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## Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by gordito - 2007/11/29 09:07

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Anybody know where next year's recruiting class ranks (preferably by scout, the computer at work blocks scout.com for some reason)?

Thanks.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by draider - 2007/11/29 09:27

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The kicker has a monster leg, but he may only be doing kickoffs next year. He choked on a couple of chip shots in the state playoffs this year.

Who is the runningback of which you speak? I know about Bruner from vancouver (my home town :-)), but I hadn't heard anything about this other guy, maybe you could fill us in.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by PGCoug - 2007/11/29 10:11

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The other RB's name is Sete Pohahau. He's been tearing it up his Senior year.

Here is a link to his Junior Highlights Sete's Junior Highlights Video

He looks pretty quick, maybe not as shifty as J.J. but he should be another great back in the Stable. I'm pretty sure he's LDS as well and will be going on a mission so he could be our back after Harvey and J.J. have graduated.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 10:21

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Seta is Manase Tonga's cousin as well (same high school that he went to.) He is a beast. He only got 177 a game because they'd sit him for the second half after they began blowing the other team away. He is very good.

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Bruner didn't play much offense this season, he will probably be a linebacker at BYU. He has great size (6'3, 225 with a reported 4.4)

Rival's has BYU commit Jake Murphy (WR, 6'5) as a four-star. He has been courted by USC after scoring 5 TD's against Mater Dei in california.

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Posted by 1246 - 2007/11/29 10:26

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I heard that Pohahau would possibly/probably switch to LB in college. He'd probably see more PT (one, maybe two featured backs at the Y vs. 4 featured LBs) here if he made the switch.

Maybe I'm getting him mixed up with Bruner - seems like Bruner was projected to switch as well.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by craigoscarson - 2007/11/29 10:35

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I think we've learned that recruiting rankings are pretty subjective (Notre Dame is always in the top 20 and put together a season this year that made you think they had Utah States recruiting class).

The beauty of our class is that we fill needs for next year and build depth for the future.

Justin Sorenson bombing kicks out of the end zone on kickoffs will be more valuable than you can even imagine - even if Payne kicks everything from 35 yards in.

Hola (JC AA dlineman)(2 to play 2) Moala (JC AA LB)(3 to play 2) and Taufi (JC AA lineman) (3 to play 2) give us immediate depth- Hola will be a monster next year combined with Jorgenson, Denney, Tialevea, etc. (I believe Dulan is going on a mission).

Bronco has addressed the future of the defensive back and linebacker more than any year in BYU history. Our cupboard is full of safeties, potential corners and linebackers coming in.

<http://byu.scout.com/a.z?s=338&p=9&c=8&yr=2008>

And... we addressed the future of the offensive line by getting Yeck, and Stringham. I certainly hope the kid at Snow has a change of heart, because he could be our rock and all american in two years if he's willing to share his playing load next year.

I certainly don't care about the stars or total rankings we get, if you do your homework on everyone of these players, you'll find they're all winners and can bring it on saturdays. I love how Bronco recruits.

The 2009 class could be a MONSTER too.....

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 11:19

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1246: Seta would rather play linebacker, but he is slated to be a running back. Bruner is the one who is going to make the switch.

Craigoscarson: You missed Magnum Mauga. He committed last year and will be here this January. He was a JC All-American DE. Also, Coleby Clawson of Snow will be here in January as well and will be moving to LB, so he could provide immediate depth as well.

2009 could be magical. Manti Teo, Craig Bills, Adam Timo, Darren Markle, Brett Thompson, Mitch Mathews, Terry

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Alleto, Jay Galea'i...could be a top 15 class.

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Watching that Hawaii game made me covet a smaller faster slot-type receiver in the mold of Reno Mahe. A couple of those Hawaii receivers were amazingly quick.. it'd make a nice change of pace from Collie, Reed, etc.. Mahuika just doesn't seem to fit that bill very well. Anyone like that coming in?

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Posted by penncougar - 2007/11/29 11:50

I can't remember the kids name, but wasn't there a Luke Ashworth or Ashton or something like that that played as a freshman and caught some balls and then left on a misison. Shouldn't he be back this next year? I don't remember him being very big, but he had good hands. A nate Meikel perhaps?

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 11:51

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Posted by penncougar - 2007/11/29 11:52

Pwride wrote:

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Nice to have him back. I didn't realize he was that big, although I haven't seen him play in a few years

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 11:56

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All the guys who played with Unga in high school are getting back from missions (ie. Ashworth, Covey, Reynolds who is redshirting)

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by splitbamboo - 2007/11/29 11:57

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What's the deal with the Kozlowski kid? Watched his dad in my day (just gave a hint as to my age--my oldest daughter heads to the Y next year) and he was really fun to watch.

I love these father/son connections...

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Posted by draider - 2007/11/29 11:59

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Then in 09 we get Adam Timo from my high school(Snow Canyon)a 4 star running back. I just played tackle football on Thanksgiving with his brother and he says Adam is very excited to be going to BYU, this year as a Jr. he put up 26 touchdowns and around 1200 yards. I think we will be ok at RB for quite a few years to come.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 12:05

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splitbamboo: There are quite a few of those. He does well in spring usually but fades in Fall based on reports. One reason might be that some of the top WRs and defenders sit out most of spring (injuries or to avoid injuries since they proved they are the best.) Either way, I think he could make his way onto the field in the next couple years.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by KYCoug - 2007/11/29 12:20

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I think it's interesting, you take a program like ND who consistantly gets a top 20 recruiting class and underperforms, then look at the Y who never gets a highly ranked recruiting class and has over the years been a pretty regular ranked team. The Coaching staff doesn't get enough credit, and the qualities that can't be measured of the young men who come into the program make all the difference.

Ya gotta love this school.

L Hatton  
Louisville KY

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 12:23

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Then take a USC or LSU who get top recruits and make something of them :)

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BYU is getting better recruits and it will be interesting to see what it can do with more natural talent to begin with.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by UliUli79 - 2007/11/29 12:30

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Bronco and the staff have done a great job getting talent that matches the "personality" that BYU's football teams seem to have. It doesn't do a bit of good getting a bunch of blue chippers if they don't fit the system.

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 12:39

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True, but it doesn't hurt to have those players that match the personality be blue chippers :)

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by craigoscarson - 2007/11/29 12:42

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One positive that really grew from a negative is the fact that we potentially have Gabriel and Tafuna in the secondary next year.

Add in Fowler, Pendleton, etc. and we went from a position without a ton of experienced depth next season to a very experienced safety position.

If we can prepare our linebackers and corners for the early Pac 10 games, we'll be favored in every game we play, including a pretty tough conference road schedule (TCU, Utah, Air Force) but we get our trap games (New Mexico, Wyoming) at home.

We can't assume such a crazy NCAA season next year and should assume we have to win em all to get a BCS bid...

But if Pittman, Howard, Bradley, and Johnson survive spring and fall camp and improve and add in the improvement of Doman, Luekenga, Nixon, Clawson, Moala, Bauman, etc. we're a very scary team.....

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 12:46

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Gabriel is done. He received his senior blanket and is hanging up the cleats. Tafuna will be back, but has some serious competition from Fowler/Pendleton/Bradley.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by dYrtbYkerYder - 2007/11/29 13:09

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Chris Warner was the one kind of slated to take over for the seniors next year before he tore his ACL in spring ball. Look for him to play a factor there as well.

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 13:27

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Good point.

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Also, keep an eye/ear out for Jadon Wagner in the offseason at the LB position.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Wickchad84087 - 2007/11/29 13:31

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by nuk13 - 2007/11/29 13:38

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I love these posts. I've read you all twice. Looking at this year's team I felt that the offense would be loaded for next year but the defense would be minus 3 top linebackers, cornerbacks and maybe a safety. After reading this thread it looks like those needs will be filled. If Bruner (wow, 6'3" 225 and 4.4!) has skill he could be the one to take Kehl's place. With that kind of speed I think it'd be possible to play him at safety. Pohahau is only 5'11" but there have been pro linebackers that short. Both of them look like they could go either way.

I think it very interesting that for years BYU's receivers were 5'9' 175lbs. and now we are getting kids 6 inches taller than that. I am intrigued by D. Murphy's son. His 40 time is only 4.7 but he must have game speed. With him, Pitta and George it will be a nightmare for 5'9" cornerbacks.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Gymcoug318 - 2007/11/29 13:43

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Brandon Brandley. He tore his Acl in fall camp of 06. Then this year we were ok at the cornerback position. He's playing on the special teams. He's been involved. His number was number 5! He'll get plenty of time at either cornerback or safety next year.:woohoo:

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwide - 2007/11/29 13:44

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Wickchad84...

Brandon Bradley. He is a freshman (blew out his knee before last season and not 100% when this season started.) Apparently he is doing a great job covering Collie while on the scout team. Rumor is he will move to safety (has great size and great speed for a safety.)

BYU has some solid guys coming in to fill in gaps and some ready to step up.

As for linebackers, look for Doman, Nixon, Bauman and Hooks/Wagner to be the starters. Add on JC transfers like Tolu Moala and Coleby Clawson (led the #1 JC in sacks), BYU's defense is once again reloading, not rebuilding.

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I'm counting on Hafoka. My brother coached him when he was younger and said he was unbelievable. He said he should turn out to be a special player in the Mahe or SikaHEMA mold.  
I'm just plain stoked for next year. I'm hoping for the BCS this year and a return nearly every year thereafter. I'm hoping for BYU to become a mainstay in the BCS. I want to see them go so often that it forces the NCAA into a playoff system. Hey, we were the reason the BCS was formed, now we can be the reason the playoffs happen!

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Posted by COUGsince75 - 2007/11/29 14:55

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by penncougar - 2007/11/29 15:04

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What was the name of the snow linebacker that signed last year. What's going on with him. If I remember, he was going to walk on and try to earn playing time??

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/29 15:26

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Penncougar..tough questions...geesh...let me look...

Jamison Fitt, but he was moved to the D-line and was doing Ok. I can't find him currently so probably didn't go so well. My guess he is either on scout team/red-shirting/injured or no longer on the team.

You might also be talking about Brock Richardson, who is on the roster.

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Or he is on a mission...Just found something that says he is out on a mission. Who knows?

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Posted by football1984 - 2007/11/29 16:00

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Good call. Apparently where I was looking if someone grey-shirts they show up as "mission." Glad to hear he is still around.

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Matangi got into trouble with the law and the team but left the school before the Honor Code got involved. He has worked out the law stuff (I think he's on probation for a while) and will be back with the team. They will likely treat it as a grey-shirt year and he will return as sophomore for the 2008 season and be back practicing with the team as early as January.

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If he didn't have a scholarship, or play a single down, he didn't lose any eligibility-just as if he had served a mission....

I totally forget about him sometimes.....it makes me so excited about this defensive line next year.

A good defensive line makes life so much easier for the secondary...considering how young our corners will be this is such a blessing...

Tialavea  
Jorgenson  
Hola  
Denney  
Tonga  
Wolfley

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

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As far as fast slot receivers, I've read a bit about Cody Raymond (prep) and Nick Frandsen (juco). Any possibility that either walk on or get promised a schollie after a mission/redshirt?

I'm always petrified that we're missing out on the next Kevin Curtis or David Anderson because we're so in love with a Todd Watkins, Jonathan Pittman or worse case Rod Wilkerson....

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How many scholarships do we have left to give out 2?

Do you know where the Uona rumors are coming from??

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Is Mauga a dlineman or olb?

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by cwmcougars - 2007/11/29 17:08

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Sorry, who was the starting nose tackle who was injured at the beginning of this year? We will get him back, if he is not already back, I do not know.

Whatever happened with Chambers? I haven't seen his name mentioned so I assume he signed elsewhere.

We are getting loaded on defense! This is exciting! As they always say "defense wins championships". This way our offense won't have to put up 42 points a game in order to win it!

Bronco sure is doing wonders for this program!

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Tialavea was our best dlineman last year before he got hurt in camp.

Throw in Jorgenson, Denney, Tonga, Hola, Wolfley and Mauga if he plays dline and you're talking about a 3-4 that will never get tired. They'll be rotating fresh players every series. That plays large in the 4th quarter of tight games...

Outside of losing Kehl, I think our linebacker corps will be as good as this year. I don't think anyone at BYU has ever open field tackled as well as Bryan Kehl does. I wish him the best and hope he ends up in an NFL system that uses him correctly....

Our secondary is in great hands with Jamie Hill (I imagine eventually he'll get a pay raise and Bronco will hand over a share of the defensive play calling to him, just to keep him around). Tafuna, Bradley, Fowler, Pendleton and others playing safety with Pittman, Howard and Johnson at the corners. Depth and injury could be a concern at the corner position. I have no idea who the back up is to those 3 should someone go down.....

Throw in the most experienced offense in the history of BYU next year and possibly the best offensive line and you can see why people are starting to pinch themselves.

Even our special teams will be upgraded with Sorenson dropping bombs on kickoffs and having the leg if we need a 45+ yarder, while Payne will be experienced enough to knock in anything shorter.

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Give us one more year of Bryan Kehl and a corner in the mold of a Brian Gray, Tim Mctyer and I think you could reasonably talk about a national championship run.....regardless we may be talking about the most talented BYU team in the last 25 years.

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### Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by dYrtbYkerYder - 2007/11/29 18:36

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You're a little off but not much. I'll make a two-deep when I get a little more time :) One thing is G Pittman will be a starting corner next year. Brannon Brooks should be a solid backup at corner as well.

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### Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by BigL - 2007/11/29 18:54

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Pretty sure that was Jadon Wagner.

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Posted by Pwide - 2007/11/30 09:55

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Mauga is a D-lineman, 4 star JC all-american. He will be here in January and will have 8 months to compete with Denney and Jorgensen.

Chambers isn't out of the picture, but its not looking good. He now has Purdue as his #1 choice and BYU as his #2. I am fairly sure he is waiting until signing day to decide, and is coming to BYU's big official visit in January. He would be a great addition and tops my list of guys I want to see come to BYU.

As to how many scholarships are left, depends on a lot of things. How many of the guys are going straight on missions? How many are returning from missions? How many graduate? How many freshman are leaving on missions? BYU's recruiting is a logistical nightmare, but I'd guess there are 3-4 more.

The UFC fighter is Jadon Wagner, brother of Aaron Wagner who graduated last season. Wagner was that big a few months off his mission. He is apparently very fast and a little bit crazy, a good combination at ILB. He was getting reps with the 1s in spring before getting hurt (Linsfranc foot injury.) Im guessing he will be starting or sharing time at ILB.

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Posted by Short\_Changed - 2007/11/30 10:04

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Pwide wrote:

As for linebackers, look for Doman, Nixon, Bauman and Hooks/Wagner to be the starters. Add on JC transfers like Tolu Moala and Coleby Clawson (led the #1 JC in sacks), BYU's defense is once again reloading, not rebuilding.

What about Austen Jorgensen? Is he going on a mission or did he already? Do you think he could crack the starting line-up? We'll also have Kevin Bills and Mike Alisa from T-view at LB. Both dominated during their senior year.

Is Manumaleuna going on a mission? Also Luke Ashworth and Steven Covey will be back from missions. Man we're going to be stacked with talent next year. It will be interesting to see who redshirts and who goes on missions.

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Posted by Short\_Changed - 2007/11/30 10:06

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Just to clarify. Jadon wasn't a UFC fighter. UFC is the major league of mixed martial arts. Jadon fought in some smaller leagues.

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Posted by Pwide - 2007/11/30 10:15

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Manumaleuna and Dulan (he started at BYU last year at age 17) are headed out on missions. Covey, Ashworth, Hafoka

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(6'1, 200 when he got back from his mission, says he is just as fast as when he left) Browns (2 OL), some defensive players are back.

I would guess that most of the incoming freshman will redshirt, there are no major gaps to fill (which is a very good thing.) The only freshman from this year who definitely aren't leaving on missions are JJ DiLuigi, G Pittman, Brannon Brooks and probably Jordan Pendleton. (could be more, but the first three aren't LDS and Pendleton has often said he isn't planning on going.)

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Man we will still be stacked at LB again next year. We are going to have a ton of depth everywhere on the team next year. This is very good since a couple of players every year go down before the season starts or right after the season starts. If any LB's get hurt, I wouldn't be surprised to see Bills or Alisa push for playing time. They are really, really talented as well as smart football players. But I think you're probably right that they won't see much playing time aside from special teams. They'll sure push the LB's in front of them though.

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/30 10:43

Agreed. I forgot to throw VanSweden in that group as well. A dark horse because very little is known is Masi Tuitama. He graduated in 2007 and will be here in Winter. No idea what he's been up to (My guess is community college) but he must be special if they wanted him even with a half year lay-off.

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by gordito - 2007/11/30 11:31

Thank you to Pwride and everybody else for this info.

I think I'm more excited for next year now than I am for our next two games :)

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## Re:Help: Ranking BYU's 2008 Recruiting Class

Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/30 11:36

Should I feel bad that I haven't had to look up any of this information besides Jamison Fitt's name? Yikes....

I love the recruiting, keeps me going in the off-season. Forgot to answer the question about Uona Kaveinga, he was at the game on Saturday and apparently quite interested in BYU.

2008 recruits will be very good, but 2009 is shaping up to be unlike any a non-BCS team has ever seen. Alread BYU has commitments from 2 top 100 players (Bills and Timo) and I have heard several times that Manti Teo (top 10 players, some say he is #1) is practically committed to BYU.

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Posted by nuk13 - 2007/11/30 12:02

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Posted by Short\_Changed - 2007/11/30 12:08

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nuk13 wrote:

Pwride, my thanks too. Can you give us any bios on Fitt,Bills Timo and Teo?

Craig Bills (the little bro of K.C., Kelly, and Kevin) goes about 6'0" 205 and is a safety. He plays at T-view HS in Provo and was 1st team all-state last year as a soph and will likely be 1st team all-state this year as a junior. I think he'll be the best of all the Bills brothers. He's a hard hitting safety who makes a lot of tackles. He flies to the ball. At times he's been phenomenal in coverage, but at times I think he's gotten a little bored and has let a few guys catch some balls that probably shouldn't have been caught. He's got good hands and is a competitor. Those are my thoughts on watching him play in several games.

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/30 12:21

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That is Bills for you, spot on.

Adam Timo is a running back, tied for 2nd Utah this year in scoring. He has won the state high-jump two years, really explodes. He finished 7th in the state in rushing, averaging almost 8 yards per carry.

Teo is a beast of a linebacker out of Hawaii. He is the cousin of BYU commit Shiloh Teo. He has offers from BYU, UCLA, USC, etc, etc. He is the top defensive player in the west and "finest prep player out of Hawaii." (according to scout.com)

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3486406893857318270&q=manti+te%27o+football&total=4&start=0&num=10&so=1&type=search&plindex=1>

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/30 12:23

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Yeah...Not even close that time. My bad.

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Yup they moved.

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Manti Te'o is the recruit I've wanted to commit more than any other. Not to take anything away from most of the recruits we get, but they are for the most part replaceable with comparable athletes. Manti, however, is one of those once every 10 years recruits that you can't really replace with just another linebacker. His defensive highlights are the best I've seen and he's just a good LDS kid on top of that. His impact would be immediate.

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/11/30 12:49

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I just watched them again. Wow. We are also very much in contention for Darren Markle, just doing some research and he has heard from over 50 D-1 schools (ND, Ohio State, Michigan, BYU, etc.) He is a beast and he and Te'o together would be awesome.

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