
Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/17 17:26

I don't know if any of you saw the mountain draft special a little while ago. But I saw a replay of it the other day and I think Todd Christensen is a genius! He pointed out how he believes the NFL combine is a joke, and I agree 100%. He pointed out that we should take a page out of the WNBA's book to have the draft the next day after the championship game. I think the draft held within a few weeks of the end of the season would be sufficient.

The whole reason to have the draft immediately after the season is because then you will draft the players according to their performance on the field not their ability to do drills. How many guys have we seen their stock rise dramatically because of workouts even though their production was awful in college on the actual game field and then they were complete flops in the pros...I mean the list is very long! I think Mel Kiper and Todd McShay are full of crap! You can still scout players hard during the season so you can get a full synopsis of the players abilities.

How many times do we see superstars emerge from day 2 of the draft? The only reason they fell to day 2 was because they didn't work out well at the combine, I mean who really cares about how they perform on the field, the 40 yard dash and bench press are EVERYTHING, Right? haha its a joke!

Get rid of Roger Goodell! He's too strict anyway, skip bayless called it the "No Fun League" and I agree! I loved the touchdown celebrations, they were hilarious and fun. So I would like to throw Todd Christensens' hat in the ring to be the new commish and revamp the draft and the way the NFL is done!

One more thing I want so bad is a lifetime ban of Drew Rosenhaus from being an NFL agent! Hes a joke, he coaxes his clients into wanting twice as much as they are worth and then they whine until they are trade (See T.O., Javon Walker, Chad Johnson....This list goes on and one). Get rid of Rosenhaus and that will restore some integrity to the game. When you sign a contract, you need to follow through until the end! Then you can sell your services to the highest bidder as a free agent. The Drama and Whining is getting old!

Todd for Commish!

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/17 17:33

I have one more addition to this argument for an earlier draft. It would be about 3 months earlier than the current draft so they would have 3 more months to get acclimated to their new cities and teams. They could learn a large portion of the playbook. They wouldn't be wasting a lot of time on being track athletes and all the other pesky drills they have to do. They could just start preparing for football and adjusting to the speed of the NFL game. Think of all the upside of eliminating the combine and having an earlier draft...It just makes sense to me!

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by 1967cougar - 2008/04/17 17:34

Anything to get Todd out of the announcer's booth.

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by kenj - 2008/04/17 17:53

I agree if it gets Todd out of the booth and to a place where I don't have to listen to him. His Basketball is worse than his football and I didn't think that would be possible.

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by lawman - 2008/04/17 18:04

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Re: Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/17 18:11

haha i guess i'm lucky. I haven't seen a game on the mountain (just got home from a mission and the mountain didn't exist if I remember right). So i haven't heard him call a game, I usually mute games anyway... Most commentators bug me. Though i'll watch a game with Al Michaels doing the play by play... But I just thought it was pure genius what Todd was saying though. Because you always hear about how warn out rookies get because of prep for the combine and the actual combine... And i don't buy a players stock going up or down everyday. It makes no sense, how can a guys stock get worse when he isn't even playing a game. The insider information is like this most times: "Well McFadden was at the movie theater and bought a tub of popcorn drenched in butter, thats gonna hurt his 40 time from a 4.33 to a 4.339 and thats gonna cost him, his stock has fallen probably 10 to 15 spots because of that unwise choice. I wouldn't be surprised if he drops out of the first round if he eats a box of milk duds with his popcorn." Like seriously thats what Mel Kipers insider information is like and he adjusts players stock frequently sometimes a few times a week. Its pointless! So I like the idea of eliminating the combine and the 3 months leading up to the draft, its garbage...

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Re: Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by njcoug - 2008/04/17 20:18

The only thing about this thread that is logical or somewhat intelligent is removing Christensen from the booth. The WNBA can have its draft right after the women's championship game because their season ends in September or October, six months before their draft. The WNBA is played during the summer because of the limited competition of other sports (baseball) in hopes of attracting a fan. There isn't a six-month gap between the championship game in college football and the NFL. The analogy isn't really applicable. Getting rid of the combine is a dumb idea, even if you did you would not stop the drills because colleges would still have pro days. Pro days are a good thing to develop relationships with NFL scouts so they come to your school ever year, to help your players get drafted. Isn't that one of the end goals of college football? Furthermore, NFL teams want quantifiable ways to measure players. These tangible items are important and can help players. For instance, Bryan Kehl wasn't that high on the draft boards (outside of Utah County) until he went into the combine and scored in the top five overall. Examining his game film and measurables, NFL scouts have recognized Kehl can make an impact at the next level; that is why he is now the fifth best prospect at OLB. Before the combine he was in the teens. In any profession you take the tangibles and intangibles like interviews and GPA. These drills are the GPA of the NFL.

Draft stock doesn't go up and down based on little things. Johnathan Stewart hasn't gone down 20 positions from his last college game until now just on a whim but because he is not recovering quickly from his recent surgery and his past history of injuries is concerning to teams.

The draft is two months after the super bowl because the NFL has administrative procedures it needs to take care of. Once the season ends, teams need to perform evaluation processes. They need to examine their past season, managerial decisions and personnel direction. All of this takes time. Then there is the restricted free agency period. Teams need to prepare salaries and possibilities and at what point they will not match the salaries that other teams will offer their players. Next it moves into the free agency period, where teams try to go after players who they think will help their franchise. During these processes, the owners are meeting to examine rules, the state of the league, and the all important profit margin. Players also meet with the union to discuss their issues.

All of this has to happen so teams go into the draft knowing their draft strategy. Bottom line, the draft in one of the last things to happen in the NFL off-season. Combines and pro-days might be overrated, but they help teams measure players, which can be difficult watching game film and wondering if the player is good because his competition is bad, or because he is a good player. I would wager if it were not for the combine, there would be an even greater bias towards BCS schools and players because the presumption is those schools have more talent and without quantifiable measurements, how are scouts supposed to know.

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LOL!!! :laugh: :laugh: Did you get that from his autobiography? :dry:

Re: Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by TimO - 2008/04/17 20:37

Watch the old American Gladiators-Todd has a mullet-it's bad, you don't want a mullet guy as the nfl commissioner-i don't want the nfl to become like the nba-full of bribery, thugs, and weird uniform colors. I know his fro-over is a lot more hip today, perhaps having an LDS commisionner wouldnt be bad-he can swing for sunday night games to be played on tuesdays and wednesdays instead.

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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/04/17 20:41

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And BYUtx's secret identity is revealed. Let's all give a warm CougarBlue welcome to none other than Todd Christiansen himself!

Karma for the impersonation, classic!

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First you say that Todd Christensen said something important, now you claim to be Bryan Kehl! In the words of Jim Rome... "Ridiculous"

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/04/18 18:27

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/18 19:48

haha that wasn't me I can assure you of that much, The whole reason I have cougfan84 is because of 1984, the Championship season...And the whole reason my karma is that low is because of a post I made that said "If my karma reaches 100 by August 1st then we will go undefeated 2 years straight and win the national title." I still think its possible for the cougars to go undefeated in back to back seasons, lol but what difference would it make if a 21 year old guy had 100 positive Karma by football season? Absolutely no difference at all, its all about the players. I was new to this forum and wanted high karma so I wanted to see if it would work, instead it went in reverse haha. But now I don't really care about karma, I'll probably never get back to positive...And in high school I was on Speech and debate so I love to play the devil's advocate and cause a stir so don't ever take offense because I just find it fun to debate...

Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/18 20:17

Well my karma just dropped a bit more since my last comment which was an apology, so I guess if you all don't like me I won't post on here anymore...sorry everyone. Go Cougs!

Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/04/18 20:29

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Fives ya back.

And I karmatized you for your spot on impersonation of the Todd.

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by BlueNation - 2008/04/20 12:19

CougFan84 - Your incessant grovelling is getting annoying. Just post what you want to post and don't worry about your karma... Does anyone care for one second what their Karma is, anyway? Stop complaining about Karma. Stop apologizing for purportedly "offending" someone and grow a pair.

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/20 12:34

Shut up dude seriously, its old news...I don't care about karma anymore. And I don't like to offend anyone and thats just who I am so why don't you just back off

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Re:Todd Christensen for NFL COMMISSIONER!

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/04/20 14:05

Should I break out my cell phone camera, video tape this fight, and post it on YouTube later? What, are we all in middle school? Geez.

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