

# Cougars Triumph Over Reds

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Jordan Cushman

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The Cougars overcame an early deficit tonight and beat the Yakima Reds 2-1. The scoring began in the 10th minute when Yakima's Ceveriano Garcia crossed the ball to Luis Galvan, who deflected a missed clearance from BYU into the back of the net. The early score was a big let down for the Cougars, who needed a win tonight after a disappointing loss on the road in Vancouver.

The Cougars struck back early in the 2nd half after Yakima was called for a handball in the box. BYU's leading scorer, Zack DeFrancis, finished the penalty kick. With the momentum now in BYU's favor, Garrett Losee played a dangerous ball across Yakima's goal and Jordan Cushman slid it into the back of the net. The Cougars never looked back as the defense tightened up and goalie Brandon Gilliam made some crucial saves.

"Tonight's win was a good indication that we're improving as a team," said BYU goalkeeper Brandon Gilliam. "We did extremely well at getting forward as a team and holding the ball in the offensive third."

Making his BYU Soccer debut tonight was KC Whitworth, who was just registered on BYU's team this week.

The Cougars will take on the Tacoma Tide tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at Hawes Field. The Cougars are also gearing up for their first of four scheduled games against the Ogden Outlaws. The game will be played in Ogden on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

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