
Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by Hawkeye-Coug - 2008/03/21 13:55

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by JaredCowley - 2008/03/21 14:33

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I think I know how the response would go.

Jason Franchuk/Darnell Dickson: "Coach Rose, how are you going to win a tourney game next year?"

Coach Rose: "We'll start preparations right now, with recruiting and player development, so we can be successful next year."

Jason Franchuk/Darnell Dickson: "But, this season was supposed to be one of BYU's most talented teams ever, and you couldn't beat a mediocre Texas A&M team in the tournament. How is BYU ever going to win a tournament game if they couldn't win this year?"

Coach Rose: "We will work to keep getting better, taking things game-by-game, and we'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Jason Franchuk/Darnell Dickson: "Isn't that a little cliché?"

Coach Rose: "You're a little cliché! This press conference is over!"

My point being, I don't think even the most brilliant reporter could get a legitimate answer to that question from coaches or players. That kind of question is better to be posed by a columnist, who could offer their opinion on the subject.

If you ask me, though I remain thoroughly disgusted by yesterday's performance, I think this team will be better next season. We lose Burgess and Murdock, but that's it. We'll see improvement from Plaisted (no way he goes to the NBA after yesterday's disappearing act), Cummard, Tavernari. Jimmer Fredette will break out as a sophomore starting point guard for BYU (seriously, I expect he'll average something like 12 points, 4 rebounds and 5 assists next season). Jackson Emery will be back. Chris Miles will have a year of improvement. We get Lamont Morgan off his redshirt, he will help us against those speedy, athletic guards. BYU has the potential to be very good next season.

That said, I'm bidding basketball a not-so-fond farewell for a bit. It's spring football, my awesome Red Sox and baseball season and looking forward to a BCS-busting 2008 season for the Cougar football squad. There's still plenty to love.

Go Cougars (even the basketball team)!

Jared Cowley

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by craigocarson - 2008/03/21 14:41

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by CougarBandit - 2008/03/21 16:01

I'm believing the answer is, we're going to have three key seniors that will have their last chance to win in the tournament. I think all it takes is for one of them (and/or one of the underclassmen) to find the intensity to play a superior game. Each of them has had at least a game during the season like that. I think if we're successful and don't peak too early, odds are in favor of it. The focus should be there.

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by Isola - 2008/03/21 16:05

One thing I would really like to see the team do is practice its free throws. You can't win big games if you can't hit your free throws. Even if you have the lead, you can't close out if you can't hit from the charity stripe.

Still I am proud of our Cougars. Next year should be another good one.

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by Hengst - 2008/03/21 16:08

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by Delta534 - 2008/03/21 16:31

craigoscarson wrote:

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I disagree there, bro. Gotta go with Jared on this one. The TIGERS have the sickest lineup????!! Try the deadliest 1-2 punch in baseball with big papi and Manny. Add the World Series MVP to that in Mike Lowell and THERE you have the best lineup my friend. Plus, their pitching is better than Detroit's. But I am excited about the baseball season, not just for the sport, but it means warm weather, and I'm READY for it. May the BYU football team be flawless in '08. But when the tigers play the yankees, I do cheer for detroit. That is true, though.

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by JaredCowley - 2008/03/21 17:14

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/03/21 22:18

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Yea, people sometimes ding karma for the dumbest of reasons...I gave you some love though. :)

I think with the ability to give or take away karma should come some responsibility and accountability. I think, each person should have a karma history that you can click on to see who has added and who has taken away and for what posts, etc. That way at least, people wouldn't be able to hide behind their actions. ;)

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/03/21 23:28

JaredCowley wrote:

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Jared Cowley

I thought the original comment was pretty good and I'm optimistic for some dang reason based on what you provided. I'll try to ground myself before we play again. Anyways, I thought it was funny too that when you made the comment above, your karma was showing as 11. You've jumped 2 spots on charity alone. I hope your faith is restored. :)

Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/03/22 00:02

craigoscarson wrote:

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That's why they are picked to finish second in the central behind the indians. It's nice to have a killer lineup but we (the indians) couldn't win the world series with one of the strongest to ever be faced. It takes a strong rotation. Rogers will probably spend more days on the DL than pitches he will throw. The rest are around .500 and the bullpen is still in taters.

Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/03/22 07:34

<http://www.betfirms.com/2008-mlb-predictions/>

I wish it weren't so but you'll find more so called experts picking Detroit over anyone else. When in doubt, always check what Vegas thinks; they can't afford to be wrong.

A lineup of Granderson, Inge, Pudge Rodriguez, Ordonez, Cabrera, Sheffield, Jones, Polanco, Renteria, Guillen is insane

There's not a guy on that list incapable of batting .310 w/ 70+ rbis.

and then throw in guys with Cy Young caliber stuff like Verlander, Bolderman, (even Dontrelle Willis when he's on-he does have a cy young) and then Kenny Rogers, you're talking about a heck of a lineup but then throw a healthy Joel Zumaya and the rest of the the young bullpen (excluding the age of Todd Jones) out there and you've got a nice road to the alcs due to the relative weakness of the al central.

Cleveland has a lot of good players, but aside from Sabathia and Carmona, the drop-off is deep. And other than an underachieving Sizemore, an overachieving Hafner and the steady Vic Martinez, the Indians lineup is pretty weak.

And if you don't think that Ortiz, Lowell, and Manny (and Tim Wakefield/Curt Schilling) have already played their best baseball then you're just not watching. All three are very good (the Angels and Yankees will compete too), but the Tigers are just plain scary from top to bottom.

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/03/22 09:50

craigoscarson wrote:

When in doubt, always check what Vegas thinks; they can't afford to be wrong. One exception this year... they're losing money on (the REAL) Tiger, that's for sure! They've dropped odds to UNDER 2:1 on Woods in most betting houses (something that in golf is UNTHINKABLE), and for the fifth tournament in a row, they're STILL losing money. Even if you're not a golf fan, TUNE IN the next few weeks. Someday you'll have a grandchild who's an aspiring young golfer, because they'll ask you what you remember about the greatest performance in the history of the sport, and they'll be referring to THIS season. Dude is unhuman. Absolute MACHINE!!!

P.S. Sorry to take the conversation further off topic, but since we'd tangented anyway, I thought I'd make use of an opportune segue...

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/03/24 14:18

I think the reason that they will win in the tournament next year, is that the guard play will be upgraded. Morgan/Emery/Fredette (Soph) will be better than Burgess/Murdock/Fredette (Freshman).

The starting front-court next year should be Cummard/Plaisted/Miles. JT should come off the bench as a 3 or a 4. With those four rotating in the front court and the other three rotating in the backcourt, this team will be better next year.

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by decloucog - 2008/03/24 16:28

Hengst wrote:

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I'm just wondering why you are expecting Fredette to score inside when BYU has capable bigs? Isn't making close range, high percentage shots their job on offense? Sure the guards can drive all they want (and I think BYU did NOT do that enough) but you've got to have the bigs there ready to score after their defender peels off to play some help D.

If you're just saying our guards need to drive to the hole it's one thing, but our bigs need to learn how to get position in order to get the ball and be ready to take those high percentage shots. I didn't see that enough.

After reading your post again Hengst I am wondering if you meant someone else when you mention "Ferdette". I agree with everything else

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Re:Question nobody in the press is asking

Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/03/25 16:25

Who does BYU have that will be an inside threat next year besides TP? I can't think of any bruisers? Maybe someone else knows of people coming in as frosh or home from missions.

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