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## 1954 SCHEDULE FOR BRIGHAM YOUNG, OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	Sept. 18	Sept. 24	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 29	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 25	
New Mexico	COUGARS at Provo	San Diego State at San Diego	Utah State at Albuquerque	San Jose State at Tempe	Wyoming at Laramie	Arizona at Albuquerque	Denver at Denver	Montana at Albuquerque	Colorado A&M at Albuquerque	New Mexico A&M at Albuquerque	New Mexico A&M at Albuquerque	San Jose St. at San Jose (Nov. 27)
Arizona State (Tempe)	Hawaii at Tempe	COUGARS at Provo	Tex. West. at Tempe	San Jose State at Tempe	Midwestern at Wichita Falls	West Texas State at Tempe	Hardin-Simmons at Abilene	Cincinnati at Tempe	N. Texas State at Tempe	Arizona at Tucson		
Colorado A&M	Kansas State at Manhattan	Colorado U. at Boulder (Sept. 25)	COUGARS at Fort Collins	Wyoming at Ft. Collins	College of Pacific at Fort Collins	Utah State at Logan	Montana U. at Ft. Collins (Oct. 30)	Utah U. at Ft. Collins	New Mexico at Albuquerque	Colorado A&M at Salt Lake	Montana at Missoula	
Utah	Washington at Seattle	Arizona at Salt Lake (Sept. 25)	Oregon at Eugene	COUGARS at Provo	Denver at Salt Lake	Wyoming at Laramie	Idaho at Salt Lake (Oct. 30)	Colorado A&M at Ft. Collins	New Mexico at Albuquerque	Colorado A&M at Salt Lake	Utah State at Salt Lake	
Montana	Fort Lewis at Missoula		Iowa U. at Iowa City	Denver at Denver (Oct. 8)	Utah State at Missoula	COUGARS at Provo	Colorado A&M at Ft. Collins (Oct. 30)	New Mexico at Albuquerque	Montana State at Missoula	Utah at Missoula		
Utah State	San Jose State at	Wichita at Wichita (Sept. 25)	New Mexico at New Mexico	Fresno State at Fresno (Oct. 8)	Montana at Missoula	Colorado A&M at Logan	Colorado A&M at Ft. Collins (Oct. 30)	Wyoming at Logan	Denver at Logan	Utah at Logan	Utah at Salt Lake	
Denver	Colorado C. at Denver (Sept. 17)	Drake at Des Moines	Wyoming at Laramie	Montana at Denver (Oct. 8)	Utah at Salt Lake	Wichita at Denver (Oct. 22)	New Mexico at Denver	COUGARS at Provo	Utah State at Logan	Utah State at Logan	Colorado A&M at Denver	
Wyoming	Oklahoma A&M at Laramie	Kansas State at Laramie (Sept. 25)	Denver at Laramie	Colorado A&M at Ft. Collins	New Mexico at Laramie	Utah at Laramie		Utah State at Logan	COUGARS at Logan	Tulsa at Tulsa	Colorado A&M at Denver	
Idaho	Oregon at Moscow	Oregon State at Corvallis (Sept. 25)	San Jose State at Moscow	Col. Pacific at Stockton	Arizona at Tucson	Washington State at Pullman	Utah at Salt Lake (Oct. 30)	N. Dakota at Moscow	COUGARS at Boise	Arizona at Tucson (Nov. 27)		

# BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

1954

## FOOTBALL GUIDE

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# 1954 SCHEDULE...

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 18	New Mexico University	Provo	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Arizona State (Tempe)	Provo	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Colorado A&M	Ft. Collins	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Utah University	Provo	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	*Montana University	Provo	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Utah State	Logan	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Denver University	Denver	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Wyoming University	Provo	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	Idaho University	Boise	1:30 p.m.

\*Homecoming, TV

## UNIVERSITY STAFF

University President .....	Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson
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Financial Vice President .....	Dr. William F. Edwards
Vice President in Charge of Religion .....	William E. Berrett
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Dean of Students .....	Dr. Wesley P. Lloyd
Director of Athletics .....	Edwin R. Kimball
Athletic Council Chairman .....	Dr. Wayne B. Hales

## ATHLETIC STAFF

Director of Athletics .....	Edwin R. Kimball
Head Football Coach .....	Charles Atkinson
Assistant Football Coach .....	Reed Nilsen
Assistant Football Coach .....	Robert Bunker
Assistant Football Coach .....	Dave Crowton
Freshman Coach .....	Owen Dixon
Team Trainer .....	Rodney Kimball
Athletic Publicity .....	Dave Schulthess

# 1953 RESULTS...

BYU Score	Opponent	Opp. Score
27	Montana University	12
25	San Jose State	28
12	New Mexico University	12
20	Idaho University	14
7	Utah State	14
19	Denver University	27
0	Wyoming University	27
12	Colorado A&M	34
18	Arizona State	26
32	Utah University	33
172		227

SEASON RECORD: 2-7-1

## 1953 SKYLINE STANDINGS

Utah .....	5	0	0	1.000
Utah State .....	5	2	0	.714
Wyoming .....	4	2	0	.643
New Mexico .....	3	2	1	.583
Colorado A&M .....	3	4	0	.429
Montana .....	2	4	0	.333
Denver .....	1	5	1	.214
BRIGHAM YOUNG .....	1	5	1	.214

## ALL GAMES

Utah .....	8	2	0	.800
Utah State .....	8	3	0	.727
New Mexico .....	5	3	1	.625
Wyoming .....	5	4	1	.556
Colorado A&M .....	4	5	0	.444
Montana .....	3	5	0	.375
Denver .....	3	5	2	.375
BRIGHAM YOUNG .....	2	7	1	.222

## MEET CHICK AND

## HIS HELPERS . . .



**BYU COACHING STAFF**—Caught in one of their lighter moments are the five coaches directing Cougar grid fortunes. (Top) Chick Atkinson, (Left) Owen Dixon, (Right) Dave Crowton, (Middle) Bob Bunker, and (Bottom) Reed Nilsen.

Charles "Chick" Atkinson, the Cougars' head football coach, and his aides will be entering their sixth year together at Brigham Young University as a mentoring unit. It's one of the oldest staffs in length of service in the Skyline conference, and yet one of the youngest in number of years.

The 1954 season will be Coach Atkinson's sixth year at the BYU gridiron helm, and he is still rather young—36—as college coaches go.

Chick came to BYU from Pocatello High School where his prep teams won 38 games and lost 11. A graduate of that high school, Coach Atkinson was one of the finest all-around athletes to come out of Southern Idaho. With a string of athletic letters—football, baseball, basketball and track—behind him, Chick attended Idaho State

College and the University of Idaho, graduating from the latter with B.S. and M.S. degrees.

While at Idaho University he captained the baseball and basketball teams, was selected on the Pacific Coast all-division baseball team and was president of the Lettermen Club.

After a tour of duty with the Army during World War II, Chick returned to Pocatello, where he took over as high school football coach. He came to BYU in 1949 when football coach Eddie Kimball was made BYU athletic director.

Chick and his wife, Ann, have three children, two boys and a girl.

When Coach Atkinson came to BYU he brought with him two assistant coaches, both of whom have remained with him ever since. Reed Nilsen was playing with the Detroit Lions in 1949 when Chick asked him to join his coaching staff. And Bob Bunker, who was coaching at Preston, Idaho, was Atkinson's choice as assistant.

Reed Nilsen is the amiable "pusher" who concentrates on the Y's forward wall. A BYU grid great himself, rotund Reed was a three-year letterman for the Cougars at center while a college player. Twice he was named all-conference, and in his senior year was picked to play on the West squad in the annual East-West all-star game in San Francisco in 1947. He joined the Lions soon after.

Bunker is tabbed as one of the best coaching assistants in the Skyline Conference, and he concentrates on flankers. Bob, who is known for his dry wit and easy humor, came to BYU after four seasons as head coach at Preston High School, where he presented fans with three district championships. He is a USAC graduate, earning two letters in basketball and three in football. He was all-conference end and captain of Dick Romney's conference champions in 1936.

During winter and spring quarters at BYU you'll find

### ATKINSON COACHING RECORD

Year	W	L	T
1949	0	11	0
1950	4	5	1
1951	6	3	1
1952	4	6	0
1953	2	7	1
(51 Games)	16	32	3

## COACH, TRAINER . . .

Dave Crowton, assistant football coach, working with the Cougar baseball team. Dave works with the BYU backfield each fall, laboring tirelessly with Coach Atkinson in that capacity. Dave also knows his athletic relations, having been active with frosh clubs and prep players for a number of years.

In his prep days Dave played for Granite High School, where he captained the squad in 1930. From 1938 to 1948 Dave took over the coaching duties at B.Y. High School, winning the state basketball title in 1948. The following year he joined the BYU coaching staff.

Last year another coach joined the BYU football staff. Owen Dixon, who guided the BY High School football team into the state finals two years ago, has taken over the duties as freshman coach at BYU.

An ardent follower and student of the game, Dixon played with Reed Nilsen in the line at BYU, winning all-conference honors as a guard. He joined the staff at B.Y. High School, and two years ago won a regional title. In the Class B finals, his club missed the title by one touchdown. Last year he turned out one of the finest freshman teams BYU has ever produced.

The man whose job it is to keep the football team in sound physical condition is trainer Rod Kimball. Fall is Rod's most difficult season, especially with scores of varsity and freshman footballers to tape and doctor.

Rod started his athletic career at Jordan High School in 1929, where he was president of his junior and senior class, and also student body president. He lettered three years in football, baseball, and two years in basketball and track. He lettered at Utah State and BYU, and was made BYU trainer in 1937. Rod takes a lot of kidding from the athletes and coaches about his balding head and large family, but he is one of the most liked men on the BYU campus.

### BRIGHAM YOUNG COACHES

1922-24	A. G. Twitchell
1925-26	C. J. Hart
1927-36	Ott Romney
1937-41	Eddie Kimball
1942	Floyd Millett
1946-48	Eddie Kimball
1949	Charles Atkinson

## 1953 RANKINGS . . .

### NATIONAL - INDIVIDUAL

**PASS RECEIVING** — Marion Probert — ranked 12th in the nation, catching 26 passes for 368 yards and two touchdowns.

### NATIONAL - TEAM

**FORWARD PASS DEFENSE** — 19th in the nation, limiting opposition to 69.1 yards per game.

**LEAST PENALIZED** — First in the nation, penalized 204 yards during ten-game season, or 20.4 yards per game.

### SKYLINE MARKS - INDIVIDUAL

**PASS RECEIVING** — Marion Probert — first in conference with a total of 368 yards with 26 passes caught. Dewey Brundage, fifth, with 219 yards for 16 catches.

**PUNT RETURNS** — Dick Felt — First in the conference with 122 yards on six returns, for average of 20.3 yards per return. Don Wood, third in Skyline, with six returns for 92 yards with 15.3 average.

**LEADING PASSERS** — Lavon Satterfield — Fifth with 107 attempts with 44 completions for total of 660 yards. Henry West, ninth with 67 attempts and 33 completions for 327 yards.

### SKYLINE MARKS - TEAM

**FORWARD PASSES ATTEMPTED** — First, attempted 194 passes and completed 71 during ten-game season.

**FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED** — First, giving up 204 yards in ten games for average of 20.4 yards per game.

**FORWARD PASSES COMPLETED** — Third, connecting with 71 passes in 194 attempts for .366 completions.

## NEWS OUTLETS . . .

The following newspapers and radio stations in Provo and Salt Lake City, desire news releases, brochures, and pictures:

Ray Schwartz, Provo Daily Herald  
50 South First West, Provo

Wes Nordgren, Tribune Bureau  
45 North Second West, Provo

Leo Perry, Deseret News-Telegram Bureau  
151 North University Ave., Provo

Jimmy Lawrence, Radio Station KOVO  
108 West Center, Provo

Bob Chambers, KCSU  
12 South & University, Provo

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

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

Brigham Young Universe, Campus Newspaper  
Brigham Young University, Provo

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

Hack Miller, Deseret News-Telegram  
33 Richards Street, Salt Lake City

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

Wilfred Fehlhaber, Associated Press  
Room 311 Tribune Building, Salt Lake City

Al Warden, Sports Editor, Ogden Standard-Examiner  
Ogden, Utah

Chet Nelson, Sports Editor, Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

Harry Farrar, Executive Sports Editor, Denver Post  
Denver, Colorado

Frank Pittman, Associated Press  
Denver, Colorado  
Brigham Young University's Athletic Publicity Office  
will gladly distribute any releases, pictures, etc. to the  
above outlets.

### WORKING PRESS, RADIO

Members of the working press who will be covering BYU home games are entitled to space in the Stadium press box. Requests for such facilities should be made to Athletic Publicity Office, Brigham Young University, **one week prior to the game** to be covered. Because of limited facilities, only those news and radio men actually working the game may obtain press passes. Photographers' sideline passes are also available.

## NEWS OUTLETS . . .

### SKYLINE PUBLICITY DIRECTORS

University of Utah ..... Perry Sorensen

Utah State ..... Ben Canning

Wyoming University ..... Wiles Hallock

Montana University ..... Ross L. Miller

New Mexico University ..... George McFaddin

Denver University ..... Martin Reisch

Colorado A&M ..... Jay Allred

Brigham Young ..... Dave Schulthess

### GAME BROADCASTS

Brigham Young University proudly announces Phillips Oil as sponsor of Cougar football broadcasts for 1954.

The five games to be played in Provo, and the four games away from home, will be broadcast to intermountain listeners over Station KSL with sports announcer Dean Bennett reporting.

Phillips, KSL, and BYU will team together in a united effort to insure the best game coverage possible for those who wish to enjoy the Cougar grid season.

### HOTEL HEADQUARTERS

Denver Colorado ..... Shirley-Savoy

Fort Collins, Colorado ..... Northern Hotel

Logan, Utah ..... Hotel Eccles

Boise, Idaho ..... Boise Hotel

**SYSTEM:** The Cougars will continue to use the T-formation with emphasis on passing and plays for speedy backs.

**GROUND GAME:** Dick Felt, Phil Oyler and Willard Stolworthy will be combined with Jim Crittenden and Gary LaComb for speed. Don James, Johnny Velasco, and LaVae Smith for line pounding.

**PASSING GAME:** Quarterbacks West, Bean and Overstreet will do a majority of pitching, with a Y halfback occasionally throwing a pass.

**KICKING GAME:** The punting will probably be handled by Dick Felt, Henry West, Johnny Velasco and Dalton Overstreet. Jay Weenig will be booting the kickoffs and some PAT'S. Billy Meadows, Ron Bean, and Ken Gomm, too, will be in for some PAT'S.

## 1953 RETURNING LETTERMEN

Marion Probert, End	Paul Kochevar, Center
Paul Mendenhall, End	Henry West, Quarterback
Tom Verbanatz, End	Ron Bean, Quarterback
Ralph Powers, Tackle	Phil Oyler, Halfback
Lonnie Badger, Tackle	Willard Stolworthy, Halfback
John Robinson, Tackle	Jerry Cowley, Halfback
Royce Elkins, Tackle	Dick Felt, Halfback
Lyle Heinz, Guard	Billy Meadows, Halfback
Clint Taylor, Guard	Don James, Fullback
Ivan Muse, Guard	Johnny Velasco, Fullback

## LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING

Dewey Brundage, End	LaVon Satterfield, Q'trback
DeRay Eyre, Guard	Don Wood, Halfback
Merrill Hardy, Guard	Reed Stolworthy, Fullback
George Bowman, Tackle	Ned Alger, Halfback
Cal Monson, Tackle	Drew Shumway, Guard
	Clark Whitehead, Center

## YOUNGER BUT DEEPER

The team picked by many Skyline observers to finish in the conference cellar in 1954 just isn't ready to concede a poor season, much less a defeat. Admittedly too young and green as a team to be a threat to the front runners, the Cougars could very well finish high among the also-rans by the end of the season.

Although seven regulars will be missing from last year's club, the Cougars are operating in an atmosphere of optimism. This fall Coach Chick Atkinson had 50 conditioned athletes reporting for practice, as compared with the 29 he had on hand last year at the start of the season. Then, too, each of these players is aware of the fact that he will have to battle for a starting berth.

The 1954 unit is younger in years and experience than last year's team, but Atkinson feels the squad is better balanced and has greater depth than any team he's had in the last three years.

The air of optimism that prevails in the Cougar grid camp may seem incongruous to those who note nearly half the squad is composed of sophomores, practically all of whom have yet to play in a regular college game. But Atkinson and his staff believe these sophomores could be the key to a relatively successful season. "If nine or ten of our sophomores meet expectations, we're going to be tough for a lot of our opponents," Atkinson predicted.

Three of last year's regulars are returning—halfback Dick Felt, end Marion Probert, and center Paul Kochevar. Added to this group will be semi-regulars fullback Don James, ends Paul Mendedhall and Tom Verbanatz, and backs Henry West, Ron Bean, Phil Oyler, Billy Meadows, and Willard Stolworthy.

In Marion Probert the Y coaching staff feels it has the best flanker in the Skyline conference, and one certainly worthy of the title All-American. Probert and all-conference candidate Dick Felt will be this year's co-captains.

The Brigham's backfield is light, but sports plenty of speed. Dick Felt and Phil Oyler loom as the two strongest prospects for the halfback positions, and both Don James and Johnny Velasco look stong at fullback. Atkinson has five or six candidates for the T-quarterback slot, any of whom could get the team rolling.

One factor—the schedule—definitely favors the Cougars in Skyline play. Besides New Mexico and Montana, the BYU eleven wil lcarry the home advantage against Utah and Wyoming.

# AND PAST CHAMPS . . .

(Rocky Mountain Conference—until 1938)  
 1902—Colorado University  
 1903—Colorado University  
 1904—Colorado Mines  
 1905—Colorado Mines and Colorado College (tied)  
 1906—Colorado Mines & Colorado University (tied)  
 1907—Colorado Mines  
 1910—Colorado University  
 1911—Colorado University  
 1912—Colorado Mines  
 1913—Colorado University  
 1914—Colorado Mines  
 1915—Colorado Aggies  
 1916—Colorado Aggies  
 1917—Denver University  
 1918—Colorado Mines  
 1920—Colorado Aggies  
 1921—Utah Aggies  
 1922—University of Utah  
 1923—Colorado University  
 1924—Colorado University  
 1925—Colorado Aggies  
 1926—University of Utah  
 1927—Colorado Aggies  
 1928—University of Utah  
 1929—University of Utah  
 1930—University of Utah  
 1931—University of Utah  
 1932—University of Utah  
 1933—Univ. of Utah, Denver, Colorado Aggies (Tied)  
 1934—Greeley State, Colo. U., Colo. Aggies (Tied)  
 1936—Utah Aggies  
 1937—Colorado University  
 (Mountain States Athletic Conference Organized)  
 1938—University of Utah  
 1939—Colorado University  
 1940—University of Utah  
 1941—University of Utah  
 1942—University of Utah  
 1943—War—no champion  
 1944—Colorado University (unofficial)  
 1945—Colorado University (unofficial)  
 1946—Utah State Aggies and Denver Univ. (Tied)  
 1947—University of Utah  
 1948—University of Utah  
 1949—Wyoming University  
 1950—Wyoming University  
 1951—University of Utah  
 1952—University of Utah  
 1953—University of Utah

# DEPTH CHART . . .

## Depth Chart

<b>(Left Tackle)</b> *Lonnie Badger *Ralph Powers Dave Hanks John Cobabe	<b>(Left Guard)</b> *Lyle Heinz Jay Weenig Robert Smith Claude Blanch	<b>(Center)</b> **Paul Kochevar Famika Anae Glen Taylor	<b>(Right Guard)</b> *Clinton Taylor *Ivan Muse Bob Loose Scott Farmer	<b>(Right Tackle)</b> *John Robinson *Don Latimer *Royce Elkins Dean Gillespie
<b>(Left End)</b> ***Marion Probert Ray Neel Paul Brown	<b>(Quarterback)</b> *Ron Bean **Henry West Dalton Overstreet Dick Porterfield Dave Kimball	<b>(Fullback)</b> **Don James *Johnny Velasco Dave McLaren LaVae Smith	<b>(Right End)</b> *Paul Mendenhall *Tom Verbanatz Marlo Holland Dick Jardine	<b>(Right Halfback)</b> **Dick Felt *Billy Meadows Jim Crittenden Ken Gormm
<b>(Left Halfback)</b> *Phil Oylar *Willard Stolorthy Gary LaComb Bert Hunsaker				

\*Denotes number of BYU football letters awarded.



# COUGAR ROSTER FOR 1954

	No.	Name	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Class	BYU Letters	Home Town
<b>LEFT ENDS —</b>								
	81	Marion Probert	190	6-1	21	Senior	3	Hawthorne, California
	85	Paul Brown	185	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Buhl, Idaho
	89	Ray Neel	195	6-1	19	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
<b>RIGHT ENDS —</b>								
	87	Paul Mendenhall	183	6-2	23	Senior	1	Stockton, California
	83	Tom Verbanatz	192	5-11	21	Junior	1	Orem, Utah
	88	Marlo Holland	196	6-2	19	Sophomore	0	Salt Lake City, Utah
	80	Dick Jardine	196	6-6	20	Sophomore	0	Salt Lake City, Utah
<b>LEFT TACKLES —</b>								
	74	Lonnie Badger	200	6-3	20	Junior	1	Holden, Utah
	72	Ralph Powers	195	6-0	19	Junior	1	Lehi, Utah
	70	Dave Hanks	205	6-2	19	Sophomore	0	Burley, Idaho
	71	John Cobabe	180	6-2	19	Sophomore	0	Hermosa, California
<b>RIGHT TACKLES —</b>								
	73	John Robinson	196	6-1	22	Senior	1	Freedom, Wyoming
	75	Don Latimer	205	6-1	24	Junior	1	Sandy, Utah
	78	Royce Elkins	220	6-1	19	Junior	1	Farmington, New Mexico
	76	Dean Gillespie	215	6-4	26	Sophomore	0	Fillmore, Utah
<b>LEFT GUARDS —</b>								
	60	Lyle Heinz	175	5-11	20	Junior	1	Rexburg, Idaho
	68	Jay Weenig	210	6-2	19	Sophomore	0	Ogden, Utah
	65	Bob Smith	175	5-10	19	Sophomore	0	American Fork, Utah
	63	Claude Blanch	170	5-9	19	Sophomore	0	Ogden, Utah
<b>RIGHT GUARDS —</b>								
	67	Clint Taylor	180	5-9	21	Junior	1	Provo, Utah
	66	Ivan Muse	190	6-0	21	Senior	1	Phoenix, Arizona
	64	Bob Loose	180	5-10	20	Sophomore	0	Belmont, California
	61	Scott Farmer	174	5-10	19	Sophomore	0	Seattle, Washington
<b>CENTERS —</b>								
	55	Paul Kochevar	195	6-2	21	Senior	2	Los Angeles, California
	59	Famika Anae	200	6-0	22	Junior	0	Laie, Oahu, T. H.
	50	Glen Taylor	180	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Bountiful, Utah
<b>QUARTERBACKS —</b>								
	10	Henry West	165	6-0	21	Senior	2	Pocatello, Idaho
	15	Ron Bean	175	5-11	19	Junior	1	Seattle, Washington
	8	Dalton Overstreet	167	6-0	20	Junior	0	Chandler, Arizona
	7	Dick Porterfield	170	5-11	19	Sophomore	0	Belleflower, California
	11	Dave Kimball	155	5-10	19	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
<b>LEFT HALFBACKS —</b>								
	20	Phil Oylar	170	5-10	20	Junior	1	Brigham City, Utah
	40	Willard Stolworthy	170	5-11	20	Junior	1	Orem, Utah
	22	Gary LaComb	170	5-10	19	Sophomore	0	Bingham, Utah
	14	Bert Hunsaker	160	5-10	22	Sophomore	0	Brigham City, Utah
<b>RIGHT HALFBACKS —</b>								
	21	Dick Felt	168	6-0	21	Senior	2	Lehi, Utah
	17	Billy Meadows	160	5-9	20	Junior	1	Columbus, Georgia
	9	Jim Crittenden	175	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Oakley, Utah
	25	Ken Gomm	182	5-11	19	Sophomore	0	Ogden, Utah
<b>FULLBACKS —</b>								
	46	Don James	203	6-0	21	Senior	2	Las Vegas, Nevada
	19	Johnny Velasco	180	5-9	20	Junior	1	Honolulu, Hawaii
	33	Dave McLaren	192	6-1	19	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
	46	LaVae Smith	184	5-9	19	Sophomore	0	Fillmore, Utah

# OPPONENTS . . .

## NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

September 18, "Y" Stadium

Kickoff — 8 p.m.

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Enrollment: 4,000

Nickname: Lobos, Wolfpack

Colors: Cherry and Silver

Head Coach: Robert A. Tichenal (San Jose '39)

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	New Mexico	BYU
1951	34	0
1952	10	14
1953	12	12

Series Record: BYU 1, NMU 1, Tied 1.

Second Game —

## DOES BYU HAVE AN ALL-AMERICAN?

Each season the football experts, whose charge it is to select all-Americans, mail out questionnaires asking college publicists and coaches the question: "Which players in your area do you consider outstanding?" And each season we try to answer the question as accurately and candidly as possible.

Not until Marion Probert, Cougar end and co-captain, came to BYU did we ever feel we had a player worthy of the title All-American. But in 1954 Coach Chick Atkinson (who calls Probert the finest boy he has ever coached), along with the other Skyline mentors, sports writers, and fans unequivocally endorsed Marion Probert as a player of All-American caliber.

"Only once in a life-time does a coach have the opportunity of coaching a footballer like Probert," confesses Atkinson. Even as a freshman he displayed unusual capacities as a player, winning a first string berth over veteran flankers. Last year as a junior he led the Skyline pass receivers by a good margin, and was named on several all-conference selections.

Academically, too, Probert shines. He has twice been named on the Academic All-American team by virtue of high scholastic average as a pre-med student. During the past three years, straight-A quarters have been common for him.

He was an all-Southern California player his senior year as a prep in Hawthorne, California, where he graduated with honors.

In 1954 we place his name in nomination as an All-American candidate at end, and we ask the experts only to see him in action and then judge for themselves.

# OPPONENTS . . .

## ARIZONA STATE (TEMPE)

September 24, "Y" Stadium

Kickoff — 8 p.m.

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	Arizona State	BYU
1935	0	13
1948	25	27
1949	49	21
1950	41	13
1952	47	6
1953	26	18

Series Record: ASC 4, BYU 2.

Third Game —

## COLORADO A&M

October 2, Fort Collins

Kickoff — 8 p.m.

Location: Fort Collins, Colorado

Enrollment: 3,200

Nickname: Aggies, Rams

Colors: Green and Gold

Head Coach: Robert L. Davis (Utah '29)

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	Colorado A&M	BYU
1922	33	0
1923	14	6
1925	21	7
1926	19	5
1927	29	0
1928	15	6
1938	12	20
1939	12	13
1940	13	13
1941	22	7
1946	6	20
1947	27	25
1948	20	0
1949	16	14
1950	27	14
1951	19	21
1952	27	6
1953	34	12

Series Record: Colorado A&M 13, BYU 4, Tied 1.

# OPPONENTS . . .

## UTAH UNIVERSITY

October 9, "Y" Stadium

Kickoff — 8 p.m.

Location: Salt Lake City

Enrollment: 7,500

Nicknames: Utes, Redskins

Colors: Crimson and White

Head Coach: Jack Curtice (Transylvania '30)

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	Utah	BYU
1922	49	0
1923	15	0
1924	35	6
1925	27	0
1926	40	7
1927	20	0
1928	0	0
1929	45	13
1930	34	7
1931	43	0
1932	29	0
1933	21	6
1934	43	0
1935	32	0
1936	18	0
1937	14	0
1938	7	7
1939	35	13
1940	12	6
1941	6	6
1942	7	12
1946	35	6
1947	28	6
1948	30	0
1949	38	0
1950	28	28
1951	7	6
1952	34	6
1953	33	32

Series Record: Utah 24, BYU 1, Tied 4.

# OPPONENTS . . .

## MONTANA UNIVERSITY

October 23, "Y Stadium

Kickoff — 2 p.m.

Location: Missoula, Montana

Enrollment: 2,000

Nickname: Grizzlies, Silvertips

Colors: Copper, Silver, Gold

Head Coach: Eddie Chinske (Montana '30)

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	Montana	BYU
1941	20	7
1942	6	12
1948	20	26
1949	25	6
1952	7	28
1953	12	27

Series Record: BYU 4, Montana 2.

## UTAH STATE

October 30, Logan, Utah

Kickoff — 1:30 p.m.

Location: Logan, Utah Nickname: Farmers, Aggies

Enrollment: 3,500 Colors: Navy Blue and White

Head Coach: John Roning (Minnesota '35)

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	USAC	BYU
1922	42	3
1923	40	0
1924	13	9
1925	14	0
1926	0	0
1927	22	0
1928	10	0
1929	6	7
1930	14	39
1931	0	6
1932	6	12
1933	14	0
1934	15	0
1935	27	0
1936	13	0

# OPPONENTS . . .

1937	0	54
1938	3	0
1939	0	0
1940	7	12
1941	0	28
1942	9	6
1946	0	0
1947	12	20
1948	20	6
1949	22	3
1950	13	34
1951	27	28
1952	27	26
1953	14	7

Series Record: USAC 16, BYU 10, Tied 3.

## DENVER UNIVERSITY

November 6, Denver, Colorado

Kickoff — 1:30 p.m.

Location: Denver, Colorado

Enrollment: 5,000

Nickname: Pioneers

Colors: Crimson and Gold

Head Coach: Bob Blackman (USC '41)

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	Denver	BYU
1933	6	0
1934	24	6
1936	35	7
1938	0	20
1939	18	21
1940	9	0
1941	7	13
1942	26	6
1946	26	13
1947	20	6
1949	35	7
1950	42	3
1951	56	6
1952	13	14
1953	27	13

Series Record: Denver 11, BYU 4.

# OPPONENTS . . .

## WYOMING UNIVERSITY

November 13, "Y" Stadium

Kickoff — 1:30 p.m.

Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Enrollment: 2,300

Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes, etc.

Colors: Brown and Yellow

Head Coach: Phil Dickens (Tennessee '36)

### PAST RECORD WITH BYU

Year	Wyoming	BYU
1922	0	7
1929	0	40
1930	12	19
1931	13	7
1932	0	25
1933	3	6
1934	6	0
1935	6	13
1936	7	32
1937	0	19
1938	13	24
1939	7	7
1940	0	20
1941	7	23
1942	13	6
1946	3	6
1947	12	7
1948	14	15
1949	45	0
1950	48	0
1951	20	20
1952	24	13
1953	27	0

Series Record: BYU 13, Wyoming 8, Tied 2.

## IDAHO UNIVERSITY

November 20, Bronco Stadium, Boise

Kickoff — 1:30 p.m.

Location: Moscow, Idaho

Conference: Pacific Coast

Enrollment: 3,000

Nickname: Vandals

Colors: Silver and Gold

Head Coach: Skip Stahley

Series Record: BYU 1, Idaho 0.

## PLAYER BRIEFS . . .



1954 CO-CAPTAINS—Marion Probert (End) and Dick Felt (Halfback) will co-captain this year's team.

### — CENTERS —

- PAUL KOCHEVAR** (55) Senior, 195, 6-2, 21, Los Angeles — regular last year now looking better than ever . . . loves the game and plays it well . . . could be all-conference with a good year . . . a one-platoon player.
- FAMIKA ANAE** (59) Junior, 200, 6-0, 22, Laie, Oahu, T.H. — former player with Compton Junior College, Anae is hard working Hawaiian . . . both big and rugged . . . is sure to see plenty of action.
- GLEN TAYLOR** (50) Sophomore, 180, 6-0, 19, Bountiful, Utah — Glen has been switched to center from guard slot . . . is new to the position, but making real progress . . . fast . . . learning quickly.

### — ENDS —

- MARION PROBERT** (81) Senior, 190, 6-1, 21, Hawthorne, California — three-year letterman regarded as finest end BYU has ever had . . . sports all the qualities for All-American flanker . . . led Skyline pass receivers last year . . . murder on both offense and defense.
- PAUL BROWN** (85) Sophomore, 185, 6-0, 19, Buhl, Idaho — has good speed and ball catching abilities . . . will see some action this year . . . could prove to be capable reserve.
- RAY NEEL** (89) Sophomore, 195, 6-1, 19, Provo, Utah — another good end from Lincoln High . . . looked very impressive during fall practice . . . plays a good deal like Tom Verbanatz . . . a boy to watch.

## PLAYER BRIEFS . . .

- PAUL MENDENHALL** (87) Senior, 183, 6-2, 23, Stockton, California — Paul played behind Dewey Brundage last year . . . looks ready for starting position with his showing this fall . . . a returned missionary for the LDS Church . . . served three years in New Zealand.
- TOM VERBANATZ** (83) Junior, 192, 5-11, 21, Orem, Utah — won his letter last year as a sophomore . . . along with Mendenhall will give right end good depth . . . capable of starting any game.
- MARLO HOLLAND** (88) Sophomore, 196, 6-2, Salt Lake City — an all-state player, Holland is one of the team's most promising prospects . . . will undoubtedly see action this fall.
- DICK JARDINE** (80) Sophomore, 196, 6-6, 20, Salt Lake City — tallest member of the team . . . could be a great pass catcher . . . needs more speed and experience.

### — TACKLES —

- LONNIE BADGER** (74) Junior, 200, 6-3, 20, Holden, Utah — won first letter last year . . . was really coming strong at end of the season . . . has size and uses it well . . . a likely starter.
- RALPH POWERS** (72) Junior, 195, 6-0, 19, Lehi, Utah — sophomore letter-winner . . . his experience will be valuable this year . . . showing improvement as tackle this fall.
- JOHN COBABE** (71) Sophomore, 180, 6-2, 19, Hermosa, California — played well as frosh last year . . . will have to hustle to see much action this year . . . as yet, like most sophomores, is untested.
- JOHN ROBINSON** (73) Senior, 196, 6-1, 22, Freedom, Wyoming — one of the veteran linemen returning . . . strong and determined . . . is heading for his best year . . . is member of BYU wrestling squad.
- DON LATIMER** (73) Junior, 205, 6-1, 24, Sandy, Utah — returns to campus after tour of duty in service in Korea and LDS mission . . . looks like he'll help the BYU line this fall.
- ROYCE ELKINS** (78) Junior, 220, 6-1, 19, Farmington, New Mexico — saw some action last year . . . more experience and speed and you have a starter here.
- DEAN GILLESPIE** (76) Sophomore, 215, 6-4, 26, Fillmore, Utah — a good defensive player, but needs help on offense . . . a good sized player who may help Cougars.
- DAVE HANKS** (70) Sophomore, 205, 6-2, 19, Burley, Idaho — his hometown best describes him . . . an all-stater . . . one of the boys the coaches will be counting on for help on line . . . could win starting berth with little more improvement.

## PLAYER BRIEFS . . .

### — GUARDS —

- LYLE HEINZ** (60) Junior, 175, 5-11, 20, Rexburg, Idaho — as a sophomore saw plenty of action last year . . . handles himself well . . . will probably start at left guard most of the time.
- JAY WEENIG** (68) Sophomore, 210, 6-2, 19, Ogden, Utah — one of the boys Atkinson is counting on this year . . . considered top line prospect as Fresh last year . . . all-stater from Ogden . . . was tackle, but has been switched to guard to take advantage of his speed.
- BOB SMITH** (65) Sophomore, 175, 5-10, 19, American Fork, Utah — not too large for a lineman, Smith is another sophomore needing experience . . . good speed.
- CLAUDE BLANCH** (63) Sophomore, 170, 5-9, 19, Ogden — another case where experience is needed . . . good scrapper . . . with more seasoning, could help the Cougars in seasons to come.
- CLINT TAYLOR** (67) Sophomore, 180, 5-9, 21, Provo — is likely starter this year . . . has shown real progress in practice sessions.
- IVAN MUSE** (66) Senior, 190, 6-0, 21, Phoenix, Arizona — saw some action last year at center . . . switched to guard to strengthen line . . . played two years for Eastern Arizona . . . capable regular.
- BOB LOOSE** (64), Sophomore, 174, 5-10, 20, Belmont, California — another newcomer shooting for experience . . . could help Cats.
- SCOTT FARMER** (61) Sophomore, 174, 5-10, 19, Seattle, Washington — relatively small, but as rugged as they come . . . likely to see action this year.

### — QUARTERBACKS —

- HENRY WEST** (10) Senior, 165, 6-0, 21, Pocatello, Idaho — until the one-platoon, was offense star . . . excellent signal-caller and passer . . . is working on defense . . . two-year letterman.
- RON BEAN** (15) Junior, 175, 5-11, 19, Seattle — Ron saw some action last year . . . can pass, call signals, and run well for T quarterback . . . could start any game.
- DALTON OVERSTREET** (8) Junior, 167, 6-0, 20, Chandler, Arizona — came to BYU from Eastern Arizona State (Thatcher) . . . handles himself very well . . . fine all-around player.
- DICK PORTERFIELD** (7) Sophomore, 170, 5-11, 19, Belleflower, California — a newcomer at quarterback needing only experience . . . can pass well and is a fine blocker.
- DAVE KIMBALL** (11) Sophomore, 155, 5-10, 19, Provo, Utah — for a first year player, Kimball is proving to be capable all-around quarterback . . . small, but real field general . . . boy to watch.

## PLAYER BRIEFS . . .

### — HALFBACKS —

- PHIL OYLER** (20) Junior, 170, 5-10, 20, Brigham City — a single wing player in high school, Phil had some trouble last year in changing to T-formation . . . looked terrific towards end of last season . . . all-around athlete . . . best year coming up.
- WILLARD STOLWORTHY** (40) Junior, 170, 5-11, 20, Orem, Utah — a promising halfback slated for plenty of action this year . . . seasoning is helping.
- GARY LaCOMB** (22) Sophomore, 170, 5-10, 19, Bingham, Utah — was all-stater and scoring champion in high school . . . biggest asset is speed . . . experience will help him.
- BERT HUNSAKER** (25) Sophomore, 160, 5-10, 22, Brigham City, Utah — another of the Y's slight, but fast halfbacks . . . will give depth to backfield.
- DICK FELT** (21) Senior, 168, 6-0, 21, Lehi, Utah — co-captain, two-year letterman labeled for all-conference honors . . . a scorer, great runner . . . handles BYU punting and also passes with accuracy . . . will spearhead Y attack.
- BILLY MEADOWS** (17) Junior, 160, 5-0, 20, Columbus, Georgia — saw healthy amount of action last year . . . punts, boots PTA's . . . his experience will help halfback slot.
- JIM CRITTENDEN** (9) Sophomore, 175, 6-0, 19, Oakley, Utah — as prep was basketball, football, track star . . . showed real progress this fall . . . fine running back . . . good potential.
- KEN GOMM** (25) Sophomore, 182, 5-11, 19, Ogden, Utah — another of the Ogden sophomores . . . good all-around half needing more experience . . . may do some place kicking for Cougars . . . recently married.

### — FULLBACKS —

- DON JAMES** (46) Senior, 195, 6-0, 21, Las Vegas, Nevada — had a sensational 10-yard average for his 20 ball carrying assignments last year . . . loves to hit that line . . . a good defensive player, too . . . should be Don's big year.
- JOHNNY VELASCO** (19) Junior, 180, 5-9, 20, Honolulu, Hawaii — is fine fullback . . . plays terrific defensive ball as linebacker . . . is real punter . . . a definite asset to this year's club.
- DAVE McLAREN** (33) Sophomore, 192, 6-1, 19, Provo — may not see too much action this year behind James and Velasco . . . hard runner . . . will help at fullback.
- LaVAE SMITH** (46) Sophomore, 184, 5-9, 19, Fillmore, Utah — was all-state back at millard . . . is strong and fast for fullback . . . here again time and experience will help.

# PAST RECORDS . . .

BYU	1922	OPP.	BYU	1923	OPP.
3	Utah State AC	41	16	Montana State	15
0	University of Utah	49	6	Colorado Aggies	14
0	Colorado Mines	47	0	Colorado University	41
7	Wyoming University	0	0	University of Utah	15
0	Colorado Aggies	33	19	Western State College	0
0	Wyoming University	13	0	Utah State AC	40
			6	Colorado College	31
<b>1924</b>			<b>1925</b>		
3	Colorado College	0	7	Colorado Aggies	21
0	Montana State	13	7	Colorado College	6
6	University of Utah	35	0	Utah State AC	14
9	Utah State AC	13	0	University of Utah	27
26	Western State Teachers	0	39	Western State College	6
0	Colorado Mines	0	16	Montana State	7
<b>1926</b>			<b>1927</b>		
0	California Aggies	17	0	Colorado Aggies	29
6	Colorado Teachers	12	0	California Aggies	0
0	Utah State AC	0	7	Colorado Teachers	21
30	Western State	0	0	Utah State AC	22
0	Montana State	27	60	Western State Teachers	7
7	University of Utah	40	0	University of Utah	20
6	Colorado Aggies	19	38	Colorado Mines	19
<b>1928</b>			<b>1929</b>		
9	College of Idaho	6	10	University of Nevada	7
7	California Aggies	6	0	California Aggies	19
6	Colorado Aggies	15	12	Montana State College	13
46	Western State	0	7	Utah State AC	6
0	Utah State AC	10	33	Western State	12
7	Montana State	19	13	University of Utah	45
0	University of Utah	0	25	Colorado Teachers	13
			40	Wyoming University	0
<b>1930</b>			<b>1931</b>		
19	Wyoming University	12	7	U.A.Y. All-Stars	3
6	University of Nevada	6	7	Univ. of San Francisco	25
7	Colorado Teachers	7	19	University of Nevada	14
7	University of Utah	34	0	University of Utah	43
25	Western State	0	31	Western State	0
39	Utah State AC	14	0	Colorado Teachers	6
13	Mount St. Charles	13	6	Utah State AC	0
19	Montana State	6	7	University of Wyoming	13
<b>1932</b>			<b>1933</b>		
6	Montana State	0	0	United States Marines	21
28	Western State	6	25	Montana State	0
46	Occidental College	0	6	University of Utah	21
0	University of Utah	29	13	Western State	0
20	Colorado Teachers	2	0	Denver University	6
25	Wyoming University	0	25	Colorado College	0
32	Univ. of Idaho (So. Br.)	0	0	Utah State AC	14
18	Utah State AC	6	6	Wyoming University	3
<b>1934</b>			<b>1935</b>		
32	Occidental College	7	0	Montana State	7
20	Montana State	6	19	Greeley State	3
0	Wyoming University	7	12	Colorado College	13
0	University of Utah	43	13	Wyoming University	6
6	Colorado University	48	0	University of Utah	32
46	Western State	0	21	Western State	2
0	Utah State AC	15	0	Utah State AC	27
34	Colorado College	19	13	Arizona State Teachers	0
6	Denver University	24			
<b>1936</b>			<b>1937</b>		
6	University of Arizona	32	7	Greeley State	0
19	Montana State	0	0	University of Utah	14
33	Greeley State	0	34	California Aggies	0
0	Utah State AC	13	0	Colorado University	14
0	University of Utah	18	10	Portland University	13
26	Western State	12	21	Western State	0
7	Denver University	35	19	Wyoming University	0
32	Wyoming University	7	54	Utah State AC	0
0	Colorado College	6	19	Montana State	0