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Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/10 09:31

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Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/04/10 11:22

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Posted by MizzouCoug - 2008/04/10 11:46

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The fact that Pac-10 refs cheat makes all the difference in the world Pokes. That's why Bronco is/might be making this call. I agree 100% with it. It is laughable how the refs take over games. Stats and number of fouls/penalties aside; just watch the games. Anyone who knows sports will see the blatant bias. It's almost like watching the '96 Cotton Bowl refs every time we play someone from that conference.

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/10 12:35

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## Re:Scheduling Pac 10 v. Big 12

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/10 13:00

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Timing of a penalty or call is critical. A holding penalty on a punt return for td shows up as only a 15yrd penalty but costs the team 6-7pts. Or on 3rd and inches and suddenly it's 3 and 10. Just 10yrds but now a mountain. And then the blowing of calls, like the OK/Ore onside kick. They didn't even do a review. How do you not review a play in which not one official saw the ball in an Oregon player's hands? And the reviews are bad too. The fumble when the knee was clearly down.

I think the fix is pretty easy. Put all the refs into an NCAA pool. No more conference refs. If there are any differences in rules then the refs can "bone up" on them before the game. I'm not aware of any major differences except with replay. Maybe our resident ref can shed some light. What do you think about no conference refs? (kind of like what MLB did).

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Posted by Sage - 2008/04/10 13:04

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## Re:Scheduling Pac 10 v. Big 12

Posted by Mingjai - 2008/04/10 13:28

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I'm guessing BYU has a better record against Big 12 teams than Pac 10 teams, particularly against the traditional powers. If I remember correctly, BYU is 2-0 versus Texas, 2-1 versus Texas A&M, and 1-0 versus Oklahoma.

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Wow. I read what you wrote and your BYU background is very similar to mine just different eras. I also used to work on the sidelines for BYU games for tv, but mostly I was a spotter for the KBYU "replays" so I was up in the booth. I have also officiated extensively (although you clearly have much more experience).

I clearly understand timing matters, and I'm not denying that BYU has had some unfortunate calls against them at inopportune times.

However, it is obvious that BYU has a really difficult time adjusting to ANY officiating crew in hostile, nonMWC circumstances. It is pretty clear that is a much bigger issue than worrying about a certain conference's policy on officials.

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Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/04/10 14:47

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Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/10 16:51

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## Re:Scheduling Pac 10 v. Big 12

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/04/10 19:15

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Wrong on two accounts, which are the very accounts we're talking about. The pac-10 ALWAYS has THEIR officials officiating their home games. I would imagine it stems from the desire to boost chances of home wins thus boost attendance and cash to the program.

That's the point, every other conference is willing to balance the advantage of the home crowd with the disadvantage of a visiting team's officiating crew. The pac-10 is willing to take the hit of both on the road so long as they can lock up home wins (like I said, that's the way it seems to me and the way that makes the most sense).

Seriously, we should have won at BC or at Tulsa but I can't blame the officiating for us not walking away with the W. But there were at least 3-4 bad calls in both the AZ and UCLA losses that drastically affected the outcome of the game. And as some of indicated, alot of times it was the timing of the bad call that hurt us most, because there are usually a number of calls that could go either way every game.

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