . . plans on a physical education major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Honors, both academic and athletic, at Cody High School . . . coached by John McDougall (BYU) . . . honor roll six quarters, superior roll one quarter . . . as quarterback and kicker, he was named Wyoming's player of the year.

MESZAROS, RAYNARD, 6-1, 185, Sunnyvale, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 4/12/61 in Stanford, Calif. . . . parents are Alex (industrial engineer) and Jeanne (financial planner) . . . wants to major in pre-med with a minor in psychology.

HIGH SCHOOL: Had more letters in soccer (3) than football (2) at Fremont High in Sunnyvale, winning numerous honors in both . . . also lettered in track . . . coached by Gerald Ferguson (Nebraska) . . . is also a 3.5 student in liberal arts.

MORGAN, MIKE—Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 225, Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 5/30/60 in Salt Lake City, Utah . . . parents are Dale (construction) and Barbara (housewife) . . . majoring in physical education.

HIGH SCHOOL: Won district, region and all-state honors, plus All-American mention at Brighton High . . . coached by Steve Dangerfield (BYU).

O'NEIL, MIKE—Linebacker, 6-3, 200, Hacienda Heights, Calif.

PERSONAL: Born 10/14/60 in Buffalo, New York . . . parents are Bill (teacher) and Sandy (registered nurse) . . . plans on a physical education major.

HIGH SCHOOL: A member of the CIF 4-A champions of last year at Los Altos High in Hacienda Heights . . . was all-league linebacker, all-league outfielder in baseball . . . coached by Dwayne Despain (Pepperdine).

OTTESON, MARK—Offensive Guard, 6-5, 245, Pocatello, Idaho

PERSONAL: Born 3/19/60 in Montpelier, Idaho . . . mother Barbara (surgical assistant) . . . enjoys taxidermy and hunting as hobbies . . . plans on majoring in wildlife conservation.

HIGH SCHOOL: Highland High had a 7-3 record last year . . . was voted to all-SIC and all-state honors under Coach Jim Koetter.

PETERSON, GREG—Defensive Back, 5-10, 170, Calgary, Canada

PERSONAL: Born 2/18/60 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada . . . parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (lawyer) . . . pre-med major.

HIGH SCHOOL: A total of 10 letters in four sports . . . MVP in hockey . . . judged "best overall" athlete as a freshman and senior . . . both running back and defensive back . . . coached by Gerry Watson (Utah State).

PLATER, DAN—Wide Receiver, 6-2, 175, Reno, Nevada

PERSONAL: Born 7/22/60 in Reno, Nevada . . . parents are Joseph (dentist) and Isabell (teacher) . . . plans on becoming a dentist.

HIGH SCHOOL: Besides being an outstanding football player, excelled in jumps and hurdles at Reno High . . . was fourth in state in triple . . . in football caught 56 receptions and had 12 TD receptions as wide receiver . . . was all-state first-team selection . . . coached by Gene Scattini (San Jose State).

RAWLINSON, RANDY—Quarterback, 6-5, 205, Tulsa, Okla.

PERSONAL: Born 8/20/60 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas . . . parents are Hal (police office) and Joyce (bookkeeper) . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Nine letters (football, basketball and baseball) at East Central High in Tulsa . . . was all-state in football, all-conference in basketball . . . coached by Larry Ballard (Oklahoma State) . . . was on school honor roll for three years.

SAMPLE, JAY—Tackle-End, 6-4, 225, Murray, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 12/12/59 in Salt Lake City, Utah . . . parents

are George (diesel mechanic) and Connie Rae (housewife) . . . undecided major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Voted the state's most valuable player in 3A ball, plus MVP award at Murray . . . coached by Ron Haun . . . versatile enough to win letters in two other sports (basketball and track) . . . honor roll and honor society.

WALKER, KEVIN—Defensive Back, 5-11, 185, Salt Lake City, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 4/20/60 in American Fork, Utah . . . parents are Stan Walker (U.S. Geneva Steel) and Helen Startin (teacher) . . . pre-med major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Letters in no fewer than four sports . . . captained the basketball and football teams at Granite High . . . was named prep player of the week . . . coached by Wayne Startin (BYU) . . . also honor role student.

WHITTINGHAM, KYLE—Fullback, Linebacker, 6-0, 218, Provo, Utah

PERSONAL: Born 11/21/59 in California . . . parents are Fred (Linebacker coach for BYU) and Nancy Whittingham . . . undecided on major.

HIGH SCHOOL: Playing both fullback and linebacker, Kyle attained all-state and All-American honors at Provo High . . . coached by Gary Roylance . . . also had two baseball letters

WILSON, GEORGE—Defensive Tackle, 6-1, 240, Desoto, Texas

PERSONAL: Born 5/2/59 in Baytown, Texas . . . parents are James and Nora Wilson . . . majoring in business.

HIGH SCHOOL: Voted MVP at DeSoto High . . . played four different positions . . . coached by Mickey Riggs.

1977 Redshirts

Steve Anderson, DB
Perry Bradford, DB
Ray Brock, DB
Clay Brown, TE
Rob Buchanan, DE
Steve Carlsen, FB
Mark Flammer, QB
Brian Hansen, LB

Jim Jaramillo, DT
Lloyd Jones, WR
Ray Linford, OG
Rick Pinckard, DE
Glenn Redd, LB
Kent Tingey, WR
Dennis Webb, DE
Vic Whitsett, FB

Cougar Band

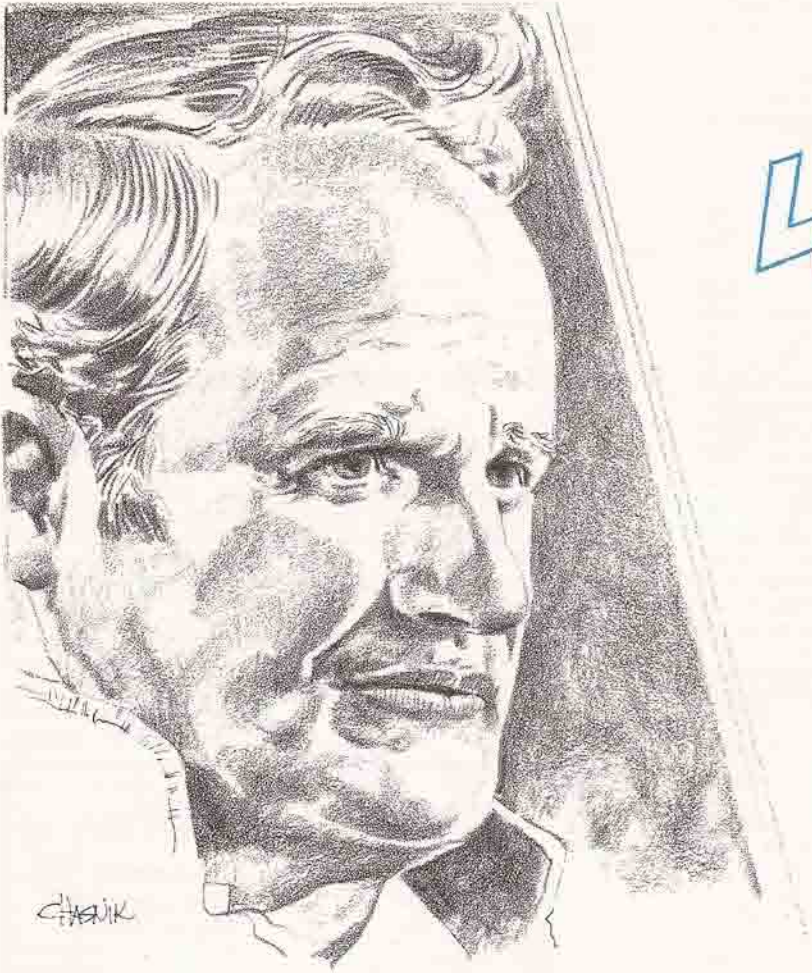
The 150-piece Cougar Marching Band is directed by Dr. Dan Bachelder, now in his second year. He is assisted by Associate Director Jim Bague. The band, composed of students from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New York, Texas, Washington, Wyoming, and Canada, began practice August 29. Complementing the band will be 16 flag-twirlers, 12 Cougarettes, a feature twirler and a drum major.

The band will travel to Eugene, Ore., for the BYU-Oregon game, the the Utah-BYU game, to Japan for the BYU-Nevada-Las Vegas game and perform at each of the five home games in Provo. For the homecoming with Utah State, the Cougar Band will combine for a halftime performance with the BYU Folk Dancers.

On Sept. 30, while the football team travels to New Mexico, the Cougar Band will host the first annual Rocky Mountain Invitational with 12 high school bands competing for top honors.

As always, cheerleaders and yell-leaders will be assisting Cosmo the Cougar. Cosmo, the BYU mascot, is a tradition started in 1953. The Cougar's identity is not revealed until the final home basketball game in March.





LaVell Edwards

"I can't stress too much the team (BYU) spirit and unity, and that comes right from Coach LaVell Edwards. He would do anything within the rules to help his players."

"With us, Coach Edwards has a father image, but he puts a lot of responsibility on the individual athlete. I feel this may give us a maturity which some players lack, because they were not delegated responsibility."

—BYU Quarterback Gifford Nielsen

"BYU has as good an offensive concept as anyone—college or pro—in football."

—Gil Brandt, Dallas Cowboys
(Quote from Salt Lake Tribune)

These two recent quotes probably say as much about LaVell Edwards as a person, and as a coach, as anything that can be reduced to print.

In his six seasons at head coach the 48-year-old Edwards has managed to move BYU into a new sphere of respectability; at the same time, the Edwards' coaching cadre has been able to maintain good balance and steady progress.

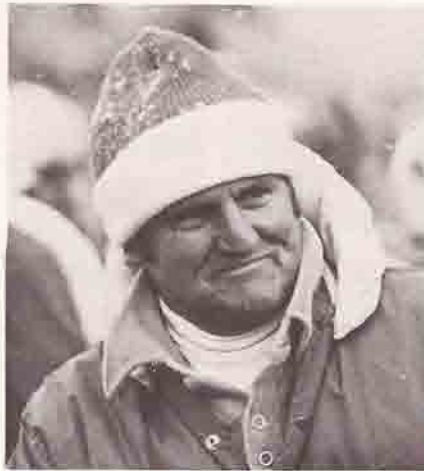
Heading into the 1978 season, the Edwards' overall record stands at 43-24-1, the best of any football coach in BYU history. More recently he posted 9-2 back-to-back seasons and shared in two Western Athletic Conference championships.

Over and above the record, LaVell's teams have developed a reputation for entertaining, wide-open football. BYU has been the top passing team in the nation for the past two years, by NCAA tabulation, and the Cougars' offense has ranked high in other departments as well.

LaVell's philosophy of the game is about what you would expect; simple, yet direct:

"I'm a firm believer in hard work to reach the desired goals. But I also believe football should be fun; a sport the players, as well as the fans, can enjoy. It doesn't have to be regimentation or drudgery. The outgrowth of football should be good, positive values that will benefit a player for the remainder of his life."

While this approach isn't new, it frequently runs counter to those adopted by winners. Even more unusual is the fact that BYU football has progressed



to its present point under the guidance of a local boy.

A product of Utah Valley (the family farm was only a mile or so from the site of the present football stadium), LaVell was raised in a large family in what was then rural Utah Valley. Counting a cousin raised by the family, LaVell's parents (Mr. and Mrs. Philo Edwards) raised a total of 14 children; 13 sons and daughters. LaVell's parents, incidentally, observed their 60th wedding anniversary last year, and all 14 children and their spouses were present at the reception.

The Edwards' family organization now numbers 210 people, and each year they purchase a block of 100 tickets.

Following a familiar coaching pattern, LaVell began coaching in the prep ranks, then moved into the college ranks (1962) when he joined the Cougar staff under then head coach Hal Mitchell. After developing some strong defensive units, Edwards was named head coach in 1972. It's been a success story ever since.

His teams have won outright or shared three WAC championships, played in two post-season bowl games, traveled to Japan for the Silk Bowl, etc. He has served on the College Football Association Committee, and coached at the All-America game in Lubbock, Tex. Last year, at the end of his second 9-2 season, LaVell was named Kodak coach of the year for district eight, coached in the Blue-Gray game and was selected as a panel member for the NCAA

Promotion Committee meet in Kansas City.

In LaVell's first season with the Cougars as head coach, 1972, he took a team voted low in the WAC polls and guided it to a 7-4 record that was good enough for a tie for second-place in the final standings. He was named WAC coach of the year.

Born Oct. 11, 1930, in Provo, Utah . . . attended schools in nearby Orem . . . was all-state at Lincoln High School (now Orem High) in 1946 and 1947 . . . three-year regular at center . . . also lettered two years each in basketball and track . . . enrolled at Utah State in 1948, played center and linebacker . . . three-year letterman as center for the Aggies . . . was captain and all-conference for two years (1950-51) . . . he played service ball for the Army (1952-54) at Fort Lee, Va. . . . was player-coach for 6-3 team at Fort Meade, Maryland . . . returned to Utah and joined staff at Granite High in Salt Lake City (1954), serving as head football coach, wrestling coach, golf coach for a period of eight years. . . . also tennis and basketball (1954-55) for two seasons . . . he joined the BYU staff in 1962 . . . six seasons at BYU his teams have completed an overall record of 43-24-1 (7-4 in 1972, 5-6 in 1973, 7-4-1 in 1974, 6-5 in 1975, 9-2 in 1976, and 9-2 in 1977) . . . four years ago he was recipient of the coveted Dale Rex Memorial Trophy and was also honored as the Utah Sportsman of the Year and WAC Coach of the Year . . . selected as a coach on the West squad for All-American football game two years ago . . . served on the coaching staff of the Blue-Gray game . . . LaVell obtained his M.S. degree from University of Utah in 1960, and this past summer received his Ph.D. from BYU. . . . married former Patty Louise Covey of Big Piney, Wyoming, and they have three children: Ann, 22, now married; John, 19, serving a church mission in Canada (he was 880 runner in track and holds state high school record); and James, 15, attending Provo High. . . . LaVell is one of the better golfers among the nation's football coaches, also gardens . . . phone 375-0487.



Dave Kragthorpe



Dick Felt



Tom Ramage



Fred Whittingham

Assistant Coaches

DAVE KRAGTHORPE (Utah State '55)

Asst. Head Coach, Offensive Line Coach

Now is his ninth year with the Cougars, Dave came to BYU from the head coaching post at South Dakota State . . . Dave's job has been that of offensive coordinator and chief assistant to Coach LaVell Edwards, a role he has handled with real success . . . some of the Cougars' interior linemen of note include Gordon Gravelle (1971), Paul Howard (1972), Dave Hubbard (1976) Lance Reynolds (1977), and Keith Uperesa (1977) . . . born May 1, 1933, at Mound, Minn., to Jalmer and Emma Kragthorpe . . . was all-state and captain of football team at Mound . . . won letters in basketball and baseball, too . . . graduated in 1951 . . . enrolled at Utah State . . . was all-Skyline lineman for two years, baseball catcher (1953-54) . . . played in the Salad Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz. (1955) . . . received his M.Ed. from USU in 1963 . . . began coaching at Idaho Falls (1958-59) . . . moved to Wyandotte, Mich., as head coach (1960-63) . . . named assistant at Montana (1964-66) . . . then assistant at South Dakota State (1967-68) . . . then head coach there in 1969 . . . married to former Barbara Ann Barnson of Kearns, Utah . . . Two sons: Kurt, 17, and Steven, 13 . . . golf is hobby . . . phone 375-2775.

DICK FELT (BYU '58)

Defensive Coordinator, Backs

A veteran of seven years in the pros (N.Y. Titans and Boston Patriots), Dick was a natural selection for a BYU post when he concluded his pro career in 1967 . . . entering his 12th season on the Cougar staff . . . born March 4, 1933, in Lehi, Utah, Dick lettered in five sports at Lehi, winning all-state honors in football, . . . his career has since gone full cycle; going from Lehi to BYU, service ball, to pro ball, and back to BYU . . . as a sophomore back, a relative unknown, he came off the bench to score four touchdowns in one quarter in a game with San Jose State . . . this record still stands . . . he was a great-all-around player . . . in 1953 game with San Jose State he rushed for 109 yards (12 carries) was 2-for-2 in passing, caught two passes for 49 yards and two TDs, punted once for 58 yards, returned two kicks for 39 yards . . . he won all-conference honors as a senior . . . graduated from BYU in 1958, was commissioned an officer in the Air Force . . . played for Bolling Air Force Base (1958-60), was all-service and MVP in the Air Force (1960) . . . came out a 1st Lt. . . was signed by the New York Titans and played two seasons with them (1960-61) . . . all-pro second team as defensive back (1961) . . . traded to Boston Patriots as cornerback and was all-pro (1962) . . . he played in first and second all-star games in AFL . . . left pro ball in '66 and joined BYU staff in '67 . . . married Dayleen LaVon Hobson of Boise, Ida., on Apr. 20, 1960 in Salt Lake City . . . they have four children: Koren, 17;

Curtis, 15; Kristie, 11; and Nancy, 9 . . . loves golf . . . phone 225-7156.

TOM RAMAGE (Utah State '57)

Defensive Line

A familiar name in Beehive State coaching circles, Tom Ramage joined the Cougars five years ago as new defensive line coach . . . it should be noted that in the first year with the Cougars, BYU was second only to Arizona State in team defense, and also second in the league in rushing defense . . . last year BYU was second again to ASU in scoring defense . . . Tom left Dixie College in St. George, where he was head coach for two seasons (13-7 overall) . . . the 43-year-old native of Price, Utah, was born 8/25/35 . . . enrolled at Utah State where he won all-Skyline Conference honors as tackle in '56 and lettered in wrestling four years . . . began his coaching career at Bear River, Utah, then returned to USU where he served as an assistant and obtained his M.S. degree (1962) . . . for the next four years Tom was line coach of the Aggies under Tony Knap . . . left Logan in 1965 to serve as chief assistant and defensive coordinator at Weber State under Sark Arslanian . . . in 1971 took the head job at Dixie College . . . sandwiched into his stay at Weber he served as a commissioned officer in the Army and was discharged as a captain in 1967 . . . Tom and his wife, Winona, have six children: John, 20; Lorrie, 18; Rochelle, 16; Sherrie, 12; Dedra, 10; and Cory, 3 . . . phone 225-6429.

FRED WHITTINGHAM (Cal Poly '62)

Linebackers

A former Cougar player of the late 50's, Fred Whittingham enters his sixth year in Provo with a decade of professional football behind him . . . he came to BYU from Alhambra High School where his team compiled an 8-1 record in 1972 . . . Whittingham was put in charge of the linebackers, and had a successful first year with the Cougars . . . born Feb. 4, 1939 in Boston, Mass., the 39-year-old New Englander played his prep ball in Rhode Island, and came to BYU in 1957 where he was a defensive end . . . he later enrolled at Cal Poly where he obtained his B.S. degree in 1962 and his M.A. degree in 1963 . . . the same year that Fred launched his career in professional football . . . he played a total of 10 seasons (the Los Angeles Rams, New Orleans Saints, Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys) . . . the experience gained in the pro ranks would be very difficult to duplicate, but Fred elected to enter the coaching ranks at the end of the '71 season . . . Fred and his wife Nancy, have five children: Kyle, 18 (a freshman member of the football team); Cary, 14; Freddie, 11; Brady, 8; and Julie 3½ . . . phone 375-8582.



Garth Hall



Wally English



Mel Olson



Norm Chow

WALLY ENGLISH (Louisville '59)
Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks

Those concerned with the departure of Doug Scovil (he joined Chicago Bears staff) can relax . . . the Cougars have acquired an outstanding replacement in Wally English, former assistant with the Detroit Lions . . . the 40-year old English who spent four years at Detroit, has impressive coaching record . . . born June 28, 1938 . . . native of Kentucky . . . Wally played ball at Valley High in Louisville, then enrolled at Louisville where he was a quarterback behind Johnny Unitas . . . graduated in 1959 . . . has since obtained an M.A. degree from Kentucky . . . he has been coaching on college and pro level since 1965 . . . under Charlie Bradshaw of Kentucky (1965-68), Frank Broyles of Arkansas (1970-71), Charlie Cottey of Virginia Tech (1971-72), Tom Osborne of Nebraska (1973-74), and former BYU coach Tommy Hudspeth of the Detroit Lions (1974-1977) . . . while at Virginia Tech coached Dan Strock, the Gobblers' All-American who led the nation in passing and total offense as a senior . . . Wally and his wife, Margaret Dale English, have four sons: John, 17, an all-state quarterback as a junior in Michigan last year; Steve, 16, a strong safety at same high school (Brother Rice, Birmingham, Mich.); Danny, 13, and Thomas, 10 . . . phone 373-0479.

GARTH HALL (Utah State '68)
Receivers

Still vibrant in his fourth year with BYU, Garth was appointed to the BYU staff in April 1974 . . . he came to BYU from Wake Forest where he served as quarterback-receiver coach and offensive coordinator 1973-74 . . . graduated from Highland High School in Salt Lake City, Utah ('64), receiving All-State honors in football . . . also participated in track, running the 100 yard dash and long jumping . . . was voted the "Outstanding Freshman Athlete" and "Outstanding Senior Student Athlete" at Utah State . . . received an NCAA post-graduate Scholarship . . . Academic All-American . . . after graduating from Utah State, Garth coached the freshman team at USU ('69) . . . was quarterback-receiver coach and freshman coordinator at USU ('70-'72) . . . joined staff at Wake Forest (1973) as quarterback-receiver coach . . . Garth and wife, Sharon, have five children: Ryan, 10; Allyson, 8; Curtis, 5; Scott, 3; and Melissa, 2 . . . phone 224-2973.

MEL JAY OLSON (BYU '70)
Junior Varsity Coordinator

Approaching his ninth season on BYU staff, 32-year-old Mel Olson was added to the staff not long after graduation from BYU in 1970 . . . for three of the past five junior varsity seasons Olson has coached undefeated squads . . . born Jan. 20, 1945 in Afton, Wyo., one of seven sons and daughters of Melvin and Wilda Olson . . . Mel was an all-state fullback and linebacker at Star Valley High for two years (1962-63) and also made all-state basketball as a senior . . . enrolled at BYU and played center and linebacker as a freshman . . . member

of the 1965 WAC championship team . . . had a fine season as a center (1966) before accepting a church mission call to Texas (1967-69) . . . returning to BYU, was voted to the All-WAC and Honorable Mention All-America teams (1969) his senior season . . . voted to second team on 15-year All-WAC football selections . . . married Susan Taylor of Provo; they have three children: Michael, 7; Kristen, 5; and Melissa, 3 . . . likes to golf . . . working on doctorate degree . . . phone 225-7193.

NORMAN CHOW (UTAH '68)
Running Backs

Among the newest members on the Cougar staff, Norm enters his fourth full year at BYU . . . Norm stepped into the job after two years working with BYU's football program as a graduate assistant . . . graduated from Punahou High, Honolulu, Hawaii ('64) receiving school athlete of the year award for 1964 . . . entered the University of Utah and was voted All-WAC as an offensive guard (1967-68) . . . Honorable Mention All-American . . . played one year professional football in Canada before he had to quit because of knee injury . . . after professional football, Norm received his Masters degree in Special Education from the University of Utah and took the head football coaching job at Waiialua High School in Hawaii . . . coached in Hawaii for three years . . . recently completed doctorate work in Educational Psychology at BYU . . . Norm and wife, Diane, have a son, Carter, 4, and a daughter, Maile, 2 . . . phone 374-9085.

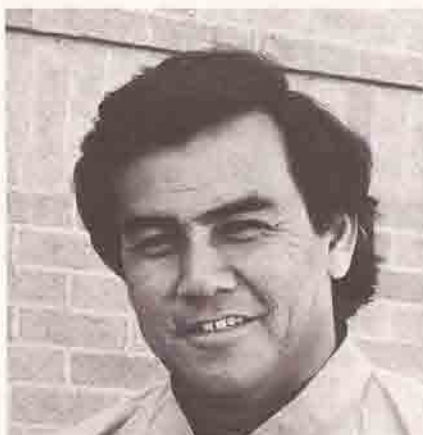
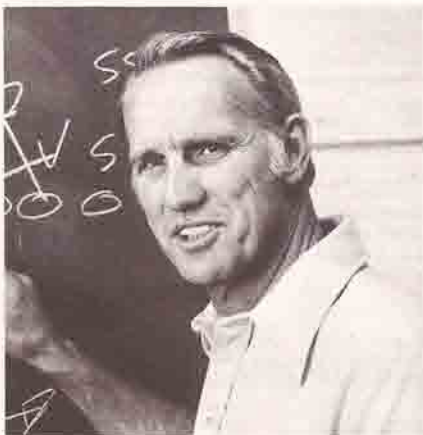
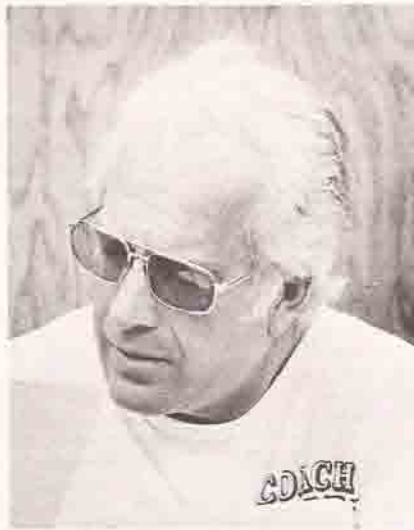
Trainers

Marv Roberson was born Mar. 21, 1932 in Long Beach, Calif. . . . raised in California and Oklahoma . . . graduated from Chickasha, Okla., 1950 . . . served on church mission to Central States (1951-53) . . . attended BYU (class of '57), graduated with B.S. degree . . . was shot putter and co-captain on track team (1956) . . . physical therapy degree from Stanford (1958) . . . M.S. degree from Stanford (1963) . . . assistant athletic trainer at Stanford (1958-62) . . . head trainer Foothill Junior College (1962-66) . . . assistant trainer for Oakland Raiders of AFL (1965) . . . joined BYU staff in 1966 . . . travels to Europe extensively, giving lectures on training techniques . . . was trainer for foreign track and field teams in two Olympics (Mexico and Munich) . . . married to former Doris Jean Belbutowski and they have three children . . . phone 375-3103.

Olavi Julkunen . . . called Olie . . . became assistant athletic trainer when Rod Kimball retired in 1975 . . . born in Kuopio, Finland on May 28, 1930 . . . was formerly a P.E. teacher at Minna Canth'in Yhteiskoulu in Finland . . . gained special training at the Finnish Sport Institute . . . moved to the United States in 1962 . . . lived in Green River, Wyoming . . . attended BYU 1969-71 . . . his wife is Maija Leena and they have four sons . . . phone 785-5356.



Cougar coaches in action (clockwise) are Fred Whittingham, Tom Ramage, Garth Hall, Wally English, Mel Olson, Norm Chow, Dave Kragthorpe and (immediate right) Dick Felt. English is the only newcomer on the staff for 1978 season.



Future Schedules

1979

Sept. 8	Texas A&M University	at College Station
Sept. 15	Weber State College	at Provo
Sept. 29	University Texas-El Paso	at Provo
Oct. 6	University of Hawaii	at Provo
Oct. 13	Utah State University	at Logan
Oct. 20	University of Wyoming	at Laramie
Oct. 27	University of New Mexico	at Provo
Nov. 3	Colorado State University	at Fort Collins
Nov. 10	Cal State Long Beach	as Long Beach
Nov. 17	University of Utah	at Provo
Nov. 24	San Diego State University	at San Diego

1980

Sept. 6	Wichita State University	at Wichita
Sept. 13	San Diego State University	at Provo
Sept. 20	Weber State College	at Ogden
Sept. 27	Cal State Long Beach	at Provo
Oct. 11	University of Wyoming	at Provo
Oct. 18	Utah State University	at Provo
Oct. 25	University of Hawaii	at Honolulu
Nov. 1	University Texas-El Paso	at Provo
Nov. 8	Colorado State University	at Provo
Nov. 15	University of New Mexico	at Albuquerque
Nov. 22	University of Utah	at Salt Lake City
Nov. 29	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	at Las Vegas

1981

Sept. 12	Air Force Academy	at Provo
Sept. 19	University of Texas-El Paso	at El Paso
Sept. 26	University of Colorado	at Boulder
Oct. 3	Utah State University	at Logan
Oct. 10	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	at Provo
Oct. 17	San Diego State University	at San Diego
Oct. 24	University of Wyoming	at Laramie
Oct. 31	University of New Mexico	at Provo
Nov. 7	Colorado State University	at Fort Collins
Nov. 14	University of Hawaii	at Honolulu
Nov. 21	University of Utah	at Provo
Nov. 28	Cal State Long Beach	at Long Beach

1982

Sept. 11	University of Georgia	at Athens
Sept. 18	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	at Las Vegas
Sept. 25	Wichita State University	at Provo
Oct. 2	University of Texas-El Paso	at El Paso
Oct. 9	University of New Mexico	at Albuquerque
Oct. 16	University of Hawaii	at Provo
Oct. 23	Colorado State University	at Provo
Oct. 30	Utah State University	at Provo
Nov. 6	University of Wyoming	at Provo
Nov. 13	San Diego State University	at Provo
Nov. 20	University of Utah	at Salt Lake City

Cougar Club

It takes good strong support to keep an athletic program flourishing, and in the case of Brigham Young University the number one booster is the Cougar Club.

Headed by executive secretary Dale McCann, the Cougar Club has increased in membership over 250 percent in the past five years, and the total number of boosters now exceeds 1,200 with new members signing up every week.

"The contributions we receive," explained McCann, "range from a \$25 associate member (age 30 and under) to the lifetime Golden Cougar (\$15,000 contributed over a three-year period). Regular membership is \$100 annually, and we have several classifications between the Regular Member and the Lifetime Golden Cougar."

In return, the contributor, (1) has the satisfaction of knowing the contribution is building the program, directly supporting recruitment; (2) is the recipient of a Cougar Club medallion mounted on a walnut shield; (3) is given preferred parking for all BYU home games; (4) receives official press guides for both football and basketball; (5) is invited with partner to the annual Cougar Club Banquet (over 1,100 attended the one last spring); (6) receives sports newsletters designed for those outside of Utah; and (7) can take the contribution as a tax deduction on state and federal returns.

Interested persons should contact Dale McCann, Cougar Club, Alumni House, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84602.

Home Attendance

Year	No. Games	Home Attendance	Average	Overall
1977	5	157,649	*31,540	332,370
1976	6	170,037	29,689	*356,276
1975	5	138,633	27,727	271,571
1974	5	143,088	28,618	337,417
1973	6	127,176	21,196	232,933
1972	5	144,101	28,820	245,545
1971	4	110,369	27,592	267,998
1970	5	113,305	22,661	--
1969	5	143,025	25,381	--
1968	5	112,221	22,444	--
1967	4	124,208	24,840	--

*Season Records

Chevrolet Scholarship Winners

The following players have been recipients of a scholarship award related to a regional or national telecast. Chevrolet is in its seventh year of sponsoring the NCAA college football scholarship programs with the assistance of ABC-TV sportscasters.

1974	Oct. 26	Gary Sheide - Offense	Brigham Young vs. Arizona
1974	Oct. 26	Gary Shaw - Defense	Brigham Young vs. Arizona
1974	Nov. 9	Jeff Blanc - Offense	Brigham Young vs. Arizona State
1975	Sept. 20	Jeff Blanc - Offense	Brigham Young vs. Colorado State
1976	Nov. 13	Gifford Nielsen - Offense	Brigham Young vs. New Mexico
1977	Sept. 24	Gifford Nielsen - Offense	Brigham Young vs. Utah State
1977	Sept. 24	Rod Wood - Defense	Brigham Young vs. Utah State

Background of the University

Sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Brigham Young University is the nation's largest church-related university (25,000 students).

Its more than 1,100 full-time faculty members hold degrees from throughout the United States and several foreign countries and instruction is offered in 150 subject areas by the University's 16 colleges and graduate schools.

Situated just 45 miles south of Salt Lake City in beautiful Utah Valley, the 536-acre campus has the Wasatch Mountain range as a backdrop on the east with Utah Lake on the west.

BYU has had more than its fair share of firsts, but the University has much more to offer prospective engineers, artists, teachers, and businessmen. It is a place where a student can examine his or her own needs for truth in the context of moral and spiritual development.

The answers to students' searching questions are shaped by the variety of interests, backgrounds and aspirations. BYU is not an island. The largest ethnic group on campus is the American Indian, numbering

over 500. There are Chicanos, Blacks, Orientals, and others, all applying their own particular perspective of life to their academic programs.

The campus is perhaps one of the most cosmopolitan in the nation, enrolling students from every state and 70 foreign countries. Nearly 8,000 others are bilingual, having served missions abroad for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Admission is open to those of any race, color, creed, or national origin, provided they meet the University's academic requirements and their personal behavior conforms to the standards of the LDS Church.

It was a century ago that Brigham Young, the great Mormon colonizer of the West, signed a deed of trust to establish an academy of the LDS Church in Provo which later grew to be Brigham Young University. A German immigrant schoolmaster, Dr. Karl G. Maeser, was commissioned to open the institution with this charge: "I want you to remember that you ought not to teach even the alphabet or the multiplication tables without the spirit of God."



President Oaks and Coach Edwards chat after BYU game

University President Dallin Oaks

Brigham Young University President Dallin H. Oaks assumed the responsibility of the nation's largest church-related institution of higher learning August 1, 1971. Prior to becoming president, he was a professor of law at the University of Chicago Law School.

President Oaks graduated from BYU in 1954 with high honors, receiving the B.A. degree in accounting and economics. At the University of Chicago Law School he received the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1957, graduating cum laude, second in a class of 86, and was named to the Order of the Coif. He was also editor-in-chief of the university's Law Review in 1956-57.

He began his legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Earl Warren. A year later he entered private law practice in Chicago. In 1961 he became associate professor of law at University of Chicago, and was associate dean from May 1962 to January 1963, serving as dean during the last three months of this period. He was also Assistant States Attorney of Cook County (1964) and visiting professor of law at University of Michigan Law School (1968).

From January through June 1970, he was on leave of absence to serve as legal and research adviser to the Bill of Rights Committee of the Illinois Constitutional Convention. He

became executive director of the American Bar Foundation (1970).

Pres. Oaks has been co-editor, co-author, or author of five books dealing with subjects of church and state, trust law, and operation of criminal courts in Chicago. He has also authored about 50 articles in leading periodicals and other magazines.

He is President of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities, a director of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Broadcasting Service, a member of the Advisory Board of the Notre Dame Law School's Center for Constitutional Studies, a member of the board of American Viewpoint, Inc. and its Ethics Resource Center, a member of the Board of Directors of the Desert News Publishing Company, a member of the American Bar Association's Consulting Panel on Advanced Legal and Judicial Education and its Committee to Survey Legal Needs, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the Wilson Council of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and a member of the American Law Institute.

Prominent in the LDS Church, he serves as a regional representative. He married June Dixon of Spanish Fork and they have six children and three grandchildren.

Dr. Clayne R. Jensen College Dean

An experienced and respected administrator, Dr. Clayne Jensen is beginning his fifth year as dean of the College of Physical Education, which encompasses BYU athletics . . . he replaced Dr. Milton F. Hartvigsen, who served as dean for nearly 19 years. . . . Dr. Jensen served in the capacity of assistant dean beginning in 1968 before becoming dean . . . he was also full professor within the college . . . born March 17, 1930 in Gunnison, Utah . . . he graduated from the University of Utah in 1956, and obtained his doctorate from Indiana in 1963 . . . from 1953-55 he was a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, and coached two all-Marine championship teams in track and field . . . was teaching assistant at Utah (1955-56) and Indiana (1961-62) . . . was faculty member at Utah State (1956-64), and associate professor and coordinator of college programs, P.E. at BYU (1965-67) . . . member of Phi Kappa Phi and recipient of Breithbard Athletic Foundation Award (1955) . . . author of several books and texts . . . member and chairman of several professional boards and special committees dealing with recreation and parks . . . holds membership in five professional organizations . . . has traveled 44 states and 18 countries . . . married to former Elouise Henrie, and they have four boys: Craig, 23; Mike (was a defensive back on BYU football team, as was Craig), 20; Blake, 18; and Chris 13.

Dr. Glen Tuckett Athletic Director

The athletic surge continues forward at Brigham Young University as Glen Tuckett launches into his third year as Cougar Athletic Director. . . . Two years ago he replaced Stan Watts, who moved into retirement after 29 years as coach and administrator . . . the choice was no surprise to those who follow athletics and who, for many years, have come to regard Tuckett as one of the outstanding members of the Cougar staff . . . Dean Clayne Jensen summed it up well in the announcement of Tuckett's appointment when he said: "Glen is a very high quality person, and he prepared himself well for this position. He has the respect of his colleagues, both on campus and away from campus, and he has the support of the administration. I'm confident Glen will do an outstanding job as director of athletics". . . . Responded Tuckett: "For a country boy from Murray to be called to a position like this is really flattering. My concern is with the whole athletic program, and my real desire is to carry on the job done by my predecessors". . . . like his predecessor, Tuckett is also a native of Murray, Utah, where he was an all-around athlete at Murray High . . . he entered professional baseball after graduation, but continued his studies at the University of Utah where he obtained his B.S. degree in 1953 . . . Glen spent nine seasons in professional ball and twice was selected on all-star teams . . . and he usually led the league in fielding his position . . . he launched his coaching career at West High School in Salt Lake City, where he coached three sports . . . in 1960 he joined the staff at BYU . . . since then his teams won 13 division titles, three conference champions, and two NCAA District 7 crowns . . . his teams went to College World Series in Omaha twice . . . one of the high points of his career came in 1974, when he was chosen as coach of the United States team which won the World Amateur Baseball Tournament for only the second time in the tourney's 22-year history . . . immediate past president of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches . . . last spring he was voted into the Collegiate Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame . . . used to be a color commentator for KSL Radio before his athletic director appointment . . . voted outstanding teacher at BYU . . . obtained his M.S. degree from BYU in 1962, and received his doctorate from BYU in 1976 . . . a former Bishop, Tuckett now serves as a counselor in the Edgemont Stake Presidency . . . Glen is married to the former Josephine Whittaker of Stockport, England, and they have four daughters: Alison, 17; Shannon, 16; Kendall, 12 and Erin, five.



Dean Jensen also serves as faculty representative



Glen Tuckett with secretary Gloria Hill



Athletic Staff

Mending bodies and gear, trainers Marv Roberson (above), and Olie Julkunen (right) team with equipment man Floyd Johnson (below) to keep players on the field.



Dr. Wendell S. Gadd, Team Physician . . . Now in his second year as one of the team's physicians . . . a native of Nephi, Utah . . . obtained his B.A. from BYU in 1965 and his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1969 . . . served an LDS mission to Uruguay . . . married to former Carol Lambert . . . they have four daughters and one son.

LaRae Hawkins, Ticket Manager . . . Starting her fifth year as ticket manager, although she has served in various capacities at BYU off and on since 1958 . . . she graduated with a B.A. degree in business education . . . a native of Provo . . . spent one and one-half years living in Iran . . . she and her husband Harold have three daughters.

Clara Holley, Football Secretary . . . Has served as football secretary for the past four years . . . prior to that, she served as a secretary to Dean Milton Hartvigsen, former dean of the College of Physical Education . . . attended Los Angeles City College . . . a native of Minnesota . . . she and her husband, Earl, have four children.

Neldon Floyd Johnson, Equipment Manager . . . Call him Floyd . . . attended BYU where he met his wife Hanna Baker, a graduate of BYU . . . has served 21 years as equipment manager . . . native of Orem, Utah . . . served six years as a bishop in the LDS Church . . . has three daughters and one son, in addition to seven foster children.

Dr. Robert W. Metcalf, Team Physician . . . Serves as orthopedic counsel for BYU athletics . . . practices in Provo and Salt Lake City . . . specializes in orthoscopic knee surgery, for which he is nationally known . . . graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. in 1959 and an M.D. from Utah in 1962 . . . raised in Salt Lake City . . . served a mission to California . . . married former Joyce Hawkes . . . ten children, six sons and four daughters . . . presently serves as Bishop of the Edgemont Sixth Ward.

Dave Schulthess, Sports Information Director . . . A native of Los Angeles, Calif., he enrolled at BYU after nearly three years of Army service during World War II . . . graduated from BYU with B.S. degree in 1950 . . . worked for Salt Lake Telegram (p.m.) and Salt Lake Tribune before joining Cougars as the University's first full-time SID in 1952 . . . active in CoSIDA organization, and currently serving as first vice-president of the national body . . . married to the former Fran Wood, and they have four children, three daughters and one son.

Floyd R. Taylor, Business Manager . . . Has served 25 years as athletic department business manager as well as in various other capacities for BYU . . . obtained a B.S. degree in 1947 from BYU . . . a native of El Paso, Tex. . . attended Texas Mines for two years before transferring to BYU . . . spent three years in the Navy during World War II . . . he and his wife, former Mary Lou Dixon, have five children; three daughters and two sons.

Scott Williams, Special Events Manager . . . A native of Cheyenne, Wyo. . . spent the past six years promoting BYU athletics and concerts . . . is responsible for Marriott Center operation, athletic facilities involving major athletic events . . . graduated with a B.S. degree from BYU in 1970 . . . working on a master's . . . he and his wife, Deanna, have three children; two sons and a daughter.

Alan "Pete" Witbeck, Administrative Assistant . . . Before serving as assistant to Athletic Director Glen Tuckett, Pete was heavily involved in BYU's successful basketball program . . . a native of Raymond, Alberta, Canada, Witbeck first came to BYU as a long distance runner . . . he served eight years as chief assistant to BYU Basketball Coach Stan Watts . . . received his bachelor's degree from BYU in 1952 and then went on for a master's degree before joining the BYU P.E. staff in 1955 . . . married to former Kathy Marshall . . . three children; two daughters and one son.

Ralph R. Zobel, Assistant Sports Information Director . . . Heading into his second year as the assistant to Dave Schulthess . . . attended the University of Wyoming for two years before serving a mission to Indonesia . . . transferred to BYU where he attained a B.A. in communications in 1978 . . . has been a sportswriter for the Laramie Daily Boomerang and the UW Branding Iron . . . worked a year as a student assistant in the BYU sports information office . . . a native of Cheyenne, Wyo. . . single.

Working Behind The Scenes



Personnel working closely with the football program are (clock-wies) Pete Witbeck (assistant to A.D.), Floyd R. Taylor (business manager), Dave Schulthess (sports information), Ralph Zobell (sports information), Clara Holley (football secretary), LaRae Hawkins (ticket manager) and Scott Williams (special events manager). Not pictured are team physicians Dr. Wendell Gadd and Dr. Robert Metcalf.



Cougars Survived Setbacks and Surprises

Pleasant surprises and stunning setbacks are two descriptions that best describe the 1977 football season at Brigham Young University.

The Cougars, who finished with both a 9-2 record and a tie for the WAC championship for the second year in a row, closed out the year with two post-season games in Japan.

At the beginning of the campaign no one knew BYU would be going to Japan. Neither fans nor coaches figured they would be without the services of All-America quarterback Gifford Nielsen. And prior to the injury, reserve quarterback Marc Wilson was a relative unknown, even in Utah Valley.

Announcement of the trip to Japan was made after BYU defeated Kansas State, 39-0, in the season opener.

Nielsen guided BYU to three victories with his superb passing skills, and it looked like he would be among the leaders for the Heisman Trophy. In those first three wins he threw 108 passes without an interception; 76 of the passes were completed, and 13 of them went for touchdowns.

Up to that point Nielsen had been named Associated Press back of the week twice, United Press backfield of the week twice, and **Sports Illustrated** offensive player of the week.

Nielsen was also leading the nation in passing, and the Cougars were ranked 12th in the country, highest ever for BYU. Then, in a 24-19 loss to Oregon State, Nielsen was intercepted three times. Besides losing the game, the Cougars lost Nielsen for the season with a torn ligament in his left knee.

The following Saturday against Colorado State the pieces were picked up by Marc Wilson and his teammates. That's when the surprises started to emerge. With outstanding protection from the offensive line, and equal support from the defense, the BYU sophomore quarterback threw seven touchdown passes, a new WAC record, to beat the Rams 63-17.

BYU's win over Wyoming the following Saturday was a narrow one, 10-7. The Cowboys dropped eight men back to defend against the pass, but the Cougars were able to survive the contest at Laramie.

Gathering momentum again, the Cougars downed Arizona, 34-14, in a homecoming victory at Provo. In their next outing, this time against rival Utah, BYU clinched the Beehive Boot for the third time. The Cougars topped the Utes, 38-8, and Wilson earned his way into the NCAA record book with 571-yard passing performance, the best ever for a collegian.

As a result, Wilson was named AP co-back of the week and to the UPI backfield of the week again. BYU returned to 12th place in one wire service poll.

Wilson was on target for Long Beach State, hitting 27 of 37 passes in the first half to tie an NCAA record for first-half completions. Faltering a bit in the second half, BYU skimmed through with a 30-27 victory.

Final game of the regular season produced a 68-19 rout over Texas-El Paso. The points scored was a new

high for the school, and the win made Coach Edwards the winningest coach in BYU history (43-24-1) for a .640 percentage. The game also produced a WAC record for most yards on interception returns, 230.

Mat Mendenhall, a sophomore from Salt Lake City, ended the year as the defensive statistics leader with 46 assisted tackles, 18 unassisted tackles, 16 tackles for a loss, two fumble recoveries, four fumbles caused, two deflected passes and 11 sacks.

Wilson finished the campaign as third in the nation in total offense and eighth in passing offense (221.6 yards and 14.9 completions per game).

Fullback Todd Christensen led BYU in pass receptions for the third straight year, catching 50 recep-



tions during the 1977 season. Senior kicker Dev Duke left his mark in the Cougar record book, too, setting several new marks.

After the dust had settled, the Cougars were ranked 16th in one poll (UPI) and 20th (Associated Press) in another. Seven BYU players were named to the All-WAC team; fullback Todd Christensen, offensive tackle Lance Reynolds, offensive tackle Keith Uperesa; defensive tackle Mekeli Ieremia; fullback Mike Chronister; linebacker Mark Berntsen; and safety Jason Coloma.

Listed below is a game-by-game summary of the 1977 season:

BRIGHAM YOUNG 39, KANSAS STATE 0

Sept. 10 - Night Game (Overcast) at Provo (35,196) Remembering the loss in the opener against KSU the year before, the Cougars leaped off to a 19-0 first-quarter lead. It was strictly an aerial attack (425 yards passing, 67 rushing) for the Cougars. Gifford Nielsen hit 27 of 45 for 318 yards, two TDs. Mike Chronister caught seven passes, two of them for scores, and Dev Duke got rolling with 11 points (two PAT, three field goals). Mekeli Ieremia was the standout on defense.

BRIGHAM YOUNG 65, UTAH STATE 6

Sept. 24 - Day Game (Cool, Windy) at Logan (20,103) Striking with a 33-yard touchdown pass on their first play from scrimmage, the Cougars capitalized on two fumbles to run up a 14-0 score in the first three minutes of play. At halftime the score was 38-6, and the

game, which was carried on regional television, was out of sight. Gifford Nielsen hit 30 of 40 for 321 yards and six touchdowns, two each to Todd Christensen and Mike Chronister. Marc Wilson came in for the entire fourth quarter, hitting freshman Stan Younger with a TD pass. Tailback Casey Wingard put the last TD on the scoreboard with a 45-yard run. With both teams going to the air, the game last three hours, 38 minutes.

BRIGHAM YOUNG 54, NEW MEXICO 19

Sept. 30 - Night Game (Clear, Cool) at Provo (33,352)
Once again the Cougar struck early to build an insurmountable lead. Nielsen connected with five touchdown passes, and BYU had a 47-0 lead going into the final quarter. Lobos then scored three times, two on passes by Noel Mazzone. Final score came when Tod Thompson of BYU picked up an on-side kick and ran 45 yards for the score. Cougar defence was tough through most of the game. Nielsen went 19 of 23 for 273 yards and five touchdowns.

OREGON STATE 24, BRIGHAM YOUNG 19

Oct. 8 - Day Game (Sunny, Warm), Corvallis (33,965)
Cougar dreams came crashing to earth in a contest that proved costly for BYU. After running up a 19-0 lead, the roof fell on the Cougars. Nielsen, who had thrown over 100 passes without an interception going into the OSU game, was intercepted twice, and both were returned for Beaver touchdowns. A field goal late in the third quarter put the score at 19-17, before Gene Dales picked off the last of three interceptions for the TD that won the game. Moreover, Nielsen suffered a knee injury in the third quarter that would keep him out of action for the rest of the season. Gifford had 48-22-3 for 255 yards, plus three touchdowns in his final game with BYU.

BRIGHAM YOUNG 63, COLORADO STATE 17

Oct. 15 - Day Game at Fort Collins (29,110)
Second largest crowd in Hughes Stadium history turned out to see how the undefeated Rams (5-0) would go against a BYU team that had lost its All-America quarterback the Saturday before. Marc Wilson, a relative unknown at the time, started in place of Nielsen. Wilson hit Tod Thompson on a 38-yard TD pass on the Cougars' first drive. CSU countered on the ensuing kickoff with Ron Harris taking the kick 100 yards to tie the score. Wilson and teammates proceeded to put the game out of sight by halftime, 42-10. Three hours after the opening kickoff the final score was 63-17. Wilson had connected on seven TD passes in covering 332 yards through the air. Thereafter, the national honors started tumbling in.

BRIGHAM YOUNG 10, WYOMING 7

Oct. 22 - Day Game at Laramie (25,398)
A week later the Cougars were right where the Wyoming Cowboys wanted them; high and floating from the Saturday before . . . and in Laramie. Surprisingly, it was a defensive battle that was tight right down to the final gun. BYU scoring was limited to a touchdown (Wilson to Thompson) and a field goal in the second quarter. Wyoming's score came on an 80-yard drive with Myron Hardman scoring on an 11-yard run. But the Cowboys fumbled the ball nine times, losing it seven times. BYU, meanwhile, was giving up six interceptions. Edwards described the contest as, "the toughest of the year."

BRIGHAM YOUNG 34, ARIZONA 14 (Homecoming)

Oct. 29 - Day Game at Provo (33,106)
Facing Arizona for the last time as WAC rivals, the Cougars stepped off to a quick lead, holding a 27-0 edge midway through the second period. The win assured BYU of a winning season. Fullback Todd Christensen was sidelined with an injury, but the Cougars' other running backs rushed for 214 yards and two touchdowns. Wide receiver Mike Chronister carried the ball twice on reverses for a total of 56 yards. BYU finished with 554 yards total offense. Wilson passed (43-23-2) for 334 yards and two touchdowns.

BRIGHAM YOUNG 38, UTAH 8

Nov. 5 - Day Game at Provo (33,829)
The experts didn't give Utah much of a chance, and they were right; although the Utes kept the Cougars under their scoring average to that point in the season. Even so, the contest, which was 17-8 going into the final quarter, produced a little post-game heat. Quarterback Marc Wilson tossed three TD passes in the fourth quarter as the Cougars pulled away. Wilson set a new NCAA passing record (one game) with 571 yards. The old mark was held by Tony Adams (1972), also against Utah. Mike Chronister caught only four passes, but had 176 yards in receptions.

ARIZONA STATE 24, BRIGHAM YOUNG 13

Nov. 12 - Night Game at Tempe (58,295)
Billed as the game that would determine the WAC championship, the contest drew the largest football crowd in Arizona history—58,295. The Cougars hurt themselves in five turnovers (fumbles and interceptions) in its first 12 offensive plays. By halftime the Sun Devils had a 17-0 lead, and it was 24-7 going into the fourth quarter. Wilson completed only three of eight passes in the first half, but finished with a 38-21-3 in passing, and only one touchdown. Ironically the Cougars had the advantage in total yardage, 375 to 374, which tells you something about the turnovers.

BRIGHAM YOUNG 30, LONG BEACH 27

Nov. 19 - Day Game at Provo (21,322)
Chilly, overcast weather kept the attendance down for the Cougars' final home game. BYU dominated the first half as Wilson tied an NCAA record with 27 pass completions in the first half. Marc's third TD pass of the day came with 1:40 left in the first half. But the second half was all Long Beach State. The 49ers tied the score 24-24 on a Woody Tressler field goal in the third period. Then Tressler put LBS ahead with a 32-yarder. "We had our backs to the wall, but we came alive when we needed it," said Edwards after the game.

BRIGHAM YOUNG 68, TEXAS-EL PASO 19

Nov. 26 - Day Game at El Paso (7,800)
Traveling to El Paso for the season finale, the Cougars encountered the Miners' "spread formation" in the Sun Bowl. Even though UTEP held a 13-7 lead (two TD passes by Oscar Ramirez) in the first ten minutes of play, the Cougars exploded thereafter to score the "most ever" points by a BYU team. Wilson had a modest 30-14-2 record for the game, connecting on only two TD passes. But the Cougars rushed for four scores. UTEP fumbled eight times, losing it four times, and six of the Miners' passes were intercepted. The win gave the Cougars their second 9-2 season in the last two years.

1977 Statistics

RUSHING							
Player, Pos.	Carries	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Phillips, TB	47	349	24	325	5	32	6.9
Gourley, TB	76	325	31	294	2	15	4.3
Christensen, FB	79	298	8	290	3	15	3.7
Ring, FB	58	267	5	262	1	32	4.5
Wingard, TB	33	211	19	192	1	45	5.8
Chronister, FL	3	58	0	58	0	29	19.3
Reber, FB	6	26	1	25	0	11	4.2
Wilson, QB	81	232	212	20	2	19	0.2
Hartwig, QB	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
McEwen, QB	5	6	24	-18	0	6	...
McMahon, QB	7	18	38	-20	0	15	...
Nielsen, QB	29	88	113	-25	0	15	...
Team	0	5	0	5	0	5	...
BYU TOTALS:	425	1889	475	1414	14	45	3.3
OPP TOTALS:	572	2236	467	1769	8	39	3.1

PASSING							
Player	Comp.	Att.	HI	%	Yards	TD	CPG
Nielsen	98	156	3	.628	1167	16	24.5
Wilson	164	277	18	.592	2418	24	14.9
McEwen	3	3	0	1.000	32	0	3.0
McMahon	10	16	1	.625	103	1	2.0
Hartwig	1	2	0	.500	9	0	1.0
Phillips	1	2	1	.500	29	0	0.5
VanDerWouden	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0.0
BYU TOTALS:	277	457	23	.606	3758	41	25.2
OPP TOTALS:	144	327	20	.440	1901	11	13.1

TOTAL OFFENSE							
Player, Pos.	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR	APP	APG
Nielsen, QB	185	-25	1167	1142	16	6.2	285.5
Wilson, QB	358	20	2418	2438	26	6.8	221.6
BYU TOTALS:	882	1414	3758	5172	56	5.9	470.2
OPP TOTALS:	859	1769	1901	3670	19	4.3	333.6

SCORING					
Player, Pos.	TD	PAT	2 pt.	FG	Pts.
Duke, K	0	46-52	0-0	9-18	73
Chronister, FL	11	0-0	1-1	0-0	68
Thompson, TE	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	54
Christensen, FB	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	48
VanDerWouden, SE	7	0-0	1-3	0-0	44
Harris, SE	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	36
Phillips, TB	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	30
Gourley, TB	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Wilson, QB	2	0-0	0-1	0-0	12
Younger, FL	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Wingard, TB	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Anderson, TE	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Ring, FB	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Miller, WLB	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Velasco, WS	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Swenson, SS	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Team	0	0-0	0-0	(Safety)	2
BYU TOTALS:	59	46-52	2-6	9-18	433
OPP TOTALS:	22	14-16	1-5	5-12	165

RECEIVING					
Player	No.	Yards	TD	YPC	CPG
Christensen	50	603	5	12.1	5.0
VanDerWouden	43	661	7	15.4	3.9
Chronister	38	649	11	17.1	3.5
Thompson	37	602	8	16.3	3.4
Gourley	27	330	2	12.2	3.0
Harris	23	313	6	13.6	2.1
Phillips	18	207	0	11.5	1.8
R. Jones	7	69	0	9.9	1.8
Younger	6	74	1	12.3	1.0
Reber	2	51	0	25.5	1.0
Ring	10	104	0	10.4	0.9
Zwahlen	5	32	0	6.4	0.8
Wingard	6	32	0	5.3	0.6
Anderson	2	16	1	8.0	0.4
BYU TOTALS:	277	3758	41	13.6	25.2
OPP TOTALS:	144	1901	11	13.2	13.1

PUNT RETURNS			
Player	No.	Yards	Avg.
Chronister	28	123	4.4
Coloma	2	13	6.5
BYU TOTALS:	30	136	4.5
OPP TOTALS:	15	53	3.5

KICKOFF RETURNS			
Player	No.	Yards	Avg.
Neal	10	231	23.1
Coloma	6	96	16.0
Wingard	5	92	18.4
Thompson	1	45	45.0
Christensen	1	25	25.0
Berntsen	1	3	3.0
BYU TOTALS:	24	492	20.5
OPP TOTALS:	44	779	17.7

PUNTING			
Player	No.	Yards	Avg.
McMahon	55	2161	39.3
Team	1	-36	...
BYU TOTALS:	56	2125	37.9
OPP TOTALS:	87	3334	38.3

INTERCEPTION RETURNS			
Player, Pos.	No.	Yards	Avg.
Prested, LC	5	78	.5
Coloma, SS	3	9	.3
Velasco, WS	3	48	.3
Hernandez, RC	2	43	.2
Miller, WLB	2	36	.2
McKee, RC	1	0	.1
Wood, MLB	1	0	.1
Neal, WS	1	0	.1
Swenson, SS	1	92	.1
BYU TOTALS:	20	306	1.8
OPP TOTALS:	23	352	2.1

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
	1	2	3	4	Total
BYU	154	109	102	68	433
OPP	30	26	67	42	165

FUMBLE RECOVERIES		No.
Coloma, Prested, Miller, Varner		3
Berntsen, Neal, Mendenhall, Swenson, Stromberg		2
Ieremia, Corson, Hernandez, Velasco, Ring, Team		1
BYU TOTALS: (Opp. Fum. 51)		36
OPP TOTALS: (BYU Fum. 32)		19

Attendance for 1977

Kansas State at Provo	35,196
Utah State at Logan	20,103
New Mexico at Provo	33,352
Oregon State at Corvallis	33,965
Colorado State at Ft. Collins	29,110
Wyoming at Laramie	25,398
Arizona at Provo	33,621
Utah at Provo	34,208
Arizona State at Tempe	58,295
Long Beach State at Provo	21,322
Texas- E Paso at El Paso	7,800
TOTAL:	332,370
Home Average	31,540
Overall Average	30,215

Special Honors, Awards - 1977

Marc Wilson, Quarterback
 United Press Backfield of the Week (Utah)
 WAC Player of the Week (Utah)
 JoLene Offensive Award (Utah)
 WAC Back of the Year (Conquistadores)
 WAC Player of the Week (Colorado State)
 Associated Press Back of the Week (CSU)
 United Press-International Back of Week (CSU)
 Honorable Mention All-America, Associated Press
 Honorable Mention All-America, United Press
 Sports Illustrated Offensive Player of the Week (CSU)

Mike Chronister, Wide Receiver
 All-Western Athletic Conference, 1st Team
 Honorable Mention All-America, Associated Press
 Co-winner, Beehive Offensive Player of Year

Lance Reynolds, Offensive Tackle
 All-Western Athletic Conference, 1st Team
 Honorable Mention, All-America, Associated Press

Honorable Mention, All-America, United Press

Keith Uperesa, Offensive Guard
 All-Western Athletic Conference, 1st Team
 Honorable Mention, All-America, Associated Press

Todd Christensen, Fullback
 All-Western Athletic Conference, 1st Team
 MVP Offense, Senior Bowl
 Honorable Mention, All-America, Associated Press

John VanDerWouden, Split End
 Western Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention

Tod Thompson, Tight End
 Western Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention

Dev Duke, Kicking Specialist
 Western Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention
 Leading Scorer in Conference

Mekeli Ieremia, Defensive Tackle
 Western Athletic Conference, 1st Team
 WAC (Defense) Player of the Week (Kansas State)
 Honorable Mention, All-America, Associated Press

Mark Berntsen, Linebacker
 Western Athletic Conference, 1st Team
 Honorable Mention, All-America, Associated Press

Jason Coloma, Defensive Back
 Western Athletic Conference, 1st Team
 Honorable Mention, All-America, Associated Press

Gary Petersen, Defensive Tackle
 Western Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention

Rod Wood, Linebacker
 Western Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention
 JoLene Defensive Award (Utah)

Tony Hernandez, Defensive Back
 Western Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention

Mat Mendenhall, Defensive End
 Western Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention

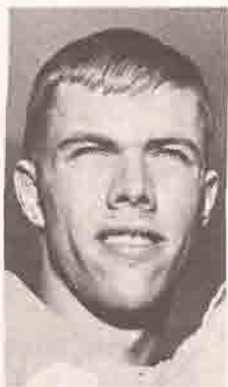
SPECIAL HONORS - 1977
National Ranking—Wire Service Polls
 16th - United Press-International
 20th - Associated Press

NCAA FINAL STATISTICS - TEAM
 1st - Passing Offense - 341.6 yards per game
 2nd - Scoring Offense - 39.4 points per game
 3rd - Total Offense - 470.3 yards per game
 1st - Take-Aways (total fumbles recovered and passes intercepted) 56

1977 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Name	AT	UT	TFL	FR	FC	PI	PD	BK	Hurry	Sak	Total
Mendenhall	46	36	48	6	20		4		24	33	217
Wood	81	52	18	3	20	5	2		5	15	201
Petersen	74	32	27	3	15				21	21	193
Varner	50	32	21	12	15		6		28	12	176
Miller	61	62	18	9	5	10	8		2		175
Velasco	44	56		6	5	15	6				132
Prested	25	46	6	9	10	25	10				131
Ieremia	34	28	18	6	10				16	15	127
Berntsen	51	34	6	6	10		6		3	3	119
Coloma	38	44	6	9		15	4				116
Neal	47	38	6	6	10	5	4				116
Hernandez	20	48	6		5	10	10				99
Kama	30	28	3		5		4		1	3	74
Stromberg	17	14	15	3	5				10	6	70
Frazier	26	22	12	3	5						68
Swenson	28	14	6	3	5	5	6				67
Enlow	28	20	6		5				2		61
Corson	19	14		3	5						41
McKee	14	18				5					37
Campos	11	16		3							30
Ring	6	8		3		5					29
Harris, J.	9	4		3	5						24
Ramage	11	6					2		1		20
Apostol	8	6			5				1		20
Reber	5	2									7
Simmerman	4										4

Totals are figured where AT=1, UT=2, TFL=3, FR=3, FC=5, PI=5, PD=2, BK=5, Hurry=1, and Sak=3.



Virgil Carter
1966



Gordon Gravelle
1970



P. VanValkenburg
1972



Phil Odle
1967



C. Farasopoulos
1970

BYU Football History, Stars

Until recently—say, the last ten years—it would be stretching it to say that BYU had a winning football tradition. It was hardnosed, it was competitive; but more often than not there was difficulty in staying on the winning side.

Actually, the game was part of campus life at the turn of the century in Provo, but a fatality brought its discontinuance. It was not adopted again until 1922 as part of the school's intercollegiate program. Take away three more years during World War II when football was suspended, and you have a total of 52 years of football history.

In its first 50 years the Cougars have had a total of 11 coaches and played over 400 games. The Cougars have not been able to claim any undefeated seasons, but there were some highlights. The Ott Romney team of 1932 posted an 8-1 season, and the Cougars' first conference championship came fairly recently under Tommy Hudspeth in 1965.

The greatest movement forward, however, has come under the Cougars' current coach, LaVell Edwards. In 1974 the Mountain Cats captured the WAC title and made their first bowl appearance, the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix.

In 1976 the Cougars tied for the league champion and were invited to participate in a second bowl, the Tangerine in Orlando, Fla. And more recently, at the end of last season, BYU traveled to Japan for an appearance in the Silk Bowl in Tokyo.

Historically, when talk turns to the individual

stars that have come out of BYU, there's quite a bit to talk about. A few have won All-America honors, participated in post-season games or earned a spot in the NCAA record book.

Those of recent vintage include Eldon "The Phantom" Forte (whose number 40 jersey has been retired) who was named to several All-American selections in 1962. Forte, a single-wing tailback, was among the national leaders in total offense for that year.

More recently, quarterback, Virgil Carter (1964-66) won a host of honors as an outstanding player from BYU. During his tenure with the Cougars, Carter set three major offensive records. One of those NCAA marks—most yards rushing and passing in one game (599 against UTEP)—still stands. In all, Virgil accounted for 6,354 yards total offensive and was responsible for a total of 68 touchdowns in his three-year career with the Cougars. Carter was also named to the Academic All-American selection for two seasons.

One of Carter's favorite targets was Phil Odle (1965-67), who ranks among the top receivers in college ball in receptions, receiving yardage and touchdown catches. Phil ended his career with a total of 181 receptions for 2,548 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Chris Farasopoulos (1968-70), the Galloping Greek from BYU, led the nation in punt returns and set two NCAA kick-return records in 1969. Kick-returns were also the specialty of Golden Richards (1970-71) who topped the nation in punt returns (1971). Richards



Orrin Olsen
1976



Brad Oates
1976



Jay Miller
1973



Dave Atkinson
1972



Gary Sheide
1974



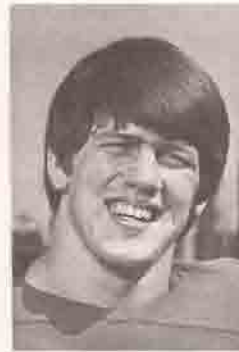
Golden Richards
1971



Gifford Nielsen
1977



Mekeli Ieremia
1977



Todd Christensen
1977



Wayne Baker
1974

is still listed with four existing NCAA kick-return records.

Six years ago **Fleet Pete VanValkenburg** (1970-72) was the nation's leading rusher, setting several WAC and school records in the process. Pete was named to second and third team All-American selections and played in three post-season games.

Linemen of special note in recent seasons include defensive end **Jeff Slipp** (1969), offensive guard **Gordon Gravelle** (1970), and offensive lineman **Paul Howard** (1972). Four years ago the Cougars had two top defensive linemen in **Wayne Baker** and **Paul Linford**. Three years ago the Cougars had two outstanding interior linemen in **Brad Oates** and **Orrin Olsen**, both of whom won national notice. Linemen of more recent note include **Dave Hubbard** (1976), **Mekeli Ieremia** (1977), **Gary Petersen** (1977), and **Lance Reynolds** (1977).

Four years ago a young BYU sophomore, split end **Jay Miller**, led the nation in pass receptions (100) and caught more passes in one game (22) than any player in the history of the game. The following year, and the year after, quarterback **Gary Sheide** was runner-up for the NCAA passing crown.

Gifford Nielsen, a homespun all-around athlete, garnered some of the quarterback honors that eluded Carter and Sheide. During the 1976 season Nielsen established his own realm, leading the nation in touchdown passes for the season (29) and single game (5). Other single game marks that Nielsen paced for the nation were in rushing-passing (455 yards) and passing (468 yards). A consensus All-American, Nielsen balloted sixth in Heisman Trophy voting and set several WAC and school records.

For a while last fall it looked like Nielsen may be headed for Heisman honors, but he suffered a knee injury in the fourth game of the campaign (Oregon State) and was out for the rest of the season.

A player the fans will remember for a long time is **Jeff Blanc** (1973-76), the school's top career rusher (2,618) who scored 174 career points.

Latest of the school's great running backs is **Todd Christensen**, a four-year letterman at fullback. Christensen, who led the Cougars in pass receptions for three seasons (1975-77), was voted outstanding offensive player in the last Senior Bowl.

BYU can claim four Western Athletic Conference championships (outright or shared); 1965, 1974, 1976, and 1977.

Eldon "The Phantom" Fortie



Sixteen years ago BYU's All-American tailback, Eldon Fortie (pictured with then-head coach Hal Mitchell), scored key touchdown in season finale with Wyoming. Although nursing a shoulder



injury, the "Phantom" came off the bench to turn the season final against the Cowboys into a victory. Fortie was second in rushing and total offense in 1962, and his jersey (40) was retired.

BYU-NCAA Records

Listed below are football players from Brigham Young University who are listed in the NCAA's MODERN RECORD BOOK (1977 issue) as having all-time best performances in the history of the college game:

- Most Yards Gained Total Offense - One Game**
599 - Virgil Carter, Brigham Young vs. Texas-El Paso, November 5, 1966
- Highest Average Gain Per Play - One Game**
9.5 - Virgil Carter, Brigham Young vs. Texas-El Paso, November 5, 1966
- Most Passes Caught - One Game**
22 - Jay Miller, Brigham Young vs. New Mexico, November 3, 1973 (263 Yards)
- Most Yards on Punt Returns - One Game**
219 - Golden Richards, Brigham Young vs. North Texas, September 10, 1971 (5 Returns)
- Most Touchdowns Scored on Punt Returns - One Season**
4 - Golden Richards, Brigham Young, 1971
- Most Yards on Kick Returns - One Game**
247 - Golden Richards, Brigham Young vs. North Texas, September 10, 1971 (7 Returns)
- Highest Average Per Kick Return - One Game**
35.3 - Golden Richards, Brigham Young vs. North Texas, September 10, 1971 (7 for 247)
- Total Offense Yards - One Game**
1st - 599 - Virgil Carter (Texas-El Paso), November 5, 1966
- Passing Yards - One Game**
1st - 571 - Marc Wilson (Utah), November 5, 1977
5th - 513 - Virgil Carter (Texas-El Paso), November 5, 1966
- Passes Caught - One Game**
1st - 22 - Jay Miller (New Mexico), November 3, 1973
- Most Field Goals Made in First Career Game**
5 - Joe Lilienquist (Colorado State), Sept. 20, 1969
- Most Passes Completed - One Half**
27 (tie) - Marc Wilson, BYU vs. Long Beach State, Nov. 19, 1977 (1st, attempted 37) and Bill Anderson, Tulsa vs. Memphis State, Oct. 9, 1965 (1st, attempted 45)

BYU National Leaders

The players listed below led the nation in particular categories in past seasons.

- 1977 - **Rushing and Passing Plays**
66 - Marc Wilson (Long Beach State)
- **Rushing and Passing Yards**
582 - Marc Wilson (Utah)
- **Passes Attempted**
54 - Marc Wilson (Long Beach State)
- **Passes Completed**
37 - Marc Wilson (Long Beach State)
- **Passing Yards**
571 - Marc Wilson (Utah)
- **Touchdown Passes**
7 - (tie with two others) - Marc Wilson (Colorado State)
- 1976 - **Single Game High in Rushing-Passing**
455 yards - Gifford Nielsen (Utah State)
- Single Game High in Passing**
468 yards - Gifford Nielsen (Utah State)
- Most Touchdown Passes in One Game**
5 - Gifford Nielsen (Utah State)
- Most Touchdown Passes in Season**
29 - Gifford Nielsen
- 1966 - **Total Offense** - Virgil Carter, 2,545 yards
- 1972 - **Rushing** - Pete VanValkenburg, 138.6 yards per game
- 1973 - **Pass Receiving** - Jay Miller, 1,181 yards for season
- 1969 - **Punt Returns** - Chris Farasopoulos, 35 for 527 yards (15.1 average)
- 1971 - **Punt Returns** - Golden Richards, 33 for 624 yards (18.9 average)
- 1960 - **Kickoff Returns** - Bruce Samples, 50 for 1,375 yards (27.5 average)

Post-Season Games

Blue-Gray Classic

- 1966—Virgil Carter, quarterback
- 1970—Chris Farasopoulos, defensive back
- 1971—Jeff Lyman, linebacker
- 1972—Pete Van Valkenburg, running back
Dan Hansen, safety
- 1975—Brad Oates, offensive tackle
Stan Varner, defensive end
- 1976—Dave Hubbard, offensive tackle
- 1977—Todd Christensen, fullback (MVP)
Gary Petersen, defensive tackle
Keith Uperesa, offensive guard

All-America Bowl

- 1972—Dan Hansen, safety
- 1973—Dave Brooks, offensive tackle
- 1975—Brad Oates, offensive tackle

College All-Star

- 1967—Curg Belcher, monsterback
- 1968—Craig Bozich, linebacker
- 1971—Gordon Gravelle, offensive guard
- 1972—Paul Howard, offensive guard
- 1973—Dave Atkinson, defensive back

Senior Bowl

- 1967—Curg Belcher, monsterback
- 1970—Chris Farasopoulos, defensive back
- 1971—Jeff Lyman, linebacker
- 1972—Pete Van Valkenburg, running back (Team MVP)
Paul Howard, offensive guard
- 1974—Wayne Baker, defensive tackle (MVP defense)
- 1975—Brad Oates, offensive tackle
Stan Varner, defensive end
- 1976—Dave Hubbard, offensive tackle
- 1977—Todd Christensen, fullback (MVP)
Lance Reynolds, offensive tackle

Coaches All-America Bowl

- 1968—Phil Odle, split end
- 1972—Pete Van Valkenburg, running back
Paul Howard, offensive guard
- 1974—Paul Linford, defensive tackle
Keith Rivera, defensive end
Mike Russell, defensive back
- 1975—Brad Oates, offensive tackle
Orrin Olsen, center

East-West Shrine Game

- 1943—Reed E. Nilsen, linebacker
- 1968—Phil Odle, split end
- 1971—Gordon Gravelle, offensive guard
- 1972—Paul Howard, offensive guard
- 1973—Dave Atkinson, defensive back
- 1977—Lance Reynolds, offensive tackle

Hula Bowl

- 1953—Harry Bray, tackle
- 1960—John Kapele, offensive tackle
- 1963—Eldon Fortie, running back
- 1968—Phil Odle, split end
- 1977—Keith Uperesa, offensive guard

Can-Am Bowl

- 1977—Tony Hernandez, defensive back

Japan Bowl

- 1977—Gary Petersen, defensive tackle
John VanDerWouden, split end

Holiday Bowl

The 1978 football season will be a pivotal one for the Western Athletic Conference for several reasons. In addition to picking up a new member—San Diego State—the seven-member league will launch an affiliation with the recently-approved Holiday Bowl.

Approval for the new post-season bowl was given by the NCAA earlier this year, and the San Diego-based game is now in full production. The winner of the Western Athletic Conference championship will receive an automatic berth. A nationally-ranked, inter-sectional opponent will be invited to play the WAC champion.

Date for the first annual Holiday Bowl will be Dec. 22, 1978, and the site will be the San Diego Stadium. Kickoff for the Friday game will be 6 p.m. (PDT), and the contest will be picked up by Mizlou for coast-to-coast exposure.

"This year we anticipate a total sellout, both in the San Diego Stadium and on the telecast," said bowl president Vinnie Vinson. "If the package is entirely sold to interested sponsors, the Holiday Bowl could realize in excess of \$100,000 in television revenue alone."

Prior to the league realignment, the WAC was affiliated with the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz.



The 54,000-seat San Diego Stadium

Cougar Players in Pros

- 1956 Jay Weenig, offensive guard, Detroit Lions
- 1958 Fred Whittingham, end, L.A. Rams, Dallas Cowboys, New Orleans Saints
- 1959 John Kapele, offensive tackle, Pittsburgh Steelers
Lonnie Dennis, offensive guard, Vancouver
Nyle McFarlane, running back, Oakland Raiders, Dallas Cowboys
- 1962 Eldon Fortie, running back, Canada
- 1964 Phil Brady, running back, Montreal Alouettes, Denver Broncos
Bruce Smith, end, New Orleans Saints, Pittsburgh Steelers
- 1965 Dennis Brewster, offensive tackle Chicago Bears
- 1966 Virgil Carter, quarterback, Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals
- 1967 Phil Odle, split end, Detroit Lions
Max Huber, offensive tackle, Calgary Stampeders
- 1968 **Roger Scales, offensive guard, Calgary Stampeders**
- 1969 Dan Bowers, tight end, Detroit Lions
- 1970 Chris Farasopoulos, defensive back, New York Jets
- 1971 **Gordon Gravelle, offensive guard, New York Giants**
Golden Richards, wide receiver, Dallas Cowboys
John Konihowski, track, Edmonton Eskimos
- 1972 Paul Howard, offensive guard, Denver Broncos
Pete Van Valkenburg, running back, Green Bay Packers
Dan Hansen, wide receiver, Canada
John Monahan, offensive guard-kicker, Cleveland
- 1973 Dave Atkinson, cornerback, Hawaii (WFL)
- 1974 Gary Sheide, quarterback, Cincinnati Bengals

- Mike Russell, cornerback, Atlanta Falcons and Canada
- Wayne Baker, defensive tackle, San Francisco 49ers (now in Canada)**
- Larry Carr, linebacker, Calgary Stampeders
- Lloyd Fairbanks, offensive guard, Calgary Stampeders**
- Paul Linford, defensive tackle, Baltimore Colts, Green Bay Packers
- Keith Rivera, defensive end, Detroit Lions
- 1975 **Brad Oates, offensive tackle, St. Louis Cardinals**
Orrin Olsen, center, Kansas City Chiefs, Baltimore Colts
Gary Shaw, defensive back, Los Angeles Rams (now with Hamilton Tiger Cats)
Sid Smith, linebacker, Tampa Bay (now in Canada)
Stan Varner, defensive end, Atlanta (now with Washington Redskins)
- 1976 **Dave Hubbard defensive tackle, New Orleans Saints**
Bill Rice, defensive tackle, New York Giants
Brian Billick, tight end, San Francisco 49ers
Dave Lowry, running back, Seattle Seahawks
Jeff Blanc, running back, St. Louis Cardinals
Craig Jensen, defensive back, Hamilton Tiger Cats
- 1977 **Todd Christensen, fullback, Dallas Cowboys**
Gifford Nielsen, quarterback, Houston Oilers
Lance Reynolds, offensive tackle, Pittsburgh Steelers
Mekeli Ieremia, defensive tackle, Chicago Bears
Gary Petersen, defensive tackle, Kansas City Chiefs
Keith Uperesa, offensive guard, Oakland Raiders

Season Records-Individual

—SCORING—

Most touchdowns scored	15—Ray Oliverson (1951)
	14—Eldon Fortie (1962)
Most touchdowns responsible for	30—Virgil Carter (1966)
	30—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Most points scored	90—Ray Oliverson (1951)
	86—Eldon Fortie (1962)
Most points attempted	52—Dev Duke (1977)
Most PATs made	46—Dev Duke (1977)
Most consecutive PATs	27—Dave Taylor (1976)
Most points kicking	79—Dave Taylor (1976)
Most fieldgoals	15—Dave Taylor (1976)

—TOTAL OFFENSE—

Most yards total offense	2919—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Most yards rushing	1,386—Pete VanValkenburg (1972)
Most times handled the ball	449—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Most rushes	232—Pete VanValkenburg (1972)
Best rushing average	6.37—Ray Oliverson (1951)
	5.8—Eldon Fortie (1962)

—PASSING—

Most yards passing	3192—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Most touchdown passes	29—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Most passes attempted	372—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Most passes completed	207—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Best completion percentage	.611—Gifford Nielsen (1975)
Most passes had intercepted	19—Gary Sheide (1974)
	19—Gifford Nielsen (1976)
Best interception avoidance	3.4%—Bill August (1972)

—PASS RECEIVING—

Most passes caught	100—Jay Miller (1973)
Most yards pass receiving	1,181—Jay Miller (1973)
Most touchdown receptions	11—Phil Odle (1965)
	11—Mike Chronister (1977)
Most yards per catch	27.3—George Harris (1976)

—PUNTING—

Most punts	83—Rich Adams (1969)
Best punting average	44.8—Gary Dunn (1959)

—PUNT RETURNS—

Most yards on punt returns	624—Golden Richards (1971)
Most punt returns	40—John Betham (1973)
Best average punt return	22.9—Don Bushore (1948)
Most touchdowns on punt returns	4—Golden Richards (1971)

—KICKOFF RETURNS—

Most kickoff returns	27—Chris Farasopoulos (1970)
Most yards kickoff returns	659—Chris Farasopoulos (1970)
Best average kickoff returns	40.1—Paul Allen (1961)

—PASS INTERCEPTIONS—

Most pass interceptions	9—Gene Frantz (1962)
Most yards interception returns	233—Dan Hansen (1971)

Season Records - Team

—OFFENSE—

Most yards total offense	5,172—1977 (11 games)
Best average total offense	470.2—1977 (11 games)
Most first downs	262—1977 (11 games)
Most yards rushing	2,499—1958 (10 games)
Most yards passing	3,758—1977 (11 games)

—PASSING—

Most passes attempted	457—1977 (11 games)
Most passes completed	277—1977 (11 games)
Lowest interception percentage	4.6—1967 (10 games)
Best completion percentage	.606—1977 (11 games)

—PASS INTERCEPTIONS—

Percentage of interceptions by BYU	8.5—1967 (10 games)
Most pass interceptions	25—1962 (10 games)
	25—1971 (11 games)

—PUNTING—

Most punts	83—1969 (3,239 yards)
Best punting average	43.2—1959

—PUNT RETURNS—

Most yards punt returns	701—1971 (11 games)
Best average per return	19.5—1948

—KICKOFF RETURNS—

Most yards kickoff returns	994—1960 (41 returns)
Best average per return	28.0—1969 (28 returns)

—SCORING—

Most points scored	433—1977 (11 games)
Fewest points scored	10—1922 (6 games)

—PENALTIES, FUMBLES—

Most yards penalized	1,148—1973 (11 games)
Fewest yards penalized	204—1953 (10 games)
Most opponents' fumbles recovered	36—1977 (11 games)
Fewest fumbles lost	9—1957
	9—1976

—MISCELLANEOUS—

Most consecutive victories	7—1937-38
	7—1974
Longest undefeated string	8—1937-38
	8—1974
Longest without shutout	51 games — 1964-69

—DEFENSE—

Total defensive yardage	2,381—1954 (9 games)
Lowest average per game	244.5—1958 (10 games)
Fewest yards allowed rushing	874—1967 (10 games)
Fewest yards allowed passing	605—1952 (60.5 yds. per ga.)
Fewest first downs	111—1954 (9 games)
Fewest points allowed opponents	41—1937
Fewest points allowed per game	4.6—1937
Lowest rushing per game	2.1 1967

Career Records-Individual

—TOTAL OFFENSE—

Most total plays	1,059—Virgil Carter (1964-66)
Most total yardage	6,354—Virgil Carter (1964-66)
Best average gain per play	6.54—Gary Sheide (1973-74)

—RUSHING OFFENSE—

Most rushes	625—Jeff Blanc (1973-76)
Most yards gained rushing	2,718—Jeff Blanc (1973-76)
Best average gain per rush	5.2—Pete VanValkenburg (1970-72)

—PASSING OFFENSE—

Most passes attempted	736—Virgil Carter (1964-66)
Most passes completed	415—Gifford Nielsen (1975-1977)
Most passes had intercepted	43—Virgil Carter (1964-66)
Highest completion percentage	.604—Gary Sheide (1973-74)
Most yards gained passing	5,833—Gifford Nielsen (1975-1977)
Most touchdown passes	55—Gifford Nielsen (1975-1977)
Best interception avoidance	5.2%—Marc Lyons (1967-69)

—PASS RECEIVING—

Most passes caught	183—Phil Odle (1965-67)
Most yards gained	2,548—Phil Odle (1965-67)
Most touchdown passes caught	25—Phil Odle (1967)

—PUNTING—

Most punts	201—Rich Adams (1967-69)
Best average	42.9—Gary Dunn (1958-59)

—PASS INTERCEPTIONS—

Most interceptions	20—Dave Atkinson (1971-73)
	18—Dan Hansen (1970-72)
Most yards interceptions returned	421—Dan Hansen (1970-72)

RETURN YARDAGE

Most yards kickoff returns	1,375—Chris Farasopoulos (1968-70)
Most yards punt returns	1,079—Chris Farasopoulos (1968-70)
Most combined punt-kickoff yards	2,454—Chris Farasopoulos (1968-70)
Most punt-kickoff returns	122—Chris Farasopoulos (1968-70)

—SCORING—

Most touchdown scored	29—Jeff Blanc (1973-76)
	27—Pete VanValkenburg (1970-72)
	25—Phil Odle (1965-67)
	18—Ray Oliverson (1950-51)
	18—Virgil Carter (1964-66)
Most touchdowns responsible for	68—Virgil Carter (1964-66)
Most points scored	174—Jeff Blanc (1973-76)
Most points on conversions	94—Dev Duke (1973-1977)
Most consecutive conversions	29—Dave Taylor (1975-76)
Most field goals	22—Joe Liljenquist (1969-71)
Most points kicking	154—Dev Duke (1973-1977)
	54—Frank Baker (1961-1963)

BYU	1969	Opp.
6	*Utah	16
22	*Colorado State	20
0	Iowa State	10
7	Arizona State	23
41	*New Mexico	15
7	Wyoming	40
30	Texas-El Paso	7
31	†Arizona	21
21	*San Jose State	3
21	Utah State	3
Tom Hudspeth		
6-4-0 (Western Ath. 3rd-tie)		

BYU	1970	Opp.
10	*No. Texas State	7
17	Western Michigan	35
0	*Texas-El Paso	17
11	San Diego State	31
17	Arizona	24
3	*Arizona State	27
27	†Utah State	20
23	*Wyoming	3
9	Colorado State	26
8	New Mexico	51
13	Utah	14
Tom Hudspeth		
3-8 (Western Ath. 7th-tie)		

BYU	1971	Opp.
41	No. Texas State	13
54	*Colorado State	14
7	Kansas State	23
0	*New Mexico	14
7	Utah State	29
35	Wyoming	7
25	Tulsa	7
16	Texas-El Paso	0
13	Arizona State	38
14	†Arizona	27
15	*Utah	17
Tom Hudspeth		
5-6 (Western Ath. 4th-tie)		

BYU	1972	Opp.
32	*Kansas State	9
19	*Utah State	42
3	Oregon State	29
38	Long Beach St.	27
24	†Texas-El Paso	14
17	*Arizona State	49
44	Colorado State	8
33	*Wyoming	14
7	Arizona	21
16	Utah	7
21	New Mexico	7
LaVell Edwards		
7-4 (Western Ath. 2nd-tie)		

BYU	1973	Opp.
13	*Colorado State	21
37	*Oregon State	14
7	Utah State	13
24	*Iowa State	26
12	Arizona State	52
21	Wyoming	41
56	*New Mexico	21
10	*Arizona	24
45	*Weber State	14
46	Utah	22
63	Texas-El Paso	0
LaVell Edwards		
5-6 (Western Ath. 4th-tie)		

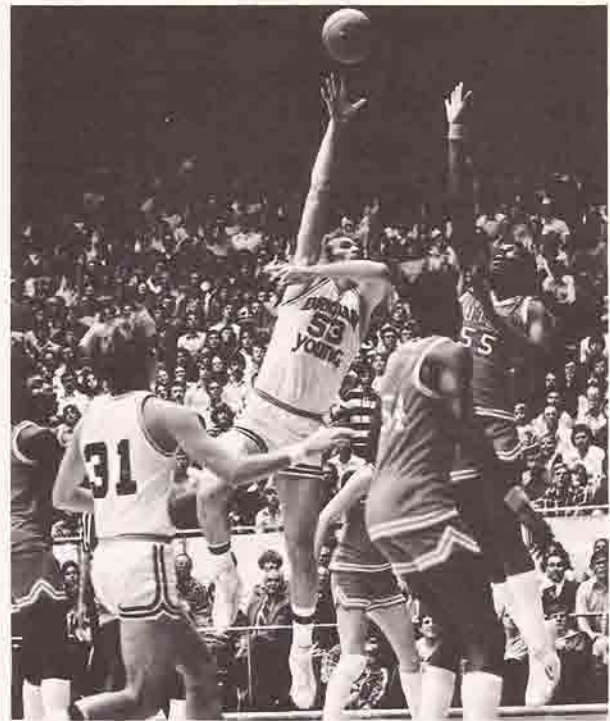
BYU	1974	Opp.
13	Hawaii	15
6	*Utah State	9
7	Iowa State	34
33	Colorado State	33
38	†Wyoming	7
45	*Texas-El Paso	21
37	Arizona (TV)	13
12	Air Force	10
21	*Arizona St. (TV)	18
36	New Mexico	3
48	*Utah	20
6	#Oklahoma State	16
LaVell Edwards		
7-4-1 (Western Ath. 1st)		

BYU	1975	Opp.
21	*Bowling Green	23
17	Colorado State	20
0	Arizona State	20
16	*New Mexico	15
28	†Air Force	14
33	Wyoming	20
20	*Arizona	36
24	Utah State	7
51	*Utah	20
20	Texas-El Paso	10
14	Southern Miss.	42
LaVell Edwards		
6-5 (Western Ath. 4th-tie)		

BYU	1976	Opp.
3	Kansas State	13
42	*Colorado State	18
23	Arizona	16
8	San Diego State	0
29	†Wyoming	34
63	*Southern Miss.	19
45	*Utah State	14
43	*Arizona State	21
40	*Texas-El Paso	27
21	New Mexico	8
34	Utah	12
21	#Oklahoma State	49
LaVell Edwards		
9-3 (Western Ath. 1st tie)		

BYU	1977	Opp.
39	*Kansas State	0
65	Utah State	6
54	*New Mexico	19
19	Oregon State	24
63	Colorado State	17
10	Wyoming	7
34	†*Arizona	14
38	*Utah	8
13	Arizona State	24
30	*Long Beach St.	27
68	Texas-El Paso	19
LaVell Edwards		
9-2 (Western Ath. 1st tie)		

*Home games
 #Bowl games
 †Homecoming (1948-76 only)



1978-79 Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site
Nov. 24	Hawaii	Provo
Nov. 25	Portland State	Provo
Dec. 1	Baylor	Waco, Texas
Dec. 2	Texas	Austin, Texas
Dec. 6	Utah State	Provo
Dec. 8-9	COUGAR CLASSIC (St. Joseph's, Purdue, Santa Clara, BYU)	Provo
Dec. 14	Rhode Island	Providence, R.I.
Dec. 16	St. John's	Jamaica, N.Y.
Dec. 21	Harvard	Provo
Dec. 23	Oral Roberts	Provo
Dec. 29-30	PILLSBURY HOLIDAY CLASSIC (Houston, BYU, Georgia Tech, Minnesota)	Minneapolis, Minn.
Jan. 4	Denver	Provo
Jan. 6	Utah State	Logan
Jan. 11	*Texas-El Paso	Provo
Jan. 13	*New Mexico (TV - 2:00 p.m.)	Provo
Jan. 20	*Utah	Salt Lake City
Jan. 25	*Colorado State	Fort Collins
Jan. 27	*Wyoming	Laramie
Feb. 3	*San Diego State	Provo
Feb. 9	*New Mexico	Albuquerque
Feb. 10	*Texas-El Paso	El Paso
Feb. 17	*Utah	Provo
Feb. 22	*Wyoming	Provo
Feb. 24	*Colorado State	Provo
Mar. 2	*San Diego State	San Diego

*Western Athletic Conference Games
 All BYU home games begin at 7:35 p.m. (Exception:
 WAC Television Games)

Composite Schedule - 1978

Sept. 9	Brigham Young	at Pacific	at Hawaii	Sept. 2 N. Texas State Air Force	at Colorado	at Oregon	at Texas-El Paso	at Wyoming	at San Diego State	at Utah	at Hawaii	at Nevada-Las Vegas
Sept. 16	at Arizona	at Brigham Young	at Wichita State	Sept. 3 Idaho State at Japan	at Colorado State	at Utah State	at New Mexico State	at South Dakota	at Iowa State	at Idaho State	at New Mexico	at Nevada-Reno
Sept. 23	at Tennessee	at Washington State	at Brigham Young	at Fresno State	at Texas Christian	at San Diego State	at New Mexico State	at Texas	at Texas-El Paso	at Houston	at Nebraska	at Washington State
Sept. 30	Washington	at Texas-El Paso	at Utah	at Brigham Young	at Wisconsin	at Arizona State	at Utah State	at Utah State	at Colorado State	at Colorado State	at Cal State-Fullerton	at New Mexico
Oct. 7	at Minnesota	at Northwestern	at Texas-El Paso	at Brigham Young	at California	at Colorado State	at New Mexico	at New Mexico	at Fresno State	at Iowa	at San Jose State	at Idaho
Oct. 14	at Southern Cal.	at Southern Cal.	at Air Force	at Long Beach State	at Brigham Young	at San Diego State	at San Diego State	at Wyoming	at Weber State	at Weber State	at Nevada-Las Vegas	at Hawaii
Oct. 21	at Southern Cal.	at Nevada-Las Vegas	at New Mexico State	at Miami	at Washington	at Brigham Young	at Utah	at Pacific	at Wyoming	at Wyoming	at Colorado State	at Colorado State
Oct. 28	at Stanford	at Washington	at Wyoming	at San Jose State	at Washington State	at New Mexico State	at Colorado State	at Colorado State	at Long Beach State	at Pacific	at Montana	at Montana
Nov. 4	at Washington State	at California	at San Diego State	at Pacific	at UCLA	at Hawaii	at Brigham Young	at New Mexico	at Colorado State	at New Mexico	at Texas-El Paso	at Wyoming
Nov. 11	UCLA	at Stanford	at New Mexico	at Colorado State	at Arizona	at Utah	at Nevada-Las Vegas	at Nevada-Las Vegas	at Brigham Young	at Texas-El Paso	at New Mexico State	at Wyoming
Nov. 18	at Arizona State	at Oregon State	at West Virginia	at Pacific	at Oregon State	at Nevada-Las Vegas	at Hawaii	at Hawaii	at Miami	at Brigham Young	at Wyoming	at Texas-El Paso
Nov. 25	Oregon	at Arizona	at Nov. 23 at Pacific	at San Diego State	at Oregon State	at Wyoming	at Texas-El Paso	at New Mexico	at New Mexico	at Utah State	at Brigham Young	at Cal State-Fullerton
Dec. 2					at Louisiana State	at Utah	at San Diego State	at Southern Cal.	at Brigham Young	at Brigham Young	at Brigham Young	at Brigham Young

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 29	Mesa (Ariz.) College	Provo	2:00
Oct. 6	Dixie College	St. George	--
Oct. 13	Ricks College	Provo	2:00
Oct. 20	Snow College	Provo	2:00
Oct. 27	Air Force J.V.	Colorado Springs	--

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Play-by-play announcer for the Cougar games is Paul James, a veteran with 28 years' experience behind him. A University of Utah graduate, James entered broadcasting in 1950. For six years he broadcast Utah basketball and football games before joining the staff at KSL Radio and Television in July of 1965. James has been at the microphone calling BYU games for the past 13 years.

