

2018 Utah Gymnastics Notes

Fan Fun

In honor of the “Red Out,” 15,000 red pom-poms will be distributed courtesy of the Deseret First Credit Union ... The Kid Zone has moved to a new location between portals 13-15 near the northeast entrance and will open at 5:30 p.m. The Kid Zone features a balloon artist, face painter, poster-making station, life-sized Swoop bobble head and more ... Season ticket holders may pick up their exclusive Pac-12 Champions Pennant Flag prior to the meet with the voucher included in their season ticket packet. Limit is one per ticket account.

Winner Skinner

Sophomore **MyKayla Skinner**, the 2017 NCAA floor champion and all-around runner-up, won 43 event titles in her first season—the second most in a single season by a Ute. She won a school-record 12 of 14 possible all-around titles, including semifinal competition at the NCAA Championships, when she also took first on vault and floor. Skinner, the most decorated freshman in Pac-12 history a year ago when she set records for most Gymnast of the Week (7) and Freshman of the Week (6)

awards, finished with eight All-America awards. She won the all-around, vault and floor at both the 2017 Pac-12 Championship and NCAA Regional Championship. Utah’s MVP hit all 56 routines as a freshman while competing in the all-around in every meet.

Chalk Talk

Making their Ute debut coaching this Friday will be assistant coach **Robert Ladanyi** and volunteer assistant coach **Carly Dockendorf**. Ladanyi, a 12-year NCAA veteran and three-time NCAA Region Co-Assistant Coach of the Year at Florida, has three NCAA champions and 45 All-Americans at Florida and Denver to his credit. He is coaching the vault and tumbling elements on floor. Dockendorf, a former All-America gymnast and pole-vaulter for Washington, oversees Utah’s floor choreography and music. Utah has two gymnasts on its roster from the Provo area: junior **MaKenna Merrell-Giles** (Pleasant Grove) and sophomore **Kim Tessen** (Orem). Both trained at All-American Gymnastics during their club careers. Merrell’s older sister Mickell was a BYU gymnast from 2008-12

Utah-BYU Series (95-2)

1/17/76	W	97.750-81.050	Salt Lake City	4/19/91&	W	194.375-187.700	Tuscaloosa	3/1/02	W	197.250-195.525	Provo
2/3/76	W	100.980-92.750	Salt Lake City	1/20/92	W	194.000-187.550	Salt Lake City	3/23/02	W	198.425-195.250	Salt Lake City
3/12/76%	W	104.200-88.200	Salt Lake City	2/17/92	W	195.800-192.250	Salt Lake City	1/17/03	W	196.800-194.700	Salt Lake City
1/22/77	W	136.950-66.600	Salt Lake City	3/21/92	W	197.000-194.200	Provo	3/28/03	W	197.400-196.025	Provo
3/11/77%	W	138.950-91.200	Greeley	3/28/92\$	W	196.850-193.750	Provo	4/12/03%	W	196.975-192.400	Salt Lake City
1/7/78	W	139.900-n/a	N/A	4/11/92%	W	197.075-191.900	Salt Lake City	1/23/04	W	196.225-194.000	Provo
1/12/79	W	129.500-127.050	Logan	4/24/92&	W	195.650-187.700	St. Paul	3/19/04	W	198.600-197.800	Salt Lake City
1/19/79	W	134.050-126.480	Salt Lake City	1/18/93	W	196.950-187.950	Salt Lake City	2/11/05	W	196.650-194.350	Salt Lake City
1/20/79	W	138.900-138.850	Provo	1/30/93	W	195.550-193.800	Salt Lake City	3/26/05	W	197.450-196.825	Provo
3/16/79%	W	136.050-129.250	Logan	3/13/93	W	197.100-194.900	Provo	4/9/05%	W	196.800-195.975	Salt Lake City
2/9/80	W	144.500-137.550	Logan	3/20/93\$	W	197.600-194.350	Boise	2/24/06	W	195.825-194.250	Provo
3/22/80%	W	147.450-142.100	Boulder	4/3/93%	W	196.975-192.800	Logan	3/24/06	W	197.500-193.350	Salt Lake City
4/4/80&	W	144.150-137.500	Baton Rouge	1/21/94	W	192.500-185.425	Salt Lake City	2/2/07	W	196.150-192.600	Salt Lake City
2/2/81	W	147.950-137.650	Salt Lake City	3/26/94	L	125.800-194.125	Provo	3/30/07	W	196.725-194.600	Provo, Utah
2/9/81	W	150.220-140.150	Logan	4/9/94%	W	194.000-192.875	Tempe	2/8/08	W	196.700-193.925	Provo, Utah
3/28/81%	W	149.350-144.450	Albuquerque	2/3/95	W	196.025-190.375	Provo	3/28/08	W	197.100-193.850	Salt Lake City
4/10/81&	W	145.650-136.000	Salt Lake City	3/25/95	W	197.875-194.175	Salt Lake City	2/6/09	W	196.850-192.850	Salt Lake City
3/14/83	W	185.250-178.200	Salt Lake City	4/8/95%	W	196.625-194.050	Lincoln	3/20/09	W	197.800-192.725	Provo
3/26/83%	W	185.550-175.550	Logan	1/26/96	W	195.825-193.225	Salt Lake City	2/26/10	W	195.925-194.375	Provo
3/30/85%	W	188.850-176.200	Tempe	3/23/96	W	195.075-194.850	Provo	3/26/10	W	196.950-195.825	Salt Lake City
3/22/86#	W	186.850-177.750	Salt Lake City	4/13/96%	W	196.675-194.925	Salt Lake City	3/18/11	W	196.700-195.800	Provo
3/28/87#	W	187.750-178.550	Albuquerque	1/31/97	W	196.700-194.275	Salt Lake City	1/27/12	W	197.550-194.450	Salt Lake City
3/26/88#	W	190.900-185.000	Logan	3/22/97	W	196.875-196.375	Provo	3/1/13	W	197.125-195.500	Provo
3/13/89	W	192.800-189.050	Salt Lake City	4/5/97%	W	195.700-194.025	Salt Lake City	4/6/13%	W	196.400-194.475	Tuscaloosa
3/18/89#	W	191.800-188.800	Provo	2/6/98	W	196.825-194.875	Salt Lake City	1/11/14	W	196.650-194.550	Salt Lake City
4/1/89%	W	192.800-187.000	Salt Lake City	3/21/98	L	195.975-196.050	Provo	1/9/15	W	196.900-193.350	Provo
1/13/90	W	191.150-186.100	Provo	4/4/98%	W	195.575-195.500	Tempe	4/4/15%	W	196.575-194.150	Berkeley
2/26/90	W	193.300-188.150	Salt Lake City	1/29/99	W	195.150-192.000	Provo	1/8/16	W	196.175-193.850	Salt Lake City
3/24/90#	W	194.500-188.900	Salt Lake City	3/27/99	W	197.475-195.475	Salt Lake City	1/13/17	W	196.600-194.175	Provo
4/7/90%	W	194.950-185.350	Salt Lake City	2/4/00	W	196.300-195.800	Salt Lake City				
1/21/91	W	194.550-188.250	Salt Lake City	3/18/00	W	197.200-195.650	Provo				
3/16/91	W	195.250-193.550	Provo	4/13/00&	W	196.125-194.500	Boise				
3/23/91\$	W	194.400-189.200	Albuquerque	2/9/01	W	197.226-196.025	Provo				
4/6/91%	W	194.625-191.100	Tucson	3/23/01	W	197.925-197.375	Salt Lake City				

%Regionals; & Nationals; # HCAC Championship; \$ WAC Championship

2017 Utah Gymnastics Notes

National Rankings (Preseason)

Team (1st place votes)	Points
1. Oklahoma (33)	1769
2. Florida (10)	1728
3. LSU (7)	1692
4. Alabama	1584
5. Utah	1544
6. UCLA	1477
7. Michigan	1443
8. Denver	1313
9. Nebraska	1214
10. Kentucky	1213
11. California	1201
12. Oregon State	1141
13. Boise State	1125
14. Auburn	1119
15. Washington	1114
16. Georgia	1011
17. Missouri	975
18. Stanford	903
19. Arkansas	872
20. Iowa	819
21. George Washington	701
22. Ohio State	690
23. Illinois	609
24. Southern Utah	605
25. Penn State	599

Utah's Ranking by Week

Date	Rank
Preseason	5
Jan. 8	
Jan. 15	
Jan. 22	
Jan. 29	
Feb. 5	
Feb. 12	
Feb. 19	
Feb. 26	

Event Rankings (Jan. 8)

Team	Rank	RQS
Vault		
Bars		
Beam		
Floor		

Individual Rankings (Jan. 8)

Event	Rank	Gymnast (Season High)
A-A		
Vault		
Bars		
Beam		
Floor		

Lineup Look

Utah returns 10 letterwinners from last year's 12-member roster, including six All-Americans: **MyKayla Skinner**, **Kari Lee**, **MaKenna Merrill-Giles**, **Tiffani Lewis**, and **Maddy Stover**. Utah lost two gymnasts (both All-Americans) from last year's fifth-place NCAA and Pac-12 champion team: Baely Rowe and Sabrina Schwab ... Projected to go all-around for the Utes are All-America all-arounders **Skinner** and **Merrell-Giles**, along with **Missy Reinstadtler** ... **Lee** and **Lewis** will compete on three events, with Lee bidding to join the all-around lineup. Lee is challenging freshman **Sydney Soloski** for a place in the bar lineup ... **Kim Tessen**, who has recovered from a season-ending injury, is pushing for starting spots on vault, bars and beam.

Ute Insider

Freshmen **Sydney Soloski** and **Alexia Burch** have been training with the team since last summer, while walk-on **Lauren Wong** expects to join the team on Jan. 11. Wong has graduated a semester early from Salt Lake City's Skyline High School ... Among the upgraded difficulty in this year's lineup is **MyKayla Skinner's** new flight combination on beam where she goes from a switch leg leap to a straddle jump to a tuck back.

Series Shorts

Utah leads the series with BYU 95-2 including a 44-0 record at home ... The Utes have won 37 straight against the Cougars since getting edged 196.050-195.975 in Provo in 1998 ... For complete series results, see page 2.

Scouting BYU

Coach: Guard Young (3rd season)
 2017 NCAA Finish: DNQ
 National Rank: NR
 2017 Record: 0-0
 Notes: BYU carries 24 gymnasts on its roster—nearly double Utah's 13-member roster ... The Cougars have seven Utah natives on their roster ... Friday's meet at Utah is also BYU's season opener.

Utes to Watch

All-Around

MyKayla Skinner....2017 NCAA Runner-Up
 M. Merrell-Giles2017 2nd team All-American
 Kari Lee39.450 career high, 1 win

Vault

MyKayla Skinner.... 1st tm All-Am, P12 co-champ
 Tiffani Lewis P12 co-champ, 9.95 high
 M. Merrell-Giles 10.0 start value
 Kim Tessen 10.0 start value
 Kari Lee 2015 1st team All-American

Bars

MyKayla Skinner 1st team All-Pac-12, 9.95 high
 Kari LeeP12 co-runner-up; 9.975 best
 Missy Reinstadtler .P12 co-runner-up
 Kim TessenJ.O. champion

Beam

MyKayla Skinner....2017 1st team All-American
 M. Merrell-Giles2017 2nd team All-American
 Shannon McNatt.....2017 NCAA Regional champ
 Maddy Stover2016 reg season All-American

Floor

MyKayla Skinner....2017 NCAA Champ; 10.0 2x
 M. Merrell-Giles2017 All-American 2nd team
 Tiffani Lewis.....2016 P12 champ; 9.925 high
 Kari Lee2015 1st-team All-American

2017 Utah Gymnastics Notes

Utah Co-Coaches

Megan Marsden and **Tom Farden** are in their third season as a co-head coaching tandem. It is Marsden's ninth year as Utah's co-head coach and her 34th year overall on the staff. Farden is in his third year as the co-head coach and his eighth year on the Ute coaching staff. Marsden, the Pac-12 Coach of the Year in 2014 and 2015 (with Greg Marsden), has a 177-62-3 career record as a co-coach. Farden is 45-15-1 at the Ute helm and has a career record of 116-63-1 that includes six years as the head coach at Southeast Missouri State from 2004-09.

Nation's Attendance Leader

Utah has won seven all-women's sports attendance titles (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017) and 33 gymnastics attendance crowns. The Ute gymnasts averaged an NCAA gymnastics record 15,224 fans a meet at home last year for its fourth-straight all-women's sports attendance titles. Utah has averaged more than 14,000 fans a meet for the past nine seasons and 12,000-plus fans a meet for a quarter of a century. The Huntsman Center has hosted one crowd in excess of 16,000, 21 crowds of 15,000 and 43 crowds of 14,000 or more. Utah also owns the NCAA gymnastics single-meet attendance record (16,019 against Michigan in 2015). The Utes sold more than 9,200 season tickets for the 2018 season—a new school and NCAA gymnastics record.

2018 Utah Scorecard

Kari Lee: Three-time All-American as a freshman in 2015 missed the 2016 season with an injury before returning last year ... member of the Gymnastics Leadership Committee ... three-time All-Pac-12 Conference ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 83-88 career routines ... 12 career victories.*

Tiffani Lewis: 2017 NCAA All-American (vault) ... two-time Pac-12 champion (floor, vault) ... three-time All-Pac-12 Conference ... member of the Gymnastics Leadership Committee ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 97-100 career routines ... 4 career victories.*

Shannon McNatt: 2017 NCAA Regional beam champion ... regional win came in first career start on beam ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 6-7 career routines ... 1 career victory*

MaKenna Merrell: Three-time 2017 NCAA All-American ... two-time All-Pac-12 Conference ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 71-76 career routines ... 6 career victories.*

Erika Muhaw: Competed on vault through the entire 2017 postseason ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 6-6 career routines (all on vault).*

Missy Reinstadtler: Three-event starter as a freshman (bars, beam, floor) is a projected all-arounder this season ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 36-37 career routines ... 1 career victory.*

Macey Roberts: Two-event starter (vault and floor) in her first season at Utah ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 45-46 career routines.*

MyKayla Skinner: 2017 NCAA floor exercise champion and all-around runner-up ... eight-time All-American (4 NCAA, 4 regular season) ... three-time 2017 Pac-12 and NCAA Regional champion (all-around, floor, vault) ... set Pac-12 single-season records for most Gymnast (7) and Freshman of the Week (6) awards ... four-time first-team All-Pac-12 Conference ... Utah MVP ... two 10.0 scores (both on floor) ... 39.775 career all-around high ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 56-56 career routines ... 43 career victories ranks second in school history.*

Sydney Soloski: Former four-year member of the Canadian National team (Senior National team from 2015-16) ... second on floor, third on beam and fourth on bars at the 2016 World Challenge Cup in Ljubljana, Slovenia ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and in her career.*

Maddy Stover: 2015 second-team regular season All-American on beam ... first-team All-Pac-12 Conference on beam ... member of the Gymnastics Leadership Committee ... two-term president of Utah's Crimson Council ... *has hit 0-0 routines this year and 43-46 career routines ... six career victories (all on beam).*

Kim Tessen: Sophomore has a redshirt year available after missing most of last season with an injury ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and 7-7 career routines.*

Alexia Burch: Former member of the U.S. Junior Olympic National team ... 2015 J.O. all-around and floor champion was fourth on beam (Jr. D) ... second on floor, sixth on beam (tie), seventh all-around at the 2016 J.O. Nationals (Sr. B) ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and in her career.*

Lauren Wong: Early high school graduate will join the team on Jan. 11 and will be immediate eligible to practice and compete ... three-time qualifier into Level 10 regionals ... fifth on bars, 10th all-around at the 2017 regionals (Sr. C) ... *has hit 0-0 routines this season and in her career.*

Current Ute All-Americans

MyKayla Skinner (8 Career Awards)
2017–Floor (1st), All-Around (2nd), Vault (5th), Beam (8th), All-Around (RS), Vault (RS), Floor (RS), Bars (RS*)

Kari Lee (3 Career Awards)
2015– Vault (5th), Floor (14th), Beam (RS*)

MaKenna Merrell (3 Career Awards)
2017–All-Around*, Beam*, Floor*

Tiffani Lewis (1 Career Award)
2017–Vault*

Maddy Stover (1 Career Award)
2016–Beam (RS*)

2nd Team; RS-Regular Season; RS-Regular Season 2nd team

2018 Utah Gymnastics Roster

Name (pronunciation)	Height	Year	Hometown	High School/Club
Alexia Burch	5-2	Fr.	Sparks, Nev.	Spanish Springs HS/Flips USA Gymnastics
Kari Lee (CAR-ee)	5-2	Jr.	Peoria, Ariz.	Liberty HS/Flames Gymnastics Academy
Tiffani Lewis	5-4	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	Southwest Career and Technical Academy/Brown's Gymnastics
Shannon McNatt	5-3	Jr.	Houston, Texas	Texas Connections Academy/Stars Gymnastics Training Center
MaKenna Merrell-Giles (mare-ull jiles)	5-4	Jr.	Pleasant Grove, Utah	Pleasant Grove HS/All-American Gymnastics
Erika Muhaw (moo-haw)	5-2	Sr.	Montville, N.J.	Montville Township HS/North Stars Gymnastics Academy
Missy Reinstadtler (ryne-stat-ler)	5-4	So.	Brick, N.J.	Brick Township HS/North Stars Gymnastics Academy
Macey Roberts	5-2	Jr.	McDonald, Tenn.	Ooltewah HS/Gymnastics Center of Chattanooga
MyKayla Skinner (mick-ay-la)	5-0	So.	Gilbert, Ariz.	Higley HS/Desert Lights Gymnastics
Sydney Soloski (so-lah-ski)	5-0	Fr.	Calgary, Alberta	National Sport School/Calgary Gymnastics Centre
Maddy Stover	5-2	Sr.	Fullerton, Calif.	Troy HS/Wildfire Gymnastics
Kim Tessen	5-1	So.	Orem, Utah	Mountain View HS/All-American Gymnastics
Lauren Wong	5-4	Fr.	Salt Lake City	Skyline HS/USA Gymnastics World

Coaches

Co-Head Coach: Megan Marsden (9th/34th year)
 Co-Head Coach: Tom Farden (3rd/8th year)
 Assistant Coach: Robert Ladanyi (1st year)
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Carly Dockendorf (1st year)



Alexia Burch, Fr.



Kari Lee, Jr.



Tiffani Lewis, Sr.



Shannon McNatt, Jr.



MaKenna Merrell-Giles, Jr.



Erika Muhaw, Sr.



Missy Reinstadtler, So.



Macey Roberts, Jr.



MyKayla Skinner, So.



Sydney Soloski, Fr.



Maddy Stover, Sr.



Kim Tessen, So.



Lauren Wong, Fr.



Megan Marsden



Tom Farden