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Posted by Hipsdamann - 2008/03/30 17:46

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Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by TimO - 2008/03/30 17:53

it's good that the defense was able to get inside the minds of our O early on. It just means that they'll be better prepared when it really counts-the D had struggled all spring long and finally started playing better, of course with acceptions to stopping the run and long bombs-it's not crowtonish failings, just getting timing, skills, and consistency down...by the spring game and fall camp, Mendenhallism will spread vastly from the vets to the fill-in replacements. Don't worry, 13-0 here we come.

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Posted by Hengst - 2008/03/30 18:06

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I completely agree. I am glad that Max cares so much about it even though it was just a meaningless scrimmage. That competitive drive reminds me of my favorite BYU great QB.

p.s. I wish the basketball team would learn a little from him.

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Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by domanater - 2008/03/30 18:42

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Posted by BYUROCKS - 2008/03/30 19:19

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Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by MrRoboto - 2008/03/31 01:42

The offence struggled because of penalties. There were more penalties called because Bronco requested that the refs be stricter. Don't get me wrong, they should still be able to easily move the ball, but I'm not worried. What really worries me is the high hopes we are all getting. A perfect season is totally possible, but it won't be easy.

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Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by PP3 - 2008/03/31 07:02

Penalties are on of the things that do worry me, I am glad Bronco has asked the refs to call it more tightly, I hope we learn from these mistakes in Spring.

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Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by frdbtr - 2008/03/31 09:30

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I am a glass half full guy, Our defense is going to be that good. The offense struggled because the defense is good and didn't like all the press the offense was getting. Everyone was freaking out during John Beck's Sr year because the D (which wasn't supposed to be good) was giving the offense trouble all through spring and fall ball and then the O put up 50 on just about everyone. The D was just that good and it is going to be the same thing this year.

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Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/03/31 10:14

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I'm starting to think it's too bad Cade and Bower transfered . . .

Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/03/31 11:21

That's funny because McEuen had been so bad. I've seen him in person a few times and have been far underwhelmed. Gaskins, on the other hand tended to impress last year. I guess that if either of them are forced to play, we'll be in bad shape. That's why I'm praying for our OLine to step up their play and for Unga and Fui to improve on pass blocking.

Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/03/31 11:31

I'm not concerned at all about the offense. If anything this scrimmage excites me because the defense took it to the offense. That's only going to give them more confidence and only going to humble the offense more. Now they'll both work that much harder. Bronco has stated his two deep has mostly rounded itself into shape so I only expect to see both sides of the ball perform better and better from this point forward.

Maybe it's just my blue-goggled nature, but I think it's funny when all the chicken little's come out every off-season and say the sky is falling. Last year it seemed most people on this board expected a 7-5 season or better but few expected anything more than a 9 win season. My realistic expectations were a 10 win season with an undefeated season not out of the realm of possibility. As it turned out, once again like in '05, we were only a handful of plays from being undefeated.

I guess I can understand some people's penchant for straying on the side of caution to avoid getting their hopes up and then being dashed on the rocks. But with Bronco at the helm, you can definately err closer to your wildest dreams than your worst fears. This season is going to be amazing. Don't let the first scrimmage of the spring get ya'll worried. We are going to dominate on our way to a BCS bowl. Get your tickets early. It's going to be a fun ride.

Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by SmallTownBaller - 2008/03/31 12:40

I have to agree.I always find this a little comical. If the defense would have come out and been lambasted this thread would be about the defense and how much trouble the Cougs would be in. They wouldn't stop an offense all year. If it would have gone back and forth, then the thread would have been about the inconsistencies of both squads and how much trouble BYU would be in if they couldn't become more dependable and consistent.

Let's not forget, even with the penalties, which I'm sure were very ticky-tack, Hall was 5-8 for 120. Did they reach the endzone? No, but they also quit after George was pulled down deep in the blue zone.

Let's also remember Unga hardly played, Manase hardly played, and Fui left early for stitches (which I think is great because he never would have gotten stitch last year running the way he did).

And give some credit to a defense that is and will improve immensely daily. They're giving up less yards, completions, and are becoming more assignment sound each day. That is a great thing!

Hall and his offense, and Jorgensen and his defense will be great.

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/03/31 13:01

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Gaskins redeemed himself with a couple of good passes in the wyoming game. All I'm saying is with how bad both backups are looking right now, with cooper and bauer in the mix all of them couldn't have been bad.

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Re:Scrimmage doesn't fair so well for Cougars

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/03/31 21:04

The point is moot. It was Bower's, Cooper's and Doman's decision to leave. It's not like BYU forced them to. IMO, I think it's best that all three left. If they hadn't the reps for the 2nd stringer would still be sparse. At least now, Gaskins is getting a healthy share of the reps so he can actually improve. Let's not forget that Brenden was one of the two best JC QB's at the time he walked on. Given a little more time, I think he'll be more than an adequate back up for Max. Not that we'll ever need a back up anyway. IF anybody manages to get through our OL this year to lay a hit on Max, he'll just play through the pain like he did for the Yewtah game last year. Plus, he'll be getting rid of the ball alot sooner this year. I don't expect Hall to ever leave the game due to injury in '08. Maybe in '09 with the turnover at OL but not '08.

