
Todd Marinovich wanted BYU

Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/10 09:08

I was looking at the SI vault and noticed this article about Marinovich. It caught my eye only because I wrote a paper in undergrad about his father's unethical tactics for training his young son. I was shocked to find at the end of the article a part that talked about his recruiting trail. I thought it would be all the big time colleges like usual...but, there I found this:

BYU. It was a big early favorite. Marinovich loved the Cougars' quarterback tradition embodied by Gifford Nielsen, Jim McMahon and Steve Young. Todd did have some misgivings about the quality of play in the WAC, but BYU blew it when coach LaVell Edwards failed to visit Mission Viejo. That gaffe left the impression that BYU simply didn't care enough to send its very best.

Here is the link:

<http://vault.sportsillustrated.cnn.com/vault/article/magazine/MAG1127063/3/index.htm>

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Re:Todd Marinovich wanted BYU

Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/10 09:13

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Re:Todd Marinovich wanted BYU

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

Wouldn't he have just backed up Detmer anyway?

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Re:Todd Marinovich wanted BYU

Posted by MLOdaws - 2008/04/10 19:05

"All I saw was purple." - Todd Marinovich after the shellacking he and his USC teammates went through at Husky Stadium in 1990.

Good memories (sure helps these days to have some!).

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Re:Todd Marinovich wanted BYU

Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/04/10 19:11

I remember reading an SI article about him when I was in high school, but I don't know if it was that one or not. I do remember that the article mentioned BYU was one his favorites, so maybe this was the one.

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Re: Todd Marinovich wanted BYU

Posted by tw - 2008/04/10 20:24

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Wow! If that's unethical, then what are ethics?:unsure:

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