
Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/01/05 00:56

Harmon is writing that Bronco doesn't see a lifetime of coaching. One time I heard he said he'd be here as long as BYU would have him. Now it sounds like he is hedging to do the job until he's ready to step down. One criteria is that BYU be restored. Of course, he's loudly proclaimed two goals of going to a BCS bowl and winning a national title. I hope we see him here for at least 20 years, which would put him in his 60's, but it sounds like he could be gone in 5-10 years.

Oh, and Harmon points out that of the new coaches hired the same time as Bronco, he has the best record. Whittingham is second, and Weis is below both of them.

Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/01/05 02:02

Bronco would make one hell of an AD if he decides that he doesn't want to be a 30 yr head coach. I hope he stays long enough that BYU football adopts his personality for good and as an AD hopefully the whole athletic program could. But his goal is a national championship and if he's going to stay lonh enough to see that out, it make take a while, even the best teams get tripped up during the regular season (USC is arguably the best team in football right now and no NC in sight without a playoff)

Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by Detmer Forever - 2008/01/05 02:55

One night around 10:00 after an intramural game I was walking past the RB and saw Bronco leaving the building with one of his kids. I can't imagine the toll that being HC must have on anyone's family life so I can (begrudgingly) understand why he would not want to make a "life" out of it.

BYU football (very willingly) takes a lot of time out of my "life" and I don't have any kids and all I do is watch the games and post my ramblings every now and again on a forum.

Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/01/05 07:41

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Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by bluesista - 2008/01/05 10:20

That's odd that that came out only now. Bronco did an interview with ABC 4 on their sports show during Rivalry week where he mentioned that he didn't see himself coaching at 60 or 70. I think he also mentioned Lavell in their too, and how he couldn't see himself as a head coach that long.

Did anyone else watch that or am I going crazy?

Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/01/05 17:24

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Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/01/06 09:20

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I agree; he needs to delegate the DC position, so he can focus on HC responsibilities. In order to do that, though, he needs to find somebody that has his same defensive mindset and philosophy. Is Jaime Hill that candidate? Dunno - but that would ensure that Coach Hill stays around longer...

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Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by jeremygeorge - 2008/01/07 10:16

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Posted by splitbamboo - 2008/01/07 12:33

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Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by dYrtbYkerYder - 2008/01/07 13:05

Bronco doesn't care about the money nearly as much as the security and proximity to family he has here.

Of all of the coach's in Division I football, I don't see anyone more likely to be at their current institution in 10 years than Bronco. I see him as a 15-20 year coaching great at BYU who will move on to spend time with his family afterward.

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Yup, I heard that too. That's never been an issue with me. The only question is for how long?

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Re:Say it ain't so Bronco!!!

Posted by SLCreder - 2008/01/07 14:23

I think Bronco just looks at the overall burden of the job, and is taking what former Florida & current South Carolina Head Coach Steve Spurrier said a few years ago about staying with a program too long and why he chose to leave Florida when he did; "10-15 years at one prograom is long enough." I don't think you'll ever see a LaVell Edwards, Bobby Bowden or Joe Paterno length of stay, even at a program like BYU.

Look at the three above I've mentioned and their lack of exit strategy:

---Don't like changing assistant coaches, at least very often later in carear (Edwards).

---Both Bowden and Paterno still think they have another national championship, despit being eightyish and not telling recruits they'll be there after 4-5 years when theri eligibility runs out.

I think Bronco looks at this and wants to keep a credible exit strategy in mind. Big money won't draw him away from BYU since BYU now pays head coaches what his average/median counterparts in the PAC-10 or Big-12 (with the exception of Oklahoma's Bob Stoops--\$\$3.5 million) typically make. As it stands Bronco makes as much as Gary Patterson does at TCU, and those two are the highest paid MWC coaches, the same as Pat Hill over at Fresno State of the WAC. What SMU is willing to pay June Jones (\$1.8-\$2 million per year!) could push renegotiations for the three mentioned higher. What I read is Bronco could have an exit stretegy in play, and sometime between age 50-55 he could just fade away as an associate AD and setting up a horse ranch on Maui, and have a worthy successor in place that pleases him, the fans and the administration.

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I meant "goal" as in reaching enough money to retire comfortably.

