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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2007/05/30 11:31

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Posted by A_King - 2007/05/30 12:44

Here's an article about where BYU fit in with his early offers, but need to shell out the money I have for season tickets to read it. Anyone know what it said about his prospects with BYU?

Early Offers

ok...link failed try below

<http://story.scout.com/a.z?s=338&p=2&c=620824&ssf=1&RequestedURL=http%3a%2f%2fbyu.scout.com%2f2%2f620824.html>

Post edited by: A_King, at: 2007/05/30 12:46

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by gingi - 2007/05/30 13:26

Fwiw, CP, I read something Lynn had said as reported by Scout.com at

<http://recruiting.scout.com/2/627885.html>

about BYU (and Utah) not being in a big conference and never playing for a national championship. What do you think? Have you heard if BYU's atmosphere is anathema to him?

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/05/30 14:02

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by A_King - 2007/05/30 14:13

I hope he does well, and doesn't regret it when Bronco has us in the mix for National Championship contention and he could have looked REAL good as a 4-year starter.

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by MajorCougar - 2007/05/30 14:20

It are these comments specifically that SOMETHING needs to change, otherwise, it's going to get worse for BYU and other "non-BCS" teams, before it gets better.

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cruiser, thanks for your comments. I thought it was unusual as well that he didn't know much about BYU. Maybe he doesn't have the mtn. Here is a case study as to why the BCS system screws those schools not in the cartel. This is a talented kid who could play for any school, but those schools in his own backyard don't stand a chance because of the BCS.

I just can't believe there isn't some LDS connection. On the link, it shows he's been offered by USC. I can understand why Texas would be a favorite, but if I were to go out of state for football and got an offer from USC, it would be a no brainer. USC all the way with their track record on linebackers. Yet, being a 3 year starter at BYU would get him on an NFL roster too. Would love to see him say he wants to stay in state so he can help bust up the BCS.

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Posted by cougfan1 - 2007/05/30 15:23

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Although it may just be coincidence or rumor, it does seem like the players coming out of Cottonwood have lacked interest in in-state schools. Alex Cate, Stanley Havili, and Simi Fili are the 3 that come to mind in the last 2 yrs. If I remember right, Cate's dad is a coach for the football team at Cottonwood. I think someone on the board mentioned that he encouraged the players to lean toward the out-of-state, big time schools. Alex Cate went to Okl. State, Havili to USC, and Fili to Oregon. It seems like Katoa is going to do the same. Each showed very little interest in state (excluding Havili who just showed some interest at the end...although it probably wasn't serious). So, I could see how the rumors could be valid.

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Posted by Florwood - 2007/05/30 15:39

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/05/30 15:48

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Posted by yutka - 2007/05/30 15:49

I don't know... If the kid lived that close and says "I don't know much about BYU." Is he the kind of player we want at BYU. Sure he is talented, and I hope he does well wherever he ends up...but there are plenty of talented kids who dream of coming to BYU. I would rather leave spots open for those kids than kids who will always be keeping an eye on the BCS schools and wondering "what if..."

I hope he makes the right decision for HIM and doesn't let things like the BCS and National Championships dissuade him. If it is BYU...then great. If it isn't... no big.

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by yutka - 2007/05/30 15:49

edit--Not sure why, but I got an error and a double post...

Post edited by: yutka, at: 2007/05/30 15:50

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by Pwride - 2007/05/30 15:52

I have to agree. To see kids like Holt, Hola, Yeck, Bol, etc. who dream of playing at BYU get a chance is what makes this early recruiting fun. As much as I'd like all 4 stars, it's hard to argue with the dedication and effort these kids will put into the program.

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Thanks for the link. Here's a quote from it:

By the end of the week, the SEC will announce a record payout that should exceed \$120 million, surpassing last year's record of \$110.7 million. That would mean each of the 12 league members will receive at least \$10 million for the first time.

\$10 million a year just from bowl payouts. That's what most non BCS schools spend for their entire football program. Don't tell me the BCS money doesn't make a difference.

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by Isola - 2007/05/30 16:32

I don't know that it is the so-called cartel that is drawing away recruits. Utah isn't the only state to lose 4-star prospects to out of state schools. There are plenty of states with "cartel" schools that still lose a chunk of their top prospects. Other states losing their National Top 100 Prospects despite having cartel schools, according to scout.com

Arizona	100%
Arkansas	100%
Georgia	40%
Illinois	50%
Indiana	100%
Kansas	100%
Louisiana	42%
Michigan	75%
New Jersey	60%
Oklahoma	50%
Pennsylvania	33%

Plus if you look at Arizona and Washington, both having two cartel schools each, and look at their retention of 4&5-star prospects, the state of Utah did better, at least in 2007.

	Arizona,	Washington,	Utah
Stayed	3,	2,	2
Left	5,	4,	2
Retention	38%,	33%,	50%

And we stole one of Washington's 4-star guys in Munns.

I'm just saying we can't blame the BCS for everything. I also agree with yukta and pwride. If Katoa wants to play here, great. But if he doesn't care about BYU, then go someplace else. We are looking for guys who are proud to play for the Y.

Post edited by: Isola, at: 2007/05/30 16:38

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Actually, my comment was a bit tongue in cheek and also to highlight the kind of athletes we want at BYU, those that have a chip on their shoulder about being told they can't compete.

Good read on Dr. Machen's interview. He really does seem to be interested in fairness in D1 football. I have to give props to Meyers too for his views on Utah and a playoff system.

I think when the President of the school that won both football and basketball titles ridicules the BCS and says it is a bad thing for college, there is no doubt that it is.

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by Slugger - 2007/05/31 14:00

This could very well be true. A co-worker of mine's husband was an assistant coach at Cottonwood until very recently and though I've never heard anything quoted directly about this I've heard enough through conversations to form the opinion that Cottonwood has really put themselves on a pedestal. They seem to think they are a grade higher than anything the state of Utah has to offer so they often shun the "local" scene. As far as Katoa's comment that he never actually watched them (BYU or Utah), he may have not watched them but if he really is an athlete he would have at least a general knowledge of where the programs are, or are heading. I think it's a blanket statement to show that he's better than the MWC. Maybe he is and maybe he isn't, I certainly don't know. I just know that the Cottonwood program is not exactly full of Cougar fans so getting anyone to come from CWHS is going to be a stretch. But hey, they can go ahead and have the limelight and the big stage like uh, oh what was his name...umm...oh, yeah, Alex Cate. He went on to big things didn't he? Too good for the MWC huh?

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by x_rugger - 2007/05/31 17:40

cottonwood high school does have a high opinion of it's sports programs, though only in recient years. daddy cate, who was on the utah football team, has put millions into the school(ie fields, weight rooms, coaches ect). they also pull kids in from all over the valley, and not just for sports. 70% of the school's population are bussed in due to over crowding in west side schools, and excess capacity at chs.

this has created some interesting dilemas for the school. only 1 of the nine starting players on the state champion baseball team lived in the boundry, and several of the star football players are/were also from outside the boundry (including stanley havili). in-boundry students are conflicted as tranfers come into the school and take their spots. do you play for a loser, or sit the bench for a winner.

this may not be a dilema for long. it appears that chs is on the chopping block, and could close due to school district re-alignment in the next few years.

regarding the katoa kid, it is not unreasonable that he hasn't followed byu football. many of the poly's that live in utah come here from cali, or direct from the islands. the article also implies that he is relitively new to football, and is still trying to learn the game.

ps where is the spell check button?????

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by yutka - 2007/05/31 19:17

spell check button?-- try
www.getfirefox.com
it has a built in spell check...otherwise... good luck...
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Post edited by: yutka, at: 2007/05/31 20:17

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by LinemenRule - 2007/05/31 23:58

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His being from Texas explains his love affair with the Longhorns. If he is LDS, then he went to the Euless 2d Ward, a ward with I shared buildings when I lived in Texas. The kids loved BYU, but that was pre Crowton when I was there. I believe BYU offered him according to one of the interviews he gave, but it sounded like he wasn't all that excited and might have turned it down already. Just a guess mind you. Further, BYU has recruited from Trinity in the past so it's not like he hadn't heard of them as he claims unless he truly is new to football.

If he's a die hard Texas fan, then good luck to him should he get an offer. If he isn't committed to BYU like Mendenhall expects of his recruits, then it would be a waste time on both parts. Further, if he isn't all that thrilled with being LDS, ifin he is, then BYU would be a mistake and could jeopardize his chances at a pro career.

But thanks for the info, it helps explain alot about why he doesn't appear to be on BYU's radar though he is considered the top Utah recruit on one board.

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by jimmyz2 - 2007/06/01 10:45

anyone know if he is related to Andy Katoa?

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by daikini - 2007/06/01 16:52

Two things...

If he doesn't know anything about BYU and doesn't care to, I'd rather he didn't learn.

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i to think mr cate is having a positive impact at cottonwood high school. he is putting sports turf on the football field as you read this, and the weight room is better then many colleges. more improtant is that kids have a proctored study hall to help them keep their grades up. it is to the point where they have to check in with the strength coach, and if their grades aren't up to par, they are sent to study hall until they are, then they can train.

that doesn't eliminate the boundry conflicts that are bound to happen, and it doesn't change that fact that unless something changes in the next few years, cottonwood high school may cease to exist.

either way, props to mr cate and all he has done, especially when you concider that utah has one of the lowest per student spending rates in the united states.

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by kitione47 - 2007/12/05 20:53

Hi,

My name is Saimone Katoa and I am a Sophmore at Cottonwood High. I just wanted to tell you that, Lyn Katoa is not related to Andy Katoa.

Andy Katoa is my dad's brother and my uncle, but that's just if your talking about the Andy, who played for the Chargers with Seau.

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Posted by McGregor - 2007/12/06 07:39

Pwride wrote:

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It's no rumor. Cate hates BYU, and for whatever reasons known largely to him, spends significant resources to get kids out of the state. Right now, he damages BYU's chances with many Cottonwood kids. In the near future, his efforts will be mere dents.

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by Pwride - 2007/12/06 09:42

I think I read an article just the other day that said he committed to Colorado. Why play at a ranked team when you can party in Boulder? Just kidding... Kind of.

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by splittbamboo - 2007/12/06 09:56

Because in Boulder you can play for a national championship :S

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2007/12/06 15:52

You can do a lot of things in Boulder ...
Link

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Posted by OLB - 2008/03/15 08:53

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Posted by BOID - 2008/03/16 16:07

I'm sorry, but I'm not that magnanimous as to wish well for a kid like this. My weakness is that I wish for him to go to a BCS program that gets beaten by BYU and ends up being out-ranked by BYU.

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Posted by WACoug - 2008/03/16 16:11

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That's just funny right there, i dont care who you are.

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Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by domanater - 2008/03/17 08:23

You have to think if Katoa starts like this, it's just a matter of time before it becomes a problem in practice and on the field too. These are the types of talents that kill good teams.

Can't think of a better place for him to play (except maybe up north).

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/03/17 08:58

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No worry there since Colorado isn't a good team... ;)

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/03/17 19:00

So is he already looking to transfer to Hawaii or does he need to get kicked out of school first?

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Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/03/18 13:05

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Off the top of my head, didn't BYU have at least two players last year who had scuffles with the law (Hooks and Tonga)? I'm not entirely sure if you can lump Soto with these two, but if you can, that would make at least three players. Also, if I recall correctly, several football players were kicked out of BYU a few years back due primarily to rape allegations. Does this mean that BYU "will always be the home of the convicts, the punks, and the perverts" because the BYU coaches cannot micro manage all of their players? Of course it does not.

It's also interesting to note that the reason Katoa did what he did is because he witnessed one of his friends being shocked with a stun gun. Not that this necessarily justifies his actions, but I think it's safe to say that some of BYU's players would have responded in a similar manner had the same thing happened to one of their friends before their eyes. After all, what would Hooks have done to those water balloon dorks last year had the police not arrived when they did? Also, last time I checked, throwing water balloons at someone is not nearly as serious or as aggravating as victimizing someone with a stun gun.

Katoa had a rough upbringing and was likely doing his best to make a huge adjustment to college life. I hope he learns from his mistake and am confident that Colorado will deal with him appropriately. By the way, out of curiosity, how many of you would do nothing if you witnessed one of your friends being attacked by someone with a stun gun?

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by BigTex - 2008/03/24 13:47

^ A well balanced post

thanks for not drowning in the Kool-aide

Re:Lynn Katoa

Posted by CougarBandit - 2008/03/24 14:32

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Fwiw, according to Hooks and So'oto, Hooks was on his way out of the apartment when the police arrived on the scene. So'oto had already persuaded him to calm down somewhat. And, although the charges were similar, most "victims" would probably prefer to have doors smashed in than their head smashed with a rock.

Also, water balloons = fun?, not too serious.

Water balloons from 3rd floor = not so fun, stupid.

Third floor water balloons plus racial slurs, cursing and taunting a girl friend while challenging the boyfriend to fight = very stupid, almost as stupid, maybe, as participating in a presumably unjustified fight while using a stun gun.

If you want to encourage a fair comparison, treat each side fairly, not with partiality to either side of the question.

But good points anyways.

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