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## Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by OremCougar - 2008/02/27 12:41

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Of course not to us though. I didn't want to read through the whole combine thread to see if anyone had posted this or not. Here is a one-liner about Kehl being a surprise at the combine. Nice recognition I guess.

"Bryan Kehl, OLB, BYU: His 40 time (4.65) was faster than most scouts expected."

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/2008/football/nfl/02/27/combine.analysis/1.html>

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by Isola - 2008/02/27 14:17

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Posted by snoscythe - 2008/02/27 14:21

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by kenj - 2008/02/27 14:24

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He will be fun to watch at the next level. He will prove to the kids that want to go to USC that you can play at BYU and not only get noticed but excel. Go Cougs

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by Cornellcoug - 2008/02/27 14:30

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If 42 is accurate that is amazing. I worked for a company once where the wonderlic was part of the management application and we could not hire anyone into a management position if their score was not a 21 or higher. I got a 35 and it gave me pretty good bragging rights amongst management and this was right after I graduated from Cornell and was used to taking tests. A 42 is really a great accomplishment and I would venture to say would put him in the top 3% of all NFL prospects to ever take the test.

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by TheBlazz - 2008/02/27 14:35

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Posted by Cornellcoug - 2008/02/27 14:38

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It is an IQ / intelligence test. A kid out of Utah scored a 6 on it the same year that Kevin Curtis scored a 48 or something close to that. 50 is a perfect score and anything over 30 is outstanding.

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by sjcougfan - 2008/02/27 14:43

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Kehl was also a 4.0 student in highschool.

Out of curiosity, what is the highest score possible on the wonderlic? 50?

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/02/27 14:44

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Given what I am hearing, I'd be surprised if he slips past the 3d or 4th round. A fifth round pick would be a steal for whichever team takes him.

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Posted by snoscythe - 2008/02/27 14:45

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One thing I believe the Wonderlic does a good job of measuring is your ability to prioritize. You want someone who is going to make the most of the time they have. GMs can look at a players Wonderlic and see that rather than wasting 2 minutes on one difficult question that requires long division the testee skipped the question, and answered all the easy ones before coming back to the harder ones. Supposedly that was what happened with VY--he spent 6 minutes on one question. His agent finagled a second test in which he scored a more respectable score, though still low (I believe a 14).

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by treck - 2008/02/27 15:24

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It amazes me how some of these players score so low. I have taken the ESPN sample test before and did pretty well. A few months later, I was required to take it for a job interview...and I saw several of the exact same questions! This is something the players can and should prep for whether they like it or not. They know it is coming and have no excuse for doing poorly. I doubt some of the OL like running the 40 at the combine, but they prepare and do it.

Way to go Kehl. Hopefully some of the GMs and coaches have some of the same smarts that Kehl demonstrated on the test and realize they need him on their team.

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by ProV1 - 2008/02/27 15:52

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On that little ESPN test and with no pressure on me I scored a 40. You've got to chalk up some of the low scores to nerves and pressure. But anyone who score in the teens should not be allowed to procreate.

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by utehater33 - 2008/02/27 17:48

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Speaking of Kehl, he will be on espnews in a little while.

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by Isola - 2008/02/28 09:26

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Posted by Yndian - 2008/02/28 21:11

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You're right about the school you went to mattering to ESPN. But regardless of what ESPN says, as long as it's the NFL teams and not sportswriters drafting people, Bryan will still be okay.

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by BlutRunsBlue - 2008/02/28 21:23

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I cant help but say I saw Kehl today on cmapius and he is a big man, he was in a suit and still seemed quite imposing, obviously I was having a hard time not gawking.....there is no such thing as a man crush;)

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Is this sample test truly representative of the real test?

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## Re:Kehl a surprise at combine

Posted by runbyu1 - 2008/02/29 00:27

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I got a 39.6 which I thought was pretty good. Kehl getting a 42 is GREAT!

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