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Posted by KYCoug - 2007/12/26 18:23

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Posted by Gfunkcougar - 2007/12/26 19:04

Great Post, Karma to you for that post. I also thought a 9-4 record would have been awesome, I would have never guessed 11-2!!!!!!:woohoo: I hope we can keep this going into 2008! What a Christmas present that would be to go to a BCS Game. Go Cougs

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Posted by SFCougar - 2007/12/26 19:28

Amen! I am so happy with how this season went. While I always have high expectations, who really thought we could repeat what we accomplished last year? This year's team really worked hard and were conference champs and Bowl Champs! I love BYU, I love BYU Football, and I love what the program stands for and has accomplished under Bronco. It has only been a couple of days since I got back from the Las Vegas Bowl and I already can't wait for next season to start!

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Re:Stop with the complaining!!!

Posted by JDMPH - 2007/12/26 19:39

KYCoug, you got Karma Points for your post. Thank you. Amen.

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Posted by niqmadu - 2007/12/26 19:50

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Posted by A_King - 2007/12/26 20:14

Agreed!

Two 11-2 seasons in a row and we already can't keep our heads on straight.

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Posted by Phillip_Morgan - 2007/12/26 20:19

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As Bronco has said, the bar has been raised and I think that as fans we have raised our expectations with the bar.

My question is: If we go to a BC\$ game in 2008 and 2009, will we be unsatisfied if we got to a third-straight BC\$ bowl game in 2010? When will Cougar fans' expectations rise to those of USC, Florida and Ohio State?

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I sure HOPE we wouldn't be complaining about a third BCS bowl, unless we were ranked in the top 3 in both the AP and coach's poll. If we were ranked so high we might deserve a NC bid, and if we get relegated to the fifth best BCS bowl by being jumped by a 1 or 2 loss team who plays in the NC...well, I would be complaining.

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Posted by 4th n 18 - 2007/12/26 21:53

I don't think anyone is complaining about the season! The season was great. 11-2 is a great accomplishment. Max Hall did better than I ever hoped he could. Harvey Unga was better than I expected. Collie was back to his old self by the end of the season.

The Vegas Bowl was a sloppy game. We gave them every chance to win that game. No amount of optimism can change that fact. We won, yes! Just the biggest thing to talk about was how we almost lost Great block though, that was as clutch as it gets.

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I am pretty happy with my predictions. My arm hurts now from patting myself on the back.

It is interesting how we look at the Las Vegas Bowl. I am thrilled because we won, and I am frustrated because our O-Line performed well below expectations. To me there is a big difference between complaining and frustration. But what do I know!!

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I was just about to say the same thing. To me, BYU's like a family member--it's okay when we family members pick out things we see that need improvement, but when an outsider says the same thing, he better watch out! The first step to correcting an error is to recognize there's an error in the first place. I can't think of a safer place to do that then here at CougarBlue.

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And I agree. I was thinking, "Just hand it to Unga (or someone) for a safe run up the middle, and go into the half with a comfy lead." We run that play twenty times, and nineteen times it's a one yard gain and the half ends. RARELY does someone fumble the ball BEFORE they get to the line of scrimmage. It's enough to drive a man to drink...

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Re:Stop with the complaining!!!

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2007/12/27 08:45

harlinestillopen wrote:

liar

lol, just kidding, ok, ok, maybe I went to far.

I just don't see what the big deal is, if he wouldn't have fumbled no body would have said, oh dang, they should have taken a knee. It wasn't a dumb call by any means (atleast in my mind). It was just poor exicution.

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Posted by BoiseBYU - 2007/12/27 08:50

Ok let's talk politics then...just kidding! What I find amazing is that with how dominated we were on both sides of the line of scrimmage, we still found a way to win....That is having that hard to find, hard to define magic and we got it in spades! I'll take that over great offensive stats, like what we had against.....TULSA!

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THANK YOU!!

Don't tell me not to criticize play calls and performances. Nobody ever said the season was a failure--and we don't have to be oblivious to mistakes to be good fans. Not kneeling was the wrong call and the O-line was dominated. Stop trying to tell me that I can't say that on this board.

Karma for your post Cat.

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Re:Stop with the complaining!!!

Posted by cougarfan87 - 2007/12/27 10:10

Liar was a little strong, especially since it was incorrect. Count me with those that questioned the call before the snap even occured. With the calling a fair catch inside the 10 yard line (boneheaded play #1), it was a no brainer to take a knee and go into the half up by 11. Why risk anything more than you have to when you can go into the half up by two scores? The play with the least amount of risk in that situation is a QB kneel. When I saw them line up in the I formation my exact thought was, "That is an odd looking victory formation."

I'll add, without that boneheaded play, BYU wins this game with a lot more breathing room. It took away some of the satisfaction for me, but thankfully was a lesson that Bronco and Anae learned on the cheap since it ultimately did not cost us the game. That mistake will not happen again, so we can all breathe a sigh of relief when put in that situation again.

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would be a bit booring if no one complained. I also agree we should be all one big BYU family and tolerant of each other.

Anyway, hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas

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PS Santa should have focused more on the run but his OL raindeer were playing terrible. He made a bone head play and didn't make it down the chimney. Plus Blitzen didn't have a sack the whole night...what's up with that!:woohoo:

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The whole of the season (11-2) outweighed the problems that occurred within the games themselves. The best part is that the coaching staff is young and immature but BYU still put up two 11 win seasons. Eventually Bronco and Anae will be seasoned veterans at their positions and with the right talent base and a little luck an undefeated season is a real possibility in the future.

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The best percentage for going in up by two scores was to take a knee. Fumbles happen in the center-QB exchange, but the victory formation puts plenty of people around to jump on the ball (hence my observation that it was a weird looking victory formation).

I will agree that the execution was the main problem. Running the ball was not as risky as say, dropping back to throw a hail mary--a good way to get a sack and a safety, or throwing a WR screen--a good play for a pick for six in that situation. However, the point is that the risk in running the ball given the circumstances should have outweighed the slim chance of reward.

That being said, we got away with it and I don't think it will happen again. I am sure Bronco and Anae saw how much the turnover and score swung momentum in UCLA's favor. I think the second half would have played out differently had we not given up that fumble turned into a touchdown. We would have had the momentum and played more to win than not to lose.

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As for your other comments (which I won't quote) After the punt even the announcers said that BYU would take a knee, "and take Santa and their lead into the locker room".

WARNING! Semi-sarcastic remarks

I believe that as fans of the Lord's university we are intitled to revelation about the team. This goes for good outcomes and bad.

How many of you knew ... not just hoped ... that Beck and Co. would comeback against Utah in 2006? I did. I was lucky enough to be on the sidelines for the game and after Utah scored I had a peaceful feeling that we were going to win. The same thing happened to me this year. Again I was on the sidelines and was able to have a great view of everything. From the 4th & 18 to Harvey's TD. I KNEW THAT BYU WAS GOING TO WIN THAT GAME!

As for the bad, (and I appologize for re-opening old wounds) in 2004 when BYU was playing at Boise St. I was on my mission in Southern California. As many of you know, KSL's signal travels quite some distance when the sun goes down, and my companion and I were searching the AM signals for some classical music to listen too just before bed and as we fell asleep, needless to say we never found the classical music when we happened to hear Greg Wrubell's voice.

I knew how the past season and a half had gone so I was surprised to hear that BYU was still in the game. Long story shorter ... When Boise called timout to ice Payne, in my head (my companion was asleep by that point) I said that he was going to missed it. I didn't normally think that way (as anyone I'm as much of a homer as anyone), but on that night I knew that he was going to miss it and we were going to lose.

****Tangent over****

Back to the actual topic, when I saw that BYU wasn't in a victory formation I said, "This isn't good." I said that out loud. Sure enough ... well you guys know what happened.

So in summary, I think that BYU should have knelt on the ball even if Harvey scored a 95-yard TD. The former is SAFE

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WARNING! Semi-sarcastic remarks

I believe that as fans of the Lord's university we are intitled to revelation about the team. This goes for good outcomes and bad.

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****Tangent over****

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Posted by shigacoug - 2007/12/27 22:01

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