



UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
 WOMENS BASKETBALL



CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Head Coach

1976

Fern Gardner

1987

Elaine Elliott

2003

Elaine Elliott

1977

Fern Gardner

1989

Elaine Elliott

2004

Elaine Elliott

1979

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Elaine Elliott



UTAH TRADITION

The Utah women's basketball program has an all-time record of 622-242 (.720) in 31 seasons. A winner from the beginning, Ute teams have won 20 regular-season conference titles and six league tournament championships. In the last eight seasons, Utah has won the WAC Tournament (1995), the WAC regular-season championship (1996), three consecutive WAC Mountain Division titles (1997, 1998, and 1999), the 2000 inaugural Moun-

tain West Conference regular-season and tournament championship trophies.



Utah's 1999-2000 season inaugural Mountain West Conference regular-season and tournament championship trophies.

tain West Conference regular-season and tournament championship and the 2001 and 2003 MWC regular-season titles.

Nearly every year, the Utes rank near the top nationally in several statistical categories. Last season, Utah was fourth in turnovers per contest, averaging only 12.7. The Utes were sixth in the nation in scoring defense, holding opponents to just 54.5 points per contest. Utah was No. 8 in the NCAA in personal fouls (14.1), 12th in three-point field-goal percentage (.375), 22nd in won-loss percentage (.774), 28th in three-pointers per game (6.8) and 30th in scoring margin (+10.5).

In 2002-03, Utah led the nation in scoring defense, holding opponents to just 51 points per game. Utah also ranked 10th in personal fouls per game (14.2), 14th in scoring margin (14.6), 16th in three-point field goal average (7.0), 16th in turnovers per game (14.6), 23rd in free throw percentage (.760) and 24th in won-loss percentage (77.4). Individually, freshman Kim Smith ranked 14th in three-point

field goal percentage (.432). In 2001-02, Utah ranked 11th nationally in field goal percentage defense (.357), 26th in both scoring defense (59.0) and three-point field goal percentage (.370), and 29th in three-point field goal average (6.6). Senior Lindsay Herbert led the nation in three-point field goal percentage with a 48.3 percent efficiency. In addition, senior Lauren Beckman was 20th in the nation with a 2.3 blocks per game average.

Utah led the nation in scoring defense in 2000-01, holding its opponents to an average of 51.1 points per game. The U. outscored its opponents by an average of 15.8 points a game that year, ranking seventh in the nation in scoring margin. Utah was second in the nation in field goal percentage defense (.342), sixth in won-lost percentage (.875) and eighth in free-throw percentage (77.0%). Individually, the Utes ranked among the leaders in the nation. Kristina Andersen was 15th in free-throw percentage (.874), while Lauren Beckman was 46th in blocked shots (1.6 per game).

Utah's defense was superior in 1999-2000 as opponents were held to just 52.2 points per game. The Utes were 19th in the nation in scoring margin, outscoring opponents by an average of 13.0 points per game. Utah was fourth in the nation in field goal percentage defense (.348) and three-point field goal percentage (.401). The Utes were 24th in three-point field goals made per game (6.5 per game). Erin Gibbons was seventh in the nation in three-point field goal percentage and Lauren Beckman was 26th in the nation in blocked shots (2.0 bpg).

In 1997-98, Utah ranked seventh in the nation in scoring defense, 27th in scoring margin, 10th in three-point field goal percentage

Utah Championships and Postseason Appearances

NCAA Tournament

1983, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003

Women's NIT

1979, 1984, 1999

AIAW National Championship

1976, 1977

AIAW Sectional

1978

MWC Champions

2000, 2001, 2003, 2004

MWC Tournament Champions

2000

WAC Champions

1996

WAC Division Champions

1997, 1998, 1999

WAC Tournament Champions

1991, 1995

HCAC Champions

1983, 1986, 1987, 1989

HCAC Tournament Champions

1989, 1990

IAC Champions

1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983



Utah's inaugural Mountain West Conference championship ring. The Utes won the MWC regular-season and tournament titles in 1999-2000.



Utah's 1997, 1998 and 1999 WAC Division Championship trophies.

and 11th in three-point field goals made per game.

Utah ranked 17th in the nation in scoring defense in 1996-97. The Utes were also 17th in the NCAA in winning percentage with the fifth-highest RPI rating.

Utah ranked 28th in the nation in scoring defense and 29th in three-point field goal percentage in 1995-96. In 1992-93, the U. ranked ninth in the country in scoring defense. In 1990-91 and 1991-92, Utah ranked in the top 25 nationally in rebound margin.

The Utes have been invited to participate in postseason play 18 times, including 12 NCAA Tournaments. Utah has played in the NAAs nine times in the last 14 years, making four-

consecutive appearances from 1995-98. Utah missed a bid from the NAAs in 1998-99, but accepted a bid to play in the Women's NIT. In 2000-01, the Utes made their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Sweet 16.

Utah climbed into the Top 25 in both the *USA Today*/ESPN and Associated Press polls for the first time ever during the 1998-99 season. The Utes were ranked in the Top 25 in at least one of the two polls for 11 consecutive weeks.

The Utes became the first team in school and Western Athletic Conference history to move into the Top 10 in the national polls when they were tied for ninth in the *USA Today*/ESPN poll on Jan. 26, 1999. Utah also peaked at No. 11 in the Associated Press poll that same week.

During the 2000-01 season, the Utes broke

into the national rankings for the first time on Dec. 18, 2000 (No. 25 in the Associated Press Top 25 poll) and were ranked as high as 13th.

Much of the successful tradition at Utah can be directly attributed to Head Coach Elaine Elliott. Entering her 22nd season, she is Utah's all-time winningest coach with a 437-178 (.711) career record. Elliott is the dean of the MWC coaches, having been at her current institution longer than any other coach. She was also the winningest coach in the WAC (Utah's former conference affiliation).

Elliott has won numerous awards and accomplished several remarkable feats, including:

- ◆ Fifteen 20-or-more-win and three 19-win seasons
- ◆ Twelve NCAA Tournament Appearances
- ◆ District VII Coach of the Year five times (1986, 1987, 1998, 2000, 2001)
- ◆ 2003, 2001 and 2000 Mountain West Conference Women's Basketball Coach of the Year
- ◆ WAC Pacific Division Coach of the Year (1998-99)
- ◆ WAC Mountain Division Coach of the Year (1996-97) and Co-Coach of the Year (1997-98)
- ◆ Two-time HCAC Coach of the Year (1985-86 and 1986-87)
- ◆ 2000-01 recipient of the John & Nellie Wooden Award
- ◆ 2001 Sportsman of the Year by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Utah State Chapter
- ◆ Winner of 10 regular-season conference championships (including WAC division titles in 1997, 1998 and 1999)
- ◆ Claimed the 2004, 2003, 2001 and 2000 MWC regular-season titles
- ◆ Five conference tournament championship victories



Cutting down nets has become a regular occurrence for Coach Elliott and the Utes. Utah has won a conference or division championship in eight of the last nine seasons.

Soni Adams

A one-time All-American, Soni Adams was the Utes' first such honoree as a junior in 1976 after averaging 15.6 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

Adams ranks tied for fifth in scoring average (14.2), fifth in free throw percentage (.778) and eighth in rebounding average (6.8) on her two-year career at Utah.

Lori Parrish

A two-time All-American (1978-79), Lori Parrish ranks in the top ten in nine career statistical categories (scoring, scoring average, total rebounds, rebounding average,



Lori Parrish was the first two-time All-American in Utah history.

field goals made, field goals attempted, free throws made, free throws attempted and blocks).

In 1977-78, she led the team in scoring (15.5), rebounding (9.3) and field goal percentage (.469). During the 1978-79 season, she averaged 16.1 points, 8.9 rebounds, 1.6 steals and 1.8 blocks, and posted a .499 field goal percentage, all of which were team highs.

Jane Quimby

Jane Quimby was an All-American in 1980 after leading the team in scoring with a 13.6 points per game average. Quimby ranks fifth all-time in field goals attempted (1,359), sixth in field goals made and seventh in scoring.



A 1980 All-American, Holly Rawlings ranks second all-time in assists at the U.

Holly Rawlings

Holly Rawlings was an honorable mention All-American in 1980 after leading the team in free throw percentage, assists and steals.

Rawlings ranks second in career assists average (4.4), eighth in steals (161) and 10th in scoring average (11.8) at the U.

Ellen Perrella

An All-American in 1981, Ellen Perrella led the team in free throw percentage and was an all-conference honoree.

Perrella ranks second all-time in field goal percentage (.533) and ninth in free throw percentage (.759).



The No. 7 all-time leading scorer at Utah, Jane Quimby was an All-American as a junior in 1980.

Deb Asper

A three-time All-American (1982-84), Deb Asper was an honorable mention selection her sophomore and junior seasons and a third-team honoree as a senior.

A three-time first-team all-conference honoree, Asper led the Utes in scoring during three of her four seasons, and was also tops in rebounding and steals during the 1981-82 season.

Asper holds three of the top five Utah individual season scoring records and field goals made records.

As one of only two Utes to ever score 2,000



Deb Asper was a three-time All-American from 1982-1984.

or more points, Asper ranks second all-time in scoring with 2,075. She is also one of just two Utah players to grab more than 1,000 rebounds, ranking second in total rebounds with 1,042.

Asper holds the career field goals made mark with 850, ranks third in rebounding average (8.6), fourth in free throws made (375) and sixth in blocks (87).

Anne Handy

As a senior in 1985, Anne Handy was an honorable mention All-American after averaging a double-double -- 19.9 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

Handy also posted a team-high .856 free throw

percentage. The two-time all-conference honoree ranks first in total rebounds (1,106) and rebounding average (9.5), second in free throws made (384) and free throw percentage (.800), third in points (1,760), fourth in scoring average (15.0) and field goals attempted (1,398), fifth in free throws attempted (480), seventh in blocks (85) and 10th in field goal percentage (.492).

Mila Rogers-Stender

Mila Rogers-Stender was named All-American in 1987 after leading the Utes in scoring (15.5 ppg) and field goal percentage (.496). Rogers-Stender was a two-time all-conference pick and played in all but one game in her four years at Utah.



Mila Rogers-Stender only missed one game in her entire career at Utah.



Tiffany Rogers was an All-American as a senior in 1988.

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An All-American as a senior in 1988, Tiffany Rogers averaged 14.8 points per game, a team high. She also led the team in field goal percentage (.521) and free throw percentage (.817).

Gina Butters

Gina Butters was an honorable mention All-American in 1989 when she led Utah to the NCAA Tournament and was named tournament MVP at the High Country Athletic Conference Championship. Butters led the team in points (423), assists (172), steals (60), three-point field goal percentage (.449), free throw percentage (.784) and three-point field goals made (35).



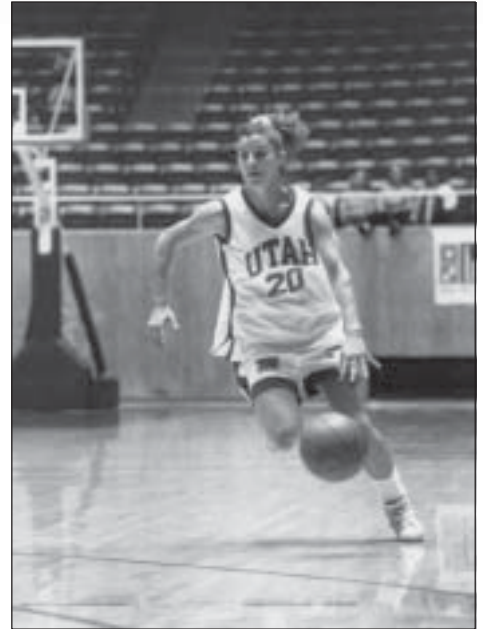
Gina Butters was the HCAC Tournament MVP in 1989.

Butters ranks first all-time in three-point field goal percentage, third in assists, sixth in assist average and steals, seventh in free throws made, eighth in free throws attempted and three-point field goals made and tenth in three-point field goal attempts.

Kristi Smith

As a junior in 1990, Kristi Smith was an honorable mention All-American after leading the Utes with 15.8 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. She also finished with .516 field goal and .364 three-point field goal percentages, both team-highs.

Smith ranks in the top 10 in three career statistical categories.



Karen Alcorn ranks in the top 10 in 10 statistical categories at the U.

Karen Alcorn

Karen Alcorn averaged 15.9 points as a junior in 1991 en route to being named an All-American. The conference leader free throw shooting, Alcorn also led the Utes in three-point field goal percentage and free throw percentage.



Kristi Smith was an All-American as a junior in 1990. She led the Utes in scoring and rebounding in 1989-90. She ranks in the top 10 in three statistical categories at the U.

Alcorn ranks in the top 10 in 10 statistical categories (assists, free throws made, free throws attempted, scoring, assist average, scoring average, steals, field goals attempted, field goals made, three-point field goal attempts and three-point field goals made).

Mikki Kane-Barton

A two-time honorable mention All-American, Mikki Kane-Barton ranks in the top 10 in 12 career statistical categories, including fourth in scoring (1,690) and blocks (118), and seventh in rebounding (765).

Kane-Barton averaged team-highs of 20.2 points (a Utah record) and 8.8 rebounds as a senior in 1993. She was the WAC Player of the Year and MVP of the WAC Tournament. She also led the Utes in field goal percentage, free throw percentage and blocks.

In 1992, Kane-Barton led Utah with a 16.7 points per game average and was named first-team all-WAC, MVP of the Utah Classic and WAC Player of the Week twice.



Mikki Kane-Barton holds the Utah record for single season scoring average at 20.2 points per game in 1993.

Julie Krommenhoek

Julie Krommenhoek, an Associated Press honorable mention All-American in 1998, and a four-time Kodak honorable mention All-American, is the all-time leading scorer in Utah history with 2,087 points.



Julie Krommenhoek is Utah's all-time leading scorer.

Krommenhoek was the 1997 WAC Mountain Division Player of the Year and the 1995 WAC Freshman of the Year. She holds the Utah record and is second on the WAC career three-point shooting charts with 362 made and 840 attempted. In addition, Krommenhoek is both the Utah and WAC career record holder for free throw percentage (85.1). She also ranks first in Utah's career record book in steals (255).

In 1997-98, Krommenhoek was awarded the AT&T Long Distance Award as the NCAA Division I leader in three-point field goals made (3.6 per game). She also ranked 32nd in the nation in scoring (20.2 ppg). Krommenhoek ranked in the top 10 nationally in her other three seasons in three-pointers per game, three-point field goal percentage and free throw percentage.

Amber McEwen

Amber McEwen was selected as an honorable mention Kodak All-American as a senior in 1995-96. She was also honored as the WAC Player of the Year that season after leading the league in rebounding (10.3 rpg) and ranking third in scoring (17.5 ppg).

An all-conference honoree during each of her two seasons with the Utes, McEwen

ranks second in career rebounding average (8.8 rpg) and third in scoring average (15.3 ppg). She also ranks sixth in both career offensive rebounds (184) and defensive rebounds (337) in just two seasons.

McEwen led the Utes in blocks during both of her two seasons. She also ranks in the top 10 in several single season records from her senior year in 1995-96: offensive rebounds (second, 118), rebounding average (third, 10.3), defensive rebounds (fourth, 180), total rebounds (298), scoring average (eighth, 17.3) and points (ninth, 502).

McEwen holds the Utah single game rebounding record with 21 against Brigham Young on March 1, 1996. She also holds the single game field goal percentage record with a perfect 10-for-10 performance at Wyoming on Feb. 15, 1996.



Though she only played two years, Amber McEwen holds four career records.

Alli Bills

Alli Bills, now an assistant coach at BYU, was a Kodak Honorable Mention All-American as a senior in 1998 after ranking second nationally and leading the WAC in assists with an average of 7.9 per game.

Bills also ranked eighth in the WAC in steals (2.7) and averaged 11.1 points per game. The Sandy, Utah, native was also named first-team all-WAC.



Alli Bills ranked second in the nation in assists with a 7.9 average in 1998.

With 612 career assists, Bills is the all-time leader in Utah and WAC history.

Lauren Beckman

As a junior in 2000-01, Lauren Beckman was named an honorable mention Kodak All-American after leading the team in scoring, rebounding and blocks. The two-time first-team all-conference honoree led the Utes in rebounds and blocks all four years, and was tops in scoring, field goal percentage and free throw percentage two times each.

Beckman ranks in the top 10 in 12 statistical



Lauren Beckman is Utah's all-time leading shot blocker.

categories (scoring, total rebounds, offensive rebounds, defensive rebounds, rebounding average, blocks, field goals made, field goals attempted, field goal percentage, free throws made, free throws attempted and free throw percentage). She is the all-time career leader at Utah in blocks (225) and defensive rebounds (535). Her 1,347 career points rank eighth all-time in scoring at the U.

Beckman holds four of the top five individual season blocking records. She also holds single game records for free throws made (15) and free throws attempted (18), both against San Francisco on Dec. 12, 1999.

Amy Ewert

Amy Ewert was one of two Utes named to the 2001 Kodak All-America Team as an honorable mention selection. She was also named both the Mountain West Conference Co-Player of the Year and the Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2000-01 during the Utes' historic Sweet 16 season.

Ewert was a first-team all-conference pick as a senior and a second-team all-MWC honoree as a junior. She led the team in assists (3.5), steals (2.6) and field goal percentage (.500) during her senior campaign, and also led the team in steals as a junior.



Amy Ewert led the team in assists, steals and field goal percentage en route to being named a Kodak All-American.

Ewert ranks fifth all-time in steals (173) and ninth in defensive rebounds (293).

Kim Smith

Kim Smith enters her junior season as one of the most decorated players in Utah history. She earned Kodak honorable mention All-America status in 2002-03 and 2003-04.

As a freshman, Smith did something no other



Kim Smith is a two-time All-America performer and two-time MWC Player of the Year.

player in the history of the Mountain West Conference had done before -- she was named Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year in the same season. Smith was also named to the *Full Court Press* and *womenscollegehoops.com* Freshmen All-America teams in 02-03. She led the Utes in eight statistical categories as a freshman, including scoring (17.4) and rebounding (6.3).

Smith also set both the Utah and MWC freshman scoring records when she finished with 540 points.

Smith followed that up with a second consecutive Mountain West Conference Player of the Year award as a sophomore. She led Utah in six statistical categories in 2003-04, including scoring (15.5) and rebounding (7.5). She also became just the second sophomore in Utah history to score reach the 1,000-point plateau.

Regarded as one of the top college basketball arenas in the nation since opening its doors in 1969, the Jon M. Huntsman Center has provided an imposing home court advantage for Utah basketball for more than three decades. For a structure that is beginning its 36th year of existence, a feeling of newness still pervades underneath the silver dome. But don't let the pristine picture fool you. The Huntsman Center may look warm and inviting, but nearly 90 percent of Utah's guests have gone home with a loss.

The building, a landmark on the U. campus, is the perfect place to watch a basketball game. A great view is assured from each of the 15,000 chair seats. *Inside Sports* recognized the Huntsman Center's superiority by naming it one of the top five collegiate arenas in the nation.

Long before his Cliff Huxtable days, Bill Cosby was the first performer in the Huntsman Center (formerly the Special Events Center). A couple of nights later, college basketball made its Huntsman Center debut. Basketball greats like Chris Mullin, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Darrell Griffith, Danny Ainge, Tom Chambers and Gary Payton, and women's NCAA Championship teams such as USC, Stanford and Texas Tech have played under the dome - the largest of its kind in the world.

The Utes have one of the best home court advantages in the country in the Huntsman Center, posting an imposing 323-40 mark in the facility (an .890 winning percentage), and nine undefeated seasons. The Utes posted an amazing 28-game home winning streak that lasted from Jan. 12, 1995 to Feb. 8, 1997. When the string of victories ended, it

was the third-best home court winning streak in the nation.

Long recognized as a site of championships, the Huntsman Center has housed many major events, including numerous national championships, regional championships and a number of elite competitions. In 1979, the building played host to the NCAA Basketball Championship — the Final Four “dream match” featuring Bird and Johnson. The men's NCAA regional tournaments received a Huntsman Center booking in 1984, '85, and '87, and the NCAA first and second rounds took place in the arena in 1988, '89, '90, '91, '93, '95, '97, '00 and '03. The 2001 women's NCAA first and second rounds took place in the Huntsman Center, marking a first for Utah.

The Huntsman Center ranks third among the nation's arenas for most NCAA Tour-



Each of the 15,000 seats at the Jon M. Huntsman Center provides a great view of the excitement on the court.

**JON M. HUNTSMAN
 CENTER RECORD**

Year	Record	Pct.
1975-76	3-0	1.000
1976-77	7-0	1.000
1977-78	10-0	1.000
1978-79	10-1	.909
1979-80	11-0	1.000
1980-81	13-1	.929
1981-82	14-2	.875
1982--83	11-0	1.000
1983-84	11-2	.846
1984-85	11-1	.917
1985-86	12-1	.923
1986-87	11-1	.917
1987-88	11-4	.733
1988-89	14-0	1.000
1989-90	14-2	.875
1990-91	11-2	.846
1991-92	13-2	.867
1992-93	12-4	.750
1993-94	7-5	.583
1994-95	11-2	.846
1995-96	12-0	1.000
1996-97	11-1	.917
1997-98	11-0	1.000
1998-99	12-2	.857
1999-00	11-2	.846
2000-01	17-1	.944
2001-02	7-3	.700
2002-03	13-0	1.000
2003-04	12-1	.923
Totals	323-40	(.890)

Note: Utah did not begin playing all of its home games in the Huntsman Center until the 1977-78 season.

nament basketball games hosted, with 78 games having been played in the facility.

The Huntsman Center has also served as home to eight national gymnastics championships — most recently in 1999 — and the 1993 World University Games Trials. The Utes hosted the NCAA gymnastics regionals in 2001 and 2003, and

will host the national championships in 2007.

The enormous reflective silver dome envelopes more than the arena itself. Underground tunnels stretching 2,220 feet connect the arena with the four-building physical education complex. In the center of the arrangement is the beautiful glass-enclosed natatorium; home of the Utah men's and women's swimming teams and site of the 1970 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

From its perch at the southeast end of the campus, the Huntsman Center stands sentinel over the University of Utah. Inside the dome are athletic coaches' and administrative offices, locker rooms and concession stands.

The famous "steel cloud," a huge mass of steel and concrete, hangs from the dome's interior and holds the scoreboard, and the public address and lighting systems.

Prior to the 1994-95 season, a new electronic scoreboard, featuring four 9 x 12 foot video display screens, was installed to enhance the Huntsman Center's look even further. The scoreboard provides statistical updates, instant

replays and live game action. In addition, last year, eight high-output dual-stacked Sharp LCD projectors were installed with a brightness 2 1/2 times better than the previous system.



The home court advantage provided by the Huntsman Center is amazing. Utah wins nearly 90 percent of its home games.

The original floor in the Huntsman Center was replaced during the fall of 2002. The new floor was repaired and resealed in the summer of 2004. The scoreboard



The Huntsman Center dome can be seen throughout Salt Lake City.

video display system was also upgraded.

In mint condition, the Huntsman Center has kept pace as one of the finest athletic facilities in the nation.



Since its first appearance in 1983, the Utah women's basketball team has made a habit of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament. The Utes have made a total of 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, including seven in the last 10 years.

The Utah women's basketball team has a great NCAA Tournament tradition. Including qualifying for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 1983, the Utes have participated in 12 NCAA Tournaments.

In its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 1983, Utah fell to Arizona State 78-64 in Tempe, Ariz. The Utes had similar results in each of their first seven appearances (1983, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995 and 1996). Each of those years, Utah was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, including a heart-breaking two-point loss in Boulder, Colo.,



Kim Smith and the Utes were nothing but smiles after defeating DePaul 74-65 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 2003. Smith scored a career-high 35 points in the victory.

to Southwest Missouri State in 1995.

Then, in 1997, the Utes defeated Iowa State 66-57 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to advance to their first-ever NCAA second round. In that game, Utah fell 65-47 at Virginia.

During the 2000-01 season, the Utes accomplished several NCAA Tournament firsts. That season marked the first time Utah had ever hosted an NCAA First and Second Round Tournament. That tournament was held March 17-19, 2001, at the Jon M. Huntsman Center. The Utes won their first round game over Fairfield, 79-57. Utah then upset No. 4-seeded Iowa 78-69, in the NCAA second round, breaking through to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history.

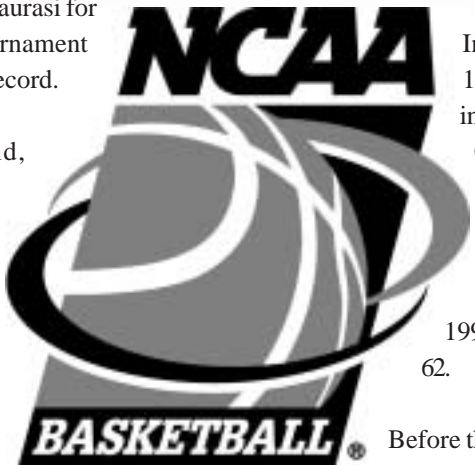
Utah participated in its first-ever NCAA Sweet 16 Tournament, March 24, 2001, at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo. The Utes lost 69-54, to the eventual national champion, Notre Dame. For more information on the 2000-01 postseason and trip to the Sweet 16, see pages 88-89.

In 2002-03, the No. 8-seeded Utes faced ninth-seeded DePaul in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C. Utah won 73-64. Then-freshman Kim Smith turned heads nationally when she had a career-high 35 points, tying with



Shona Thorburn scored 12 points, grabbed a team-high six rebounds and dished out five assists in an 11-point loss to then-No. 1-ranked Duke in the second round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament.

Connecticut's Diana Taurasi for the 2003 NCAA Tournament single-game scoring record.



In the second round, Utah was matched up against then-No. 1 Duke. Despite the game being in Raleigh, N.C., just miles away from Duke's campus, the Utes hung with the Blue Devils for much of the contest. Utah eventually lost 65-54, while Duke later advanced to the Final Four.

The Utes have also appeared in the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) three times. In its first trip in 1979, Utah went 1-2, falling to Drake (88-67) and Mississippi College (85-65) before defeating California, 83-76.

In its next appearance in 1984, Utah went 0-3, falling to Vanderbilt (84-58), California (73-64) and Illinois State (82-61).

The Utes last appeared in the WNIT in 1999, falling to Drake, 70-62.

Before the start of the women's NCAA Tournament, collegiate women's teams participated in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Tournament. Utah made six AIAW appearances from 1976-1981, participating in the national tournament in 1976 and 1977.

In 1982, the final AIAW tournament was held, and the inaugural women's NCAA Tournament took place.



Lana Sitterud and the Utes defeated DePaul 73-64 in the first round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament in Raleigh, N.C.

UTAH'S NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

1983

March 20 . . . Arizona State 78, Utah 64 Tempe, Ariz.

1986

March 12 Montana 58, Utah 46 Missoula, Mont.

1989

March 15 UNLV 67, Utah 53 Las Vegas, Nev.

1990

March 14 Mississippi 74, Utah 51 Oxford, Miss.

1991

March 13 USC 63, Utah 52 Los Angeles, Calif.

1995

March 15 SW Missouri St. 49, Utah 47 Boulder, Colo.

1996

March 16 . So. Mississippi 74, Utah 66 Ruston, La.

1997

March 14 Utah 66, Iowa State 57
March 16 Virginia 65, Utah 47 Charlottesville, Va.

1998

March 14 Louisville 69, Utah 61 Durham, N.C.

2000

March 17 Illinois 73, Utah 58 Ames, Iowa

2001

March 17 Utah 79, Fairfield 57
March 19 Utah 79, Iowa 69 Salt Lake City
March 24 Notre Dame 69, Utah 54 Denver, Colo.

2003

March 23 Utah 73, DePaul 64
March 25 Duke 65, Utah 54 Raleigh, N.C.

UTAH TRADITION



The 2000-01 season was arguably the most successful in the 30-year history of Utah Women's Basketball. The Utes finished 28-4, hosted an NCAA First and Second Round Tournament and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in the history of the program.

The 2000-01 Utah women's basketball team had some high expectations. The squad didn't disappoint, putting together a school-record 28 wins against just four losses and a trip to the NCAA Sweet 16.

The season got off to a strong start, as the Utes won their first 11 contests. That 11-game winning streak included season-opening wins over UCLA in Los Angeles and Iowa in Iowa City in a three-day span. After a 63-48 win over No. 14 Oregon on Dec. 16, Utah cracked the rankings, coming in at No. 25 in the AP Poll.

Utah's only two losses in the regular season came back-to-back. A loss at Stanford and a home loss to Loyola Marymount to wrap up non-conference play left the Utes 11-2 heading into Mountain West Conference play.

Head coach Elaine Elliott's squad ran roughshod over the MWC in the regular season. Utah rolled through conference play undefeated. IT was a feat that had been achieved by a Ute team only once before. With a regular-season MWC Championship

and a 25-2 record, Utah prepared itself for the MWC Tournament.

As the No. 1 seed, the Utes edged UNLV in the first round of the conference tournament. Utah then suffered an upset loss to BYU in the MWC semifinals.

The defeat at the hands of BYU may have been a blessing in disguise for the Utes, who got a little extra rest and preparation time to focus on the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

As the team gathered in the President's Suite



The 2000-01 team played eventual NCAA champion Notre Dame at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo., in Utah's first-ever Sweet 16 appearance.

in Rice-Eccles Stadium to watch the NCAA Tournament Selection Show, the question was not if, but where. There was no doubt the Utes would earn a berth into the field of 64. But would they be seeded high enough to earn the right to host the first and second rounds of the tournament at the Jon M. Huntsman Center?

When the answers came, Utah found out it had qualified for its second consecutive and 11th NCAA Tournament. The Utes also learned the road to the Sweet 16 would go straight through Salt Lake City. They would host Fairfield, Iowa and Oregon in the first-ever NCAA Tournament games to be played at the University of Utah.

Utah, which was the No. 5 seed in the Midwest Region, opened the tournament against 12th-seeded Fairfield. Behind a career-high 23 points from Kristina Andersen, who led three Utes in double figures, the Utes moved on to the second round with a 79-57 victory. Iowa defeated Oregon 89-82 in overtime in the other first-round game, setting up a Utah-Iowa matchup for a berth in the Sweet 16.

The contest with Iowa was a rematch from the second game of the season, when Utah marched into Carver-Hawkeye Arena and



The 2000-01 Utes pose for a photo at the Huntsman Center after defeating Iowa for the team's first-ever trip to the Sweet 16.

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Nearly 9,000 people were in attendance at the Pepsi Center for Utah's 2001 Sweet 16 game with Notre Dame.

trounced the Hawkeyes 66-42.

In front of a national-television audience, Utah's stiff defense once again proved to be the difference. The Utes held Iowa to just less than 30 percent shooting from the field, while Lindsay Herbert led four Utes in double figures. By the end of the evening, the Utes had a 78-69 victory. More importantly, they

had made history.

The Utes were on their way to Denver for the Sweet 16 and the Midwest Region semifinals. Utah pulled a tough draw in their regional semifinal matchup. The Utes would have to match up with No. 1-seeded Notre Dame.

Utah set the tone early, grabbing a four-point lead 10 minutes into the contest. Utah had proven it was a team to be reckoned with and the Fighting Irish were going to have to battle for every basket and rebound.

The Utes hung with Notre Dame for much of the contest. But the Irish began to pull away around the eight-minute mark of the second half. Ruth Riley, the 6-foot 5-inch, All-America center and Naismith Plaer of the Year, took control for Notre Dame.

The Irish went on to post a 69-54 win over the Utes. Notre Dame won the next three games as well, and eventually won the national championship.



Amy Ewert was a WBCA honorable mention All-America performer for the Utes in 2000-01.



The 2000-01 Utah squad was a team in the true sense of the word. Eight different players led the team in scoring, while six different players had game-high rebound totals throughout the season.

The Utes ranked first in the NCAA in scoring defense in 2000-01, allowing just 51.1 points per game. It was the third consecutive season Utah had accomplished this feat. Utah also ranked No. 2 in the nation in field-goal percentage defense, sixth in free-throw percentage, seventh in winning percentage and ninth in scoring margin.

Amy Ewert, Utah's defensive stopper, was an honorable mention WBCA All-America selection. She earned Mountain West Conference Co-Player of the Year accolades as well as MWC Defensive Player of the Year and First-Team All-MWC honors.

Lauren Beckman led the Utes in both scoring and rebounding and was also an honorable mention WBCA All-America choice. She was also a First-Team All-MWC performer.

Elliott was named the Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year. She earned IKON/WBCA District Seven Coach of the Year honors. Elliott was also honored as the John and Nellie Wooden Coach of the Year.

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The Utah women's basketball program has made several trips, both domestically and abroad, in recent years.

During the summer of 2001, the Utes made a European tour. Utah was a perfect 5-0, playing club teams in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The trip gave the Utes some actual game time to improve their individual skills and share the travel experience of a lifetime.

The travel party of nine players, coaches and staff relaxed on a midnight cruise on the North Sea towards Denmark, visited amusement parks in Copenhagen and Gothenburg, went to the Vigeland Sculpture Gardens in Oslo, Norway, and saw historical sights in Sweden.

During the summer of 1997, the Utes took a 10-day, five-game tour of France and Switzerland. Among the sights seen in Paris were the Notre Dame, the Palace of Versailles, the Seine River, the Eiffel Tower and the Palace of Monaco. The team also spent a day on the beach on the Mediterranean and hung out along Lake Lemon, on the Swiss Riviera.



The Utes spent seven days in Southern California in December of '96, staying in Santa Barbara and Irvine, and visiting Venice Beach. During the 1998-99 season, the Utes visited Hawaii (pictured above) and the home of team member Tiana Fuertes. Utah is headed back to the islands this season, taking part in the Rainbow Wahine Classic at Hawai'i.



Members of the team that traveled to Europe in the summer of 2001, from left, Lauren Beckman, Lindsay Herbert, Katherine McColl and Erin Gibbons.



The Utes have been to several parts of the United States. Utah has visited all of the shaded states above.

Anyone, Anywhere!

Elaine Elliott has posted an impressive record at Utah, and she has done it by playing tough competition. In addition to playing a rugged MWC schedule, the Utes annually schedule some of the top teams in the country during the non-conference season.

This season, Utah will face as many as six opponents, who gained berths in the 2004 NCAA Tournament.

One of the biggest non-conference wins of the Elliott era came when Utah knocked off eventual national champion Texas Tech, 72-55, on Jan. 8, 1993, at the Huntsman Center.

In 1997-98, Utah defeated 24th-ranked Arkansas at the DMC Holiday Classic in Fort Worth, Texas. The Lady Razorbacks later advanced to the NCAA Final Four.

Notable Non-Conference Opponents in Recent Years

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| Arkansas | Montana | Texas Tech |
| Colorado | Notre Dame | TCU |
| DePaul | Oklahoma | UCLA |
| Duke | Oregon | UC Santa Barbara |
| Florida | Oregon State | USC |
| Illinois | Portland | Vanderbilt |
| Iowa | Southern Methodist | Washington |
| Iowa State | Southern Miss | Washington State |
| Kansas State | Stanford | Western Kentucky |
| Louisville | SW Missouri State | Wisconsin |
| Mississippi | Stanford | |
| Mississippi State | Texas | |

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All of the Utah women's basketball regular season and postseason games are broadcast on KALL-700 AM in Salt Lake City. The Utes are also slated to play in a nationally-televised game on ESPN2 this season, as well as three regular-season appearances on CSTV.

The University of Utah women's basketball team receives great media exposure as all of the Utes' regular-season and postseason contests are broadcast on KALL 700-AM in Salt Lake City or on the Internet. In addition, Utah has made numerous appearances on national and regional television in recent years.

The Utes are slated to host two nationally-televised games and play in a total of four during this year's regular season. Utah's

was broadcast to a national audience on ESPN2. Utah's matchup at New Mexico on Feb. 19 was also televised nationally, on CSTV.

Utah's conference games at Colorado State, at UNLV and at home against Brigham Young were broadcast regionally on Fox Sports Net.

vised - the game against UCLA on Dec. 1, the Brigham Young game on Jan. 26, and the first-round loss to UNLV in the Mountain West Tournament on March 6.

Utah's TV Appearances in 2004-2005

Jan. 22	at New Mexico	CSTV	7 p.m. (MST)
Feb. 3	UNLV	CSTV	7 p.m. (MST)
Feb. 13	New Mexico	ESPN2	3 p.m. (MST)
March 5	at UNLV	CSTV	3 p.m. (MST)
March 10-12	MWC Tournament	CSTV/ESPN2	TBA



Head Coach Elaine Elliott, surrounded by Utah players, is interviewed on ESPN2 following an NCAA Tournament win in 2001 at the Huntsman Center.

home matchup with New Mexico will air on ESPN2 on Feb. 13. The Utes' game at New Mexico will be seen on College Sports Television (CSTV), as will both games with UNLV. This year's entire MWC Tournament will also air on national television. The quarterfinal and semifinal rounds will air on CSTV. The MWC Tournament Championship game is slated to air on ESPN2 at 4 p.m. on March 12.

Last year, the Utes made five television appearances, the most in both Mountain West Conference and Utah history. Utah's Jan. 25 home game against New Mexico

Rocky Mountain Region and western United States. The semifinal games were broadcast on CSTV, while the championship game was aired on tape-delay on ESPN2.

In 2002-03, Utah had several games televised. The March 1 MWC regular-season title-clinching game against BYU, as well as both its games in the MWC Tournament were aired. In addition, both of Utah's games in the NCAA Tournament were broadcast on ESPN.

In 2001-02, the Utes had three games tele-

In addition, the Mountain West Tournament, which was held March 10-13 at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo., was broadcast by MWC-TV to local outlets and cable affiliates throughout the

During the highly-successful 2000-01 season, eight games were televised. The Utes' match-up at Stanford was aired live on Fox Sports Bay Area, while the conference opener at The Pit in New Mexico was televised live by ESPN2. Utah's game at UNLV was aired in the Las Vegas area on the UPN affiliate KTUD. The Utah-Brigham Young game was aired live locally by KJZZ-TV. Fox Sports Rocky Mountain televised the Utah-Colorado State match-up live from Fort Collins, Colo. ESPN televised the Utes' NCAA First Round game vs. Fairfield live from the Huntsman Center, while the Utah-Iowa NCAA Second Round game was also televised live from the Huntsman Center on ESPN2. ESPN produced Utah's NCAA Midwest Regional game vs. Notre Dame live from the Pepsi Center in Denver.

In 1999-2000, ESPN2 showed Utah bring home the MWC Tournament Crown with a 61-47 win over BYU. In 1997-98, Utah's game at Colorado State was televised regionally by Fox Sports Net.

In 1996-97, ESPN2 showed the Utes' match-up with San Diego State in the WAC Tournament championship game to a national audience.

In 1998-99, Fox Sports Net telecasted the WAC Game of the Week and the WAC Tournament championship game. Utah made two TV appearances that season.



Utah juniors Kim Smith and Shona Thorburn are the first Ute women's basketball players to play on their country's national team. The two have spent the past two summers training and competing with the Canadian National Team.

Utah sophomores Kim Smith and Shona Thorburn are the first-ever Ute women's basketball players to play for a national team. During the summer of 2003, the two tried out for, made, trained and competed with the Canadian National Team, both in Canada and throughout the world. The Ute duo also trained and competed with the Canadian National Team in the summer of 2004.



Kim Smith

This past summer marked the fourth year on the Canadian Senior National Team for Smith and the third for Thorburn. Smith and Thorburn trained with Team Canada and took part in a four-game series against Japan, an Olympic qualifier for the Athens Games. The Canadians won the four-game series, played throughout British Columbia, by a tally of 3-1.

Smith led all players in scoring (18.8 ppg) and rebounding (8.0 rpg) and started all four games of the series. She was the leading scorer in both of the first two games, scoring 26 and 28 points, re-

spectively, in Team Canada victories.

Thorburn took part in all four games, as well. She averaged 3.75 points and 3.25 rebounds per game.

In August of 2003, the duo joined Team Canada at the Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The team went 2-5 to finish fourth at the tournament. Smith averaged 7.5 points and 4.0 rebounds over the seven games, while Thorburn put up 4.4 points and 2.5 rebounds per game.

After making it past another round of try-outs (during which two WNBA players were added to the roster), Smith and Thorburn spent the majority of September training for and competing in the FIBA Americas Olympic Qualification Tournament, which was held in Culiacan, Mexico. The seven teams competing in the tourna-

ment were all fighting for one spot in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Team Canada survived a scare in their opening game, edging Argentina 57-56 in overtime. After falling 77-63 to Cuba in game two, the Canadians thrashed the Dominican Republic 92-35 to advance to the semifinals.

Smith and Thorburn saw their 2004 Olympic hopes fade in the semifinals as Team Canada fell to Brazil, 71-65. The team was able to rebound the following night with a 71-34 win over Mexico to capture bronze medal in the tournament. Smith averaged 8.2 points and 4.2 rebounds, while Thorburn added 3.3 points, 2.3 rebounds and 1.5 assists at the tournament.

Though they fell short of their goal of playing in the 2004 Olympic Games, both players remain committed to their dreams of one day representing Canada in the Olympics.



Shona Thorburn

“Representing Canada on the national team and playing in the Olympics is something I’ve dreamed about and set my sights on for a long time,” Smith said. “It was disappointing that we didn’t qualify for the 2004 Olympics, but we’ve already committed ourselves to qualifying for the 2005 World Championships and competing in the 2008 Olympics.”

“It was a great experience, the type of thing most people only dream of,” Thorburn adds. “I enjoyed the competition and the level of play.”

Utah head coach Elaine Elliott is proud of her members of Team Canada.

“Both Kim and Shona have personal basketball goals that include representing their country in international competition and it is exciting to see those dreams come to fruition,” she said.



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