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## RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by gmoney - 2008/01/27 09:19

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After the win against NM our rpi has moved up to 47. Now if we can just get it in the top 40 that can help give us a security blanket.

<http://proxy.espn.go.com/ncb/rpi>

thoughts?

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by bball - 2008/01/27 10:18

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BYU teams are not going to dominate anybody with their athleticism (whatever that is), so they must do it with shooting and fundamentals. If this team can shoot the ball well, they can play with anybody. If they don't shoot well, they will struggle with anybody.

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Gunk - 2008/01/27 14:17

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by gmoney - 2008/01/27 14:58

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agreed gunk, karma added

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Yndian - 2008/01/27 16:48

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Gunk - 2008/01/28 12:28

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Yes, we usually get at least 2 teams. We don't seem to be getting much love at all this season (like we ever got any) so all I am saying is we shouldn't hang our hat on 2 teams going. Typically, the regular season champ went in addition to the MWC tourney champ. BYU has to make sure at least one of those champs to go, ideally both.

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/01/28 12:43

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/01/28 12:49

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As long as BYU keeps winning, the RPI should continue to rise, and it could rise still with a couple of losses farther on. Those games against UNC, Louisville, MSU and Wake Forest are really paying off now. As the first three keep winning and ratcheting up their RPIs, ours increases vicariously. The same goes for WF, but they just have to play, not win, to help up. Playing in the ACC, their RPI will continue to rise until March, win-lose-draw simply because of who they play.

If BYU can finish the conference 12-4, and then make the tourney final in Vegas I think we'll find a comfy RPI around 35.

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/01/28 12:56

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Real.Men.Wear.Blue wrote:

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Absolutely agreed that it is asinine, but it does make for great drama for all the conference tourneys. Everyone has a chance to string 3 wins together and go get annihilated by the ACC champion in March, and I can understand promoters wanting the hot teams and the good tournament teams in the Madness.

If anything, both should get in--both the regular season champion, and the tourney champion--32 conferences equals 64 teams and no "at-large" bids.

Imagine how that would change the landscape of college basketball. Going to a big-name school would no longer be the automatic ticket, so recruiting and talent would become more level (though never truly level) and parity would increase. Joe Lunardi would be out of a job, and all the sudden RPI and preseason scheduling is meaningless. Schools wouldn't have to be afraid to come to the Marriot Center out of conference, because a non-conference loss to BYU would not make a lick of difference in the end. Conference games would be all that mattered.

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Short\_Changed - 2008/01/28 17:05

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Now Lunardi has 2 from the MWC in BYU and UNLV. I don't see the MWC not getting 2 in.

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### Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by cszjr - 2008/01/28 17:33

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Historically the MWC gets 2 in. No way they only get 1 in the tourney. BYU, UNLV and UNM have historically been respected by the tourney committee. I think SDSU also gets some respect. So I think 2 make it.

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### Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Gunk - 2008/01/28 17:53

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### Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Detmer - 2008/01/28 17:53

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Lunardi and other members of the media right now are forecasting that BYU wins the MWC regular season, advances to the championship game of the tournament, and loses to UNLV in the Thomas and Mack.

I'll tell you right now though, that if UNLV wins the MWC regular season, and BYU gets beat in the championship game, we are going to be sweating on selection sunday...and if we lose before the championship game...we're out.

The MWC gets two teams in as long as the regular season champion and the tournament champion are two different teams. If the same team wins both, they might be the only NCAA tournament team from the MWC.

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Posted by Detmer - 2008/01/28 17:55

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Posted by Gunk - 2008/01/28 21:20

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That they do, that they do...

Did you get the shivers? :laugh:

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by Detmer - 2008/01/29 00:04

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Real.Men.Wear.Blue wrote:

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I assume your statement is in regards to the way you feel about the invite system. I agree it is ridiculous. But if you were implying that the regular season conference champs get an automatic invite, that isn't the way it works.

The regular season champion does not get an automatic invite.

Everyone agrees that the MWC deserves more than its automatic bid. But if you think that we are a shoe-in for 2 teams then you are missing something. BYU, UNLV, and SDSU will all likely lose another 2+ games. If the team that wins the regular season also wins the tournament there is a real good chance they will be the only team invited.

We'll most likely have two teams in, but there are no guarantees.

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by PlayoffDude - 2008/01/30 14:59

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I agree. You play 16 conference games and the best you can hope for is a #1 seed in your conference tournament? That's lame.

The conference tournament is exciting, however. It's too bad the regular season winner doesn't get the automatic bid, and then the conference tournament can be the stage for teams on the bubble to make their case....and for the conference winner to try to improve its seeding at the Big Dance....

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by stjohnsmythe - 2008/01/30 16:47

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Real.Men.Wear.Blue wrote:

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Sorry, this might be slightly off topic, but I really really hate this. I can't think of another sport where there is a greater home court advantage than there is in college basketball. How exactly is it fair that UNLV automatically gets home court advantage in the conference tournament EVERY YEAR!! Especially since there's all of this talk about the MWC only getting one invite this year.

Some conferences play their butts off all year for the privilege to have home court advantage in the tournament, but UNLV automatically gets it every year because they happen to be in a place where the hacks in the media like to visit, and the conference can make more money. I've never been one to say that college athletes should be compensated, but since it seems these days that college sports are more about making money than creating an even playing field for amateur athletes to compete on, we might as well pay them. After all they are the ones the fans are paying to see. wow that was a rant...sorry

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## Re:RPI ON THE RISE 47

Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/01/30 19:14

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stjohnsmythe wrote:

Real.Men.Wear.Blue wrote:

Beating out UNLV for the conference tournament championship on their homecourt will not be easy. How exactly is it fair that UNLV automatically gets home court advantage in the conference tournament EVERY YEAR!!Well, Johnnie, you did answer your own question: Dollar signs. Don't get me wrong, I HATE the way the tournament is set up (I hate it almost as much as realizing that Rick Majerus and I agree on ANYTHING, and that particular anything being the unwillingness to call a tournament loss to LV at the T&M a "neutral court" loss, but I digress...), however, the Mountain West Conference, in an uncharacteristic gesture of fairplay (however unintentional), did move the tourney to a true neutral site in Denver. Unfortunately, the tournament was completely economically unviable anywhere besides Sin City, considering we're not a "big-name"/BCS affiliated conference, and have a pathetic excuse for a television contract. Oops for everybody I guess, the fans for not showing up (and ponying up), the Commissioner (because he's an IDIOT), and the city of Denver (for getting so blasted much snowfall during its host years that few fans were interested in roadtripping). Despite the money issue, because there's no real money in our tournament anyway, I say HUCK the thing, and give the regular season champ the homecourt like they should. Who's with me?!