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## Next season

Posted by Yme - 2007/10/14 18:58

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Hey I was just looking at what we are going to have to work with next year...our offense is going to be awesome!!! We are loosing Aulai on the Oline, Semanoff at fullback, and Matt Allen at WR. Most of our OL are JRs and almost everyone else are freshman and sophs right now...thats a lot of returning tallent. Too bad we are loosing most of our Defense. We have a lot of underclassmen getting a lot of playing time on the D line but almost everyone else is gone. anywho just a few thoughts...now that we have seen what we have in our QB.

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## Re:Next season

Posted by TimO - 2007/10/14 19:53

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That's a brutal end-of-year schedule... ;) 4 straight away games? ;)

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## Re:Next season

Posted by Bilson - 2007/10/14 21:25

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Yeah... that friggin sucks!

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## Re:Next season

Posted by jgrantr - 2007/10/14 22:16

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Yeah, I guess it could look like that, but it won't. We will play a similar schedule (with similar dates) to '04 and '06. BYU will NOT have 4 straight home games followed by 4 straight road games. TCU will be earlier in the year, with Wyoming and New Mexico later in the year.

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## Re:Next season

Posted by DeafBYUSports - 2007/10/14 23:37

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FYI, I really think we will play TCU later part of the year because starting 2005 and 2006 TCU played us early then this year first time we play them later part of the year than before as I can remember. Probably like first weekend of November for 2008. This is my guess that will make it work.

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## Re:Next season

Posted by mormonrasta - 2007/10/15 08:17

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One thing that jumps out to me regarding next year's schedule is that BYU will face some pretty athletic QBs in their nonconference schedule. That Locker kid from Washington is a stud and the redshirt freshman that Nevada played last night had wheels.

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It will be interesting to see how BYU defends them next year.

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/10/15 12:45

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Posted by Florwood - 2007/10/15 13:04

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I like how this year we switched TCU to later in the year. Any reason we can't start moving Wyoming up to October? Spending every other November there is a real pain, with their weather...

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Posted by Khinkaid - 2007/10/15 13:05

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Sorenson could be considered a returning starter in that before his mission he started at Center and was an SEC freshman all-american at that position. If he has started at center in the SEC he will be just fine next year as a junior starter.

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Posted by Short\_Changed - 2007/10/15 13:16

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Crazy to think how close last year was and how close this year will be to BCS busting after we roll the rest of the MWC. Wow. Who'd of thought.

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Posted by x\_rugger - 2007/10/15 15:07

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two times in the last week ksl sports casters have said that reed was a sr. the last was during the byu coaches show (or whatever they call it now) last night where they did a m. reed player feature (which was pretty good). i was surprised to hear it, and happy to know they were wrong.

at some point i would like to hear more about the lb's that will move into bigger roles next year. doman and hooks are known, i'm wondering about some of the others.....

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## Re:Next season

Posted by Pwride - 2007/10/15 15:17

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That probably needs a longer answer, but a short answer is Tolu Moala, a big play-maker from the JC ranks. He will be a great addition to next years corps.

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Posted by jgrantr - 2007/10/15 16:38

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Don't forget Lukenga on DL as well. If he wasn't hurt/redshirting he'd be contributing this year. They'll be stacked at DL next year (which is nice for a change)

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Posted by Buckshot - 2007/10/15 17:17

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Anyone have anything to add?

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## Re:Next season

Posted by gmj81 - 2007/10/15 17:29

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And Magnum Mauga. I'm even more excited about him than I am about Hola. We should be pretty stacked at DL next year with a healthy mix of talent and experience.

LB will be just fine too. Lots of talent at the position and the only two seniors we'll lose is Kehl and Bolden. Oh, and Poppinga and Staff I guess. OK, maybe we won't have quite as productive of a LB unit next year but the defense will still be good enough to go undefeated with the offense we'll have next year, the upcoming talent we have in the secondary and the likes of Nixon, Doman, Hooks, Bauman, Nelson, Wagner, Jorgensen (mission??), etc.

Secondary is loaded with talent albeit inexperienced talent but inexperience has yet to be a real detriment to our defense due to how well our coaches prepare these guys. I give you Tialavea, Dulan, Jorgensen, Manumaleuna, Wolfley all as examples from the DL. Criddle had never taken a D1 rep before before he was a starter and Nixon was good enough to be a starter after limited PT as a freshman and a two year hiatus... I'm not at all concerned with inexperience with the likes of guys like Howard, Fowler, Tafuna, Bradley, Pendleton, Pittman, Brooks, Johnson, possibly Gabriel.

Our offense will make huge strides this offseason and the defense might not be quite as productive next year but good enough to hold the other team to fewer points than Hall and the boys can rack up. But it's '09 that's got me really excited... That defense and that offense could be the greatest combination on both sides of the ball we have ever seen and should really be something special to watch.

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/10/16 09:41

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Kellen Fowler is rumored to be the "smartest" of the safeties as far as football, which is a great attribute for a safety as they call plays on defense. Tafuna will be back and he was the back up to both Gabriel and Gooch before getting injured. That's two seniors at safety.

Next year's corners have the added benefit of playing under Hill for a season or two and we shouldn't see any drop-off. G Pittman is said to be close to 6 feet and gained some weight and is lightning fast. He has a great chance to play next season. Bradley is only a freshman this year and has great size too. Brannon Brooks will be RS Freshman, Howard is getting some play time and will only be a sophomore, Scott Johnson played very well in fall camp and will be a junior. The list just goes on and on (Steven Thomas, Chris Warner.)

I noticed that Gabriel is still on the roster, they may be able to get him back IF he want to.

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### Re:Next season

Posted by Buckshot - 2007/10/16 12:37

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Thanks for the info Peter. Scott Johnson played great in the Spring and Fall camps. Hopefully some of our younger athletes will be game ready sooner thanks to Coach Hill.

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### Re:Next season

Posted by Pwide - 2007/10/16 13:12

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He is making an impact (literally) on special teams, the best way to get on the coaches good side. He has made 8 tackles in 6 games and a force fumble.

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### Re:Next season

Posted by imuakahuku - 2007/10/16 13:28

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2007/10/16 14:40

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Posted by gmj81 - 2007/10/17 00:58

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He's currently playing as a third stringer and scout teamer specifically because he asked Bronco if he could contribute somehow this year so that he could save his redshirt for post-mission. He said that with a mission you don't know if you'll

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come back grossly overweight or sickly underweight. But a mission is definately in his plans. I look for him to start making significant contributions in '12 as a redshirt sophomore.

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