
Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by njcoug - 2008/04/11 14:08

Hate to distract from the invigorating Karma post :X but it looks like Patrick Cowan will be the starting qb for UCLA @ LES next year.

<http://www.bruinsnation.com/story/2008/4/11/71340/9494>

Poor BO :(

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/11 14:54

bummer, I was hoping to see BO get embarrassed at LES

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/04/11 14:55

I think he will be the Starting QB, I think the coaches are just trying out their options. I just hope he is doing well in his studies (anyone know what his major is?) because any NFL hope is a little lofty at this point unless he has an unbelievable breakout season, which I don't really see considering they are implementing a new offense and past success usually dictates future success.

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

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

Your link does not show the story. Here are some more logs to fuel the fire though.

<http://msn.foxsports.com/rumors/college#12>

Scroll down to see the 2 entries on the bruins. The stories were updated today. UCLA won't be super this next year, but with the staff they have, they should be a major player in the pac-10 soon enough. I love what Coach Anae has done at byu, and Chow is starting in UCLA the same way. Simple play book, emphasis on execution.

I still say we win in provo, but it could be a tighter game that we think. My personal vote is for a trip to the woodshed win by 21 or more:cheer:

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by bengel - 2008/04/11 16:11

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<http://www.bruinsnation.com/section/Football>

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by BlueTrue - 2008/04/11 18:55

bengel wrote:

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That one worked, thanks. It is way to early to tell who will be the starting QB. In spring coaches like to make players

compete intensely so they make everyone believe there is a battle when there often isn't. This gets everybody playing at a higher level. We will have to wait till fall to see who we will face at QB. It really shouldn't matter who it is though, we are going to kick some bruin butt.

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by kenj - 2008/04/11 19:05

Guess that transfer didn't work out. Too Bad he is a good kid. That's why we shouldn't freak when things happen. Usually they are for the best. Go Cougs

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/11 21:18

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Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by njcoug - 2008/04/11 21:35

Whoever ends up being the qb will get thrown into the fire against Tennessee . Rick Neweasel is a gamer though. I was just thinking if Olson had come back and stuck around, and "progressed" here like he did there, Jacob Bower probably would have stuck around and been our starting QB this year. I just thought that was interesting.

Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/11 22:40

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Don't get too excited. It is a common tactic for new coaches to downplay the capabilities of their new team early-on. This makes it easier for the coach to claim complete credit for any successes they have that first season. Only rarely do coaches walk into a situation with a "loaded" team (aka BSU a couple of years ago, Urban Meyer & Florida, Crowton & BYU the first year).

It is much easier to claim that the previous coach left the cupboard bare, then later take credit for anything moderately successful. Neuheisel has done that enough that if he was in Hollywood, they would say he was "type-cast".

UCLA signed seven 4-star recruits in 2006, six in 2007 (plus one 5-star), eleven in 2008 (plus two 5-star).

Their recruiting classes have ranked pretty good. The 2005 recruiting class was #24, 2006 was #20, 2007 was #36, 2008 they are ranked #10. :P

Their cupboard is far from bare.

We've ranged from #42 to #57 in that same time frame.

Despite UCLA's "superior" paper talent, I strongly believe that Bronco and staff do a much better job of developing the players' talents after they arrive on campus than almost any other staff at the Div 1 level. B) B)

Now they just need to stop making dumb play calls the lead to things like fumbling the ball on a running play just before the half instead of taking a knee and a ten point lead into the locker. But then that's a topic for a different thread... ;)

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Re:Ben Olson losing the QB battle

Posted by TimO - 2008/04/11 23:26

so without trying to disrespect good people...assume they are anyways-is it possible to think of chow and BO as has-beens? BO may not have had a good career so far, but for 2 straight years emerged as their starting QB until now...also, Chow has had lower and lower numbers recently, and went back to warmer waters perhaps to get back to winning. But i'm just thinking perhaps these guys should do well together, sit back and recall their fond memories of Provo...until this fall when dreams become nightmares
Go Cougars

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