
Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/01/02 10:52

I don't think it makes much difference, really. I don't think they are going to change the rules and make it harder for non-BCS teams to get into the games. What I think might happen is that they will continue to put the non-BCS teams up against stiffer competition than the Pittsburgh and Oklahoma teams from 2004 and 2006 respectively.

I don't think Hawaii is as bad as they played last night. Do I think that BYU could beat them? Yeah. Utah probably would to. They made absolutely zero adjustments to their blocking. I thought Brennen was going to get killed. The DL was getting there before the ball half the time. I still don't think that they are as bad as they played last night. They actually had some decent runs during the game, and should probably have called a few more because Georgia's line just had no respect for the running game.

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Posted by SeattleCougar - 2008/01/02 10:56

Personally I don't think it hurts BYU's chance at a BCS bowl game. But here's the caveat, they MUST play a better schedule. If BYU beats up on some Pac-10 or other BCS conference teams I am pretty sure that people will take notice. If we lose to those teams, then there is no way we are making it into a big money game.

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Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by IdahoCougar - 2008/01/02 10:57

Hawaii, unfortunately, was exposed. They were not the best non-BCS team this year. I not only feel bad for them but for all of us non-BCS teams. Hawaii was our representative and they let us down. It may be that because of their high rating and poor showing, pollsters may be more reluctant to give "the love" to any of us next year. I hope this is not the case. Let's hope that we can beat UCLA and Washington to help our case next year.

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Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/01/02 11:08

I believe it does.

I have a feeling that most of the coaches' poll voters and Harris Poll voters are going to view Hawaii in the same class as BSU in '06 and Utah in '04. After seeing Hawaii get their butt kicked they are going to do some revisionist history and determine that it was all luck for BSU to beat Oklahoma and Utah was merely a beneficiary of a weak opponent in the BCS game. They might come to the conclusion that what happened to Hawaii is a more authentic experience of what might happen to a nonBCS team if they are matched up in a BCS game.

I hope I'm wrong, but I think Hawaii getting killed was a step backward for nonBCS conference teams.

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And you know what's stupid about that? Why was BYU criticized (and still is) in 1984? Because of their schedule. It was siad that they didn't deserve it because they hadn't actually beaten anyone. But what did the BCS do that rewarded not just Hawaii this year, but also Kansas? They took the SOS OUT of the BCS computations. Now, I know you can never take the SOS argument out of the human polls, there's a natural bias there. But taking it out of the BCS poll opens the door for, well, a repeat of 1984. The whole reason that the BCS exists in the first place.

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Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2008/01/02 11:28

Yes it does.

Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/01/02 11:40

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I think any team that is a non-BCS school that goes undefeated will still play in a BCS game. No one had a worse SOS than Hawaii, and they still got in. Heck, had BYU gone undefeated this year, we might still be waiting for them to play due to the fact that UCLA was highly ranked at the time of that game. We went from being unranked in the BCS standings to being number 17 in either 2 or 3 weeks. We are talking about 3 or 4 turnovers away from possibly playing next Monday.

Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by PP3 - 2008/01/02 12:04

I do not think the requirements for BYU or any other non-BCS school to get into a BCS game have or will change as a result of the Hawaii game, pretty much need either an undefeated season or one loss to a high ranking team.

Their loss may help us, because the worse the WAC looks the better the MWC champions chances may be to get in if we both have one really good team...

Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by jeremygeorge - 2008/01/02 13:27

The voters skewed the numbers in the last vote this year to get LSU into the championship game. I'm glad they did, but it shows the power of the human polls when a "correction" has to be made. I think it could affect ANY team with a weak schedule and it will affect those with weak schedules more than Non-BCS teams (but many view those two as the same)

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I think undefeated non-BCS teams will still get in, but it does hurt the cause. On Mike and Mike in the morning at about 5:30 am mountain Mike Greenberg and Sean Salisbury spoke about this. They agreed this hurt the non-BCS schools and Salisbury said "this shows why non-BCS teams should not play in BCS games". I am not agreeing but saying that is the perception that may be out there, it was there before the game but will be worse.

Personally it does not change my view and I think the top non-BCS team should get a bid, but nationally it does hurt. Media will report this and people will complain even louder, unless a non-BCS team beats a highly ranked BCS conference team to show they can play with top teams you will hear rumbling and this could effect the voting in the polls.

Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/01/02 13:49

Did anybody else see the WAC commercial during the game that was talking about not settling for past achievements, with a flash of the BSU/OU game last year? They then showed a banner of WAC teams and the last thing it said was "Play Up".

What a crock!

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Not only then but in 01 when we were snubbed even before the last game! That paved the way for Utah, Boise State, and Hawaii to get in a BCS bowl game! We are the reason indirectly that all of those teams were able to get into a BCS bowl game!:laugh:

Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by sjcoug - 2008/01/02 13:55

Man Salisbury is a joke- Hawaii just picked a good year to do their cupcake thing because this is a screwed up year. Does Illinois' loss mean that the Big 10 doesn't belong? (well Illinois didn't but who was to say? it was a crapshoot of half-decent teams)- BYU is right in the pack of not greatness that was college football this year- did any team stand above? no and the fact that Hawaii was not up to Georgia's standards on one day does not make all the other mediocre BCS teams that got in any better or a lot better than all the other mid-majors for that matter. The other thing to point out is that

no mid-major teams stood out this year either beyond Hawaii to really argue with Salisbury's point- in the end it was just a really mediocre year full of no teams having a full great year.

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Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by timmyboy - 2008/01/02 14:03

This won't hurt BYU in the slightest. Actually, I think it might even help. The WAC is consistently perceived as a cupcake conference. However, Boise State's cinderella season last year started to give the WAC some street cred. Hawaii just destroyed all of that. Boise State's recent string of success has come to an end and the WAC is back to being a cupcake.

The MWC, on the other hand, is a conference with tradition and consistent respect (albeit respect not on the level of the BCS conferences). Every single year, who is brought up as potential BCS busters at the beginning of the season, no matter how they fared the previous season? BYU, Utah, and TCU. This will not change.

There is now a clear demarcation between the crappy WAC and the good MWC. People recognize that.

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Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/01/02 14:05

I also think that Hawaii's loss does affect all of the non-BCS teams. The "I told you so" types are feasting now. That Sean Saulisbury has a job and that anyone listens to him still astounds me. The guy never amounted to anything when he played and now when have to listen to his prattle on about BCS? Bryant Gumbel's comments about "podunk U" (BYU; I think that was how he referred to us back in the 84 year) still grate on many of us. It will never be a slam dunk to compare teams by any reliable measuring stick IMO. On any given day..... kind of thing. All we can do is keep winning. Winning those games we have lost the last couple of years will go along way. What won't help BYU next year was that we barely squeaked by UCLA...a 6-6 team. But we'll see. Let's forget the Eastern Washington's of the collegiate world and schedule us some competition. Playing UP will help us more in the long run, IMO, than having great records against mediocrity.

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Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/01/02 14:11

I don't think anyone is seriously suggesting that Hawaii's ugly loss will somehow change the admission rules for non-BCS teams into the money bowls. What it will do, however, is provide ammunition for media experts and the fans that they influence to justify rejecting a non-BCS for the BCS bowls where the vote is close. The BCS standings are significantly influenced by media and fans. Just ask LSU.

Look at the BSU win from last year. Those who were singing Hawaii's song this season were also trumpeting BSU's 2006-07 victory over Oklahoma with the "see, the non-BCS schools can do it and deserve a chance" rhetoric. Hawaii's embarrassing performance will have exactly the opposite effect. The rhetoric will go something like, " does not deserve to play a top BCS team because they are not of the same caliber, and even though they are undefeated, we all know that non-BCS schedules are a joke. I mean, look at Hawaii last year." Let's hope that the Hawaii debacle has not totally undone the slight non-BCS goodwill/hope that the BSU victory generated.

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Re:Does Hawaii's loss hurt non-BCS teams

Posted by Mars - 2008/01/03 04:58

Funny how huge is it that the WAC Champ lost to Georgia by 31, but how at the same time no one remembers that the Big East Champ lost to the MWC Champ in 2004 by 28 points!

