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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/03/20 19:38

no complaints. AM played a better game in the final 8 mins to earn the win.

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Posted by Gunk - 2008/03/20 19:40

They (A&M) played well. We couldn't stop one guy and played flat the last 10 min...again...we got what we deserved.

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Posted by Illinois1Cougar - 2008/03/20 19:40

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We played like we always play in big games that aren't in the MC... like a bunch of pansies. Am I shocked? Not a bit. That's why I picked Texas A&M in my brackets. (That and I thought since I had always picked them and they lose that if I picked against them I would win. I was wrong.)

I will not be fooled into getting my hopes up for our basketball team anytime in the near future. Texas A&M was not a good team. They had one guy making shots so what did we do? Let him get open some more. We didn't put Lee on him or anything to see if that would help, we left Burgess to get his lunch handed to him.

When the MWC champion can't beat the 6th place team from the Big 12 we don't deserve to think we have a good program.

The only thing I will look forward in the next few years will be football. I have had my heart broken too many times by this crappy backstabbing girlfriend that we call our basketball team.

Come on football season.

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Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/03/20 20:05

good season cougs. One thing I have a problem with is Tavernari forcin' 3's like crazy! The man is on fire when hes hot, but hes gotta have better restraint and take higher percentage shots. We also need an enforcer down low. We have a finesse player like plaisted which is great, but what were missing was a defensive force down low and that could have made a big difference. Im still impressed with the season, hopefully next year we can get out of the first round though.

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Posted by blue42 - 2008/03/20 20:08

My biggest fear has come to pass, BYU basketball has become the Notre Dame of football. They can play with the big boys in the regular season but they can't win in the post season.

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Re:Lost - Fair and Square

Posted by NikeFootball - 2008/03/20 20:11

Rebound, bottom line! You're right; we lost, fair and square. That game was ours.

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Posted by cszjr - 2008/03/20 20:12

The difference in the game is that each team needed someone to step forward. Carter did it. Congrats to the Aggies. Like usual, the cougs waited for someone else to step up, and we got caught watching.

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Part of the problem is that the committee is inconsistent with RPI. There were a few teams with RPI in the 30's that didn't even get in so obviously there is a lot more that they consider when seeding besides RPI. And right or wrong, your tournament reputation is going to play in to that. They need to decide what RPI means. Either it is a key indicator of team quality or it isn't.

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Jimmer was the only one out there showing some passion. The kid wants to win and thirsts for it. We was the bright spot of the game as was Collinsworth play. Great passes and defense by him. Should have dunked it on that breakaway, but awesome play from him.

I think Trent and Lee are competitive, but they are inward with their emotions which can cause them to collapse and certainly doesn't help fire up their team. McGregor next season will some fire.

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Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/03/20 21:12

I was doing some reflecting. When was the last time we played "our game"? The answer I came up with was the CSU game, opening game of the MWC tourney. That was the last game that EVERY player knew they would win. There was no doubt from a single one of them. Every game since has had doubters. Believe me.

Granted CSU wasn't a good team and that had a lot to do with our confidence, but when this team KNOWS it can beat the other team, it plays lights out. UNTIL the mental toughness shows up, we'll always have these games that shoulda, coulda, woulda happens.

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I think the selection committee would be doing us a favor by giving us a 16 seed. That will either put us right where we belong or we'll go out with a chip on our shoulder (and hopefully some anger) and play like we deserved better. That may

be the best way to get this team to show up when it really matters.

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Posted by poppa - 2008/03/20 21:52

My thoughts from watching UNLV and BYU play today.....

1. Lon Kruger is a hell of a coach and the best coach in our league but Rose is not that far behind.
2. It is always amazing to be reminded of how important fundamentals are in big games. Rebounding the ball on defense would have changed the outcome of the game.
3. It was refreshing to watch a game where the referee's did not have a large impact on the game.
4. I hate to criticize players and I think this is the first post in which I ever had, but Tavernari's half court 3 pointer was more selfish than stupid. He put himself ahead of the team and wanted the glory of hitting a huge shot on the big stage. I like his confidence and desire but if he doesn't mature he could become a cancer to the team. I don't think his shot lost us the game, but in my own illogical estimates, our odds of winning the game was at about 30-35 % at the time of his shot and 5% after he missed and we failed to rebound.

Good year Cougs...You were fun to watch this season. I hope the team works their butts off during this off-season and soo that they can get over this 1st round hump next time!!!!

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/03/20 23:02

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Re:Lost - Fair and Square

Posted by Yndian - 2008/03/21 06:20

Okay, I've got four main complaints:
1. The refs screwed us.

2. The committee screwed us with a bad seed.
3. The committee is out to screw non-BCS conferences.
4. CBS owns the mtn., CBS telecasts the tournament, and CBS conspired to get all MWC teams out of the tournament as retribution for fans complaining about the mtn.

I'm kidding, of course, but really, we just couldn't rebound or hit free throws. That's basically it. I don't remember the last time I never really noticed the refs because they called a GREAT game. Any chance of getting those guys to come to the MWC? Or at least to UNLV...

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Posted by TimO - 2008/03/21 11:33

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Leaving last year's top 3-point shooter wide open on three straight possessions and throwing up 3-pointers of your own in the first two minutes without going underneath to your talented big man with a signle defender...stupid. I didn't watch the game but listening on the radio I had to wonder if this was the same team. How many points did Plaisted have in the first half? 2? Are you kidding me? That was a horrible game and an embarassing loss to "the best regular season b-ball team in BYU history".

Oh, and special thanks to that moron Dana Greene from Channel 4 for conveniently making it a point to Jay Bilas that BYU hadn't won a first round game in umpteen years...thanks Dana, for making sure the one time BYU gets mentioned by ESPN it is for something negative. It's no wonder Channel 4 has been bottom of rankings for so long.

So glad football is in the headlights now....

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Posted by Hipsdamann - 2008/03/21 12:07

I totally agree, BYU has a monkey on their backs about NCAA tournament. Hopefully we can do it next year but don't hold your breath