



WASHINGTON STATE COUGARS



Tony Bennett Head Coach

Career record: 52-17 (2 years)
at Washington State: 52-17 (2 years)
in Pac-10: 24-12 (2 years)



Aron Baynes Senior Center

- Averaged 10.4 points and a team-leading 6.0 rebounds. Averaged 13.0 points and 9.0 rebounds in the NCAA Tournament.
- Ranked second in the league in field goal percentage (.600).

COUGAR FACTS

Location:.....Pullman, WA 99164
 Founded/Enrollment:.....1890/23,300
 Colors:.....Crimson & Gray
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2008-09 WASHINGTON STATE SCHEDULE – TENTATIVE

Sat., Nov. 15	Legends Classic (1)
Tues., Nov. 18	Legends Classic (1)
Fri., Nov. 21	Sacramento State
Sun., Nov. 23	Mississippi Valley State
Fri., Nov. 28	at Legends Classic (2)
Sat., Nov. 29	at Legends Classic (2)
Tues., Dec. 2	Idaho State
Sat., Dec. 6	Baylor (3)
Wed., Dec. 10	Gonzaga
Sat., Dec. 13	vs. Montana State (4)
Sat., Dec. 20	TBD
Sat., Dec. 27	at LSU
Sat., Jan. 3	Washington
Thurs., Jan. 8	California
Sat., Jan. 10	Stanford
Thurs., Jan. 15	at Oregon State
Sat., Jan. 17	at Oregon
Thurs., Jan. 22	UCLA
Sat., Jan. 24	USC
Thurs., Jan. 29	at Arizona State
Sat., Jan. 31	at Arizona
Thurs., Feb. 5	at Stanford
Sun., Feb. 7	at California
Thurs., Feb. 12	Oregon
Sat., Feb. 14	Oregon State
Thurs., Feb. 19	at USC
Sat., Feb. 21	at UCLA
Thurs., Feb. 26	Arizona
Sat., Feb. 28	Arizona State
Sat., Mar. 8	at Washington
Mar. 11-14	at Pac-10 Tournament (5)

- (1) Legends Classic, Pullman, Wash.
 (2) Legends Classic, Newark, N.J.
 (3) Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series
 (4) Seattle, Wash. (KeyArena)
 (5) Los Angeles, Calif. (Staples Center)

WASHINGTON STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Last School)
0	Marcus Capers	G	6-5	175	Fr.	HS	Montverde, Fla. (Montverde Academy)
1	Klay Thompson	G	6-6	190	Fr.	HS	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic HS)
3	Mike Harthun	G	6-3	175	Fr.	HS	Medford, Ore. (South Medford HS)
4	Nikola Koprivica	G	6-6	211	Jr.	2V	Belgrade, Serbia (Sport Grammer School)
5	Abe Lodwick	F	6-7	180	Fr.	SQ	Bend, Ore. (Mountain View HS)
10	Taylor Rochestie	G	6-1	186	Sr.*	2V	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Tulane)
11	Aron Baynes	C	6-10	270	Sr.	3V	Cairns, Australia (Cairns State HS)
13	Fabian Boeke	F	6-11	230	So.	SQ	Kummerfeld, Germany (Urspring Basketball Academy)
23	DeAngelo Casto	F	6-8	230	Fr.	HS	Spokane, Wash. (Ferris HS)
32	Daven Harmeling	F	6-7	216	Sr.*	3V	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita Monument HS)
40	Charlie Enquist	F	6-10	204	Fr.	SQ	Edmonds, Wash. (Kings HS)
42	James Watson	F	6-8	210	Fr.	HS	Stringtown, Okla. (Stringtown HS)
44	Nick Witherill	G	6-3	165	Fr.	HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Highland HS)
52	Caleb Forrest	C	6-8	228	Sr.	3V	Pagosa Springs, Colo. (Pagosa Springs HS)
	John Allen	G	6-1	170	Fr.	HS	Brier, Wash. (Mountlake Terrace HS)

*Has used redshirt year.

STRENGTHS - The Cougars return a pair of solid starters in senior center **Aron Baynes** (10.4 points/6.0 rebounds) and senior guard **Taylor Rochestie** (10.4 points/3.2 rebounds/4.74 assists). At 270 pounds, Baynes is a load to handle in the paint. He averaged 13.0 points and 9.0 rebounds in the NCAA Tournament. Rochestie led the league in assist/turnover ratio (2.81) and had one eight-game stretch where he posted 46 assists and six turnovers for a 7.67 assist/turnover ratio... Senior forward **Daven Harmeling** (5.6 points/2.2 rebounds) was a dependable sixth-man for the Cougars who will get the opportunity to crack the starting lineup this season. He hit 35 three-pointers last season and is shooting 38.8 percent from beyond the arc for his career... Junior guard **Nikola Koprivica** (2.5 points/1.0 rebounds) appeared in 34 games last season and at 6-6 gives coach Tony Bennett the option to go with a taller backcourt... Senior center **Caleb Forrest** (3.4 points/2.0 rebounds) will add depth to the interior... Sophomore forward **Fabian Boeke** (6-11, 230) and freshman forward **DeAngelo Casto** (6-8, 230) will provide plenty of size for the Cougar frontcourt. Casto was the High School Player of the Year for the State of Washington. In addition, redshirt freshmen forwards **Abe Lodwick** and **Charlie Enquist** will get thrown into the mix early... The Cougars led the league in scoring defense (56.4 ppg) for the fifth consecutive season. Only Oregon State from 1984-88 can match that feat.

CONCERNS - With only five returning letterwinners, the Cougars will need to turn to the freshmen for immediate help... Five players who were the primary factors for guiding Washington State to the NCAA Tournament the last two seasons have finished their eligibility. That means lots of points and rebounds to replace. That group accounted for better than 50 percent of the offense and 44 percent of the rebounds... Could be a tough schedule for the newcomers to handle as the docket includes NCAA Tournament participants Mississippi Valley State, Baylor and Gonzaga.

ACCORDING TO COACH TONY BENNETT - "We're going to play our toughest ever non-conference schedule. We decided to throw our young kids in the fire and see where our program is at. We're going to find out and test these guys and prepare them for Pac-10 play."

"We're losing three really good players who were a huge part of our success, we're going to miss them. It will be a challenge, but I think we're up to it. I'm excited about our recruiting class. It's good."

"Our class is very athletic and very talented, but they are freshman and I think it will take a little time. But if they develop at the rate the other guys did, good things are on the horizon."

2007-08 WASHINGTON STATE RESULTS (26-9, 11-7)

Fri., Nov. 9	Eastern Washington	W	68-41	Baynes-15
Tues., Nov. 13	at Boise State	W	86-74	Low-26
Fri., Nov. 16	Idaho	W	74-43	Two 12
Fri., Nov. 23	vs. Montana (1)	W	66-55	Rochestie-17
Sat., Nov. 24	vs. Miss. Valley State (1)	W	71-26	Two with 13
Sun., Nov. 25	vs. Air Force (1)	W	71-62	Rochestie-22
Fri., Nov. 30	at Baylor	W	67-64	Cowgill-18
Wed., Dec. 5	at Gonzaga	W	51-47	Baynes-13
Sun., Dec. 9	Portland State	W	72-60	Baynes-23
Thurs., Dec. 20	vs. The Citadel (2)	W	67-45	Baynes-16
Sun., Dec. 23	at Idaho State	W	75-45	Low-20
Fri., Dec. 28	North Carolina A&T	W	67-34	Low-19
Sat., Jan. 5	at Washington*	W	56-52	Baynes-16
Thurs., Jan. 10	at USC*	W	73-58	Harmeling-19
Sat., Jan. 12	at No. 5 UCLA*	L	74-81	Low-24
Thurs., Jan. 17	Oregon State*	W	69-46	Baynes-17
Sun., Jan. 20	Oregon*	W	69-60	Low-27
Thurs., Jan. 24	at Arizona*	L	64-76	Two with 15
Sat., Jan. 26	at No. 24 Arizona State*	W	56-55	Low-18
Thurs., Jan. 31	California*	L	64-69	Weaver-15
Sat., Feb. 2	No. 14 Stanford*	L/OT	65-67	Weaver-23
Thurs., Feb. 7	No. 5 UCLA*	L	59-67	Weaver-13
Sat., Feb. 9	USC*	W	74-50	Weaver-17
Thurs., Feb. 14	at Oregon State*	W	70-57	Rochestie-24
Sat., Feb. 16	at Oregon*	W	62-53	Rochestie-21
Thurs., Feb. 21	Arizona State*	W	59-47	Low-15
Sat., Feb. 23	Arizona*	L	55-65	Rochestie-14
Thurs., Feb. 28	at California*	W	70-49	Rochestie-18
Sat., Mar. 1	at No. 8 Stanford*	L	53-60	Low-14
Sat., Mar. 8	Washington*	W/OT	76-73	Weaver-20
Thurs., Mar. 13	vs. Oregon (1)	W	75-70	Low-18
Fri., Mar. 14	vs. No. 11 Stanford (1)	L	68-75	Weaver-25
Thurs., Mar. 20	vs. Winthrop (2)	W	71-40	Baynes-19
Sat., Mar. 22	vs. No. 15 Notre Dame (2)	W	61-41	Low-18
Thurs., Mar. 27	vs. No. 1 N. Carolina (3)	L	47-68	Low, Baynes-14

*Pacific-10 Conference

(1) Hispanic College Fund Classic, Spokane, Wash.

(2) Seattle, Wash.

(3) Pac-10 Tournament, Los Angeles, Calif. (Staples Center)

(4) NCAA Tournament, First/Second Round (Denver, Colo.)

(5) NCAA Tournament, East Regionals (Charlotte, N.C.)

2007-08 WASHINGTON STATE STATISTICS (Overall: 26-9, Pac-10: 11-7/T3rd)

Player	GP-GS	Min/Avg	TOTAL		3-PTS		REBOUNDS										PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off/Def	Tot	Avg												
Low, Derrick	35-35	1164/33.3	166-384	.432	92-239	.385	69-88	.784	8/54	62	1.8	60-0	55	43	3	50	493	14.1					
Weaver, Kyle	35-35	1159/33.1	138-298	.463	24-66	.364	126-172	.733	37/147	184	5.3	66-2	151	97	25	60	426	12.2					
Baynes, Aron	35-34	840/24.0	135-225	.600	0-1	.000	95-144	.660	64/146	210	6.0	103-7	11	53	26	23	365	10.4					
Rochestie, Taylor	35-34	1223/34.9	119-256	.465	53-122	.434	74-92	.804	20/91	111	3.2	57-0	166	59	0	35	365	10.4					
Cowgill, Robbie	35-34	983/28.1	105-194	.541	0-1	.000	45-66	.682	62/116	178	5.1	89-2	23	26	29	23	255	7.3					
Harmeling, Daven	32-1	674/21.1	60-141	.426	35-93	.376	24-31	.774	6/63	69	2.2	53-0	27	17	5	7	179	5.6					
Forrest, Caleb	34-0	408/12.0	47-92	.511	1-6	.167	21-27	.778	21/48	69	2.0	42-2	8	17	9	3	116	3.4					
Koprivica, Nikola	34-0	381/11.2	29-74	.392	4-29	.138	23-34	.676	6/27	33	1.0	41-0	23	23	1	11	85	2.5					
Sauls, Stephen	8-0	50/6.3	6-11	.545	3-6	.500	2-2	1.000	0/6	6	0.8	6-0	4	4	0	2	17	2.1					
Abercrombie, Thomas	12-0	87/7.3	5-19	.263	2-11	.182	2-5	.400	5/13	18	1.5	10-0	6	4	3	2	14	1.2					
Cross, Jeremy	14-1	66/4.7	3-13	.231	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	1/3	4	0.3	3-0	7	3	0	0	6	0.4					
Henry, Chris	13-1	41/3.2	2-9	.222	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2/4	6	0.5	4-0	1	3	1	2	4	0.3					
TEAM									42/52	94	2.8	0		9									
WASHINGTON STATE	35		815-1716	.475	214-581	.368	481-661	.728	274/770	1044	29.8	534-13	482	358	102	218	2325	66.4					
Opponents	35		717-1735	.413	186-563	.330	355-493	.720	327/710	1037	29.6	608-9	357	461	91	152	1975	56.4					