
Gaskins makes surprise contribution in Spring Game

Posted by CougarBlue - 2007/04/15 00:08

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Cade Cooper got hurt, then Brenden Gaskins came in and was the star of Saturday's spring football game.

Who?

It can happen that quickly.

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Posted by bengel - 2007/04/15 08:34

This is great news. I hope we continue to attract skilled athletes and that the biggest dilemma the coaches face is detecting the subtle distinctions dictating who should start.

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2007/04/15 12:46

Do you know what worried me about this story?...Just in that story alone there was reports of 3 bad shotgun snaps. :shock: One that Cooper got hurt on and 2 to Gaskins. That BETTER be fixed. :x

I guess, mind you, that the bad snaps were on 2nd team offense but still that is just one injury away from starting center.

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Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2007/04/15 12:50

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Aulai was way worse last spring and at the beginning of the season so i am sure he will be fine come sep 1. I also think that Cooper had a few problems just handling the good snaps

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Posted by Roycoug - 2007/04/15 13:47

I saw the two that Cooper got and they were crappy snaps. I was not impressed with the backup center.

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Posted by wannaberockstar - 2007/04/15 15:38

It's important to note too that Tom Sorensen the transfer center from Vanderbilt is still out with injuries and could very well be the starter come september.

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Posted by BlueCrew - 2007/04/15 16:27

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/15 17:51

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I think it's because the 3rd stringer (Reden, wasn't it) has a lot of other things going on: line calls, etc. As pointed out above, Sorensen will be in the 2-deep at Center (I think Aulai will be the starter, with Sorensen playing a lot at guard and at center with the 2's).

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Posted by Phillycougar - 2007/04/16 09:09

How about the 2 missed field goals from 47 and 50 yards (out of 3 attempts).

That worries me as a missed field goal can be the difference between a W or an L, a conference championship or 2nd,3rd place. And with new leadership at QB we will want all the points we can get.

Does this worry anybody else?

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Posted by jhw5 - 2007/04/16 09:18

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I hope that was TIC!

Not that I know much about anything, but imagine that as soon as you move the ball, as a center, an opposing 270-lb man then has permission to hit you. Now try to hike that ball about 8 feet in the air while moving your 300+ lb body forward, all in one motion, to hit that 270 lb man before he puts you (and consequently the QB) on your keisters. Not an easy feat.

In fact, long snappers in the NFL make a LOT of money to do only that. They are something of a rare commodity, a specialized field. Just ask the Denney brothers.

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