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Posted by Knucklehead - 2008/03/24 09:05

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Posted by gmj81 - 2008/03/24 11:29

I expect this to be the way the depth chart looks in the secondary at least through the first couple of games of the season. Coaches Hill and Mendenhall trust experience over talent and until the young guys prove they can play better than the vets in front of them, they will be backing up guys like Howard, Johnson and Fowler.

I'm very excited about our young guys don't get me wrong and I hope they get plenty of game experience this year but knowing what we know about the coaches, I just don't think that they'll go with the youth as starters until they can show they know the system just as well with their athletic abilities then pushing them into the advantage.

Re:BYU's Secondary

Posted by BigTex - 2008/03/24 13:52

Met Fowler Sr when he made a trip down to Dallas for the BYU TCU basketball game last month. It's cool his son starts at free safety.

Anyone coming down for the TCU BYU game?

Re:BYU's Secondary

Posted by declocoug - 2008/03/26 10:29

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That was exactly what I was thinking. It looked like he came in to really lay the wood, and instead he ended up whiffing on the play and the guy picked up like 35 more yards. Still, he did a good job against the U, and he's more of a known quantity than the other guys - so it does seem like he would be the favorite going in. Personally, however, I like the idea of Pendleton and Rich manning the safety spots for the next three years to give us some nice continuity back there.

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Posted by WinnemuccaCougar - 2008/03/26 12:40

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I disagree with fowler not doing well in pass coverage. I think he did a fantastic job in the Utah game and enough against UCLA. To come into a game situation and to not have really GAME experience shows how he is ready and will get better every week as he gains experience.

I do however agree with you about Tafuna. Every time he has been in he has made some seriuous error in judgement on the field. I even know him and think he is a FANTASTIC individual, but I am SLIGHTLY scared about him starting.

I say SLIGHTLY, because I was also scared when we strated freshmen on our D-Line two seasons ago or another freshmen at NT last year or Robinson the whole time he was starting. If I have learned anything about Bronco and Jamie over the last few seasons it is this they will ALMOST always have us ready (TULSA last year excluded in BRONCO's own words that was my fault the D wasn't prepared).

This is sping and speculation as to WHO, WHAT, and WHEN is irrelevant (allbeit entertaining, fun, and satisfying to the hunger). As the UTES discovered with thier returning QB and new RB last year, this doesn't matter.

Re:BYU\'s Secondary

Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/03/26 13:20

Isn't it nice knowing, that the best for each position will be the ones who end up starting? ;) I feel assured that Bronco and Co. will make sure to start the most qualified, individual at each position and therefore, I don't need to wonder why someone may be starting even if they error during a play. I'm sure the coaches will start the best player for each position and make changes accordingly as the season progresses. ;)

So if Tafuna and Fowler do end up starting, there is no use in worrying about it. They will start because they are better then the others who are vying for the same position and because Bronco and Hill feel good about their decision.

Personally I was impressed with the job Fowler did after Gooch's injury. I can remember more well excuted plays and

pass breakups on his part then I can mistakes. It's human nature to often overlook the good and focus on the bad. My point being, that it seems easier for us to remember the mistakes players make but never focus on the hundreds of plays where their results helped in winning the game for us, etc.

Rest assured though that BYU coaches want to win just as badly, if not even more so, then we do, as hard as that may be to believe. :laugh: Therefore they will make the best decisions they can concerning the team. ;)

Go Cougs!

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What yard line was the tight end on when he caught the ball? There was more than enough time to run more plays (remember, they ran the clock down for the field goal). I can't remember the yardage, time, and time-out situation, but I think there would have been a field goal attempt and he would have put more into it and got it up above the d-line and it would not have been blocked. He had already hit 2 over 50 yards.

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