
BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/04 03:47

Christian Stewart

Christian Stewart, who consistently ranked among MaxPrep's top five passers in the nation during his senior year at Timpanogos High School in Orem, announced Saturday he will play football at BYU, according to his coach, Brad Molen.

Stewart, a consensus first-team all-state player this past fall, will walk on with "preferred status," according to Molen. Stewart set several state passing records for the T-Wolves including touchdown passes per game (4). He finished his career with 466 passes in 897 attempts for 6,431 yards and 63 touchdowns. His senior year, he completed 238 of 418 passes for 3,518 yards and 44 touchdowns. Stewart finished in the Top 5 of MaxPrep's national quarterback rankings for 12 consecutive weeks in touchdown passes, attempts, completions and passing yards in 2007. He was the Region IV Offensive Player of the Year (Coaches) and the All-Utah Valley Most Valuable Player in 2007. At 6-foot-2, 185, Stewart was a three-year starter and holds all the school's passing marks.

"He had recruiting interest from Stanford, Hawaii, UNLV, Colorado State, Utah, Utah State, Southern Miss, Arkansas State and Idaho State, but many school were not interested in signing him because he plans on going on an LDS mission immediately," said Molen.

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,5143,695249946,00.html>

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by K9Cougar - 2008/02/04 09:01

So is he going straight on a mission or is he walking-on this fall?

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by splitbamboo - 2008/02/04 09:05

So why doesn't a kid like this merit a scholarship and the endless adoration of fans on boards like Cougarblue?

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by Hengst - 2008/02/04 09:15

seems scholarship worthy to me, I bet there is one for him when he gets back (there will be a few kessmans between now and when he gets back).

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by ttexastim - 2008/02/04 12:28

That's a good get for you guys. You'll have quite the stable of QBs.

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by shakeNbake - 2008/02/04 13:18

splitbamboo wrote:

So why doesn't a kid like this merit a scholarship and the endless adoration of fans on boards like Cougarblue?

I honestly hadn't heard much about him. I had read and seen a little about the Erkenbrack (sp?) kid from Timpview, but not this kid.

Sounds pretty solid though. I would be interested to know if the "insiders" of the BYU world could shed any more light on him?

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/05 02:10

"Just got a call from Timpanogos High football coach Brad Molen. He confirmed what a Weber State source told me Saturday. Timpanogos quarterback Christian Stewart has accepted an invitation to walk on at BYU and receive "preferred walk on" status. It is not certain whether Stewart will enroll this fall or "gray shirt" until he goes on an LDS Church mission in January of 2009. I was impressed with Stewart's playmaking ability the only time I saw him play last fall -- a playoff game against Alta. I'm just not sure he has the size or arm strength to play Division I football. We will see."

<http://blogs.sltrib.com/recruiting/2008/02/football-kahuku-backer-commits-to.htm>

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by dlcoug - 2008/02/05 15:09

My brother teaches at Timpanogos High School and saw him play all year. He told me that he wasn't extremely impressed but that the coaches did everything through him (obviously-he's the quarterback) and so his numbers were high for the skill level that he had.

My brother told me that they had a running back that was awesome, but that the coaches wanted to throw the ball (all the time) and hardly ever used him in the offense otherwise he would have gotten looks for DI schools. Interesting...

Re:BYU gets Big All-Utah QB Walk-On

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/02/06 02:17

I assume you mean Alisa... he played both ways and may just be our most unheralded recruit this class.

I am constantly impressed at the quality of athletes that are choosing to come to BYU even without the guarantee of a scholarship or playing time. Just a quick list of some of these names:

- Sean Matagi - Snow DE, mid-year transfer
 - Dallin Cutler - Alta Sr. QB last year who IIRC, committed to walk on post-mission
 - Blake Morgan - All state DB last year out of CO
 - Christian Stewart - already discussed
 - Andrew Rich - looks like his walk-on status will be short-lived
 - Jefferson Court - talented in-state LB
 - Donald Salter - I remember a TBS story on him but haven't heard anything in awhile
- Feel free to add to the list.

Others who I would love to see throw their hat in the ring too at the hope of earning a a scholie and/or PT:

- Adam Frandsen - Snow WR, reportedly tall and fast
- Cody Raymond - by all accounts the next Meikle but better, small but great hands
- Devin Combs - Cali QB
- Bo Bolen - insane numbers as a CO RB this past season
- Sam Langi - WAS the Bingham offense
- Jimenez and Ercanbrack - Timp WR duo

We could really have some quality walk-on talent pushing our scholarship players with guys like these on the roster.

We'd be lucky to get any of them.

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