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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/12/04 16:14

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by Knucklehead - 2007/12/04 16:26

How many times did UCLA beat Utah this year?

You can't rely on rankings defining tough teams. How many times did one of those tough "ranked" teams get beat by an unranked "weak" team this year?

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by Cosmo9798 - 2007/12/04 16:30

We can always count on Airwolf to look on the bright side.

How many Notre Dames did BYU lose to this year?

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by cougarweed - 2007/12/04 16:33

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by Knucklehead - 2007/12/04 16:50

My point is there are many factors that go into who wins a game and who loses.

For example: Where did BYU play UCLA? Where did Utah play UCLA? Where did BYU play Utah?

UCLA beat a young BYU team, in Pasadena. Early in the year, when our best skill players were acclimating to Division I football, (Collie, Pitta were returned missionaries & Unga, Hall had never played a college game prior to this year) UCLA jumped ahead on BYU and the Cougars fought back, but the comeback fell short.

We have now won nine straight. We are a different team, a better team. Win or lose, UCLA will not be facing the same BYU team they played in September.

My second point is, we had the #2 ranked team in the nation lose to unranked teams six times this season.

Our current #1 ranked team (Ohio State) got their #1 ranking by beating only one team that is currently ranked (Wisconsin). The ranking system is a sham!

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by MajorCougar - 2007/12/04 17:15

Air Force.

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by penn cougar - 2007/12/04 17:27

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by Conosticator - 2007/12/04 17:39

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Soon it will be one of two time. :P

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by MizzouCoug - 2007/12/04 18:21

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We notice it. Were you going somewhere with this or is your game prediction simply implied these days?

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Posted by ammon cougar1 - 2007/12/04 18:35

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by Iceman - 2007/12/04 18:49

TCU was ranked for awhile, I think Air Force is now ranked, but Oregon isn't and Ty Willingham is an idiot. Were any of these "facts" considered?

I think Airwolf is actually a BCS undercover, sent to "enlighten" us.

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by B-Rex - 2007/12/04 19:45

cougarweed wrote:

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How many times did the Pac-10 refs give the game to UCLA? I can think of at least one: against BYU.

Remember this non-turnover? It was a 14 point swing!!! Neutral field, neutral refs, BYU 31, UCLA 13

http://www.cougarblue.com/images/fbfiles/images/Soto_Knee_Down-24fe06f875c3ad62b30521bce7d546ba.jpg

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Posted by Songaike - 2007/12/04 20:14

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Posted by MajorCougar - 2007/12/04 20:33

Besides, the TV coverage SHOULD have been enough to reverse the call...

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Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2007/12/05 08:24

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It's okay. I answered my own question. You said you went by the end of season statistics and rankings. That being said UCLA played three ranked teams (#17 BYU, #11 ASU and #7 USC) Their final record against such teams was 1-2 with their win coming in the 2nd game of the season against a soph QB making his 1st road start, in the Rose Bowl and just his 2nd start D1 EVER! And a Fresh RB who the OC hadn't quite figured out how/when to use effectively. I try to find your logic in arguments because I think you have some of the time. But this time, unless your using end of season standings for one team and during the season standings for another, I cannot see any logic. BTW generally speaking a young team that is not ranked is EXPECTED to lose to an experienced Top 10 team on their home field. I still don't feel really bad we lost to UCLA when/how we did.

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Refs make mistakes, PAC10 refs openly and blatantly cheat.

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Posted by Uncle Iroh - 2007/12/05 13:09

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ND FOR THE LOVE :laugh: :laugh: :laugh: :laugh:

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Posted by Cougtastic - 2007/12/05 13:36

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The problem I have with strength of schedule is that it's totally subjective. There is no real way to know what conference is stronger. Every year the Big Ten is supposed to be so great. And every year, they get there butts handed to them in the bowls. I think the same can be said about the Big 12. Then, everybody kills the Pac 10, or the MWC or the WAC, because they aren't back east, and says that the conferences are weaker. So they get no credit, (a crappy tv deal doesn't help matters at all.)

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Re:Anyone notice this?

Posted by Cougtastic - 2007/12/05 13:46

I'm not a huge proponent of going independent, but if we have a few more years like this one, and we don't get a shot at a BCS bowl, then I think our only option is to go independent.

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