



GAME DAY

Utah State will be taking the field for the 109th season of football in 115 years. USU took the field for the first time on Nov. 25, 1892 and defeated intra-state rival Utah, 12-0.



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AGGIE SPIRIT





The USU Spirit Squad, consisting of the Aggiettes Dance Team, the Cheer Squad and the Big Blue mascot, encourages enthusiastic student participation at Aggie athletics events, promoting USU pride through new ideas, traditions, and activities.



Utah State teams were nicknamed "Big Blue" by the Logan Journal as early as 1916, an apparent reference to the Blue Ox of Paul Bunyon stories.

HAIL THE UTAH AGGIES

Hail the Utah Aggies, we'll play the game with all our might. See the colors flying, the Aggie blue and fighting white. How they stir us onward; we'll win the victory all right. Hail the Utah Aggies; we're out to win, so fight, fight!

> Utah State, Hey! Aggies all the way! Go Aggies! Go Aggies! Hey! Hey! Hey!



"Meet the Challenge," a 2,500-pound bronze sculpture by former Utah State football player Mike Hamby is located across the street from Romney Stadium.



Utah State adopted the official school colors of Blue and White in a special meeting of USU faculty on Nov. 7, 1901.



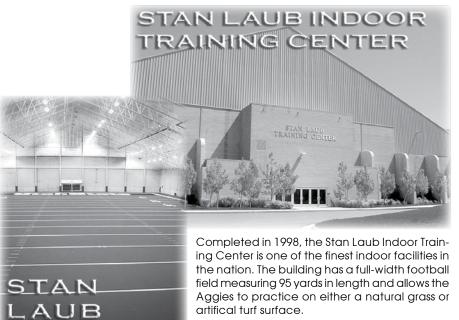
When USU athletics began, Utah State was known as the Utah Agricultural College. The first USU athletics teams were nicknamed the "Farmers." Aggies, a contraction of Agriculturalists, first appeared in the late 1890's.



FACILITIES



Utah State's Romney Stadium features beautiful views of the surrounding mountains from every side of the stadium. The facility, expanded prior to the 1999 season, features a brand new artificial turf field, lights and chairback seats on the west side. With a capacity of 25,513 Romney is the home of Aggie football and a continued expansion and renovation project is underway, and expected to be completed prior to the 2007 season. The new North Endzone building will house home and visitor locker rooms, an equipment room, coaches offices, team meeting areas and a sports medicine area. {See Inside Front Cover for more information on new building}



artifical turf surface.

Home of Utah State's athletic and ticketing offices, the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum hosts Utah State basketball, volleyball and gymnastics competitions.

SINGLE-GAME ATTENDANCE HIGHS AT ROMNEY STADIUM

	Aff.	Opp.	Date
1.	33,119	BYU	Oct. 4, 1996
2.	31,287	Utah	Sept. 3, 1994
3.	31,220	BYU	Oct. 1, 1999
4.	30,757	Utah	Aug. 31, 2002
5.	30,341	BYU	Oct. 4, 2002
6.	30,257	Utah	Aug. 31, 1996
7.	29,814	Utah	Sept. 30, 2000
8.	29,024	BYU	Nov. 9, 1985
9.	28,243	Oregon	Sept. 29, 2001
10	. 28,094	BYU	Oct. 13, 1979



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INDOOR

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING / ATHLETIC TRAINING



STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING MISSION STATEMENT:

"To achieve athletic excellence through a systematic training approach that will enhance both mental and physical performance. The strength and conditioning staff will enhance each individual athletes athletic potential through a structured program that includes all aspects of physical development and injury prevention."

 mark uyeyama head coach strength & conditioning





Under the direction of Mark Uyeyama and the rest of USU's strength and conditioning staff, each student-athlete's physical ability and performance on the field of play will improve.



The Health Center houses Utah State's Strength and Conditioning program and the University's Health and Wellness program, which also offers physical therapy for student-athletes.



USU's training staff has more than 54 combined years of experience. Hall of Fame trainer Dale Mildenberger (center) heads a staff of three full-time staff members, including Fawn Michel (left) and Mike Williams and a number of graduate assistants.

ANNUAL IRON MAN AWARD WINNERS

1992	Joe Jacobs	2000	Blake Eagel
1993	Michael Coe	2001	Tony Newson
1994	Paul Gustafson		Nick Onaindia
1995	Matt Hauk	2002	Jesse Busta
1996	Tai Gordon	2003	Greg
1997	Ben Crosland		Vandermade
1998	Walter Fiefia	2004	Ronald Tupea
1999	Donald Dicko	2005	John Chick
	Adrion Pierson		



STUDENT-ATHLETE SERVICES

Student-Athlete Services is designed to assist student-athletes with academic, vocational and social development. Brian Evans and his staff provide services including study sessions, tutoring, registration and academic advising and career counseling. The office also administers USU's NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills program and coordinates Aggie Ambassadors, Utah State's student-athlete outreach program.





program has guest speakers, in-

cluding former Syracuse All-American (football and track) and NFL

player Don McPherson speak to

student-athletes in 2003.

Utah State had 115 student-athletes recognized for academic excellence in their respective conferences in 2005-06. Additionally, USU honored 143 student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better at its own Joe E. Whitesides luncheon. The number of student-athletes recognized at the luncheon has increased six out of the last nine years.



UTAH STATE FOOTBALL ACADEMIC HONORS

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

1967 Ronnie Edwards

1968 Garth Hall

1970 Gary Anderson

1976 Randy Stockham

Academic All-America

1961 Merlin Olsen

1969 Gary Anderson

1974 Randy Stockham

1975 Randy Stockham

Academic Hall of Fame

1988 Merlin Olsen (First class inducted) In addition to working with local elementary children and seniors' groups, the Aggie Ambassadors often appear at community events.

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AGGIE FOOTBALL HISTORY





Cornell Green played basketball at USU, but was a five-time NFL Pro Bowl selection and played in two Super Bowls for Dallas.



Greg Kragen played at Utah State from 1980-83. He played in Super Bowls XXI, XXII and XXIV with the Denver Broncos.



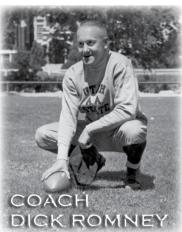
MacArthur Lane was the St. Louis Cardinals' firstround pick in 1968.



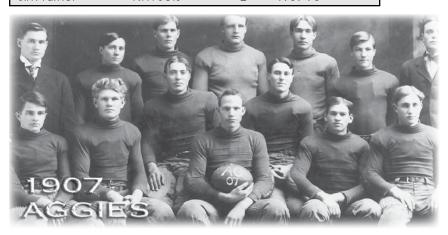
A 14-time Pro-Bowler, Merlin Olsen played for the L.A. Rams from 1962-76.



Coach E.L. "Dick"
Romney led the Ag-
gies from 1919-42 and
1944-48, compiling a
128-91-16 record in 29
seasons. He was in-
ducted into the Col-
lege Football Hall of
Fame as a coach.



AGGIES IN THE PRO BOWL				
Player	Team	Times	Years	
Cornell Green	Dallas	5	1966-68, 1972-73	
Rulon Jones	Denver	2	1985-86	
Greg Kragen	Denver	1	1990	
MacArthur Lane	St. Louis	1	1971	
Carl Mulleneaux	Green Bay	2	1940-41	
Merlin Olsen	L.A. Rams	14	1963-76	
Len Rohde	San Francisco	1	1971	
Al Smith	Houston	2	1991-92	
Jim Turner	N.Y. Jets	2	1969-70	



The 1907 Aggies were the first USU team to post a perfect season — 7-0.



PHIL & MERI OLSEN







A sampling of the logos Utah State football has used. Clockwise from top left, 1966, 1982, 1992 and 1996.



NFL EXPOSURE



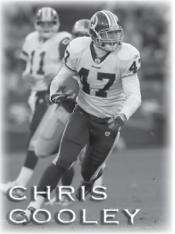
In the last four years, more than a dozen Aggies have signed free agent contracts with NFL teams. In 2003, Kevin Curtis was the 74th overall pick, going to St. Louis in the third round. Chris Cooley was the 81st overall pick by Washington in 2004.



AGGIES IN THE SUPER BOWL			
Player	Team	Super Bowl	Years
Lionel Alderidge	Green Bay	١, اا	1966, 1967
Ocie Austin	Baltimore	III	1968
Bill Dunston	L.A. Rams	XIV	1979
Hal Garner	Buffalo	XXV, XXVI	1990, 1991
Louie Giammona	Philadelphia	XV	1980
Cornell Green	Dallas	V, VI	1970, 1971
Rulon Jones	Denver	XXI, XXII	1986, 1987
Greg Kragen	Denver	XXI, XXII, XXIV	1986, 1987, 1989
Earsell Mackbee	Minnesota	IV	1969
Solomon Miller	N.Y. Giants	XXI	1986
Rod Moore	San Francisco	XXIX	1994
Jim Turner	N.Y. Jets	III	1968
	Denver	XII	1977

FORMER AGGIES ON 2006 PRESEASON NFL ROSTERS

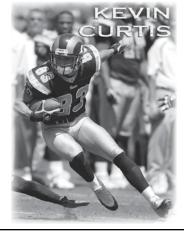
Player	Team	Pos.
Jarrett Bush	Carolina	CB
John Chick	Houston	DE
Chris Cooley	Washington	TE
Kevin Curtis	St. Louis	WR
Mark Estelle	Houston	CB
Trevor Hutton	Indianapolis	OL
Ade Jimoh	Washington	CB
Donald Penn	Minnesota	OT



Chris Cooley played as a rookie for the Washington Redskins in 2004. Last season he started all 16 games, ranking second on the Redskins with 71 catches for 774 yards and 7 TDs. Cooley was sixth among NFL TE's in receptions.

A second-round draft pick in 1980, Rulon Jones played for the Denver Broncos from 1980-88, helping lead them to two Super Bowls. Jones earned Pro-Bowl honors in 1985 and '86, as well as an All-Pro selection in 1986. In his career, Jones recorded 73.5 sacks, ranking fourth on Denver's all-time list.





Kevin Curtis is a threeyear player for the St. Louis Rams, playing in all 16 games in 2005, catching 60 passes for 801 yards and six TD's.

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MEDIA COVERAGE





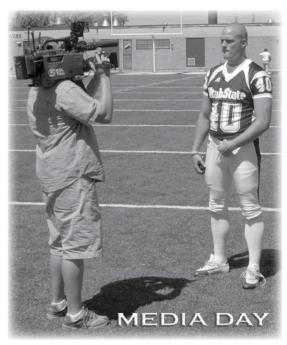
Utah is the nation's 36th largest media market, and the state's largest newspapers, television and radio stations cover the Aggies. Four of the largest newspapers in the state cover USU football's home and away contests.



Craig Hislop is the color commentator and AI Lewis serves as the Aggies' play-by-play announcer for football. Lewis also handles the play-by-play duties for men's basketball and hosts weekly coaches' shows.



Selected home Aggie football games are broadcast locally on KJZZ, Channel 14, with other selected games on ESPN Regional. This season three of USU's away games will also be on TV, one on ESPN Regional and the other two on The mtn., the Mountain West Conference network. The Sept. 2 broadcast of the Utah State-Wyoming game will be the network's debut broadcast.



Media Day allows the media access to the players, to conduct interviews and take pictures.



2006 UTAH STATE FOOTBALL TV GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	CHANNEL
Sept. 2	at Wyoming	2:30 p.m.	The mtn.
Sept. 16	UTAH	1:05 p.m.	KJZZ
Sept. 23	at BYU	1:00 p.m.	The mtn.
Oct. 21	at Louisiana Tech	5:00 p.m.	ESPN-Reg
Nov. 4	HAWAI'I	1:05 p.m.	ESPN-Reg

As of July 5, 2006

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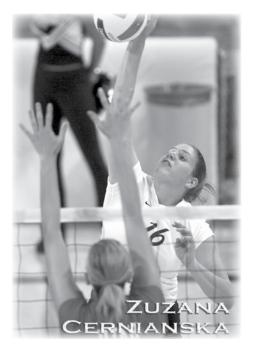
Check local listings for channel lineup.



UTAH STATE ATHLETICS



USU received national media attention after its women's basketball program was reinstated in 2003 after a 16-year hiatus.



Zuzana Cernianska received honorable mention All-America honors in 2005, marking the second time in three years a USU volleyball player earned All-America accolades. Cernianska joined Erin Cartwright-Davis as the only two Aggies to earn All-America honors in USU volleyball history.



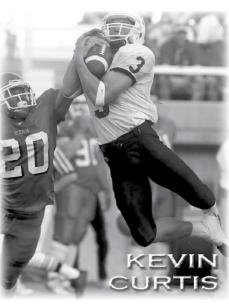
Nate Harris, a 2006 graduate, earned first-team all-WAC honors, helping the Aggies to a runner-up finish in the WAC Tournament and their seventh-straight postseason appearance. Harris also is the USU all-time leader in field goal percentage.

Since a school-record five Big West Championships in 1998, Aggie athletic success has continued with 11 more titles in the last seven years.

USU volleyball has appeared in three of the last six NCAA Tournaments, while men's basketball has advanced to the postseason in each of the last seven years.

Utah State has proven to be an all-around athletic department, with its last 14 titles coming in six different sports, including football, basketball, men's track and field, men's cross country, women's track and field, women's cross country and gymnastics.

Paced by the 2005 men's cross country title and five league runner-up finishes, Utah State finished fourth in the 2005-06 Western Athletic Conference Commissioner's Cup race in its first season in the conference.



A walk-on as a junior in 2001, Kevin Curtis was the 74th overall pick in the 2003 NFL draft, going to the St. Louis Rams in the third round.



Trever Ball earned All-America honors this past fall, becomming the first USU runner to earn the prestigious honor. Ball won the Western Athletic Conference individual title and earned league Cross Country Athlete of the Year honors this season. In 2004 he won the Big West individual title and that league's cross country Athlete of the Year award as well. Ball also led the Aggies to the WAC team championship.

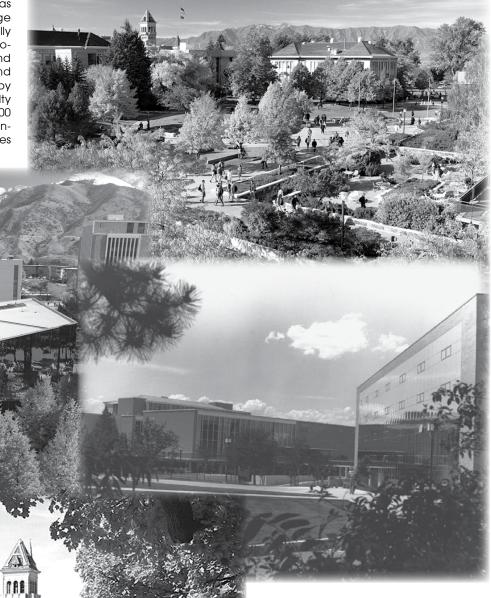
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UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



Utah State University has more than 100 buildings on 400 acres, with an additional 7,000 acres thoughout the state used for agriculture and research.

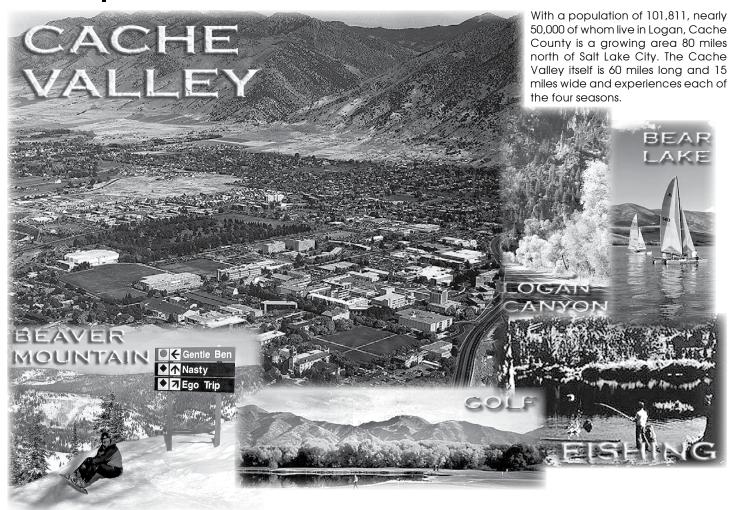
Since its founding in 1888, Utah State has evolved from a small, agricultural college to one that is nationally and internationally recognized for its intellectual and technological leadership in land, water, space, and life enhancement. As Utah's land-grant and space-grant institution, the university is led by President Stan L. Albrecht and has 850 faculty who provide education for more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students, including 7,000 in its continuing education sites located throughout the state of Utah.







LOGAN / CACHE VALLEY

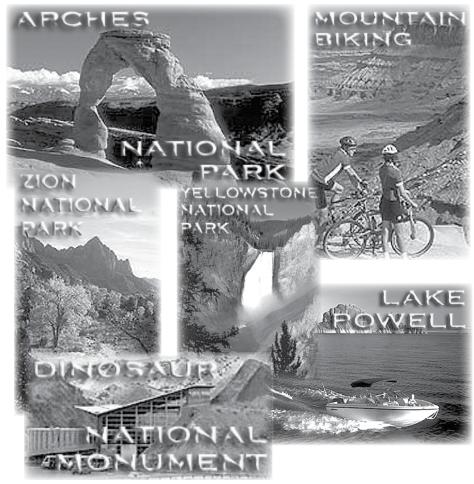


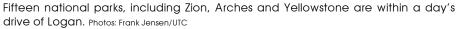
The Cache Valley, a fertile green valley with lakes and streams, is surrounded by the Wellsville Mountains on the west and the Bear River Range on the east. Just east of Logan is the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, accessed by Logan Canyon Scenic Byway (Hwy. 89). Logan Canyon is filled with geological wonders, including vertical rock formations, caves and wind tunnels. Thirty minutes from Logan, Beaver Moutain Ski Resort is a popular winter getaway. Fifteen minutes beyond Beaver Mountain, the summit of Logan Canyon is a breathtaking view of turquoise-colored Bear Lake.



UTAH

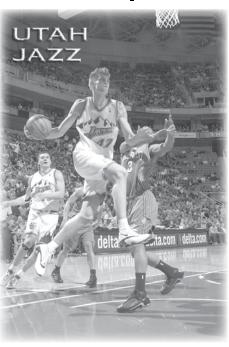




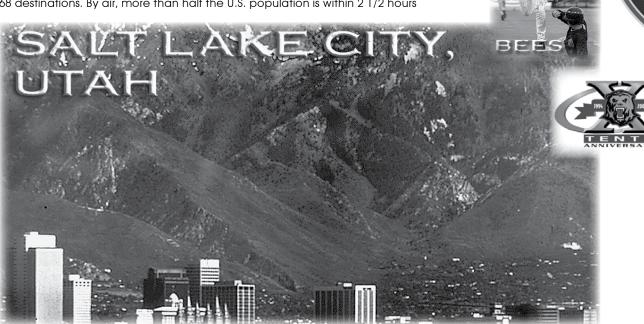


Salt Lake City combines the amenities of a major metropolitan area with the friendliness of a small, western city. Hosting the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 enhanced the community's profile as a world-class travel destination.

Eleven airlines serve Salt Lake International Airport, offering nonstop service to more than 68 destinations. By air, more than half the U.S. population is within 2 1/2 hours



Salt Lake City is home to four professional teams, including the NBA's Utah Jazz and the MLS' Real Salt Lake, who began play in 2005. The Bees are the Triple-A affiliate of the Anaheim Angels, and the Utah Grizzles are part of the Elite Competition Hockey League.





WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

In its 45th year, the Western Athletic Conference continues to evolve and features some of the nation's best intercollegiate competition. One thing that remains unchanged is the persistent nature of the nine schools in the WAC to advance their programs to contend at the top levels of the NCAA.

The WAC provides its student-athletes the chance to travel to scenic destinations and gain exposure in some of the nation's most diverse markets. In addition, the WAC's student-athletes work to achieve the highest levels of success with the academic support of their respective institutions.

The WAC has experienced tremendous success. Over the past four years, it has won 57.1 percent of its bowl games, the second best winning percentage of any conference in the nation. The WAC has sent a total of 14 teams to bowl games. Boise State has won 53 football games since 2001 and boasts the fourth best record in the nation over that time. Fresno State has the fifth best record over that time with 46 wins, while Hawai'i is ninth with 41 wins since 2001.



The WAC is affiliated with three bowl games for the 2006 season: the New Mexico Bowl in Albuerque, N.M. on Dec. 23, 2006; the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl in Honolulu on Dec. 24, 2006; and the MPC Computers Bowl in Boise, Idaho on Dec. 31, 2006.







2006 WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL MEMBERS

Boise State
Fresno State
Hawai'i
Idaho
Louisiana Tech
Nevada
San Jose State
New Mexico State
Utah State

2006 WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 30	IDAHO	1:05 p.m.
Oct. 7	FRESNO STATE	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 14	at San Jose State	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Louisiana Tech	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	HAWAIʻI	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Nevada	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Boise State	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	NEW MEXICO ST.	1:05 p.m.

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