



# BYUBASKETBALL

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## 2020-21 BYU SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Score	W/L	Time	Network
N25	Wed	Westminster	108-59	W	6 p.m.	BYUtv
N26	Thu	New Orleans	86-61	W	7 p.m.	BYUtv
N28	Sat	Utah Valley	82-60	W	7 p.m.	BYUtv
D1	Tue	vs. USC+	53-79	L	2:30 p.m.	ESPN2
D2	Wed	vs. St. John's+	74-68	W	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2
D5	Sat	at Utah State	67-64	W	7:00 p.m.	Online
D9	Wed	Boise State	70-74	L	7:00 p.m.	BYUtv
D12	Sat	Utah			4:00 p.m.	BYUtv
D18	Fri	at San Diego State			1:00 p.m.	CBSSN
D21	Mon	Texas Southern			7:00 p.m.	BYUtv
D23	Wed	vs. Weber State#			5:00 p.m.	BYUtv
D31	Thu	at Pepperdine			TBD	ESPN*
J2	Sat	at San Diego			TBD	TBD
J7	Thu	Pacific			TBD	TBD
J14	Thu	at Saint Mary's			TBD	ESPN*
J16	Sat	at San Francisco			TBD	ESPN*
J21	Thu	Portland			TBD	TBD
J23	Sat	Pepperdine			TBD	ESPN*
J30	Sat	San Francisco			TBD	TBD
F4	Thu	at Portland			TBD	TBD
F6	Sat	at Gonzaga			TBD	ESPN*
F11	Thu	Saint Mary's			TBD	ESPN*
F13	Sat	San Diego			TBD	TBD
F18	Thu	at Pacific			TBD	TBD
F20	Sat	at Loyola Marymount			TBD	TBD
F25	Thu	Santa Clara			TBD	TBD
F27	Sat	Gonzaga			TBD	ESPN*
M4-9		WCC Championships				

+ Legends Classic Presented by Old Trapper  
 # at Vivint Smart Home Arena  
 \* Specific ESPN Network to be determined at a later date  
 All times local to site  
 WCC Game

## GAME INFORMATION

BYU (5-2) vs. Utah (2-0)  
 Saturday, Dec. 12  
 4:00PM MT  
 BYUtv  
 Marriott Center



## BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV/Streaming: BYUtv  
 RADIO: BYU Sports Network  
 BYUradio SiriusXM 143, BYUradio.org/BYUradio app, BYUCougars.com/BYU Cougars app, KSL Newsradio 102.7 FM/1160 AM

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: www.BYUcougars.com  
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 Twitter: @BYUbasketball | @BYUcougars  
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## BYU VS UTAH RIVALRY RETURNS TO PROVO

- The two schools have met 260 times. BYU leads the overall series 131-129 and has won 13 of the last 18 meetings.
- BYU and Utah last met during the 2019-20 season in Salt Lake City, with Utah winning 102-95 in overtime. Since the first rivalry game in 1909, only 16 games have gone to overtime with Utah holding the edge 12-4.

## Series Quick Facts

- Series Record: 131-129, BYU
- Last Meeting: Utah won 102-95 in overtime, 12/04/2019
- Home: 75-49
- Away: 49-75
- Neutral: 7-5

## PROJECTED STARTERS (BASED ON THE PREVIOUS GAME)



Brandon Averette ..... Pts: 8.7  
 5-11 / 185 ..... Reb: 3.6  
 Senior Guard ..... Ast: 2.7  
 Richardson, Texas



Alex Barcello ..... Pts: 19.6  
 6-2 / 180 ..... Reb: 4.9  
 Senior Guard ..... Ast: 3.3  
 Chandler, Arizona



Connor Harding ..... Pts: 7.4  
 6-6 / 185 ..... Reb: 2.4  
 Junior Guard ..... Ast: 1.9  
 Pocatello, Idaho



Caleb Lohner ..... Pts: 4.7  
 6-8 / 230 ..... Reb: 6.3  
 Freshman Forward ..... Ast: 1.7  
 Dallas, Texas



Matt Haarms ..... Pts: 10.2  
 7-3 / 250 ..... Reb: 3.0  
 Senior Forward ..... Blk: 2.4  
 Amsterdam, Netherlands

## BYU STORYLINES AND QUICK FACTS

- The Cougars are off to a 5-2 start and are 3-1 at the Marriott Center.
- BYU is led by Alex Barcello who is averaging 19.6 points and 3.3 assists per game. Barcello has scored 137 points in seven games and as of Dec. 9 was leading the nation in points scored. He is shooting a blistering 62.9% from three and 62% from the field.
- Purdue transfer Matt Haarms has started the last four games for BYU, grabbing 15 rebounds and blocking 12 shots. Haarms is BYU's second leading scorer averaging 10.2 points per game over five games after missing the first two games due to injury.
- Caleb Lohner paces the Cougars in rebounds averaging 6.3 to go with his 4.7 points per game.

## BYU Quick Facts

## BYU Cougars (5-2, 0-0 West Coast)

- Head Coach: Mark Pope
- Alma Mater: Kentucky, 1996
- Division I Career Record: 106-66 (6th Season)
- Record at BYU: 29-10 (2nd Season)
- No. 18/16 AP/USA Today Coaches Polls in 2019-20

## UTAH STORYLINES QUICK FACTS

The Utes are 2-0 to begin the season with wins over Washington (76-62) and Idaho State (75-59).

- Timmy Allen, Utah's leading scorer from last season is back having averaged 17.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game in 2019-20. Allen and Barcello are former teammates on the AAU circuit.
- The Utes return 85.7% of its scoring from last year's roster. Where the Cougars only returns 29% of its scoring from a season ago.
- Entering the week, two Utes were statistically among the top-25 individually. Mikael Jantunen is fourth in the nation in offensive rebounds per game (4) and fifth in field goal percentage (.833), while Alfonso Plummer in fifth in steals per game (5) and 10th in 3-point field goals made (4).

## Utah Quick Facts

## Utah Utes (2-0, 1-0 Pac-12)

- Head Coach – Larry Krystkowiak
- Alma Mater: Montana, 1996
- Division I Career Record: 215-146 (12th Season)
- Record at Utah: 173-126 (10th Season)
- Last Meeting: Utah won 102-95 in overtime, 12/04/2019

## 2020-21 SEASON AND CAREER HIGH

#	Player		Points	Rebounds	Assists
0	Hunter Erickson	Season	3 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	2 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	1 vs. USC (2020-21)
		Career	Same	Same	Same
1	Wyatt Lowell	Season	5 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	3 (2x) last vs. Boise State (2020-21)	—
		BYU Career	Same	Same	—
		D1 Career	14 vs. Saint Mary's (2018-19)	6 vs. Western State (2018-19)	2 vs. Chicago State (2018-19)
3	Matt Haarms	Season	18 vs. Boise State (2020-21)	6 vs. USC (2020-21)	2 (2x) last at Utah State (2020-21)
		BYU Career	Same	Same	Same
		D1 Career	26 vs. Minnesota (2019-20)	10 vs. Jacksonville State (2018-19)	4 vs. Indiana (2018-19)
4	Brandon Averette	Season	15 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	6 vs. Boise State (2020-21)	6 vs. Utah Valley (2020-21)
		BYU Career	Same	Same	Same
		D1 Career	23 vs. Grand Canyon (2019-20)	6 (2x) last vs. Boise State (2020-21)	7 vs. Seattle (2019-20)
5	Gideon George	Season	13 vs. St. John's (2020-21)	15 vs. St. John's (2020-21)	1 (2x) last vs. USC (2020-21)
		Career	Same	Same	Same
10	Jesse Wade	Season	4 vs. USC (2020-21)	1 (2x) last vs. USC (2020-21)	2 vs. Westminster (2020-21)
		BYU Career	Same	Same	Same
		D1 Career	9 vs. Howard (2017-18)	3 vs. Santa Clara (2017-18)	Same
13	Alex Barcello	Season	25 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	7 (2x) last vs. Utah Valley (2020-21)	5 vs. St. John's (2020-21)
		BYU Career	Same	7 (3x) last vs. Utah Valley (2020-21)	5 (3x) last vs. St. John's (2020-21)
		D1 Career	Same	Same	6 vs. UMBC (2017-18)
15	Cameron Pearson	Season	—	1 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	1 vs. Westminster (2020-21)
		Career	—	Same	Same
20	Spencer Johnson	Season	10 (2) last vs. Boise State (2020-21)	2 (5x) last vs. Boise State (2020-21)	3 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)
		Career	Same	Same	Same
21	Trevin Knell	Season	11 vs. St. John's (2020-21)	5 vs. Utah Valley (2020-21)	3 (2x) last vs. Utah Valley (2020-21)
		Career	Same	Same	Same
24	Townsend Tripple	Season	—	—	—
		Career	—	—	—
25	Gavin Baxter	Season	11 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	6 vs. Westminster (2020-21)	2 vs. Westminster (2020-21)
		Career	25 vs. Loyola Marymount (2018-19)	10 vs. Loyola Marymount (2018-19)	3 vs. Pacific (2018-19)
33	Caleb Lohner	Season	11 at Utah State (2020-21)	9 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)	3 (2x) vs. Utah Valley (2020-21)
		Career	Same	Same	Same
40	Kolby Lee	Season	12 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)	4 (2x) last vs. USC (2020-21)	7 vs. Westminster (2020-21)
		Career	21 vs. San Diego (2019-20)	10 at Portland (2019-20)	Same
42	Richard Harward	Season	11 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)	10 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)	2 (2x) at Utah State (2020-21)
		BYU Career	Same	Same	Same
		D1 Career	19 vs. Chicago State (2018-19)	10 (2x) last vs. New Orleans (2020-21)	4 vs. Indiana (2018-19)
44	Connor Harding	Season	12 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)	4 vs. New Orleans (2020-21)	3 vs. St. John's (2020-21)
		Career	14 vs. Utah State (2018-19)	7 (2x) last vs. Rice (2018-19)	4 vs. Santa Clara (2018-19)

Career Highlights

- Led BYU to a record of 24-8 in his first season as head coach, the most wins for a first-year coach in program history
- Named the USBWA District VIII Coach of the Year
- A semifinalist for the Werner Ladder Naismith Men’s Coach of the Year
- Led BYU back into the top 25 for the first time since 2010-11 with a No. 23 ranking on Feb. 17 and the Cougars jumped to as high as No. 14 and finished No. 18/16 in the AP/USA Today Coaches Polls
- Is only the second coach in program history to lead the Cougars into the top 25 in his first season and the first to finish his first season ranked in the top 25
- Coached three All-WCC First Team honorees in Yoeli Childs, TJ Haws and Jake Toolson in 2019-20
- Guided BYU to national rankings of No. 1 in 3-point field goal percentage, No. 2 in assist/turnover ratio, No. 3 in field goal percentage, No. 4 in 3-point field goals per game and No. 5 in assists per game
- Led BYU to a win over No. 2 Gonzaga in the Marriott Center, the highest ranked team the Cougars have defeated in the Marriott Center’s history
- As head coach of Utah Valley from 2015-19, led the Wolverines to a record of 77-56
- Led Utah Valley to three-straight bids to the College Basketball Invitational (2017, 2018, 2019), including a trip to the semifinals in 2017
- Coached the Wolverines to 23 and 25 wins in 2017-18 and 2018-19, the first back-to-back 20-win seasons in Utah Valley history
- Utah Valley’s 25 wins in 2018-19 are a school record
- Coached the 2019 Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year
- Utah Valley was 30-2 at home from 2017-19
- Led the Wolverines to 22-straight home wins from 2017-19, the nation’s second-longest active home win streak at the time and the longest home win streak in school history
- In 2018-19 led Utah Valley to its first-ever preseason tournament title as the Wolverines won the MGM Main Event Middleweight Championship in Las Vegas
- Helped create and organize the #Toughest24 as Utah Valley opened the 2017-18 season playing at No. 4 Kentucky and at No. 1 Duke on back-to-back nights
- As an assistant to Dave Rose at BYU from 2011-15, helped BYU to at record of 98-43, three NCAA tournament appearances and a trip to the semifinals of the NIT



Coaching Experience

- BYU Head Coach (2019-present)
- Utah Valley Head Coach (2015-19)
- BYU Assistant Coach (2011-2015)
- Wake Forest Assistant Coach (2010-11)
- Georgia Director of Basketball Operations (2009-10)

Education

- Kentucky (1996, B.A. in English)
- Completed two years of medical school at Columbia University in New York
- Newport HS in Bellevue, Wash. (1991)

Playing Career

- Played freshman and sophomore seasons at Washington (1991-93)
- Earned Pac-10 All-Academic honors as a sophomore
- Played junior and senior seasons at Kentucky (1994-96)
- Helped Kentucky to SEC title and Elite Eight run while earning Academic All-SEC honors in 1995
- Helped Kentucky to SEC title and NCAA National Championship as a team captain in 1996
- Drafted in the second round of the 1996 NBA Draft by the Indiana Pacers
- Played the 1996-97 season for Efes Pilsen in Turkey
- Played for the Indiana Pacers under Larry Bird from 1997-99 and helped the Pacers to the 1998 Eastern Conference Finals
- Played for the La Crosse Bobcats of the CBA and Ulkerspor in Turkey in 1999-00
- Played for the Milwaukee Bucks under coach George Karl from 2000-02 and helped the Bucks to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2001
- Spent the 2002-03 season on injured reserve with the New York Knicks
- Played for the Denver Nuggets from 2003-05

Personal/Family

- Wife: Lee Anne
- Daughters: Ella, Avery, Layla and Shay

POPE'S DIVISION I HEAD COACHING RECORD													
Season	School	Overall	Pct.	Home	Pct.	Away	Pct.	Neutral	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Conf. Tourney	
2015-	Utah	12-18	.400	7-8	.467	5-9	.357	0-1	.000	6-8	.429	0-1	N/A
2016-	Utah	17-17	.500	8-5	.615	8-11	.421	1-1	.500	6-8	.429	1-1	2-1 CBI
2017-	Utah	23-11	.676	16-1	.941	6-9	.400	1-1	.500	10-4	.714	1-1	1-1 CBI
2018-	Utah	25-10	.714	14-1	.933	8-8	.500	3-1	.750	12-4	.750	1-1	1-1 CBI
2019-	BYU	24-8	.750	14-1	.933	6-5	.545	4-2	.667	13-3	.813	0-1	0-0
	Totals	101-64	.612	59-16	.787	33-42	.440	9-6	.600	47-27	.635	3-5	4-3





#0 HUNTER ERICKSON  
6-3 | 180 | Freshman | Guard  
Provo, Utah | Timpview HS



#1 WYATT LOWELL  
6-10 | 205 | Sophomore | Forward  
Gilbert, Arizona | Utah Valley



#2 BRANDON WARR  
6-5 | 210 | Senior | Guard  
Salt Lake City, Utah | Westminster



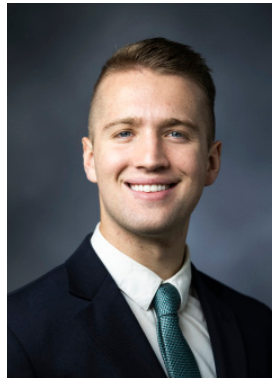
#3 MATT HAARMS  
7-3 | 250 | Senior | Forward/Center  
Amsterdam, Netherlands | Purdue



#4 BRANDON AVERETTE  
5-11 | 185 | Senior | Guard  
Richardson, Texas | Utah Valley



#5 GIDEON GEORGE  
6-6 | 190 | Junior | Forward  
Minna, Nigeria | New Mexico JC



#10 JESSE WADE  
6-1 | 175 | Junior | Guard  
Kaysville, Utah | Gonzaga



#13 ALEX BARCELLO  
6-2 | 180 | Senior | Guard  
Chandler, Arizona | Arizona



#15 CAMERON PEARSON  
6-0 | 175 | Sophomore | Guard  
Lakewood, Colorado | Chatfield



#20 SPENCER JOHNSON  
6-5 | 175 | Sophomore | Guard  
American Fork, Utah | Salt Lake



#21 TREVIN KNELL  
6-5 | 190 | Sophomore | Guard  
Woods Cross, Utah | Woods Cross



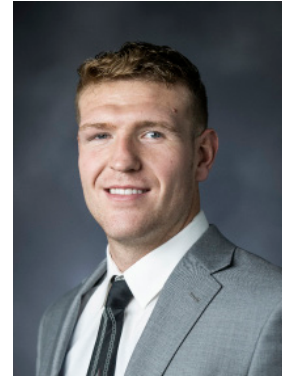
#24 TOWNSEND TRIPPLE  
6-8 | 200 | Freshman | Guard  
Meridian, Idaho | Rocky Mountain



#25 GAVIN BAXTER  
6-9 | 210 | Junior | Forward  
Provo, Utah | Timpview HS



#33 CALEB LOHNER  
6-8 | 215 | Freshman | Forward  
Dallas, Texas (Wasatch Academy)



#40 KOLBY LEE  
6-9 | 240 | Junior | Forward  
Meridian, Idaho | Rocky Mountain



#42 RICHARD HARWARD  
6-11 | 255 | Junior | Forward  
Orem, Utah | Utah Valley



#44 CONNOR HARDING  
6-6 | 185 | Junior | Guard  
Pocatello, Idaho | Highland HS



MARK POPE  
Head Coach (2nd Season)

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