
Recruits from the class of 2009...

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/10 20:46

I really want Manti Te'o, John Martinez, Xavier Sua'Filo, L.T. Filiaga, among many others solid prospects this year... and we have solid commits from Adam Timo and Craig Bills and a few other solid players. But i'm also a realist in the sense that the star system is overrated due to the nature of whoever gets the most exposure gets the higher rating. But if we landed all of these recruits, do you think we would take it to even another level? Call me naive, but if we land every one of those recruits I mentioned up above I really think we would become a dominant power for years to come. They probably wouldn't help us immediately, but I think they will help us be a power in the Pac 12. Mark my words and quote me on this one. If we go undefeated and make the BCS this year and have a repeat performance the 2009 season then we will be invited along with one other team (possible Boise State) into the new Pac 12. Because we have beaten Pac 10 teams the past few years and if we beat them this year and next year, we will earn the respect from the Pac 10 commissioner and after back to back BCS berths he will love to add us into the fold. Then UVU can take our spot in the Mountain West. I'm just plain sick of the lack of National TV exposure BYU gets. So landing those recruits this year will pay huge dividends in helping future recruiting classes and help us compete for the Pac 12 championship year in and year out. Call me crazy but this is what I honestly believe...

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Re:Recruits from the class of 2009...

Posted by Sage - 2008/04/10 21:04

Then Bronco couldn't keep his intention of not scheduling the Pac10 schools, unless then the technicality would be that he isn't scheduling the Pac10 because there is no longer a Pac10. Can you imagine having to deal with those officials every week???!!!

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Re:Recruits from the class of 2009...

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/10 21:21

Yeah it'd be awesome! The officials are good to the teams inside the pac 10...its just if you are an outsider team playing against a pac 10 team that they are a joke.

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Re:Recruits from the class of 2009...

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/04/10 21:22

You're crazy. I'm not holding my breath waiting for a pac-10 invitation. We'll sooner get an invite from the big XII. The pac-10 has gotten to be a snobbish club now that doesn't want to let anyone else in. Plus, all the schools are so liberal that they'd never let conservative BYU join the gang.

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Posted by bengel - 2008/04/10 21:26

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Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/10 22:09

good points... crap there goes that theory... I guess we will just stay here and thrive in the MWC or somethin...any ideas?

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Re:Recruits from the class of 2009...

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/10 22:12

My street cred is going straight out the window haha! I just got back from a mission so i'm still trying to get re-acclimated to real life again. I have missed sports, I will tell you that much!

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Posted by minority - 2008/04/10 22:18

I truly believe that even if the PAC 10 were to invite BYU (which I find doubtful), BYU would turn it down. BYU is THE big fish in the MWC and has the ability to control most of what happens here. If they were to join the PAC 10, they would be at the mercy of PAC 10 officials who have little love for BYU.

I will admit that I have many times wished for the prestige and respect that comes with a major conference, but I just don't see BYU going that route.

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/10 22:27

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I agree with Hengst. It seems no one tends to agree with me. But all the other arguments people brought up were weak as I think about it. I do believe that we could definitely compete with the Pac 10. And IF we do crack the BCS in back to back years, they'd be dumb to not even consider adding BYU...

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Actually it is true. BYU although it has done quite a bit of research is not considered a research university meanwhile OSU and all other PAC-10 schools are considered reasearch universiities or medical schools.

And the argument isn't that you must be a research university and a medical school it is one or the other. You must be either a research university or a medical school to meet the PAC-10 academic standards.

And though I agree with you to a certian extent that it is about sports and its dollars the PAC-10 has generated a letter that clearly stated that BYU was neither of the above mentioned type of university and therefore didn't meet their standards. I believe it to be more of an excuse then a real reason but that is what their commish has stated. and yes the most important thing to note is that the PAC-10 sees no benifit in adding anyone to their conference short of being forced to do so.

On another note if they were to ever expand the ONLY two posiibilities would be either BYU and Utah or Colordao and CSU. The PAC-10 love to take rivalries into their fold when they make their moves. If they went they would take two teams with history and standing and the ONLY two teams that fit that bill are the above mentioned teams.

Re:Recruits from the class of 2009...

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/11 07:05

Do a search on old threads. We have been through this. All the points were given in those. BYU will never get an invitation from the PAC-10. We are not a "Research School" whereas Utah is and could then be invited. Don't be surprised that if they wanted to invite someone it would be Utah and maybe BSU. We have a much better chance of being invited to the Big 12 provided they kick someone out (Colorado, IA ST, or maybe Baylor). But forget about the puk-10. But who wants to be associated with a bunch of die-hard liberal schools anyways.

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Interestingly, I grew up in Oregon in the 1970s. The Ducks and Beavers were completely different animals back then. They had no respect. They rarely had winning seasons. My FIL was an OSU prof and spent a ton of money on season tickets every year to see a team lose over and over and over (but he did get to see some class act competitors ;)).

We need to get our MWC institutions to the point where there is respect across the league. This comes with wins. Wins come with dollars and branding. It's not just a BYU thing. It's a league thing.

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Posted by lawman - 2008/04/11 11:03

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Karma for a post that adds a ton to this discussion! You actually deserve about 5 karma for this post!

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Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/11 11:47

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The letter said something about Texas. Wouldn't that be interesting to have Texas schools in the "Pacific" 12.

I just don't see conferences changing much unless it is a mass change dictated by a higher source (and that does not mean from "On High" though maybe in the millennium the BCS problem will finally be fixed).

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Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/11 12:57

I think if the pac 10 ever does expand it will include BYU. BYU has the best credentials sports wise (not just football but in everything from track and field to basketball) and research wise of any non-bcs school in the west (I can't think of another west cost non-bcs academic institution which is as good as BYU, I could be wrong, but BYU publishes enough to be well thought of in research institution circles--at least in my program anyway, and I imagine that's the case in other programs as well).

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Yeah I am betting that it will be closer to 2025 than 2008. The PAC 10 should invite BYU and Utah, but it won't for the near future. The only thing we can do is affect what we can change. We need to dominate the MWC and pressure the conference to add BSU and Fresno or some other good program to create a MWC conference champ. Adding quality teams to the conference and a playoff could be enough to get an automatic BCS bid.

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Posted by BlueTrue - 2008/04/11 19:16

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It is good to find some humor in posts. Karma to you.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/11 19:25

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Yeah the Pac-10 believes that all their student-athletes are really research-scientists-in-training. Therefore they'll only consider "research universities" for admission. In other words they will only consider schools that are permanently sucking tax-payer dollars off the government tit.

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I wouldn't bet on it. OSU is one of only three land, sea, space, and sun grant universities, so they publish a lot for government funded research.

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Posted by Cougfand4 - 2008/04/11 23:38

Wow so I don't think i should be allowed to start new threads haha... I just came up with a silly suggestion and everyone blows it way out of proportion. On a lighter note, I miss the Luuuuuuuuuuuukkkkkke Chant from 2001 when staley was tearin' it up. So if luke ashworth scores a touchdown this year, I motion that we bring back the chant. And we need to come up with somethin creative to chant for unga, cuz the man is gonna bulldoze opposing defenses this year for many trips to the paydirt...

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We can all chant the Hoff's "Unga Chakka!":silly:

Seriously though, could there be any cooler human than David Hasslehoff? Well, maybe just David Caruso. :dry:

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