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Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/07 13:19

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Posted by StatCougar - 2008/04/07 13:39

Better questions are how many actually made their teams, and how long did they last in the NFL.

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/07 13:50

He's a liar (or at least flat-out wrong). There were no more than 9.

Here is Utah's draft history from nfl.com:

<http://www.nfl.com/draft/history/fulldraft?collegeName=Utah&abbrFlag=0&abbr=U&type=school>

They had 5 players drafted in 2005, and 2 each in 06 and 07.

Also, I don't know that Weddle and Soliai were starters as sophomores. Even if they were both starters, that still gives them only 9 starters (which is still impressive, IMO).

On the flip side, our 1980 team had 11 players drafted.

Our 1985 team had 14 players (not necessarily starters) drafted in the 86-88 drafts.

Nevertheless, I don't think NFL draftees is a good indicator of a team's strength.

Re:Interesting

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/07 14:24

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here is a site I go to to get quick stats. It shows only five

http://cfreference.net/cfr/show_school_season/296?season=2004

As for the argument just keep repeating National Champions, National Champions, National Champions.

Re:Interesting

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/07 14:36

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You might want to keep 2001 out of that argument. I think both 2006 and 2007 would wipe the floor with the 2001 team.

Honestly I think 1983 was the best team all time at BYU. It's hard to argue against Steve Young's team being the best there was (at least for me).

The important question is how the crud did they lose to Baylor? yuck

Re:Interesting

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/07 14:42

I think Hengst is right. I think that the '01 team (with or without Luke) wouldn't be able to hang with the last two seasons' teams. I think they would be creamed even by the 2004 Utes. They just didn't play defense-it's almost as if we had an idiot HC that cared only about the offense.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/07 15:20

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LOL!!!!

Re:Interesting

Posted by craigscarson - 2008/04/07 15:38

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The one with the trophy - that's what you play for.

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Posted by BlueTrue - 2008/04/08 08:29

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Re:Interesting

Posted by Sage - 2008/04/08 09:53

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As much as I love the title NC, with all the comments in the past about the huge question of how do you crown a NC by voting, I think using that argument is weak. The 84 team did everything they needed to do to win all of their games. I think that stands for itself, for undefeated is undefeated. But, Utah did too. Just because the voters didn't vote Utah number one, is not their fault, which makes the argument weak. I like BYU as the blue colored glasses tell me they will always be the best in my mind, but the voters don't have the final say.

It's all speculation anyway.

BYU football is the best...period.

I'm only slightly prejudiced.

Re:Interesting

Posted by MtnRadio - 2008/04/08 12:05

BlueTrue wrote:

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It'll take more than that for the idiots of the BSC to allow BYU to be National Champs.

I love Cougar football, but it is in the wrong conference to be allowed to be NC again that soon. One of 2 things has to

happen ... Cougars keep crashing the party (3 - 5 years imo) or something other that the current system comes around.

On a lighter side ... I think this team has an honest to goodness shot at perfection! You gotta love Bronco for publicly raising the bar for these young men ... and even more for helping them reach it!

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Posted by Ys_One - 2008/04/08 15:30

That 1984 team doesn't get the credit they deserve. BYU had 6 players drafted in 1985, 7 more drafted in 1986, and a few more that were contributors that were drafted in 1987. Eleven of those players made rosters and lasted at least a year in the NFL. All total, the BYU players that contributed on the 1984 team logged 74 total years in the NFL--that is almost a seven-year average. That is much longer than the average NFL career, indicating that these were some very good players. Lee Johnson, Trevor Matich, Glen Kozlowski, Vai Sikahema, Kurt Gouveia, and Leon White all had at least 7-year careers.

As for the 2004 Utes, all five players drafted in 2005 made NFL Rosters and are still in the league. One of the two players drafted in 2006 is still in the league, and then of course you have Eric Weddle, who looks like he will be around for a good long time. I personally don't think that these Utes will be able to match the accomplishments of the 84 Cougars in the pro's, but it remains to be seen.

I honestly believe that any of those early 80's BYU teams as well as the 1996 Cougars would have beaten the 04 Utes. Those Cougar teams had it rolling on both sides of the ball, and I am not sure what the Utes would have done if they had played a team that could actually play some defense.

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Posted by Yndian - 2008/04/08 16:56

I think getting to the BCS championship game next season isn't as impossible as it may seem. For example, say we have a pre-season 15-20 ranking this year and go undefeated. Just by virtue of everyone else losing during the season, we'd have a high enough ranking to make a BCS game. Win that, and we finish in the top five-ish. With everyone that will be coming back in 2009, we could easily be in the pre-season Top 10. After an undefeated season, and with other top teams losing, we could possibly move up to number two, again, just because we have to move up in the rankings if teams ahead of us lose.

Of course, there's always the distinct possibility that voters leapfrog other teams ahead of us (see: LSU, 2007), but that's not quite a definite. Don't forget, either, that we'd be the media darlings after two undefeated seasons (see: BSU, 2005-2006).

So it's extremely unlikely, but it's possible.

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Re:Interesting \"stat\". Now I need ammo.

Posted by cszjr - 2008/04/08 17:09

I know that I'm in the minority, but if we were 12-0 and there were no other undefeateds or only 1 undefeated; and if the defense ranks well and the offense is leading in some categories, we would have a shot at the title game. That a lot of if's, but this is springtime and time to daydream a little.

BYU has national attention from consecutive 11-2 seasons. We've beaten Utah and TCU 2 years running and we've won our bowl games. So it's not like we're coming out of nowhere.

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Re:Interesting \"stat\". Now I need ammo.

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/08 17:10

