
McEuen the Backup?

Posted by Shrek - 2008/03/27 23:11

Just a question after reading a few articles lately, but does Kurt McEuen have a legitimate chance at becoming the backup QB over Gaskins?

On Tuesday, the Deseret News quoted Brandon Doman as saying, "Kurt has been in the program for two years and he has really done a good job this spring; I've been really happy with him. He'll be a real good third quarterback and someone to pressure Brenden for the backup job."

Then today on byucougars.com there was a report that said "For the second day in a row, the defense held Kurt McEuen and the second team offense," and "Brenden Gaskins led the final set, but it ended on an early third-and-out."

Does the fact that McEuen has quarterbacked the second team offense while Gaskins has been doing final sets for a few days in a row mean anything? Or are they just trying to get McEuen more reps with the second team? Thoughts from anyone in the know?

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/03/28 08:47

Its Gaskins job to lose. But stranger things have happened. After what Gaskins did in the Spring game last year, and he did decent in limited time last year, he's got the job in hand.

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by suuwr - 2008/03/28 09:15

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/03/28 09:23

Um, no.

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by Shrek - 2008/04/02 23:46

http://www.sltrib.com/sports/ci_8779537

I guess it really is up for grabs.

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by suuwr - 2008/04/03 09:04

I'm glad to see Kurt doing well. After reading the Trib and a article on Scout.com my friend with a subscription showed me, it's looking like Kurt has a real shot at being no. 2. If both QBs are close to equal it make sense to move Kurt up so he can be better prepared when Max is done. I wonder if future plans are factoring into Broncos and Domans decision.

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/04/03 09:05

Gaskins has had a very poor spring. His only bright spot was last year's blue/white game. Lots of completions and very little yards. One of his completions was a 3 yard throw to Trevort and 27 yd run. Take that out of the equation and he averaged maybe 7 yds per throw. So assuming the receivers were tackled the second they caught the ball and had no additional yardage..... you get the picture. Now assuming they got a couple 3 yds after catching the ball...enough said. Someone said he had a decent year as backup. I think I saw he was 1 of 2. Well the 1 (incompletion) was actually a completion to the TCU LB and was run back tor a TD. I am voting for McEuen. His upside can be very up.

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/04/03 09:09

BTW...in reading the report from Monday (the 24th) team drills in the paper, I think i read where Gaskins was 3 of 5 for 7 yards. That is consistent. I agree with suuwr about Gaskins not looking downfield, let alone throwing there. We need someone who can and will. Max does as well as we need that option and mindset.

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/03 09:54

Mountaincougar-Just out of curiosity, what is your relation to McEuen?

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by Ball4 - 2008/04/03 21:16

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I think you (and mountaincoug) may be right.

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Posted by njcoug - 2008/04/03 22:14

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I was thinking the same thing today when I read Hooks got hurt by... surprise surprise, picking off a Gaskins pass. So not only is he throwing picks, but now those picks are getting defensive guys injured. :unsure: Great!

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/04/04 09:41

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/04/04 11:15

Having been to many (if not most) of the practices this spring, I will say that McEuen has outplayed Gaskins day in and day out. He should be the #2 IMO. I have not seen McEuen's two interceptions but have seen many of Gaskins. McEuen looks completely comfortable back there and moreso everyday. In the only contact scrimmage, he moved the ball down the field better than anyone (including Max) and would have had a TD but a ball thrown after scrambling was dropped. Gaskins was intercepted once and an incompletion in, maybe, 3 snaps. Not good!! The competition I think is getting to him.

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by SWKT_Avenger - 2008/04/04 11:20

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Posted by Ball4 - 2008/04/04 21:36

SWKT_Avenger wrote:

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The only one below Gaskins and McEuen is Covey, I believe. I also think Munns is either on a mission, or is planning one very soon.

Does anyone know if Unga or Vakapuna can throw the ball? :lol:

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/05 10:39

I'm kind of excited about covey. If he can develop as a passer it would be fun to have a qb with some wheels down at the Y again (steve young was the fun-nest qb to watch in BYU history)

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Re:McEuen the Backup?

Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/04/07 10:06

Covey is #4. Munns is at practices but is still not close to 100% because of his ACL tear last fall. He is leaving on a mission this summer.

As far as Covey, I can't help but think his days as a running are limited. He is a head shorter than all the others and can't weigh 170 lbs. I think he will be roadkill after a couple of runs or pitches off the option. Maybe he was recruited as a DB (not QB) for a reason. Not sure why the change but his QB potential seems very limited to me.

Gaskins continues to average 1-2 picks a practice. I know he had at least one on Friday. And for the umpteenth time, these are all 3-7 yard throws. (trying to make a buzzer sound here) *&^*(&^% time's up move on with McEuen.

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