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## 1983

Posted by jimmyz2 - 2007/12/05 09:08

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That was the last time BYU beat UCLA in football. Since then, UCLA has beat BYU 6 times in a row (85, 91, 92, 93, 95, 07). That's right, since Steve Young, we have gone 0-6 against UCLA. :S I sure hope that the coaches and players are not believing all this press and fan rumbling about wishing we had a "better" opponent. I think we will beat UCLA IF IF IF the team is mentally prepared for a battle. If they go in there thinking they are better than UCLA, then Katie bar the door! If you want proof, look no further than the Tulsa game. Team members admitted afterward that they did not respect Tulsa going into the game. I hope they don't make the same mistake for this game as they made in Tulsa or as Oregon made last year against us (I know, BM is not Belotti, but that doesn't mean the players won't believe the kind of stuff Belotti was saying out loud last year). I hope the team is motivated by the earlier loss and wants revenge.

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## Re:1983

Posted by Florwood - 2007/12/05 09:20

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So if we can beat, even crush UCLA in the bowl game, maybe it's an indication that 2007 will be a prelude to greatness, much like 1983 was a prelude to greatness for 1984.

11-1 in 1983, with a victory over UCLA, led to an undefeated season and a national championship in 1984.

11-2 in 2007 with a victory over UCLA, leading to an undefeated season and ? in 2008?

Of course, we'll need a Pitt to start off our season and rise in the polls, not two Div IIA teams to replace Nevada and UCLA...

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## Re:1983

Posted by jimmyz2 - 2007/12/05 09:53

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you may be right. Beating UCLA may have been the cog in the wheels of success all these years TIC. Whodathunkit?

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Posted by mormonrasta - 2007/12/05 10:05

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Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2007/12/05 10:08

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Much of it will depend on how the Bruins react on the field to the loss of their coach. Will they be demoralized? Or will they be angry and playing with a grudge? It looks like the DC will be acting as headcoach, so there will not be a newby

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Posted by jhw5 - 2007/12/05 11:14

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**Re:1983**

Posted by treck - 2007/12/05 11:30

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6. Bowl Victory

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**Re:1983**

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Posted by Uncle Iroh - 2007/12/05 11:41

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I really hope that the team is so focused for this, that the score is 42-0. I want to see total domination, so all the talk about the early season loss would be erased. If there is a hiccup here, then next season doesn't begin with the same amount of potential.

The thing that worries me is that it sounds a lot like the year we played A&M in the Holiday Bowl, and everybody complained that they weren't a good enough opponent, then they come out and completely wax us. We need to be really excited about this, and get up and smack these guys right in the kisser.

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Posted by teldeman - 2007/12/05 11:47

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Ding ding ding! We have a winner! It wasn't just the team. Edwards preached that to the media and fans. Whenever the lost an OOC game or bowl game, he always talked about it being a great reward for a hard fought WAC season and that the only thing that mattered was winning the WAC. That was the mindset top to bottom. Drove me nuts.

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Agreed. We've had the indoor facility since 2003. Since then, two losing seasons, one bowl loss, one bowl win. Sure it helps preparation, but the decider is attitude.

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I am with all of you. The A&M loss in the bowl game was tough to watch.

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I loved the win over A&M in 1996 even more than the Cotton Bowl win over K state that year.

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Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2007/12/05 14:29

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And it will be next to impossible to get a middle of the pack BCS (or even top rated BCS) team to come to LES. So if they let them out it would need to be a road game (which Holme won't do), or a very weak team that just wants the money.

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I'll tell you why BYU fans don't show up and support the team like they should. It's because a lot of them are hollywood fans. They want a bunch of flash and controversy and publicity. Unless they get that they don't even know who BYU is playing. BUT if it does happen they show up. Same with when BYU isn't playing well and suddenly the team isn't the big glamorous thing in town, so people quit going to games. We're in a society that wants to be spoon fed entertainment. People don't know how to go to a football game and just enjoy being there anymore.

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Posted by BigL - 2007/12/05 18:34

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I agree with this. I think that this is a good compromise.

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Posted by UliUli79 - 2007/12/07 12:01

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I remember a Yewtah's BC\$ year being very entertaining. We were a mediocre team at best and we still were selling more tickets than they were (I know we have more seats to fill, but they weren't even selling out their stadium). I think BYU has more die-hard fans than most teams.

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## Re:1983

Posted by Conosticator - 2007/12/07 12:26

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7. Losing to yewtah. REVERSED.

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