
Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by raidingtombs - 2007/12/05 22:05

On the cougar board and MWC board word is that shakerin has verbaled with Utah. No real confirmation though at this time.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2007/12/05 22:08

Wow, that would be the worst decision he has ever made. Didn't he get offers from Notre Dame, Florida, and BYU? Why would he choose Utah? I haven't heard anything on his decision yet. I still got my hopes up on him going to BYU. Go Cougars!

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/12/05 22:16

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Posted by timmyboy - 2007/12/05 22:17

Frankly, he never really gave BYU a chance anyway, in my understanding. Oh well. Good luck to him wherever he goes.

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Posted by dYrtbYkerYder - 2007/12/06 01:46

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He may have had those offers, but they may have been pulled after he was injured, kind of what BYU did with Prince. I am certain that those schools weren't after him nearly as hard after this season.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by JUSTBYU - 2007/12/06 06:59

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Posted by bball - 2007/12/06 07:05

Recruits always look at the playing opportunities, BYU has a load of young talent, and not a lot of holes to fill. Utah is losing players and not real good talent behind them (i.e. running back), so recruits, who want to play now, will choose to go where they can play. But remember, Bronco only wants players who really want to come to BYU, if they don't, it's not a recruiting loss because Bronco didn't want that kind of player anyway.

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I though I read that Tuimauga had his offer pulled because he didn't reach the goals that BYU had set for him as far as agility and speed.

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2007/12/06 08:00

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Posted by splitbamboo - 2007/12/06 10:00

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That sounds a lot like Coach Mendenhall. Let's just build the guys that work within the BYU system. Let Utah worry about Utah...

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by cszjr - 2007/12/06 10:35

I have faith in Bronco. This means I have faith that he will recruit those players that will fit his system and with BYU. I am not going to worry about "the one that got away."

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Posted by cachecoug - 2007/12/06 11:54

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BTW - Shak is a great get for the U. He fits their system well (run that way really fast, and if something gets in your way... turn!) He would have been great to have, but we can't win them all.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2007/12/06 13:09

Do you think Shak is better than JJ DiLuigi? JJ was the all-californian. Shak is all-Utah. remember, JJ is a freshman next year, cuz he redshirted this year. Unga, Vakapuna, DiLuigi, and Manase Tonga is a pretty good backfield. If we don't get shak, that's fine. I think DiLuigi is better.

Shak will be able to play at Utah because their backs suck! Mack was ok this year, but against our defense he had nothing! They do have matt Asiata, but who knows if he will break his leg again! I will still with Bronco's recruiting. He dominates that. And the past 2 years it has paid off, wouldn't you say?! Go Cougars!

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by snoscythe - 2007/12/06 13:23

BYU doesn't need another linebacker. :laugh:

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Posted by craigscarson - 2007/12/06 14:52

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Posted by snoscythe - 2007/12/06 15:07

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And Utah probably convinced him to be a LB.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by craigoscarson - 2007/12/06 15:14

I think he was talking about Timo - who will be the next Ronney Jenkins, minus the baggage.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by makulit - 2007/12/06 15:22

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/12/06 15:56

J.J. DiLuigi was the California offensive MVP. Adam Timo is a 4.5 speedster who high jumped 7'0". I'll take those athletes any day.

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Posted by vancouvercougar - 2007/12/06 16:32

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Don't we have Hague coming back as well?

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by hamrdown - 2007/12/06 16:36

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2007/12/06 17:25

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SLtrib story says shak has committed.

http://www.cougarfan.com/article.asp?ArtID=43572&URL=http://www.sltrib.com/sports/ci_7648260

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by scott715 - 2007/12/06 21:43

Well we need to share the players with Utah. We can't have them all. If we did then how could they play with us. As long

as we get a good share of the cream of the crop we are fine.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by detmer4prez - 2007/12/06 21:50

1) He was probably not coming to BYU anyways because he realized he wouldn't get much playing time behind Harvey.

2) I hope he likes finishing second.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by sjcougfam - 2007/12/06 22:15

When I saw the title of this thread I thought it was a thread about Shak (O'neil) going to the Jazz. :)

As far as the actual thread related Shak goes, I've seen him play several times, and I don't think he'll be anything special, i'd take Sam Langi from Bingham over him.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by nuk13 - 2007/12/06 22:19

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.

Posted by BornandBredBlue - 2007/12/06 22:21

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Chad Hall is a little feller too. that hasn't seemed to impede him any.

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Posted by splitbamboo - 2007/12/07 17:29

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.
Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2007/12/07 21:06

I think Harvey is better anyway. Shak is fast, but Harvey just carries people! Go Cougars!

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I'm actually like when early playing time is viewed as a negative for BYU recruiting. It hasn't seemed to hurt USC's offensive stable or Penn State's LB situation. Not too many people were complaining when two of the top JUCO QBs in the nation walked away this year.

Besides, with the type of program Bronco's building, wouldn't it make recruiting easier to weed out those who think they deserve to play without actually earining the privilege in practice. I'm not saying that's the case with this kid; I'm simply stating it a general rule.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.
Posted by Hipsdamann - 2007/12/08 09:29

Shak doesn't scare me too much. I go to Bingham and we were able to shut him down when he got hand offs. The only thing I think BYU needs to worry about are on punt returns and kick offs. The kid is pretty fast when he has some room in front of him.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.
Posted by cougarfan87 - 2007/12/08 09:43

Let me add my two cents on height at the running back position. Being taller is an advantage to a running back because taller people on average have longer strides, and can also stretch the ball further when going down to get that extra yard.

Being shorter gives the RB an advantage by making it harder to locate him behind the o-line, and making it tougher to bring down the RB with a lower center of gravity (a la Marice Jones-Drew--that guy is like a bowling ball).

Hence, it's sixes.

As for Shak choosing Utah, that was probably a good choice. Florida got the #1 RB recruited by USC a year or two ago, BYU has the Vakapuna, Unga, and Diluigi. Utah is probably the best chance he'll have to start right away, if that is his goal.

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Re:Rumor? shak to Utah.
Posted by stgeorgefan - 2007/12/09 18:44

I'm not going to sit back and pretend Byu didn't miss out on a Big time recruit..(#16 by scout IIRC) I am disappointed, Shak is a Luke Staley kind of guy. Byu's running game right now is all power, I'd love to see some other types running the ball next year. Timo from Snow Canyon still has his senior year in HS, Plus he is LDS. He might play in 2011 if he doesn't redshirt.

The only upside I see in all of this is;

- Unga still has three years
- Vakapuna has 1 year
- Tonga has 1 year
- JJ D. has 4 years.
- Hague will be back for the 09'(?) season with 3 years.

Rb should be a big area of recruiting attention come 2009.

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