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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/01/08 00:05

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Others receiving votes: Virginia 66, Penn St. 61, Kentucky 57, Wake Forest 53, Boise St. 25, Arkansas 13, Utah 9, Mississippi St. 7, Appalachian St. 5, South Florida 5, Tulsa 4, Connecticut 3, Air Force 2, Rutgers 2.

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Wow, as I look at the top 18 you have listed, there are sure a lot of losses on those teams. It has been a very interesting year in college football. And now its over:angry: :angry: :angry: :angry: :angry: :angry: :angry: :angry: :angry: :angry: :angry:

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### Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by UliUli79 - 2008/01/08 00:19

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Snap! Hawaii fell all the way to 19? How about Michigan's massive jump in the polls. Why do the pollsters have such a love affair going on with that school. They could have 6 losses and still be ranked.

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### Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by Cougarbib2 - 2008/01/08 00:26

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Posted by Cougtastic - 2008/01/08 01:01

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Posted by Cougarbib2 - 2008/01/08 01:18

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by Gymcoug318 - 2008/01/08 02:07

Excellent! I'm really glad that they gave the cougs a little love! And they better next year! They had better start us out at

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least 20th in the country. Hopefully higher?! With everyone coming back on offense! It's going to be exciting Go Cougs!  
:lol:

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/01/08 02:20

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Posted by raidingtombs - 2008/01/08 03:03

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To add a few more;

The Anderson & Hester College Football

[http://andersonsports.com/football/ACF\\_frnk.html](http://andersonsports.com/football/ACF_frnk.html)

BYU=75  
Hawaii=118

Colley Matrix

<http://www.colleyrankings.com/currank.html>

BYU=70  
Hawaii=124

Massey ratings

<http://www.masseyratings.com/rate.php?lg=cf>

BYU=65  
Hawaii=112

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/01/08 04:29

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I feel ya there, bro. The only thing that would have made our shellacking of Oklahoma in the 1994 Copper Bowl more sweet was if they had shown Switzer on the sideline crying into a dirty jockstrap. But alas, he was too busy stroking Michael Irvin's ego in Dallas.

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by loopycoug - 2008/01/08 06:24

I predicted that we would finish #16 and start next year at #22, so I underestimated. My bad. I now revise my predicted start to the 2008 season to #20. We are a top 20 team returning just about everyone. It would be a crime of BCS proportions if BYU doesn't start 2008 at #20 or better. And BCS and crime belong in the same sentence.

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by jhw5 - 2008/01/08 07:15

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by kitic77 - 2008/01/08 07:31

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Agreed, no four loss team should be ahead of a two-loss team, especially one like BYU that has won 10 straight games. BYU should be ahead of both Tennessee and Florida.

All in all, #14 is a very good finish.

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by bball - 2008/01/08 07:37

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by cszjr - 2008/01/08 07:52

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CYA. All the people who thought OSU was legit have to protect their rep. So vote thme in at 5 and they can say , see, they were still a good team.

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by tevita - 2008/01/08 07:52

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The AP is a joke...It would be better to have all the rankings done by computer then there wouldnt be so many leap froggin going on...Oh well.. At least Georgia is #2 and the Cougs are #14...Hopefully that will help them next year. My two favorite teams UGA and BYU should do pretty well next year because of all the players returning on Offense.

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Posted by B-Rex - 2008/01/08 08:13

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I think the voters are giving Ohio State love for playing Youngstown State, Akron and Kent State. Those three games were key to getting them the #1 overall defense!:laugh: :laugh: :laugh:

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/01/08 08:16

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Looks like it is a number 14 ranking across the board. The coaches poll put them in a tie with Auburn for 14. The big difference is that the coaches poll puts USC at #2 instead of UGA.

BYU should start ranked next year. That's all they need. If they start 15 or higher, they have a shot at the national championship. If they start 16-25 they will have no problem getting to a BCS game by being undefeated.

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by BoiseBlue - 2008/01/08 08:28

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For your own health, don't look at Stewie Mandel's final ballot on SI.com. I read it and thought at least three different words that if said aloud would cause my wife to stop speaking to me and my bishop to take away my calling as a primary teacher.

Actually, I can't hold it in - HE VOTED US #25. THAT FAT-A\*\*\*\*\*, M\*&^%\$#F%^&^%\$%^&&^, %&^(&%@#~~~~, !@#\*\$%^&, !@!!!!%\$%^&%\$!!!! As far as I'm concerned he's the worst \$%^&\*!@#%^@#%^ As!!@#@#%@##%clown in the universe.

There, I feel somewhat better.

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Posted by craigocarson - 2008/01/08 09:11

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You had me until you said BYU had the 92nd rated schedule...not even close to true  
<http://www.usatoday.com/sports/sagarin/fbt07.htm?loc=interstitialskip>

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BYU played the 59th toughest schedule in the country and Hawaii played the 132nd toughest if you throw in D1AA schools. That's an absolute embarassment. (Kansas played the 74th and Ohio State played the 53rd, but was about 70 before playing LSU)  
Based on those same rankings, BYU played and beat 4 teams in the top 50, Hawaii didn't even play a top 50 team until they got hosed by Georgia.

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by jeremygeorge - 2008/01/08 09:59

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detmer4prez wrote:

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That's a great compliment to the MWC. All of the PAC 10 will have close to the same SOS before adding in OOC games. UCLA had BYU, Utah, and Notre Dame. Notre Dame didn't pan out so it was the MWC teams that pushed them to #1 over other PAC 10 teams.

Unless the SOS calculator also has a love affair with Notre Dame.

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by PP3 - 2008/01/08 10:21

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I am very pleased that we finished # 14. Can't imagine we'll drop too much with the offense we've got, and our recent string of defensive sucess. Great year for the cougs.:lol: :cheer: :lol:

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## Re:BYU #14 in Final AP Poll

Posted by scott715 - 2008/01/08 11:49

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I think you two are lookint at 2007 vs 2008 schedules. Our schedule is not done so how can there be a SOS yet. It will drop after that last slot is filled if there is one.

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