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## Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by McGregor - 2007/09/06 10:16

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by byunlvfan - 2007/09/06 10:18

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by BYU4ever - 2007/09/06 10:20

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I'm drawing a blank! Go Cougs!

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by whatnot4 - 2007/09/06 10:21

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....maybe there isn't one....

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Posted by McGregor - 2007/09/06 10:21

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byunlvfan wrote:  
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Good point.

But at the same time, traditionally home field advantage is worth about 3 points. That's just not enough for me to say UCLA will win BECAUSE they have the home field advantage. That turf isn't so protected under Dorrell.

Plus, with an expected 20,000 BYU fans there, it's not TOO much of a home field advantage for UCLA.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by Raul - 2007/09/06 10:22

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by TechWrCoug - 2007/09/06 10:23

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He was already right about something. Give me a minute and I might even remember what it was.

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Posted by GoBruinz - 2007/09/06 10:25

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Posted by Short\_Changed - 2007/09/06 10:26

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by craigoscarson - 2007/09/06 10:27

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We also have very little to lose in this game. If they play tight in front of their home crowd, it may end up as a disadvantage considering the amount of fans we bring to west coast games.

Why not pull out all stops (ala Boise) and do everything you can to win this game? It can't hurt us to lose as long as we give our best.

Now had we lost to AZ, I'd say we might have ended up tight and needy in Pasadena, but of course we didn't.....the only needy team is the one trying to keep up with USC for respect in their same town.

20,000 BYU fans and a game BYU team doing the Haka on their home turf will be precious.

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Posted by byunlvfan - 2007/09/06 10:32

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Ask any Bruin about their kicking game.

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Posted by jegaman - 2007/09/06 10:38

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the entire team contracts food poisoning and UCLA plays against some kids we recruit in the parking lot :laugh:

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Posted by Florwood - 2007/09/06 10:43

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I've not yet demonstrated I can successfully predict outcomes of games very well (which is the reason I am not in Vegas at a sports book right now).

That said, if both teams play to their abilities, I think it will be close. I'll call it 31-28 UCLA in a close one.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2007/09/06 11:01

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They stop our running game---I think that will NOT happen, but if they do we will not win.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2007/09/06 11:21

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becuase of superior pac10 tallent! :laugh: :laugh: :laugh:

I couldn't help my self.

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You come up with a good point McGregor, I can't think of one reason why UCLA would come up with the win. Its going to be a close game either way

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/09/06 11:22

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Posted by Bruin Steve - 2007/09/06 11:39

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- 1) 10 returning starters (plus two other former starters) from what was one of the top-ranked defenses in the country last year.
- 2) 10 returning starters on offense.
- 3) Top notch quarterback throwing to a host of very tall, very fast receivers.
- 4) A returning 1,100+ yard rusher plus two back-up running backs who both averaged over 10 yards per carry last week.
- 5) An extremely quick defensive front four with a knack for getting to the QB including a returning all-American defensive end with 12.5 sacks last season.
- 6) A veteran defensive backfield with a Playboy pre-season all-American safety.
- 7) Depth at defensive line, running back, receivers, defensive backfield.
- 8) Superior quickness.
- 9) Senior-dominated team. A lot of guys with something to prove.
- 10) Better talent. Better team.

There are a multitude of reasons these Bruins are ranked as highly as they are. This is a very good team. But, obviously, none of you folks here seem to think so...None of you can think of a single reason the Bruins will win? Arrogance or ignorance?

I, for one, am not looking past BYU. You've got a pretty good team...and they'll win a lot of games this year--just not likely they'll win this one. I could think of reasons they might...I just don't think it's likely. But, don't worry, by the end of the season, it certainly won't be looked upon as a bad loss for you guys--losing to a highly ranked out-of-conference team on the road...

But, most of the "reasons" I've read on this board for why you think the Cougars will win are nothing more than wishful thinking on your part...

The Bruins will score...  
The Bruins will keep the Cougars from scoring...

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Pretty much that's how football games are won...

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BYU 24 UCLA 17

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Posted by Yzzazz - 2007/09/06 11:45

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I'm actually at a tipping point for in believing BYU WILL (not just can) win on Saturday. No list of one or 10 nonsense reasons, in my opinion can really adequately refute these facts:

Harvey Unga: 6-2, 220.

UCLA's Outside Linebackers: 6-0, 215; 6-1, 222.

Harvey is about the same size as these guys, but anyone who watched him run last week will know that 1 on 1, he's going to be tough to bring down. If our O-line gets him past the first two yards, its up to the linebackers.

Now my opinion is that this kind of matchup favors Harvey in a big way. Harvey will make yards around the end, pressure will come off Max as UCLA must respect the run, therefore BYU offense will move the ball.

If this happens, BYU will win.

Because the ONE thing I can guarantee is that Ben will struggle against our defense.

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Posted by GoBruinz - 2007/09/06 11:46

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Posted by CAFB\_04-12 - 2007/09/06 11:50

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Posted by BlueBlood75 - 2007/09/06 12:26

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Posted by Slugger - 2007/09/06 12:27

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Completely irrelevant to this week's game.

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Your point? This is inconsequential. Olson, while talented, has done nothing to warrant him beating the Cougars all by himself.

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Oops, math no your strong point? RB does not hold that many and, how many are screaming BYU fans?

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Arguable. Quickness means nothing when your defender has your wrapped up.

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Negligible. Athleticism can mean various things. BYU has some athleticism as well.

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Valid point. It will be a good test for Hall and Co. It is also an OPPORTUNITY.

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Arguable. Living up to expectations in your first game in front of 65,000 of your own fans is no less intimidating. He handled it fine.

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??? What, their scoreboard is bigger than ours? Weak point. This means absolutely nothing until the final buzzer.

Out of your ten reasons I find only a couple that I can consider good points. The rest are weak and arguable. Bottom line, there is nothing about UCLA that screams to me BYU has no chance. Bronco has preached to this team that they will not be intimidated, they will not quit, they will not hide. They will come at UCLA with everything they've got. I don't think the UCLA players know the fight they will have on their hands on Saturday. Last week we beat a highly-touted UA defense

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with a first year QB, a freshman RB and without Manase Tonga. Hall spread the ball around beautifully and demonstrated that every offensive skill position is dangerous. The defense held UA scoreless for 59 minutes and, until their final drive, held them below 200 yards of offense. Not bad in my book.

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Ahh, looks like Airwolf got shot down by friendly fire. :laugh: :laugh: Even the opposition doesn't want him. :blink:

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1. granted - it's not going to be easy, but I don't think Bronco is overwhelmed by it and I think the players are buying into his approach.
  2. The last time they played was, what, '93? Lots of water under the bridge since then.
  3. I'm not convinced UCLA's defense is any stronger than AZ's. Last week you were spouting off about their tough D.
  4. I didn't see it, but others have noted that Olson was by no means stellar. They put up some numbers, but I understand he made quite a few mistakes as well. I'm not ready to accept Olson vs. Hall as such a big differential just yet. I think Kehl & Co. might have something to say about that.
  5. Uhh. Rose Bowl's capacity is "90,000+" (Rose Bowl website) of which there look to be nearly 20k Cougar fans. Even if the Bruins manage to get 70k of their fans in the seats, it's still not nearly the intimidation factor that you make it out to be. We'll be well represented.
  6. Yeah, we heard all about that last week with AZ.
  7. Ditto
  8. Good point. Something like TCU last year?
  9. See point # 5 above. Max exceeded my expectations last week. Didn't look like a rookie by any means. He was cool, took adversity in stride and wasn't rattled. Again, he'll have a sizeable cheering section on this side, too.
  10. I guess we'll just have to see about the scoreboard.
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Posted by catholicmat - 2007/09/06 12:39

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by UliUli79 - 2007/09/06 13:03

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Never bought into that. I'm more inclined to believe in the whole agency thing.:P

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### Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by jmchess1 - 2007/09/06 13:10

With all that what will UCLA's excuse(s) be if they lose?:

1. We overlooked BYU - I mean BYU, a mid major, this should be easy pickens
2. We caught a mild case of Michiganitis
3. We're so fast that we ran past the BYU receivers and ball carriers
4. We worked so hard on tackling this week we forgot we were not practicing against ourselves and we made a few mistakes and tackled our own players
5. We got so caught up in our storied past that we forgot that we had the responsibility to carry that tradition forward - we didn't play up tp our potential.
6. This game doesn't mean much - this not a conference game and we're not going undefeated anyway this year.
7. The 110,000 fans (?) turned out to be BYU supporters
8. It was the officials' fault - too many WAC, MWC, SEC, and Big 12 officials present to get a 'fair' break.
9. This game was really just a tune up - to find out our weaknesses so that we work on them and get ready to play the big boys - such as USC, etc.
- 10.We got beat by a better game plan and better play execution.

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### Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2007/09/06 13:14

Ben Olsen

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### Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by catholicmat - 2007/09/06 13:40

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catholicmat wrote:

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catholicmat! it seems like its been forever! I heard you on 1320 the other day, lol, you've got some great points!

Thanks brutha...BYU needs this win baby!!

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/09/06 13:40

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/09/06 13:46

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Posted by utehater33 - 2007/09/06 13:53

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oooooh you just got burned ammoncougar:dry: nice response airwolf

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Posted by utehater33 - 2007/09/06 13:57

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Ya even if it did hold 110,000, it wouldn't be all ucla fans anyway.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2007/09/06 14:25

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Reason #11: Dorrell's grandma can allegedly beat up Bronco's grandma.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by azcavalier - 2007/09/06 14:41

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Bruin Steve wrote:

1) 10 returning starters (plus two other former starters) from what was one of the top-ranked defenses in the country last year.

We can say almost the same. One of the top ten scoring defenses in the country, and we didn't give up many rushing yards, either.

2) 10 returning starters on offense.

So did Arizona, and look where it got them. Of course, I know that UCLA has a much better offense than Arizona. But returning starters doesn't necessarily mean that you will be good. Was it a great offense last season? We lost key players, but have very talented players replacing them, and we probably have an even better running game than we did last year, when we had a 1,000 yd rusher. Three HUGE backs, who can block, catch, and yes, even run the ball. We're not gonna wear down there over the course of a game, and they're so big (bigger than your LB's) that they are going to punish opposing defenses this season.

3) Top notch quarterback throwing to a host of very tall, very fast receivers.

No argument here. Ben Olsen sure has the tools, and he had an OK game last week. Lot's of TDs, but a low completion percentage. No doubt that he does worry me.

4) A returning 1,100+ yard rusher plus two back-up running backs who both averaged over 10 yards per carry last week. See no. 2 above. The 10 yards a carry thing is kind of fluky. It WAS Stanford, after all. They won't get that this week.

5) An extremely quick defensive front four with a knack for getting to the QB including a returning all-American defensive end with 12.5 sacks last season.

This may not be as big of a deal, as BYU has one of the best O-line's in the nation. However, last week against Arizona, Hall took some shots \*after\* the ball was away, but took shots nonetheless. He was only sacked once, I believe. And it was early on. So I think that this is really the battle that we should all be watching.

6) A veteran defensive backfield with a Playboy pre-season all-American safety.

You'll forgive me if I don't take Playboy's rankings too seriously. Besides, Cason didn't play a huge part in Arizona's game last week. I doubt that UCLA's safety will affect it much, either.

7) Depth at defensive line, running back, receivers, defensive backfield.

And we have depth at linebacker, offensive line, running backs, receivers, and tight ends. This is a wash.

8) Superior quickness.

Says who? Let me tell you something...this is Division 1A football. NO ONE recruits slow people. Many of our players were recruited by, and have the ability to play in the PAC-10, SEC, Big 10, and Big 12. If you lined them all up and ran a race, you may have a point. But on the field, this is not going to be as big of a deal.

9) Senior-dominated team. A lot of guys with something to prove.

There is something to be said for a senior-dominated team.

10) Better talent. Better team.

Better talent is arguable. That is opinion. And, better talent does not make a better team. Chemistry and preparation do. How did you team do last year? Yes, they beat USC, but what was their overall record? Who did they lose to, or struggle with? Did they get better consistently over the course of the season?

There are a multitude of reasons these Bruins are ranked as highly as they are. This is a very good team. But, obviously, none of you folks here seem to think so...None of you can think of a single reason the Bruins will win?

Arrogance or ignorance?

I have no doubt that the Bruins are talented, and have a lot to play for. Dorrell's career with UCLA hangs in the balance this year. I think that they are highly ranked based on potential. But Dorrell has not proven to be a good coach. We just don't know which UCLA team is going to show up.

I can think of several reasons why UCLA will win. Olsen will be the best QB that we will face this year. It's on the road, in Hall's first road game. I do not believe that "superior talent" across the board will be a factor. BYU fans hear this all the time. And yet we still beat OOC opponents, who leave, shaking their heads asking "what just happened?"

I, for one, am not looking past BYU. You've got a pretty good team...and they'll win a lot of games this year--just not likely they'll win this one. I could think of reasons they might...I just don't think it's likely. But, don't worry, by the end of the season, it certainly won't be looked upon as a bad loss for you guys--losing to a highly ranked out-of-conference team on the road...

But, most of the "reasons" I've read on this board for why you think the Cougars will win are nothing more than wishful thinking on your part...

I hope that you realize that it's not wishful thinking. But, year after year, BC\$ schools disrespect BYU saying things like "we have better talent" or "we are quicker than you" blah, blah, blah. But we play them tough, and sometimes even manage to win a game. ;)

The Bruins will score...

Undoubtedly.

The Bruins will keep the Cougars from scoring...

Unlikely, as this has only happened once since the 70's...and that one time was when our top three QB's were injured, and the fourth string was playing and it was snowing (no joke). We'll score just fine.

Pretty much that's how football games are won...

Yep, just like John Madden says, you can't win unless you outscore your opponent.

Personally, I think that UCLA will win in a close game, not unlike our game against Boston College last season. And while i'd love to see BYU win it, it won't kill me if they lose. It would be a loss to a good opponent, on the road. But I honestly don't expect them to lose any more games after that one.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by gordito - 2007/09/06 14:48

McGregor wrote:

byunlvfan wrote:

UCLA is at home.

Good point.

But at the same time, traditionally home field advantage is worth about 3 points. That's just not enough for me to say UCLA will win BECAUSE they have the home field advantage. That turf isn't so protected under Dorrell.

Plus, with an expected 20,000 BYU fans there, it's not TOO much of a home field advantage for UCLA.

Where did you get this stat? Wrubell said something close to 10,000. You're predicting greater than 1/4 of the fans will be cheering for us???

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by Shipwreckedcrew - 2007/09/06 19:21

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Posted by Shipwreckedcrew - 2007/09/06 19:24

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by BOID - 2007/09/06 19:40

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Back to your initial question, McGregor, I can only think of two reasons:

#1--If the Cougars don't play to their potential as a power-house-with-no-respect-chip-on-the-shoulder team (I doubt this reason).

#2--If the Cougs fight hard enough to win , but PAC-10 Stoooge refs steal a close game from them (remember UA, '06; BYU must play for a margin too big for the home officials to possibly whittle down).

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Posted by frdbtr - 2007/09/06 20:02

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If the OL can protect Ben Olson, I think it will be a long day for BYU. If BYU's defense can get to BO, I think it may be a long day for UCLA. That's the battle I'll be watching.

Awesome post, I agree 100%. It will be up to BYU's defense to put pressure on Olsen. BYU didn't even try to put pressure on Tuitama last week. I am hoping that Bronco tries to get pressure on Olsen with more than just 4 guys

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because he is going to pick us apart if BYU does hurry him. Oh, and Airwolf, you just got punked by someone who shares your opinion on what the outcome is going to be on saturday. Your negativity isn't even palatable to a Bruins fan.  
:laugh:

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Posted by frdbtr - 2007/09/06 20:17

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Both Wide recievers caught 4 balls last week, Cason did not get an interception. His lone play was the CB blitz where Hall fumbled. Cason was a non factor for the most part against BYU, in fact Collie had run past him on 1 play and Hall dropped the ball just out of his reach in the end zone. Would have been a touchdown for our "slow" reciever against the all american DB.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by redneckjedi - 2007/09/06 22:16

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Shipwreckedcrew wrote:

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The Sagarin ratings, part of your beloved BCS hegemony, use a home field advantage of 2.93 when predicting game outcomes. I'd say that's closer to 3 than 7. Dispute all you want, but this guy has to make a living with that number, and has done so since 1985. There's a reason he's got it where it is.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by Iceman - 2007/09/06 22:33

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Because Airheadpuppy, I mean shipwrecks said so.

<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/8/89/Alfred.jpg>

What, me worry?:laugh:

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Posted by azcavalier - 2007/09/07 07:52

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Because, Shipwreckedcrew, in the spread offense that BYU runs, the RBs and TEs are the FEATURE receivers. The WRs catch some balls across the middle, and maybe, just maybe, we take one or two shots downfield. That's it. Our passing/receiving yards always come from short passes to the flat and the middle, and then the receiver runs for it. So, no, Cason didn't play a big role. THAT is why our RB caught the ball nine times. Last season, guess who our top two receivers were? The TE and the RB. That's the way our offense works.

So, your safety? Unless he's coming up to stop the run, it's not going to be a big deal. We don't take shots down the field very often.

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## Re:Give me 1 reason UCLA beats BYU this week

Posted by BYUROCKS - 2007/09/07 08:13

GoBruinz wrote:

McGregor wrote:

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Home field advantage. UCLA is generally pretty tough at home, especially against non-conference opponents.

You mean like Rice and Utah?

Or Illinois?

Sorry, over Dorrell's career, you've lost plenty of games at the Rose Bowl, and plenty to not good teams.

???? We won all those games, so I'm not sure what your point is? We've also beaten Oklahoma, Ohio State, Michigan, Colorado State, and Alabama at home in recent years.

I can recall losing two games to non-conference opponents since 2000 -- we lost to Oklahoma State in 2004, and we lost to Colorado in 2002.

ONLY BECAUSE AT THE ROSE BOWL THE REFS ARE PAC 10 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Hay this looks like the AZ post by AIRWOLF:side: :side:

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Hay-yell yeah!!! It's about mofreakin' time c-mat brought the juice back to this board!

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