
BYU Gets Screwed Again!

Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/04/02 01:35

If this is a repeat post, I apologize, but I didn't see another one on this topic. Once again the MWC and CSTV have decided to screw the school with the biggest fan base in the MWC...BYU. CSTV made it's 2008 football TV schedule announcement and BYU gets some of the worst coverage. The article is here...

<http://www.cougarblue.com/content/view/12390/90/>

My only question is...well...why? :laugh: BYU has 3 games televised nationally on either VS., CBS C (college sports network). With 7 games being televised on The Mtn. TCU however, has 6 nationally televised games on VS., or CBS C.

The best part is that the BYU-Utah game will be on The Mtn. only. That same day (Nov. 22), Air Force plays TCU on Versus and UNLV takes on San Diego State on CBS C. Why, you might all be asking? :unsure: Well, isn't it obvious? I mean wouldn't the Nation much rather see Air Force against TCU and San Diego State play the powerhouse UNLV.

This is a disgusting attempt for the MWC, CSTV, and Direct TV to use their scheduling to force BYU fans (being the most numerous in the MWC) to switch to Direct TV. It makes no other sense. So once again BYU and its fans are being used for the gain of the MWC, CSTV, and Direct TV. :huh: How sad. I won't be surprised that once the season starts and everyone has switched to Direct TV, to see CBS and VS. pick up more of BYU's games...especially with all the BCS talk going on. It would be foolish of them not to knowing that BYU and the BYU/Utah rivalry would bring in a lot larger viewership, then the San Diego State/UNLV matchup. :laugh:

What a joke...I guess in many ways it's a compliment and just goes to show that the MWC and their TV deal would be nothing without BYU on its side. ;)

Looking forward to next season. :woohoo:

Go Cougs!

Re:BYU Gets Screwed Again!

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/04/02 08:00

I'm not sure I buy into the conspiracy theory, but the programming choices are curious to say the least. Keep in mind that these networks give up profit (i.e., advertising dollars) when they decide to televise games that are likely to generate lower fan interest.

The good news is that the games are televised, and for those who have DirectTV, you should be able to see ALL of them. That is exponentially better than last year. In this scenario, the main benefit in having nationally televised games would be to increase BYU's national exposure and prestige, which will, in turn, presumably increase their national ranking. But at least this year the Cougs are actually generating some pre-season buzz and sportswriters, most of whom likely have access to DirectTV, will actually be able to see even non-nationally televised games.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not defending the MWC, Mtn, or the scheduling. The MWC, Mtn, Craig Thompson, and all his cronies still suck. But I think most must admit that it is better than last year. And, by the way, if the MWC still had a contract with ESPN, I'm not sure the result would be a whole lot different. ESPN might televise one more game (probably the rivalry), but we'd still be watching the rest of the games on Church satellite (outside the West).

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I agree. This actually was a sound move by all involved. Get me and others to switch to prove a demand to Dish and cable and they come on board. I'm just glad that I can finally get ALL the games. I have never had that luxury before. Even with espn gameplan I only got the majority of games. One thing I did like about gameplan were all the "other" games that I got. And one more thing. Is MTN going to have more than one channel. BTN has about five so you can watch all the big10 games if they are played at the same time.

Re:BYU Gets Screwed Again!

Posted by jeremygeorge - 2008/04/02 09:41

Is CSTV (CBS CS) considered to have better distribution than the mountain? I have the Mountain and Versus, but I don't have CSTV.

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Posted by jeremygeorge - 2008/04/02 09:44

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Read...we don't have a quarterback. Or has Chow really changed since his time at BYU?

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Posted by Cosmo9798 - 2008/04/02 11:01

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Re:BYU Gets Screwed Again!

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/04/02 12:51

Yeah, at first I was a little peeved. It did seem like a slap in the face of the flagship program's fans. But knowing that TCU has the most games on the 'other' networks is fine now that I think about it because they haven't ever been able to access the Mtn. And while they would now with DirecTV, they still need to draw as much interest in that market as possible. Most cable providers in Texas at least offer the option of CBS College Sports TV and Versus. In order to really improve, the MWC needs to really start harvesting some Texas recruits.

While it might seem like they are trying to 'make BYU carry the load' or BYU's fans anyway, I think we've all accepted that responsibility before just by being the 'big fish' in the small pond. We know the Wyomings and the Colorado States aren't going to draw huge interest so we've basically got to do it ourselves. We've always carried our league no matter which league we've been in. If BYU fans switching to DirecTV in droves in order to access the Mtn will get better distribution to other providers on better packages than I'll accept that responsibility so that my Cougs can start to get more recognition, land better recruits, and play against better competition.

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Chow does not know the offensive players and neither does Neuheisel, not to mention that their offense did not exactly sparkle last year.

This seems like a typical Norm Chow response. He doesn't like to implement anything beyond basic offenses for players that he doesn't trust. QBs that he trusts can call their own audibles, as long as they work. But they have to understand the system first and be prepared to freelance. Doesn't sound like he'll give them much of a system to audible with right away.

UCLA has had a problem during the last few preseasons with no one at QB emerging as a solid leader. They also have few returning starters at receiver. Kahlil Bell is a good running back and is probably their best offensive player when not injured. With these circumstances, it makes sense to build around the run and make it solid. I'll guess that BYU will be seeing a lot of dumpoffs and screens on passing downs.

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Sorry, Tim. Ben Olson has sucked. He has had ONE good game (the 06 game against Utah you mentioned)-and that wasn't anything to write home about. The only thing his strong arm will be good for this year is holding a clipboard and sending in signals to either Cowan or to the Sophomore that played pretty well in the LV bowl (as a Freshman).

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/02 16:18

I think that the QB's from the following teams we faced last year were better QB's than BO:

AZ
Tulsa
AFA
UNM
TCU (both of them)
UCLA (bowl game QB)
Utah (but just slightly)
CSU
SDSU

Only EWa wasn't as good-but it's close.

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Thanks.

So their TN game becomes sort of a pre-season exhibition game. I'm guessing (maybe just hoping) they have a letdown in work ethic and enthusiasm. They'll build up emotion for the entire Fall, play TN, hopefully beat them, then just be treading water for two weeks. That's a long time to keep up the fight early in the season.

On negative side, though, moving the UCLA-Fresno State game to Sep 27 gives BYU one less game to get film on the Bruins--in fact, they'll only have the TN game. And with a new coaching staff, that film would have been really useful. Then again, the only thing the whole UCLA team will be doing on September 6 is watching BYU take apart Washington at their place, so they'll have plenty of exposure on us.

In the end, I think it's even and depends how we do against Washington--if we beat them and stay healthy, I think our momentum is more important than the extra film and prep time they have on us. Otherwise, they'll have extra time to game us and heal from whatever TN bruises. I think we beat Washington, but hope we stay healthy as we won't have a lot of healing time ahead of UCLA.

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Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/02 18:27

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Posted by Isola - 2008/04/03 12:57

Not to sound too overconfident, but we gave UCLA a real fight at their place last year in Hall's second start. Then we edged them out on a neutral field in the LV bowl. After what they lost on defense, I think we take it to them at home. I worry a little about our new line backers stopping their running game, but we have a bunch of solid LBs and I think we shut them down. We need to come out swinging and get an early lead and force them to pass. I really like our odds in a shoot out or when they are passing, but when you keep the game close, like last year, you allow play makers to determine the outcome. The pick-six and strip sack on their 13 that cost us the first game, and it was the fumble right before the half that nearly cost us the LV bowl. Jump out early, get LES rocking and UCLA passing and we eat their lunch.

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Posted by UliUli79 - 2008/04/03 13:01

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/03 13:08

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/03 15:10

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Ditto. I am switching from Dish to Directv in a couple of weeks.

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Re:BYU Gets Screwed Again!

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/03 15:28

Has direct TV announced the tier that the MTN will be placed on? I have Dish right now and I am going to hold out until August before switching in hopes that they pick up the MTN.

On the other topic of BO. He has had a couple of really good games when healthy. He threw 5 touchdowns in their home opener against Stanford last year. I don't think the team should plan on him playing as poorly as he did last year, if he starts.

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Posted by decloucog - 2008/04/03 16:14

anyone know how much someone is going to end up paying to get the package with ALL BYU games?

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I don't know... I'm from Oregon and I've seen some pretty scary slugs.

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