
Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by cks1450 - 2007/08/02 17:36

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Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by cougfan1 - 2007/08/03 08:21

cks1450 wrote:

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Good article. I always thought it was a great move for BYU to go the PDL route since D-I was basically out of the question. Although the PDL is a great opportunity for the program, I would like to see the team one day gain D-I status.

Post edited by: cougfan1, at: 2007/08/03 08:22

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Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2007/08/03 08:44

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Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by scott715 - 2007/08/03 11:51

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Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by Mingjai - 2007/08/03 11:59

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BYU will never make the MLS, but it would be interesting to see them in the USL 2nd Division. If they did that, the players would have to be listed as professionals, though they wouldn't be making a salary. As long as no one was planning on transferring to an NCAA school, it wouldn't matter. But first of all, they have to start dominating the PDL.

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Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by scott715 - 2007/08/03 14:30

Oh give them a few years. If you look at how far they have grown in 6 years then the future looks bright. I know that the coach is stepping down but he will still be around.

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Posted by cougfan1 - 2007/08/06 08:15

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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2007/08/07 14:12

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I read the article and saw his politically correct blame football and not the real culprit: Title IX. Ohio State makes so much money off of their 100k stadium ticket sales and TV deal that they can fund more sports. Yes, football is a resource drain, but if your product is good, it funds a lot of other programs since most sports are unable to pay their own way. BYU is one of those with a football program that ends up funding much of the athletic program at the school because of their success.

I think what they have accomplished in the PDL is terrific and a testament to the coach and quality of players. I think his complaining about football while avoiding how Title IX dictates the number of sports based on scholarships rather than on interest by the student body was pretty cheap since football does more good for the school than all the other sports combined. Yet, as I understand it, the club sports get very little if any financial support directly from the University and have to raise the funds or have generous benefactors. Anyone know where they get their funding besides from summer camp fees?

Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by CougarBandit - 2007/08/08 23:54

Ticket sales? He is right in one aspect about football. Because of the high number of scholarships for male athletes in football, with Title IX there's more pressure to provide additional scholarships for female athletes. Sports like soccer end up getting squeezed out. Going to the PDL is a creative way of dealing with the problem and enhances the soccer program a great deal

Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by DLounsbury - 2007/10/29 03:52

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2007/10/29 06:59

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I think the article addressed that issue of scholarships. Also, soccer player don't usually get the full ride. It is usually a partial. That is how the other sports "make up" for not having a lot of scholarships. They just split them out and share them among more players. So with the cheap tuition, a job, a European trip every year, and advanced competition, why would they not get the top talent coming out of high school. What do the NCAA teams have? A partial scholarship (hopefully half) to pay a \$15,000+ per semester school, one European trip, and a lesser level of competition. Seems to me to be a no brainer. Oh, and no worries about eligibility and red shirts etc. Just the school imposed GPA requirement. It didn't even say anything about minimum credit hours. Only the school would require it from what I read in the article. So if the school thinks one credit hour is enough then so be it. What was the downside again? Oh yeah you don't get an NCAA trophy but a PDL (professional league) trophy.

Re:Article From ESPN Website on BYU Soccer Program

Posted by Conosticator - 2007/10/29 07:28

Try sports like wrestling and men's gymnastics getting squeezed out because of football. The Title IX requirements in conjunction with the huge number of football scholarships vs the lack of other revenue generating sports is the reason for the squeeze.

Ever wonder why Stanford wins the Sears Directors Cup every year? Or why most of the top ten finishers tend to just swap positions annually. Look at the number of scholarship sports they fund. Last time I looked Stanford had something like 32 different teams (men and women combined).

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Posted by DLounsbury - 2007/10/31 00:52

Most of the D2 and NAIA schools do only offer partial scholarships but most of the D1 schools do. Where I live in the Pacific NW there aren't a lot of D1 schools that carry mens soccer, and I believe that is generally true for the West Coast and intermountain area, California being the big exception. According to a recruiter from Oregon State for instance, my son is likely going to be offered a full D1 but will probably try to play at BYU. If it turns out to be a full ride offer it will be a tough decision for him. BTW, the trips to Europe and South America are cool but the players have to pay for the airfare.
