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Posted by Short\_Changed - 2008/02/22 14:19

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Posted by huskercougar - 2008/02/22 14:23

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I think the weekend thing was a big thing, and it was a little late for some people. I honestly think the biggest problem is that the MTN has killed off a lot of the fair weather fans. They can't watch the games, and so they lose interest. If this DirecTV thing really is true, that can make a big difference.

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## Re:Disappointed in the fan turnout

Posted by Hengst - 2008/02/22 14:29

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I think BYU really needs a tourney win. My Dad was telling me they used to fill up the MC every game when he was in school. The difference? They were winning tournament games. Conference championships are great, but they're not good enough if they're not advancing in the NCAA tournament.

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## Re:Disappointed in the fan turnout

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/02/22 14:35

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Good questions. I think the low turnout was because it was a weekday. Also, it was on the mtn., which as I understand is available along the Wasatch front. I think the rivalry game was weeknight because it does draw a good crowd, better than if it were a non-rival, which draw better on weekends. Although I was surprised it wasn't a sell out. Still, 40+ thousand fans in one week for 2 basketball games is more than the ewetes draw at the RES for one football game.

I saw it was a blue out for this game, but in the future, keep it to white outs, it looks much better on TV.

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Taking your family to a good 'ol BYU/Utah game for family home evening sounds fun to me. :lol:

I think it being on the weekday is probably the biggest factor. Not as many Utes at the game is probably a contributing factor as well. When I was lucky enough to go to the game there would be a significant portion of Ute fans. We beat them on their home court this season so they probably didn't feel so inclined to make the long journey down to Provo. Either that or they got distracted by Cabela's in Lehi and never made it to the game.

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Posted by buzzard - 2008/02/22 15:09

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Haha...I was in Utah for Thanksgiving and after the BYU/Utah game my bro-in-law took me there. The place was packed with Ute fans. Every other person had a Ute shirt on.

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The one in 2003-04 was on Big Monday on ESPN, and their was a lot of hype for that game.

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Posted by Yndian - 2008/02/22 18:41

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I wholeheartedly agree. I think they could have gotten another 1,000 students to come.

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## Re:Disappointed in the fan turnout

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/22 21:24

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A) BYU seems to always pre-emptively claim sell-outs. Those who wanted to go often shrug their shoulders and watch the game on tv, while in reality there are still tickets available. Plus, poor weather can't be helping lately for those coming in to Provo from surrounding areas.

B ) Yes, Utah should be played last in basketball as well, and on Saturday if at all possible, I certainly agree.

C) Imagine if all the BYU fans wore white, and 1/5 of the arena were Utah fans wearing red. It would look like a game at the Huntsman center. Gotta wear BLUE against the U.

D) Attendance is down for every men's basketball program than it was 20 years ago. There's just more to do now, more entertainment/technology to be found cheaper or even in the home. Getting approximately 20K to ANY basketball game is huge. The Jazz' arena ain't even that big!

