

# BYU COUGARS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

### QUARTERBACKS

When I think of BYU I think of outstanding QB's. John Beck had a fine career and left here after '06 (#2DC MIA) as the school's #2 all-time passer behind Ty Detmer. Beck won the MWC OPW seven times in '06 throwing for 3,885 (69.3%) with a 32-8 ratio (MWC Off POY). Ariz St transfer Max Hall (PS#52) RS with the Sun Devils in '04 then left for a mission and had not played in 4 yrs. Hall had a phenomenal '07 season and set the MWC single season soph record for total offense as well as passing yards. Hall suffered a grade-3 shoulder separation vs WY. It was the same injury that has put numerous QB's on the sideline but Hall still started the final 3 and att'd every QB pass. He threw for 3,848 (60.1%) with a 26-12 ratio. Brenden Gaskins originally signed at Nevada and then for 2,071 and 20 TD's at JC in '06. He played in six (4 att). Mendenhall was not impressed with the backups and even worked WR Austin Collie in that role in Aug. Hall was healthy for all of '08 and threw for 3,957 (69.2%) with a 35-14 ratio and was the #3 rusher. Gaskins played in 3 (12 pass). This year they add in Utah St transfer Riley Nelson (6'1" 195 So, PS#65) and Parker Mangum (6'4" 210 Sr). Nelson is not your prototypical QB as he is an undersized running QB without a powerful arm but he was a Parade AA and started 7 at Utah St throwing for 925 (55.4%) with a 6-7 ratio in '06 sparking what was then a moribund offense. Hall said he's stronger and faster this yr and BYU QB Coach Brandon Doman (alumni) said he could be as good as anyone this school has ever had.



QB Max Hall

### RUNNING BACKS

Curtis Brown led in rushing for 3 straight years topping 1,000 in both '05 and '06. He also led in rec's in 2006 and figured to be very difficult to replace. Fui Vakapuna, who rushed for 157 (5.2) in '03 and then went on a mission, had 445 (4.8) in '06. He appeared to headline the "Tongan Trio". The other two members were rFr Harvey Unga and Manase Tonga (8 st FB '06, 427 tkl yd). True frosh JJ Di Luigi (PS#94) was compared to LaDanian Tomlinson but broke his foot and RS. Unga improved weekly and not only broke Ronney Jenkins 1996 frosh rushing record (733) but the MWC record as well finishing with 1,227 (5.0) with 44 rec (14.9). Tonga added 305 (3.5) and Vakapuna (miss 3) had 252 (3.5). Last year Tonga was ruled ineligible and surprisingly Unga's stats dipped a bit to 1,132 (4.7) while Vakapuna had 263 (4.9). Di Luigi had a crucial fumble vs Colo St and had just 48 (3.7). Not listed in the PSL are Matthew Edwards (6'3" 196 So) and Tucker Lamb (5'9" 197 rFr). This year Tonga (6'0" 238 Sr) is expected to return but they lose solid blocking FB Vakapuna (8 st, #7DC CIN) so while we won't hear the crowd chanting "Fuuuuuuu" after each of his carries this unit could be just as strong.

### RECEIVERS

In 2007 BYU had to replace their top 4 rec but did get the huge return of Austin Collie, who was the MWC Frosh POY in 2004 with 771 (14.5). Collie led with 946 (16.9), TE Dennis Pitta was #2 with 813 (13.8) and Michael Reed added 449 (11.0). All three returned last year. The previous MWC record for most consec 100 yard rec games was 5 and Collie more than doubled

that with 11 and led the NCAA with 1,538 yds (14.5) while Pitta had 1,083 (13.0). Reed improved to 589 (12.0) and backup TE Andrew George added 219 (9.5). This year Collie (11 st) opted to leave early for the NFL (#4DC IND) and also gone is Reed (11 st), Bryce Mahuika (1st, 0 rec) and Reed White (1 st, 7 rec). Spencer Halaoka's (1st, 1 rec LY) return is questionable (illness). Not listed in the PSL are BJ Peterson (6'3" 202 Jr), Jonathan McCullough (6'5" 228 Jr, PS#145), Rex Morgan (5'10" 177 rFr) and TE Braden Brown (6'6" 260 rFr, PS#55) who took some snafus at FB in the spring with Tonga out. Pitta is one of the top TE's in the country and they also get back McKay Jacobson (PS#38) who had 547 (9.5) as a true in '06 but with the loss of 2 of the top 3 this unit may be down a notch.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year BYU not only had 9 of the top 10 back, they had one of the best G combos in the country in Ray Feinga and Travis Bright and the 2nd biggest OL in the FBS (avg 327 lbs). The team's ypc rush did improve to 4.1 (134 ypg), but that number that did not match my expectations. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2x 1st Tm MWC LG Feinga (13 st, 3Y str), 2nd Tm MWC RG Bright (13 st, 3Y str), 2x 1st Tm MWC C Dallas Reynolds (13 st, 4Y str), RT David Oswald (13 st, 2Y str) and C Garrett Reden (11 gm). That is a combined 154 career starts departing. This year's line has just 23 career starts back (#117 FBS). The 2009 O-line is far less experienced and is my biggest concern on the team but it would not surprise me if the key indicator stats of the O-line don't drop as much as you would expect.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - BYU usually fields an older D-line due to missions but in 2006 had 3 legitimate true frosh in the 2 deep but still allowed just 114 ypg in '07 (3.6). They had to replace 2 starters and their 1 returnee, Russell Tialavea (8 st '06) tore his ACL but BYU still improved to 97 ypg (3.0 ypc best S/'99). Last year they had to replace 1 starter but with an inexperienced back 8, the numbers slipped to 140 ypg (3.9). This year BYU has the best D-line in the MWC. Jan Jorgensen is already the MWC's career sack leader. Added to the mix is Bernard Afutiti (PS#9JC) who RS here in '08 and Tevita Hola (PS#61JC). Not listed below are Rockey Kalamafoni (6'2" 289 So), David Tuitupou (6'5" 254 So) and Steven Fisher (6'4" 249 So). The only losses are Mosese Foketi (15 tkl), Brock Richardson (3 tkl) and Kyle Luengkang (1 tkl).

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Cougars had to replace 3 starters including their top 2 tacklers (4 of top 11). TE Vic So'oto moved to WLB but was lost after 2 starts. This year they lose 2nd Tm MWC David Nixon (13 st, 90 tkl, 11.5 tkl, 3 int) who leaves as the MWC's all-time tkl leader and Matt Ahyou (3 st, 50 tkl) who transferred. They not only have 4 of the top 6 back, but So'oto returns. Not listed in the PSL are Jadon Wagner (6'4" 232 So), Austin Nielsen (6'0" 223 rFr), Shane Hunter (5'10" 236 Jr), Masi Tuitama (6'2" 215 rFr), Connell Hess (6'0" 210 rFr) and Jeff Bell (6'0" 218 Sr).

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 2006 BYU only had to replace one starter and moved up to #19 in my pass D rankings with a 12-18 ratio (25-9 ratio in '05). In 2007 they had to replace 2 starters but were #15 with a 12-16 ratio. The high finish was unexpected because by the end, all four DB starters were walk-ons. Last year I noted that the unit was my biggest concern on the team as they only had a combined 7 career starts. As you would expect, BYU plummeted to #93. This year they lose FS Kellen Fowler (13 st, 88 tkl, 2 pbu) and KAT David Tafuna (12 st, 57 tkl, 1 int) but it's possible Brandon Howard (12 st '08) could return in the fall. Not listed below is Byron Putnam (5'11" 194 So). Generally when a team loses 2 or 3 starters you would expect a downward trend but they are more experienced than LY and add in some JUCO's, so I'll call for the Cougars to climb in my pass D rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Mendenhall's first unit ranked #100 in my ST rankings and I called for them to be one of the most improved ST units in IA in '06 and they moved up to #20. They had to replace most of their key players in '07 and dropped to

#60. Last year all of the key players were back and they moved up to #26. P CJ Santiago improved from 39.7 (35.2 net) to 41.8 (36.5 net) while true frosh O'Neill Chambers did well on KR (23.1). Mitch Payne hit 10 of 14 FG's (long 42) in 2007 and was the short FG man in '08 hitting 10 of 14 (long 46). Justin Sorensen (PS#1) has a powerful leg and had an amazing 32 TB on 79 KO and 1 of 3 on FG's (2 miss 50+). This year Sorensen has opted to go on a mission and also gone are Santiago and KR Collie (27.5). The Cougars will likely drop a few notches.

**COACHES** - Bronco Mendenhall was the DC at NM 5 years prior to coming here in '03. His OC is Robert Anae who was the Texas Tech OL coach and is well versed in the spread offense. In '06 Mendenhall surprisingly switched from his 3-3-5 to a 3-4 and they allowed just 14.7 ppg (best S/'85) which was 4th best in school history. Mendenhall had been his own DC here but in '08 promoted Jaime Hill. Mendenhall called the plays last year, but that may change in '09.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

When Gary Crowton took over in 2001, it was a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg, 524 ypg and were 12-0 lobbying for a BCS bowl berth before 2 losses to end the season. They actually suffered 3 straight losing years and had their NCAA record of not being shutout end at 361 games (28 years) in 2003. In 2004 they could have easily had a winning record (+54.5 ypg MWC 2nd best) but finished just 5-6 with a tough non-conf slate including ND, USC and Boise. In 2005 (when Mendenhall took over) BYU reverted to the old uniform style used in the '80's and '90's. They lost to 3 teams that finished in the Top 20 but returned to a bowl for the first time since 2001 (6-6). In the second year of OC Anae's system, senior QB John Beck had a phenomenal year and BYU averaged 36.8 ppg. Whenever BYU has had a senior starting QB they have a combined record of 106-23-2 and the last 4 senior QB's have all bagged conf titles. BYU could have easily been unbeaten and playing in a BCS game but they gave up a last second FG to Ariz and while they outplayed BC, they lost in 2OT's. BYU had the NCAA's best margin of victory at home, (+35.2 ppg in '06, old record '79, 34.2). In 2007 the Cougars had to replace QB Beck and had just 11 returning starters. They opened the season just 2-1 but again steam rolled through the MWC at 8-0 (+157.4 ypg, +15 ppg) and earned their 3rd straight bowl bid (1st time S/'94). Against Utah they did overcome a 4th & 18 on their final drive getting a TD with :38 left for a 7 point win. They were fortunate in the bowl as they blocked UCLA's game winning FG. They had 9 returning starters on offense but just 3 on defense last year and I learned just how passionate BYU fans are about their football. While BYU was the consensus pick to win the MWC and were the only ranked MWC team to start the year, I actually picked the Cougars in a tie for 2nd in the MWC in my forecast. I have *Questions & Answers* on my website and over half of the questions coming in from across the country in June and July were from Cougar fans questioning my football acumen as they expected a BCS bowl. BYU survived a tough test in Wk 2 when UW QB Locker was called for a celebration pen and BYU blk'd the xp. Versus UCLA, WY and for 3Q's vs Utah St, they went on a 137-0 run and after they beat NMex 21-3, they rose to #9. BYU had the FBS's longest win streak at 16 but it came to an end as TCU scored on their first 3 drives and led 23-0 at half. BYU was expecting a BCS bowl and with their goal gone, they almost got upset the next week vs UNLV getting a TD and 2 pt conv then got an int in the EZ on 3rd and 22 from the BYU25. They then trailed Colo St 42-38 with 1:44 left but drove 76 yards for a TD with :22 left. After blasting SDSU and AF, they still had a shot at a 3-way tie for the MWC Title. Unfortunately Hall had 5 int's and BYU, despite only trailing by 3 into the 4Q lost by 24 to Utah. BYU dropped the bowl to Ariz by 10 and finished just 10-3 and #25. This year BYU has just 12 returning starters again. They "only" outgained MWC foes by 105.2 ypg, 52.1 ypg less than '07 and 159.3 ypg less than #1 TCU. Despite BYU's 10-3 record, they benefitted from 3 net close wins and only had 12 starts lost to inj in '08. A positive in their favor is that LY they faced TCU and Utah on the road and this year host them both. BYU has a senior QB and a much improved defense and I will call for their 3rd MWC Title in 4 years.

## OFFENSE IN BLUE 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP JERSEY # IN BLUE DEFENSE

**QB 15 MAX HALL SR.** 6-1 201 PS#52. 3848 (60%) 26-12, 1st Tm MWC '07. 3957 (69%) 35-14 LY. Brenden Gaskins (6'4" 213 Sr) 104 (56%) 2Y. Riley Nelson. 7 st '07 '06, 1289 tkl yds.  
**RB 45 HARVEY UNGA JR.** 6-0 239 PS#277. 8 st, 1227 (5.0) rFr. 12 st, 1132 (4.7) LY. 2x 2nd Tm MWC. 10 JJ Di Luigi (5'9" 198 So) PS#94. 48 (3.7) rFr. 11 Manase Tonga ? '09.  
**WR12 Stephen Covey So.** 5-11 198 PS#58. Scout Tm QB LY. Brett Thompson is PS#75.  
**WR 18** 2B Bryan Kariya (6'0" 212 So) PS#260. 1 st, 67 (5.6) true. Malosi Te'o is PS#419.  
**WR 6 McKay Jacobson So.** 5-11 192 PS#38. 6 st, 547 (19.5) true. Mission, back for spg.  
**29** Luke Asworth (6'2" 201 Jr) PS#160. 24 gm, 4 st, 139 (15.4) 2Y. 19 Matt Marshall (5'10" 183 So).  
**WR11 O'Neill Chambers So.** 6-2 209 PS#198. 1 st, 42 (14.0), 35 KR true. Mike Hague (6'0" 210 So) PS#169. 1 rec true. Mission, back in summer. 7 Tyler Kozlowski (5'9" 188 Jr), 3 rec LY.  
**TE 32 DENNIS PITTA SR.** 6-5 248 7 st 04. Mission. 6 st, 13 gm, 813 (13.8) '07. 12 st, 1083 (13.0) LY. 2x 1st Tm MWC. 88 Andrew George (6'5" 249 Sr) PS#74. 7 st, 419 (10.5) 3Y.  
**C 64 RJ Willing Sr.** 6-5 310 PS#156. 9 st '04. Mission. 11 gm '07, 5 gm LY. Ryan Freeman (6'4" 275 So) PS#155. 7 gm true. Mission, summer return. **LS 59** John Pace (6'2" 213 Sr).  
**RG 60 Terence Brown So.** 6-3 351 PS#107. 1 st true. RS LY. **63** Jesse Taufi (6'4" 302 Jr) PS#33JC. RS LY. **67** Nate Hartung (6'2" 345 So) PS#102. **62** Marco Thorson (6'3" 307 So).  
**LG 73 Jason Spredon Jr.** 6-5 305 PS#72. 12 gm (ACL) rFr. 9 gm LY. Tui Crichton (6'4" 290 Fr) PS#79. Houston Reynolds (6'3" 295 Fr) PS#109. Returns from Mission in summer.  
**RT 72 Nick Alletto Jr.** 6-6 318 PS#173. RS '04. Mission. 5 gm '07, 9 gm LY. MCL in spg. Terry Alletto PS#90. Famika Anae (6'6" 285 Fr) PS#193. Returns from Mission in summer.  
**LT 70 MATT REYNOLDS So.** 6-6 320 PS#5. Mission then RS. 13 st, 1 sk all'd, Frosh AA.  
**LY 76** Braden Hansen (6'6" 286 rFr) PS#132. Bk from Mission for spg. Ryan Multito PS#347.  
**K 38 MITCH PAYNE JR.** 6-2 210 PS#73. Hit 10-14 FG. Long of 42 as rFr. 10-14 FG. Long of 46 LY. Riley Stephenson (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#14. Returns from Mission in summer.

**DE 92 BRETT DENNEY SR.** 6-4 265 PS#140. 2 st, 31 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 37 tkl, 8 tfl LY. 57 Matt Putnam (6'6" 267 So) PS#143. 27 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. Romney Fuga (6'2" 280 So) PS#120. 9 tkl true. Mission.  
**NT 52 RUSSELL TIALAVEA SR.** 6-3 286 PS#51. 8 st, 22 tkl true. ACL '07. 12 st, 17 tkl LY.  
**97** Tevita Hola (6'1" 320 Sr) PS#61JC. DNP LY. **71** Rick Wolfley (6'3" 352 Jr) PS#282. 12 tkl 2Y.  
**DE 84 JAN JORGENSEN SR.** 6-3 259 PS#302. 111 tkl, 19 sk 2Y. 54 tkl, 5 sk LY. 1st Tm MWC LY. 90 Bernard Afutiti (6'1" 262 Jr) PS#9JC. RS LY. Jordan Richardson (6'4" 250 Fr). Ret in summer.  
**NLB 1 JORDAN PENDLETON So.** 6-2 228 PS#88. 8 gm, 3 tkl LY. Move from DB in spg. 39 Grant Nelson (6'3" 226 Jr) PS#394. 22 tkl '07. 3 gm LY. Dan Van Sweden (6'2" 232 Sr) PS#76. 5 tkl 3Y.  
**MLB 35 MATT BAUMAN SR.** 6-1 229 30 tkl true. Mission. 1 st, 34 tkl '07. 13 st, 108 tkl, 2nd Tm MWC LY. Jefferson Court (6'3" 212 Fr) PS#183. Brandon Ogletree (6-0 222 Fr) PS#119 '06.  
**BLB 42 SHAWN DOMAN SR.** 6-2 232 PS#241. 14 tkl true. 38 tkl '07. 10 st, 60 tkl LY.  
**47** Terrance Hooks (6'1" 227 Sr). 18 tkl LY. 16 tkl '07. 1 gm LY. Aveni Leung-Wai (6-1 220 So).  
**WLB 41 COLEBY CLAWSON SR.** 6-3 234 PS#119JC. 11 st, 55 tkl, 11.5 tfl here LY. 37 Vic So'oto (6'3" 253 Sr) PS#28. 6 st TE, 12 rec '07. 2 st, inj LY. Inj in spg. **43** Jordan Atkinson is PS#181JC.  
**CB 4 BRIAN LOGAN SR.** 5-9 183 PS#149JC. **Brandon Howard** (5'9" 183 Sr) 5 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 35 tkl LY. Very ? '09. **3** Garrett Nicholson (5'9" 181 Fr) PS#136. **27** Blake Morgan (5'11" 193 So).  
**CB 5 Brandon Bradley Jr.** 6-0 200 PS#262. 7 gm rFr. 2 st, 12 gm, 40 tkl LY. Lee Aguirre (PS#84JC. 24 Steven Thomas (5'11" 176 So) PS#330. 4 gm rFr. Ryan Love (5'10" 171 So).  
**SS 22 Andrew Rich Jr.** 6-3 215 PS#134JC. 3 st, 26 tkl here LY. 2 Shiloh Te'o (5'10" 206 So) PS#138. 5 tkl true. Robbie Buckner (5'10" 165 Fr) PS#153. Ret from Mission in summer.  
**FS 21 SCOTT JOHNSON SR.** 5-11 188 17 tkl '07. 10 st (inj). 59 tkl LY. Craig Bills PS#57.  
**18** Travis Uale (6'2" 195 So). 2 gm LY. Landon Jaussi (6'5" 210 Jr). Jameson Frazier (6'2" 201 So).  
**P 31 Tyler Holt So.** 5-9 177 Avg 36 yds per punt in HS. Returned from Mission LY. no gm action. Riley Stephenson (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#14. Returns from Mission in summer.

### TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

TE Richard Wilson 6-3 222 PS#11  
 DB Craig Bills 6-2 202 PS#57  
 LB Kyle Van Vyn 6-4 209 PS#38  
 DB Lee Aguirre 5-9 200 PS#4JC  
 RB Adam Hine 6-1 175 PS#79  
 OL Tui Crichton 6-4 290 PS#79  
 WR Brett Thompson 6-3 210 PS#75  
 OL Terry Alletto 6-4 280 PS#90  
 WR Mitch Mathews 5-9 195 PS#92  
 DB Brian Logan 6-5 195 PS#149JC  
 DB Gray Jalela 6-0 185 PS#130  
 LB Jordan Atkinson 6-3 243 PS#181JC  
 TE Remington Peck 6-5 222 PS#158  
 RB Anthony Heimuili 5-11 225 PS#66  
 RB Peni Maki'aki 5-10 215 PS#177  
 OL Ryan Multito 6-4 290 PS#347  
 DB Trevor Bateman 5-11 185 PS#400  
 OL Brad Wilcox 6-7 265 PS#407  
 OL Fono Vakalahi 6-4 320 PS#459  
 LB Thomas Bryson 6-5 230 PS#434  
 TE Mike Muelhman 6-5 225 PS#101 '06  
 WR Rhen Brown 5-10 187 PS#332 '06  
 WR Cody Hoffman 6-4 200 PS#582  
 RB Malosi Te'o 5-10 199 PS#419 '06

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BRONCO MENDENHALL (Career 38-13)  
5th Year at BYU  
Mendenhall's Bowl Record: 2-2

Date	Opponent	Turf	Line	Final Score		W	L
				BYU	Opp		
Sep. 5	† Oklahoma (Arlington)	A					
Sep. 12	at Tulane	A					
Sep. 19	Florida St	G					
Sep. 26	Colorado St	G					
Oct. 2	Utah St (Fri)	G					
Oct. 10	at UNLV	A					
Oct. 17	at San Diego St	G					
Oct. 24	TCU (HC)	G					
Oct. 31							
Nov. 7	at Wyoming	A					
Nov. 14	at New Mexico	G					
Nov. 21	Air Force	G					
Nov. 28	Utah	G					
Dec. 5							

**CAREER PASSING LEADERS**  
1. Ty Detmer 15,031 '88-'91 2. John Beck 11,021 '03-'06 3. Jim McMahon 9,536 '78-'81

**CAREER RUSHING LEADERS**  
1. Curtis Brown 3,221 '02, '04-'06 2. Jamal Willis 2,970 '91-'94 3. Lakai Heimuli 2,710 '84-'86

**CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS**  
1. Austin Collie 3,255 '04, '07-'08 2. Eric Drage 3,066 '90-'93 3. Margin Hooks 2,841 '97-'00

BYU is 14-22-1 vs current B12 tms including beating OU in the '94 Copper Bowl. Cougars are 5-3 when opening the ssn vs a BCS tm & they've won 5 of 7 vs BCS foes.

The Cougars are 1-1 vs Tulane & 40-12-1 vs current CUSA tms but this is the 1st trip to the Superdome. BYU is 1-10 away vs non-conf tms (reg ssn) but 8 were vs BCS opp's.

These 2 have met twice both BYU losses in ssn opening Pigskin Classics in '91 & '00. BYU has won 5 of 8 meetings hosting BCS tms including winning the L/2 by a combined 79-7.

BYU is 24-5 vs CSU S/'76 including 5 straight wins. LY's shootout had 3 ties in the 1H & 5 lead changes in the 4Q w/BUU scoring the winning TD w:/22 left on a 17 yd pass.

Logan is just 125 miles north of Provo, UT (tms in state play for the "Beehive Boot"). In their L/10 meetings (S/'93) these 2 have avg'd 65 ppg with BYU winning 9 straight.

Mendenhall is now 4-0 vs UNLV & LY's 42-35 win was the closest. UNLV got the 1st lead with 6:49 left but QB Hall was 5 of 5 on a 74 yd GW TD drive w/1:46 remaining.

The Cougars are 12-2 vs the Aztecs S/'93 including 3 straight wins. LY BYU held SDSU to 71 1H yds & allowed their only TD w:/49 left behind LB Nixon's career best 14 tkl.

LY TCU handed BYU their worst loss S/'05 & stopped their attempted BCS run with a 32-7 blowout. TCU dominated with a 410-297 ydg edge & BYU didn't score until the 4:26 mark in the 3Q.

Bonus: BYU is 29-9 since 1987 in November home games.

BYU has won 14 of 16 including 5 straight by an avg of 28 ppg. In LY's shutout they held the Cowboys to five 3 & out series including 6 drives of 3 yds or less.

The Cougars are 25-3 vs the Lobos including 4 straight wins. Last time here BYU scored 24 pts off NM TO's but the game was still tied at 21 going into the 4Q.

These two avg'd 61 ppg in MWC play including a 103 pt meeting 4 yrs ago (MWC record).BYU HC Mendenhall is 4-0 vs the Falcons with an avg win by 20 ppg.

In LY's #16 vs #8 meeting QB Hall threw a career high 5 int's including 3 in the 4Q leading to 14 Utah pts. Ten of the L/12 in this series have been decided by a TD or less.

**Mendenhall's records at BYU**

38-13	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
21-3	Home	1-5	Vs Top 25
15-8	Away	5-7	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	5-3	Off A Bye
27-5	Vs Conference	7-4	Off A Loss

**2008 RECORD:** (10-3)  
**RETURNING STARTERS:** OFFENSE: 4\* DEFENSE: 8  
**LETTERMEN:**

**Returning:** 45 (18,24,3)  
**Lost:** 29 (14,12,3)

**2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 64,102 (#27)  
**MOUNTAIN WEST**



YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
01	Liberty - #19	+3	Louisville - #23	10-28	BYU'S All-Time Bowl Record 9-17-1
05	Las Vegas	+8	California	28-35	
06	Las Vegas - #19	-3'	Oregon	38-8	
07	Las Vegas - #19	-6'	UCLA	17-16	
08	Las Vegas - #17	+3	Arizona	21-31	

**STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (64,045) (#36)**  
**PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	12-2	5-7	4-8	5-6	6-6	11-2	11-2	10-3	70-42
Home	4-2	6-0	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	6-0	6-0	6-0	39-15
Away	2-3	6-1	1-5	3-3	2-3	3-2	4-2	4-2	4-2	29-23
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	4-3	7-0	2-5	3-4	4-3	5-3	8-0	8-0	6-2	47-20
vs Non-Conf	2-3	5-2	3-2	1-4	1-3	1-3	3-2	3-2	4-1	23-22
ATS	4-8	7-7	4-8	6-6	6-5	6-5	10-2-1	6-6	3-9	52-56-1
Home Fav	2-3	5-1	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	5-1	3-2	2-3	23-21
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4
Away Favorite	0-1	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	1-3	11-16
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	2-0-1	0-1	0-2	13-11-1
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	4-3	5-3	6-2	5-3	2-6	33-34
vs Non-Conf	2-3	4-3	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-2	4-0-1	1-3	1-3	19-22-1
Off SU Win	1-4	6-6	0-5	1-3	2-3	3-3	7-2-1	4-5	3-7	27-38-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	0-1	3-3	4-3	3-2	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-2	19-16



RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	PASS	YPP	SKS	TOTAL
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	VS	TURN
9*	34.2	445	134	4.1	310	68.6	13.0	19 +2
6	30.1	443	144	3.8	298	59.6	14.7	20 -6
8*	36.8	466	142	4.2	324	68.8	12.7	15 +14
7*	33.0	462	152	4.4	310	64.3	14.0	25 +2
6*	24.3	385	106	3.0	280	55.3	15.9	39 -10
5*	16.3	313	98	3.0	215	54.6	19.3	35 -14
3	22.7	382	121	3.5	261	55.3	16.8	31 -7

RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS	BY
STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	YPP	VS	TURN
2008	3	21.9	356	140	3.9	216	61.1	16.2	22
2007	5	18.5	308	97	3.0	210	57.4	16.6	32
2006	4	14.7	319	114	3.6	205	55.1	21.7	24
2005	6	29.2	417	148	4.2	269	63.0	14.3	23
2004	3	26.8	379	149	3.7	229	54.4	14.1	34
2003	10	25.8	306	132	3.2	175	52.5	11.9	26
2002	6	27.8	385	178	4.1	207	52.0	13.9	22

**2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS**

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT			
Harvey Unga	240	1153	21	1132	11	4.7	Matt Bauman	108	2	6.5	1	0			
Fui Vakapuna	54	291	28	263	3	4.9	David Nixon	90	2	9.5	4	3			
Max Hall	65	242	127	115	4	1.8	Kellen Fowler	88	0	0	2	0			
Austin Collie	10	77	0	77	0	7.7	Shawn Doman	60	0	1	3	0			
Bryan Kariya	12	68	1	67	1	5.6	Scott Johnson	59	0	2	5	0			
Wayne Latu	14	54	3	51	2	3.6	David Tafuna	57	0	0	2	1			
JJ Di Luigi	13	52	4	48	0	3.7	Coleby Clawson	55	4	7.5	2	0			
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	PLAYER	SKS	RETURNS	NET	BLK	INT			
Max Hall	477	330	69.2	3957	35	14	Matt Ah You	50	0.5	0.5	1	0			
Brend Gaskins	12	7	58.3	73	0	0	Brandon Bradley	40	0	0	3	0			
Kurt McEuen	3	1	33.3	5	0	0	Brett Denney	37	1.5	6.5	1	0			
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	PLAYER	SKS	RETURNS	NET	BLK	INT				
Austin Collie	106	1538	14.5	15	76	Brandon Howard	35	0	2	1	0				
Dennis Pitta	83	1083	13.0	6	46	Matt Putnam	27	2	1	3	1				
Michael Reed	49	589	12.0	2	56	Andrew Rich	26	0	0	1	1				
Harvey Unga	42	309	7.4	4	19	Ian Dulan	20	3	1	0	0				
Andrew George	23	219	9.5	6	19	Russell Tialavea	17	0	2.5	2	0				
Reed White	7	70	10.0	0	30	Daniel Sorensen	17	1	2.5	0	1				
Fui Vakapuna	10	69	6.9	1	12	Mosese Foketi	15	0	0.5	0	0				
Luke Ashworth	3	49	16.3	0	31	Iona Pritchard	14	0	1	0	0				
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD				
CJ Santiago	41	1712	41.8	7	36.5	0	17	KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Justin Payne	54-56	4-4	3-6	3-4	0-0	10-14	46	0-11	4-4	3-6	3-4	0-0	10-14	46	
Mitch Sorensen	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-3	31	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-3	31		

BYU 2008	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS	DEFENSE
64,108	Northern Iowa	28	27-82	3.0	34-41	486	0	14	40-149 3.7
64,611	at Washington	25	28-137	4.9	30-41	338	0	22	35-133 3.8
64,153	UCLA	30	45-184	4.1	31-40	337	0	13	16-9 0.6
64,059	Wyoming	23	34-163	4.8	20-37	201	0	19	35-140 4.0
23,101	at Utah St	19	30-103	3.4	23-37	303	1	23	43-129 3.0
64,105	New Mexico	19	28-124	4.4	22-34	258	0	19	51-139 2.7
36,180	at TCU	19	28-23	0.8	22-42	274	6	29	51-240 4.7
64,081	UNLV	22	34-209	6.1	24-32	245	1	25	31-112 3.6
20,222	at Colorado St	32	35-162	4.6	28-35	389	3	19	29-131 4.5
64,107	San Diego St	18	37-104	2.8	25-30	317	3	18	28-120 4.3
42,177	at Air Force	32	36-126	3.5	28-37	354	3	21	51-323 6.3
46,488	at Utah	25	30-214	7.1	21-41	205	0	27	35-108 3.1
40,047	† Arizona	22	32-116	3.6	30-46	328	2	20	28-91 3.3
TOTALS		314	424-1747	4.1	338-493	4035	19	269	473-1824 3.9
AVERAGES		24.2	33-134	4.1	26-38	310	3.9%	20.7	36-140 3.9

BYU Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
-	Notre Dame	+5	20-17	
-	at Stanford	+4	10-37	
-	USC - #1	+26	10-42	
-	at Boise St - #21	+22	27-28	
-	at Colorado St	+3	31-21	
-	UNLV	-10	20-24	
-	Wyoming	-7	24-13	
-	at Air Force	+2	41-24	
-	San Diego St	-10	49-16	
-	New Mexico	-6	14-21	
-	at Utah - #5	+21	21-52	

BYU Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
-	Boston College - #22	+2	20-17	
-	E Illinois	NL	45-10	
-	TCU	-3	50-51 OT	
-	at San Diego St</			