
Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/01/20 14:05

Changing topics from thoughts on players, let's talk about the remaining season.

BYU picked up a huge road win over Utah. That leaves them 1-1 on the road and 1-0 at home in conference play.

With that win, I think BYU can go 12-4, maybe even 13-3 in conference. First off, they don't lose at home. They will avenge that loss to UNLV when they visit the MC. SDSU will be the toughest game at home this season given they've beaten NM and Utah on the road already. No other team should threaten BYU at home.

On the road, BYU should get it together enough to beat CSU, Wyoming, and possibly Air Force. Rose has a way of beating AFA. I think BYU has a chance at New Mexico and no chance at SDSU. TCU is playing well enough that I'd have to favor them when BYU goes to Ft. Worth.

If Plaisted comes out of his funk and Tavernari finds his shooting touch, BYU could turn things around and be the most dangerous team in the conference.

So, to recap, I think BYU should come away with wins at CSU and Wyoming, they are even to beat AFA on the road and slightly below even to beat NM and TCU. I give them a 20% chance of taking out SDSU at SD.

They should finish 11-5, at a minimum and go 14-2 best case if the the big guys pull it together and produce on the road.

Thoughts?

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by Mars - 2008/01/20 15:58

Agree agree agree agree agree agree agree.

Well done, bravo!

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by Hengst - 2008/01/20 16:10

BYU needs to start shooting the ball better or they won't be winning many more games, let alone the conference.

I fully expect Plaisted to be able to score points again, i think the last 2 games have been a fluke, but they absolutely need someone else that can get into the paint. That, and for BYU to win, they have to start shooting better from beyond the ark. As much as I hate it, that is really the strength of their offense at this point.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by BlueCrew - 2008/01/20 16:16

SDSU did not beat Utah on the road. It was a home game at Cox Arena.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by craigocarson - 2008/01/20 16:23

12-4 and at least one win in the conference tourney should get us in the NCAAs 11-5 and I think we have to get to the conference finals.

The way we played vs UNLV and Utah on the road, I can't imagine we're going to beat SDSU and NM at their places. If we drop one to Wyoming, etc. on the road, we can't lose a single home game, so 12-4 is pretty ambitious, but doable.....if this team gets back to how they played to start the season.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/01/20 16:36

BlueCrew wrote:

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Wasn't following that game as closely as I should. I thought it was at the HC, but thanks for the correction.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by kitic77 - 2008/01/20 17:04

One silver lining to the UNLV game was that it was on the road. If BYU needs a win late in the conference season against UNLV, I'm glad that game will be in Provo and not LV.

I think 12-4 is very doable after beating the Utes on the road.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by Short_Changed - 2008/01/20 20:55

I don't see Plaisted and Tav staying in their slumps for long (we've got some home games coming up) and now that we've got a big win on the road I think that will give us some confidence when we go on the road again. I think 11-5, 12-4 is about right.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by Mars - 2008/01/20 23:04

Toughest to Easiest games remaining list?

1. @ SDSU (were killed there last year)
 2. @ New Mexico (won their last year)
 3. @ TCU (won very close one their last year)
 4. @ Air Force (won very close one there last year)
 5. @ Wyoming
 6. @ CSU
 7. Vs. UNLV
 8. Vs. SDSU
 9. Vs. Utah
 10. Vs. New Mexico
 11. Vs. TCU
 12. Vs. Air Force
 13. Vs. Wyoming
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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by Gunk - 2008/01/21 11:47

I don't see AF being as tough a game this year as in the previous years. If we lose that game it's because we shoot ourselves in the foot. Same with CSU and Wyoming.

The TCU game worries me. I don't think we win the SDSU game.

My concern is we never know which team is going to show up. Will it be the Louisville/UNC team or will it be the BSU/UNLV team? Unfortunately, the current trend suggests we will struggle at all our road games in which case we're NIT bound.

Rose has got to get these guys playing better. It's easy to blame players, but keep in mind it's Rose's job to get them game ready and fired up.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by LegendsNeverDie - 2008/01/21 12:30

Nice to see you back Gunk I wondered if you had abandend(sp) our team in its darkest hour. As for 12-4, my bro gmoney and I afte the wake forest game hoped that is what we could accomplish and we were hoping for a split against unlv and utah and we got it. So providing we continue to win at home and lose to SDS,NM,and possiably either AF/TCU we should go 12-4 which would put us at 23-8 going into the tourney which would give us a first round match up with csu/wyo and make us 24-8 and then head into a big game against someone decent. From wathcing UNLV at their place I can easily see them winning the Tourney. If we get to the final game we are 25-8 and lose makes 25-9 if we lose the semi fianl 24-9 I think 24-9 really puts us on the BUBBLE why becuase we have no real road wins and won't have a GREAT RPI then, we also will only have a injured louville win to hang our hat on. We really need to get a road win at SDS OR NM. I think 25-9 puts in at a 10 most likely a 11 seed maybe even a 12 the way we get screwed but realisty I just want to get in now and don't care where. If we are a 12 we could be a scary 12 seed if we are hitting our shots.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by Gunk - 2008/01/21 13:02

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Abandon...never. :lol: I was just stuck in Las Vegas at a conference in a small room with no contact to the outside world. Reminded me of the MTC, except for the Las Vegas part.

A 25-9 record really puts us on the bubble and as you point out all we have is a win over a depleted Louisville team to hang our hat on. With no solid road wins I don't think we make it to the NCAA tourney unless we finish better than 25-9. Basically that means we win at TCU, CSU, AF and Wyoming, win either the NM or SDSU game and win all our home games. If somehow we can pull that off we go into the MWC tournament 25-6. Say we lose in the finals, we walk away with a 27-7 record, which looks a lot better than 9 loses plus we would only have two conference losses which the selection committee likes.

Honestly, I am starting to think out best odds of going to the NCAA tournament is just win the MWC tournament. I think we have better odds of doing that. Our wrinkles ought to be ironed out by then (crosses fingers). :)

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by lovelldog - 2008/01/21 13:28

I think we should lose to SDSU on the road. The last two years I have gone to that game and they just flat out hate us and love to beat us. I have never been to a game in the Marriott Center as loud as the games in Cox arena.

BYU could lose to New Mexico on the road but has beaten them there the last two years so that streak could continue.

I don't think TCU or Air Force should be losses unless we just don't have a good game.

With utah and UNLV out of the way we should lose another 1 - 3 games on the road leaving us with 2 - 4 losses overall. I expect 3 total losses and will be very happy if we do that. Last year we dropped 4 games, won the conference and lost in the last game of the MWC tourney and got an 8 seed. If we can make it through with 3 losses and lose again to UNLV in the MWC tourney (because I think we will) then with our schedule we should end up with a 5, 6, or 7 seed.

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Re:Can BYU do better than 12-4 in Conference?

Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/01/21 13:34

Gunk wrote: Abandon...never. :lol: I was just stuck in Las Vegas at a conference in a small room with no contact to the outside world. Reminded me of the MTC, except for the Las Vegas part.

And the Vegas part would have reminded me of my mission.

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