
Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by Ball4 - 2007/12/24 18:15

Is this kid LDS and planning on a mission after next year? I know we are looking forward to replacing Mitch Payne, but will we be using him again in 2009?

I just want some feedback because we can see how important a kicking game is in football. Had we had a kicker that could kick 40+ yard FG's on a regular basis, we would have been fine with 2 minutes to go in the LV Bowl forcing them to go for a TD. Having to punt on the opponents 38 yard line stinks.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by Hipsdamann - 2007/12/24 18:31

You can bet this kid is going on a Mission. I go to Bingham High and the kid is very excited to go to BYU. He just can't wait for his opportunity to play for the cougars. He is a very active LDS member and will play one year and go on his mission. I can promise you that after his mission he will be kicking. Justin is just way too good.

Go Cougars

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by lawman - 2007/12/24 20:02

Hips--

You are da Man! I'm glad that Sorenson seems like such a great kid! It's great to root for young people that are on the ball. I guess the real question is if Sorenson will redshirt next year or not. I'm thinking that adding a great kicking game (not just to score more points, but to hopefully pin them back on kickoffs) will add a championship/BCS dimension to next years team.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by Ball4 - 2007/12/24 20:39

So...we have Sorenson next year...and Payne the year after as a Junior?

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by craigocarson - 2007/12/24 21:47

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2007/12/24 21:59

FWIW, a friend of mine who knows Matt Payne told me that Matt said Mitch is better than Matt was at this stage of his career and that fans just don't understand the difficulties of healing/kicking with an injured groin. My friend is a drug rep as is Matt and they talk occassionally.

Go Cougs!!!

Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2007/12/24 22:00

Riley Stephenson is returning this year too. That gives BYU a fine stable of kickers for 7 years. Most teams can only count on projecting 5 years out. Mission service does have its advantages!!!:woohoo:

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2007/12/24 23:32

We will play sorenson next year for sure. Bronco would not hold sorenson back just to red shirt when we know sorenson is WAY better. Ok, maybe Mitch Payne is getting better, but Mitch cannot kick a 60 yard field goal, no matter how much he progresses! Sorenson can. I would love to see sorenson play next year. Go Cougars!

Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by cougarz - 2007/12/25 00:20

Payne came through at some critical times, but he still sucks. Missing many extra points, etc. I hope they take his scholarship away and give it to a deserving player

Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by Yndian - 2007/12/25 00:30

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by dYrtbYkerYder - 2007/12/25 01:33

Payne was 10/14 on field goals and 43/45 on PAT's.
Sorenson was 15/23 on field goals and missed one PAT.

Be careful to annoint Sorenson as the solution to our kicking game before he even steps foot on campus. He's a fine recruit, but Payne WAS more accurate this year and isn't that the bottom line for kickers? Granted I don't know how far Sorenson's misses were from, but I do know that he missed some closer ones in big situations.

Payne was solid the last part of the year, and he'll only get better and healthier next year. Sorenson was ok too and probably has the stronger leg, but there's definitely no way to say he's more accurate.

My prediction for next year is that Payne will once again win the primary placekicking job with Sorenson booming balls out of the end zone on kickoffs. If we have a chance for a long FG at the end of a half, Bronco might give Sorenson a chance there as well.

The bottom line is that other than hit a handful of long field goals in high school, Sorenson hasn't done much to warrant the amount of praise and attention he is getting. Remember that Payne made 55+ yarders in high school too.

Oh, and I've said it before... It is and ABSOLUTE joke that Sorenson was named Gatorade POY. I have nothing against the kid, but there were kids who did FAR more to help their teams win this year than him.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by dYrtbYkerYder - 2007/12/25 01:34

Yndian wrote:

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You mean Stephenson.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by craigoscarson - 2007/12/25 11:08

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by Ball4 - 2007/12/25 16:01

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This is what I was looking for. Thanks to all that responded. I know Sorenson missed some FG's this year, but I think their coach allowed him to try from a lot farther out that we allowed Payne. To have to punt or go for it on 4th down on your opponents 35 yard line is pathetic. If Sorenson is as good as they say he is, it will allow for more attempts inside our opponents 40. Also...we should have more confidence in our offense next year to dominate as well.

Good thoughts...thanks for all who posted for this.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next yea

Posted by kenj - 2007/12/25 18:03

I agree with Ball4. The fact that we punt from the 34 yard line and the funny thing is our punter doesn't have to angle towards the sideline. He puts on a full punt and it stops on the 2 yard line. Our kicking game is so bad. I hate the two quarterback idea and I hate the two field goal kicker idea. He needs to learn to make them all. Let Paine do something else like be the onside kick specialist. Go Cougs PS karma to you for a good thought.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by stgeorgefan - 2007/12/25 18:54

RILEY Stephenson has been out on a mission for around 1 year. He was a stud in HS and has a few state records. Guy could kick FG's up to 60 yards. He didn't receive as much hype because he went to Pine View in St. Goerge. Sorenson went to Bingham and played in 5A. The SLT and DN gave Sorenson all sorts of pub. Riley IMO is as or better than Sorenson.

I'd imagine Sorenson and Payne will battle in spring to see who will start next year. The year after will be Stephson and Payne while Sorenson serves a mission.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2007/12/25 19:34

Unless Payne's injury really affected his kicking ability more than we were told, I am sure Sorenson will be handling all KO's next season and all long FGs. Santiago showed he can kick at times, but he sure cost BYU against UCLA. His punt on the 2 was brilliant. Can't fault him for that at all. UCLA never scored against BYU when they started on their side of the field. Unfortunately, the lone FG they got in the 2d half was after a seemingly 3 yard punt by Santiago. Well, it was more like 25 yards, but it put UCLA on BYU's side of the field.

Anywho, BYU's kick game will be a strength next season. Can you imagine being able to kick field goals from the 40?!!! BYU would have scored an extra 9 points against UCLA if they had such a kicker and the game wouldn't have been so dramatic at the end.

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Re:Question about Sorenson the kicker for next year.

Posted by kenj - 2007/12/25 20:01

How about a punter? I am amazed in that whole school there isn't another guy that can kick it 35 yards consistantly. Our punting costs us 20 yards every change of possession. Go Cougs

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