The BYU men's team started their 2013 campaign with two victories at the Red Rock Invitational in Mesquite, Nev. this past weekend.

The Cougars beat Utah 29-12 and Idaho State 27-17.

BYU was also expected to play Weber State, but snow forced the WSU team to stay home.

“We have a lot of new guys this year,” BYU head coach David Smyth said on the club's website. “And they’re going to need to come along quickly given the length and scope of this year’s schedule. And from what we saw this weekend there are a number of positive signs we take away and build on for the rest of the season.”

BYU got out to a 13-0 lead on the boot and legs of walk-on sophomore Richard Jones who scored a try, made a conversion and two penalties in the opening half.

Utah would edge back into the game, but with solid efforts from Jones, fellow walk-on Kyle Smith, junior prop David Williams and junior wing Jordan Lowry the Cougars would hold on to win against their rivals by the score of 29-12.

BYU met up with the Idaho State Bengals in Saturday’s lone tilt for the Cougars.

A strong and athletic Bengals team made the young BYU team frustrated with the Cougars holding on to a narrow 22-17 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

But a late BYU try would help the Cougars put the game away for a final score of 27-17.

“You never know what you’re going to get with a new group in their first hit out of the season,” BYU assistant coach Wayne Tarawhiti said, “But these guys worked hard and made sure that they represented the jersey and the program well. Overall, it was a good weekend.”