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Posted by Gunk - 2008/03/20 23:08

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I agree with you about Rose. As a solid BYU fan who sat on the second row for tonight's game, wearing my Cougar Blue shirt, I thought that tonight's game was winnable as was the UNLV game. Whatever we are doing to prepare is not working and adjustments need to be made. I was shocked that we let Carter get open as much as we did tonight. Granted, he made some tough shots, but when you are guarding a shooter like him, you can't leave to help elsewhere....and that happened constantly tonight. We are lucky that we didn't pay more for that.

I have some other thoughts on the team and the game, but I'll keep my own counsel for tonight. Let's just say that I'm disappointed with the performance tonight because I thought (and hope) that we are a better team than we showed.

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Bball is a little different. You don't "change things up". You take other options. On just about every play, you have several options. The idea is to get someone open. They may know your offense, but if you run it correctly, it should still be very hard to stop. If the passes are good, the screens done correctly etc, players will get open. Plays are designed to keep going until they get someone open or until they get a mismatch like a 6'1" guard in the post against Cummard.

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Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/03/21 08:00

I think Rose probably was a little outcoached in the game, and perhaps a little is due to scouting. I thought, for example, that it took way too long to , but nothing was really done until the second half. Given what Rose has to work with and the inherent limitations in BYU bb, I think he deserves a lot of credit. I wouldn't paint Turgeon as a uber-coach. In all his film studies, he apparently forgot to watch his own gamefilm, as his team committed a lot of turnovers with some very sloppy play. He knows that had BYU made their free throws, that fact alone would likely have handed him a loss. Missed free throws has very little to do with coaching on the other side.

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I am not impressed with any of our 'big 3' players as it relates to their being 'gamers'... let me explain myself. Trent, Lee and JT are great athletes and deserve a lot of credit for all the good things this year. BUT, none of them are gamers when it really matters, when the game is on the line in a game that actually matters. I was more impressed with Chris Miles as a big man in that game because he changed shots, was a physical presence in the post and doesn't shoot no look hook shots over his head falling down. I know he can't score like Trent is capable of but he played like a center should. Seriously, if Trent would put on 40 lbs. and learn to shot a jump hook, he would be unstoppable in the post with his height and vert.

The Cougs fought back and that was a good sign but the lack of perimeter defense was clear and no one can complain about any desperity in fouls because we settled for jump shots and they forced the issue and got to the basket more. I don't think we're going to do that much better until we can get more guys like Jimmer who seem to play much better in the big moments. Only 5 more months until football...

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Correct.

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Posted by Isola - 2008/03/21 11:07

Hi may name is Paul and I don't believe.

With BYU football, I believe. When UCLA lined up for the field goal, your brain told you the game was over, but then the camera panned to Bronco. You look in his face and you know we're going to win, despite all the odds. With BYU football, I believe.

But with BYU basketball, I just don't believe. I feel terrible about it, but I don't. With a four point lead against UNLV in the MWCT, I just felt like we were going to lose. When BYU came out flat against A&M...I wanted to believe, but I couldn't.

Rose is a good coach, a keeper. We are doing great. We are winning on the road in the conference, we beat Louisville on a neutral court, we played UNC tough, but get us in the T&M or in the NCAA tourney, and the team just seems intimidated.

I think maybe we need a player to really step up in the big games. In football we've got it. Beck to Harline. Utah knew what we were going to do, but it didn't matter. They just got it done. Hall to Collie. Doesn't matter the down or distance. We just need that in basketball. Someone with that killer instinct that plays better when the game is tough.

I love the team. I am proud of the team...but I just don't believe, yet.

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Re:Reflections on Rose

Posted by Hipsdamann - 2008/03/21 12:15

I agree mostly. Though you have to give the man some props for 2 consecutive conference championships and 2 consecutive bids to the tourney. Although we need to learn to win in tournaments

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Re:Reflections on Rose

Posted by Gunk - 2008/03/21 12:34

Same...When we had a two point lead with about 8 min left in the game I told my wife unless we opened the lead at that point up to at least 5 there was no way we were going to win.

With 2 min to and down by 4 I told her we going to lose. She said, "No, they will win. I bet the win." JT then chucked up that half court shot and she was like, "Hmmm...nevermind."

If the fans don't believe they are going to win, odds are the players don't either.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/03/21 13:16

My first year at BYU was when Cosic and Fryer were on the team. Cosic was an aggressive "goto" guy when things got tight. Fryer was Mr. Dependable.

After a mission and marriage, I returned to BYU for the Danny Ainge era. He had that same competitive instinct and ability to take over a game.

I don't see that on this current team. I also don't see the coach making the important adjustments during the game - ie. adjusting the defensive rotation to shut down a hot shooter. Waiting until the half is too late. I was disappointed to see that A&M appeared "fresher" in the second half - or maybe they were simply hungrier.

Whining about the "what ifs" in regards to rebounds and free throws is useless. Rebounds, especially defensive rebounds is one of most fundamental aspects of the game.

Players like Plaisted should be out shooting a few hundred free throws (with a shooting coach) during the off season. Just shooting, using his usual poor form, doesn't accomplish a thing other than guarantee continued poor performance. Overall I'm disappointed in Plaisted's lack of progress since his frosh year. Why all the talk about the NBA? I don't see him having any NBA career with his severely limited shooting range. Without significant off-season improvement, I don't see any chance for improvement for his senior year.

BYU needs to schedule a couple more early season contests in tough venues so they can learn how to compete in that sort of environment. A long home win streak doesn't mean squat to me when we can't get past the first round of the NCAA.

Overall, I think we have most of the components necessary for tournament success. Improvements in free throw

shooting, boxing out on rebounds, and mid-game coaching adjustments can probably get us into at least the 2nd round of the Tourney, and hopefully even further.

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Posted by connecticutcougar - 2008/03/22 00:54

My biggest issue with this team, as it has been mentioned in other threads, is the lack of heart. When I watch other March Madness games, you see the entire team jumping up and down or pumping their fist on the court and the bench after a big shot and then a timeout, etc. However, only one or two times did I see this last night - and both were from Jimmer. The best part about March Madness is watching how much passion these student-athletes play the game with. However, i do not see that passion on this team except for Jimmer and a little with Collinsworth. I would love to see Cumnard or Plaisted actually give out a shout or something after making a big shot, anything to get the team fired up.

Even after the Cougs made their comeback in the first half, I did not see much emotion from the team. I know that winning games is not based on emotion but it can go a long way to pushing a team over the hump. Hopefully Jimmer can instill some of his passion into the rest of the guys this summer. Otherwise I think we might see the same result next year.

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Good point. 16 years without a tournament win says something much bigger is going on and Rose hasn't been able to change it.

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Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/03/24 12:30

I was most disappointed with Cumnard during the game. He is our best player (sorry Trent), and when he didn't show up early it was obvious we were not going to survive the first round. He had an okay game, but it wasn't his usual performance.

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One critical bit of scouting that Texas A&M picked up on in our last couple of games was our teams inexplicable inability to rebound the ball defensively!!!! I just could not believe how badly we degressed at the end of the season in this area. It was bad against UNLV and just terrible against Texas A&M. If you re-watch the game you will notice that Turgeon

coached his players to crash the boards after offensive shots. They sent 4 guys to the rim after every offensive shot! And it really helped them win that game!

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The difference between BYU football and basketball is that the football team is getting better the basketball team isn't.

04 - 05 9 - 21 record
05 - 06 20 - 9 record, tied for 2nd in MWC
06 - 07 25 - 9 record, MWC champions
07 - 08 27 - 8 record, MWC champions

07 - 08 was better than 06 - 07 which was better than 05 - 06 which was better than 04 - 05. Therefore for the last 4 years BYU basketball has gotten better. I have no problem with Gunks opinion, I agree with parts and I disagree with parts but to say that BYU basketball hasn't gotten better when it has is just wrong.

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Re:Reflections on Rose

Posted by LegendsNeverDie - 2008/03/26 13:49

There is no difference between BYU football and BYU basketball right now people!!!!!!!

BYU Football last two years= Won conference Championship
BYU BB last two years= Won conference Championship

BYU football last two years lost games should have won= Tulsa, Arizona
BYU BB last two years lost games should have won= BSU, Lamar, BSU

BYU football last two years lost games to big time schools= BC, UCLA
BYU BB last two years lost games to BIG SCHOOLS= Mich.St, NC, WF

Bottom LINE PEOPLE- In BYU sports we have yet to show we can win BIG GAMES the Vegas bowl in football is not a big game. We end up there because we can't win the BIG Games. Basketball requires us to win big games to get a better seed and then win a BIG game. We do not play well in big defining moments for either sport over the past two years. We win a mediocre football confrence we actually have won a pretty decent BB confrence. The trend also shows that we always lose a game or two that we should have won and don't because we are eithe un prepared or over confident and don't bring our "A" game.

The direction of BYU Basketball and BYU football are both trending in an upward way but both need to learn how to win defining games that can make a season special. If you can't see this you are blind to where BYU sports is at right now. Don't get me wrong both sports are in a better place right now then they have been in a LONNNNNNNNNNG time, but both have some work to do when it comes to winning when it counts.

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Re:Reflections on Rose

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/03/26 14:06

Yndian wrote:

stuckinbig10country wrote:

Another sad thing is that Coach Rose was more fired up and intense as an assistant coach than as a head coach. He used to really tear into guys when they came out of the game when he was working with Steve Cleveland. You just don't see the passion anymore from him.

Just out of curiosity, how many games did you get to see this year?

In answer to your question, not enough. Even the games that were broadcast in my area, I was busy a couple of those nights. However, last year, while living in Utah and having the mtn, I watched a lot of games, pretty much all of them that were broadcast, and based on the games that I watched this year and last, and even the year before, I don't see the same interaction with players as before. Maybe lack of passion in the wrong term, but he just doesn't seem to get the players as fired up as he used to.

When Rose got hired, he jokingly said that he might end up getting a whole lot of technical fouls because of his normal style. Has he even gotten one yet?

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/03/26 14:36

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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/03/26 17:41

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