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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by bluesista - 2007/09/27 23:04

From the Deseret News article:

A relative of one of the players, receiver Kessman, posted on an Internet chatroom (Total Blue Sports) Thursday night, that his son planned on asking BYU's athletic director for a release from his scholarship to transfer and play somewhere else.

Gee, I wonder which relative that is....

Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by cougbluetrue - 2007/09/27 23:09

Is it just me or is Harmon reaching a tad in quoting someone claiming to be someone in an internet chatroom...I'm not sure people are completely honest about who they are in there, but that's just me

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Posted by lawman - 2007/09/27 23:52

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Karma to you for linking to this article!

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Come on you have to give more info than this. You dangle the twinkie in front of my fat arse but you won't give me any. Thats not fair.

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by McGregor - 2007/09/28 04:22

I mentioned that when I made this post, it was done with a very specific football intent.

http://www.cougarblue.com/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,26/func,view/id,137537/catid,2/

Some violations were more serious than others. There is much more to this story, but I think the best thing for us to do is let them unfold.

In the meantime, Kessman had issues. If they are resolved by a transfer, then both sides will be better off.

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Let me also say, I think to the public these suspensions will be viewed as heavy-handed. They aren't. It's extremely disappointing, but ALL knew the honor code, and all broke it, some MUCH worse than others.

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Posted by Khinkaid - 2007/09/28 06:30

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Who would that supportive adult be? His Dad? An anonymous internet poster? Bronco? Alan Colmes? :P (sorry had to throw a bleeding heart in there) His Bishop? An older teammate? Ben Olsen? :P Perhaps you have more knowledge regarding to whom this youngman turns for counsel if he does so at all.

Don't assume that staying at BYU is the best choice. That is not necessarily the case for every player for any number of reasons - inability to abide by the Honor Code, better playing opportunity elsewhere, "team chemistry", attitude, financial reasons, or other personal reasons.

Looking back at my first year at BYU (Deseret Towers - V Hall), probably at least half of the guys on my floor broke the Honor Code in some manner and many of them were RMs. Being away from home for the first time, I did my share of pushing the limits, but like most I matured and grew to appreciate the Honor Code and my ability to live it.

Perhaps it is time to be less judgemental and save that job for those with the proper stewardship.

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2007/09/28 07:51

There is no reason to have a heated discussion about this now. No one here knows the details of what happened (and those that suggest they do know the details aren't telling). Save the debating, judgments, and name calling for when we actually have some evidence of the issues, rather than rank speculation.

And remember, whatever happens, it could be worse -- you could be a Yewt. UTAH SUCKS!

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by WACoug - 2007/09/28 07:56

The two names that scare me the most on this list are first and foremost, G Pittman. I have heard a lot of good things about him and he had some good plays on special teams before his injury. Many were expecting major playing time for him next year. The other is David Angilau. I heard Bronco speak pretty highly of him on a couple of occasions. I hope that Bronco can help turn this around for all of them, but especially for those two.

Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by Hengst - 2007/09/28 07:58

We'll see on the kessman thing, we'll see how it works out. It sounds like he's just frustrated because he's not getting what he wants. My guess is, if he takes the time to cool down he won't leave. Of course, he's an 18 year old, so we can't really expect too much maturity out of him.

People do dumb things sometimes when there 18. Let's just all be grateful they didn't get into trouble for doing the same stuff those guys were alleged to have done under croweton.

Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by allcoug - 2007/09/28 07:58

I think we are learning that these types of events do not have the same impact to us as they did under the Crowton era. Just look at what happened this last fall. We had two quarterbacks transfer (Cooper and Bower) and one more is considering (Doman - or is he already gone?) and we are still stocked with Gaskin, Lark and Munns. I believe every other position is in the same situation (especially reciever - can't wait until Ashworth is back next year and then Jacobson the following year, which will be Collie's and Hall's senior year!). The only two areas of concern are d-line and d-back, but we aren't bagging on either of these like we did two or three years ago. Bronco has been able to fill positions well by focusing on the schemes. This is one of the greatest aspects of being a BYU fan these days - we can simply be a fan of the whole team instead of waiting for one player to do something miraculous.

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Diluigi won't get into trouble. I think he's more afraid of letting down his parents down then of anything Bronco would do...which is saying something. He lives, breathes, eats, and sleeps football. No way he screws up his college football career.

Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by a1247 - 2007/09/28 08:18

If the punishment was to only miss a practice I couldn't imagine what they did was that horrific. Who said it was even an

honor code violation? For all we know it could have been something like staying out to late and missing a curfew. Or something along those lines. If it where something real serious the punishment would have been a lot worse.

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by mormonrasta - 2007/09/28 08:20

It's not a surprise. As Bronco and BYU have both "raised the bar" regarding off the field conduct of the football team we can probably expect more transfers, suspensions, and dismissals for situations like this. BYU has tough standards for typical college kids. Hopefully it will serve as a wake up call of all of the players involved and make them significant contributors in the future.

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I'm always glad to read Cruiser and McGregor's take on things. Definitely helps counteract the Chicken Little reaction that happens so frequently (including with myself; when I heard this morning that so many players were suspended at one time, I had a Crowton flashback). But definitely, we should all trust that Bronco (a) is a man of principle and committed to his players upholding the standards of the university, and (b) the actions he's taken are appropriate, and if the player is the right kind of player for BYU, he'll do what he needs to do to get back in good standing with the team and he'll have learned a valuable lesson. Like Tialavea, Manase Tonga, Terrance Hooks, So'oto, etc. (I can't remember now if Vic was ever suspended...)

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Posted by McGregor - 2007/09/28 08:53

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Since they aren't suspended from the team, I too don't think that this will be a big deal. Bronco is fair, but if anything he is heavy handed.

Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by KYCoug - 2007/09/28 09:05

I guess you also have to keep it all in prespective. The Florida State Criminols announced yesterday that one of there starters was arrested for drug posession and will be demoted to 2nd string as his punishment.

I'm glad for the standards and know how young 18 year olds struggle. Lets hope they grow from this.

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Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2007/09/28 09:18

From the suspensions, it sounds like whatever it was was less then some of the things that have gone on over the last couple of years. Fahu Tahī was suspended for a game two years ago for a minor offense. I have to assume it is less than whatever he did because these players were only suspended from practice and could be back for the game if they complete their tasks.

I have never attended BYU, and only know the big things from the Honor Code (drinking, sex, drugs, etc.). I have to assume, based on the type of suspension that it was one of the lesser offenses that was violated.

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Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2007/09/28 09:34

I am happy we have Bronco as our HC. He is a good man of integrity and principle. The question I have of the six is how many are LDS? I know this may lead to a string of replys that result in the thread getting locked. I understand each signed the honor code just like those who are members (maybe they all are too I honestly don't know) BUT and it is a BIG BUT...the last time I checked where much is given much is required and perhaps Bronco is leading them along more gently so they will gain greater understanding. And that is the reason there is less penalty despite possibly (according to Cruiser whom I believe) being a worse act than others who have been punished in the past.

Just some musings!

Go Cougs!!!

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by Ovid - 2007/09/28 09:35

Cruiser or MacGregor, might it possibly be assumed that were Kessman to transfer, that the rest of the five suspendees would then lack a polarizing leader for future HC violations?

By the way I very much appreciate whatever you feel good divulging (or not divulging) about the team. What you have told us about this incident has helped me fell better about it after hearing Greg on the radio. I know you can't share everything, and I'm grateful for what you do share.

And now I've got to read the book MacGregor!

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Pwride, master debunker, strikes again! Karma for you for checking into that...on behalf of all non-TBS subscribers, I thank you for your efforts. :woohoo:

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by Speredon173 - 2007/09/28 09:49

Looking back on the fiasco that was Gary Crowton these suspensions are a good thing. I don't think we need to worry about what they were.

The mockery that is taking place here of the rules BYU has set forth undermines the rules at all. Your opinion of if their small or not is not relevant.

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by kenj - 2007/09/28 09:53

You set the standard and then they know what is expected. For some kids this is the first time someone draws a line in the sand and then actually come thru with the penalty. These kids see what is happening and a few more wins and they will be begging to be accepted back. Go Cougs

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/09/28 09:58

I'm not so sure most of them aren't already begging. Like all the suspensions that Coach Mendenhall gives out, there are terms to their return to the team. I am sure some will finish sooner than others (based on what each individual did) but all will do it that stick around at BYU.

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Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by rackem - 2007/09/28 10:03

Making a "mountain out of a mole hill" about an issue no-one seems to understand and or is willing to comment about, then putting sooo much time, effort, and energy behind it for me is a waste of time...

Can't tomorrow come a little quicker and just watch the game?

All our speculating and worrying over "Rumors and Gossip" is a waste of energy that can be focused on much more productive events. IMHO

I think I smell bacon burning.

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No, I was at Ricks in '99 doing the same stuff there. And then we ran out of m-60s and -80s and had to use dry ice bombs. Still kinda cool but not quite the same. College was awesome

Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by japaninator - 2007/09/28 10:06

I came on the board looking for more info. I am actually rather pleased that there isn't any. It means there aren't moles or leaks in the BYU program. Awesome.

Re:Rumors Confirmed

Posted by Schroeder - 2007/09/28 10:11

Well, as of yet...

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So, I went back to look at Kessman's HS highlights and it is dissapointing to hear that he hasn't shown the potential yet at BYU that he did in his highlights. I know it is HS, so maybe it was just a competition issue. He did look slower in some clips...but it seemed more like he had deceptive speed. He also seemed to be strong...hard to bring down. Hopefully things will be resolved and we will turn into a big contributor.

HS clip of his Jr year when he played WR (I guess his Sr. year he was utilized more at RB):

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-521793938061264304&q=ryan+kessman>

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Something was said in chat... there was never a post. Hopefully everyone thinks about what is best before making hasty decisions.

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Posted by Yndian - 2007/09/28 10:48

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