
Huskie Board Discussion of BYU

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/04/17 09:18

I know September 6th is a far away, but for those of you who are interested, the Washington Huskies have already started a thread regarding the BYU game in Seattle.

<http://64.226.228.21/board/messages/1/511.html?1208444263>

There's some entertaining stuff, but the usual anti-mormon bigotry rants as well. The Huskies seem to think Jake Locker is the Second Coming, and that he will single handedly destroy BYU. Never mind the fact that the kid can't throw. And the inconvenient detail that the Huskie's defense was one of the worst in the country last year. And they have a terrible coach.

Looks like, as the game gets closer, we can expect the same bigotry and uneducated abuse that we took from Arizona fans. I expect that the final result will be similar as well.

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It's sure gonna suck for them when they lose. That's a lot of old, cold crow to eat. Of course I am probably way over estimating their integrity by assuming they would even own up to being beaten by BYU. :evil:

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Posted by TimO - 2008/04/17 15:11

i wouldnt recommend going onto their board-unless your prone to enjoying rated-R movies. As far as i can respond to their arrogant accusations that all mormons are 'brainwashed' and f%*\$-ing weird...i'll just look forward to beating those disrespecting B##tards in fall...wearing magic underwear.

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You're right, there are lots of cool PAC-10 fans so I shouldn't generalize like that. I do think, however, that other conferences, even SEC, have less anti-mormon sentiment than the PAC-10.

Anyway, Washington sucks. That's really the bottom line. Maybe I'd be a loser too if I were a Washington fan.

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but even our stake Presidents wife was like dang he is horrible

We lost in OT even tho I hit a 3 with 3 Second left so tied up the game but he called like 5 fouls on us in the 5 min OT and we lost by 10 :(

Re:Huskie Board Discussion of BYU

Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/04/17 20:12

Regarding the bashing that went on... meh, most of us have heard much worse, and put much more eloquently (and rationally).

I'm much less worried about people's opinions being influenced by those two or three idiots than, say, the idiot "Pastors for Huckabee" bloggers' twisted lies about the LDS Church, simply because people tend to accept such sources as "factual." (Humorous, when you think about it, because to be honest, I'd almost trust the opinions/"facts" of drunken sportsfans over politicians' stooges. At least you know sports fans actually believe what they're saying! :laugh:)

Regarding the football, there was only one real mention (and by a Cougar fan), in the whole diatribe about the real storyline of the game. Everybody was talking about their infallible Jake Locker and our under-talented, under-athletic, under-experienced defense. In fact, NOT the storyline.

The storyline is what an ENTIRE RETURNING OFFENSIVE JUGGERNAUT will be able to do against a similarly question-marked defense. I have little doubt that in a home-opener, the Locker kid will be well motivated to play good ball, and it would be unrealistic to expect our defense to absolutely shut him down. He'll score points. But he's one guy, and I've not heard much about anything for him to pass to, or for him to get blocks from, or for him to hand the ball off to.

Bottom line: If the defenses are a push (as I feel they probably are), then I, for one, am going to take a top 15 offense who won 11 games last year, and have had an entire off-season to mature and develop, rather than one kid with little if anything around him, just because he can run fast.

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The SEC boards are terrible. I stumbled upon an Arkansas board at the time Mitch Mustain transferred. The Arkansas fans were rather quite explicit on what they thought about Mustain. Still they hated Alabama more. The South is full of bigots. From the UW board most of the bigotry was coming from one or two posters, and other UW posters have stuck up for us. That wouldn't happen on an SEC board. No one would be sticking up for us and the rest would join on.

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I understand where your perspective is coming from, and no doubt there were some atrocious calls in the first BYU-UCLA game; and, of course the debacle from a couple of years ago in the OU-Oregon game is a horrible example as well. However, having watched every ASU game for the last several years, I can tell you this - it really may be incompetence...it really is that bad.

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Posted by cszjr - 2008/04/17 22:53

Don't let the U-Dub fans get to you. I went to school in the State of Washington and the U-Dubbers really think they are the only school in the nation. Most people don't realize that they are just as liberal, maybe more, than their Pac-10 brethren in Cali. So, of course they can't understand how someone can believe in a God other than the environment.

And since they are so liberal, their first defense is to call names. It takes too much brain power to actually try to put forth a logical argument.

I like Jake Locker, he's a great QB, but he doesn't have enough players around him. He can't carry the team all by himself.

I look to see U-Dub do better this year, but I just don't think they have the firepower to go toe-to-toe with the cougs.

It will be close because the games in Seattle. But I think we'll pull out a 7-10 point win.

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/17 22:56

I don't think it's fair to call Locker a great QB. He's a tremendous athlete and a great runner, but he's no better at playing the QB position than Curtis Brown was.

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Posted by cszjr - 2008/04/17 23:06

You're right. He's a great athlete. His athleticism gives him the ability to make some great plays. And at times, he looks really good at QB. But, he doesn't have a great arm and he tends to run when he gets in trouble. What he lacks in understanding of the game he makes up for with his legs. His athleticism makes it hard to defend him, but not impossible.

Max is 10 times better at QB. There really is no comparison.

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Posted by Tyler1830 - 2008/04/17 23:06

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My mom is from the South. I was surprised by the racial division I saw on my visits to my relatives. There are some real angry people on both sides of the divide.

However, I also met alot of people that exuded "Southern Hospitality". And they are more likely to be from the small towns. Seemed to me that the hostility was greater in the bigger cities.

But I live in Idaho. We have plenty of people who are bigoted, but luckily, we have a greater number of people who are trying to live the golden rule.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/18 00:15

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That's to be expected. Heck, most people in Seattle act like Eastern Washington (2/3 of the state) is on another planet.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/18 00:19

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Sounds like a kid that used to live in my neighborhood (he put the "hood" in "neighborhood"). He eventually got caught and had to pay to replace all those broken windows... :cheer:

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Until I overcame my own prejudices, I decided to hold off cataloging everyone else's.

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Locker was only a Freshman last year. I'm willing to bet that his accuracy will improve every year. Not to say that he's going to be bullseye (marvel comics reference :-)) next year, but by the time he is a junior or senior he is going to be scary on both fronts.

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I would agree Hengst. He was just a freshman, who got thrown to the wolves. He should improve, just how much remains to be seen. He also took some vicious hits last year. That's a concern.

Another concern is the team around him. I didn't see anyone else that was playing at a high level. He needs support around him, I am just not sure that it is there. For example, Tebow made a huge improvement between Freshman and Sophomore years, so Locker could make significant improvement. It's not out of the question.

I'd love to see him turn into a Vince Young or Steve McNair. He's fun to watch. But only time will tell.

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Zzzzzz...draw play, draw play, scramble left, scramble right, draw play, draw play, pitch right, pass, draw play, draw play...BORING

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Locker only completed 47.3% of his passes and threw more picks than TD's. If that's what you consider a great arm I don't know what to say.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nfc/teams/stats?teamId=264>

I'll take Hall over Locker every time.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nfc/teams/stats?teamId=252>

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If you make direct comparisons to Hall and Locker you are comparing apples to oranges. Locker has 1 year of college football experience! 1! Hall has 3, that's a huge difference! Having a redshirt year as a qb is a big deal. Is Hall a better qb right now. Sure. Will he ultimately be the better qb at the end of both of their careers? Who knows? If locker can improve his completion percentage and willingham can get the huskies to win some games he might win a heisman.

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All I'm saying is it's kind of a silly comparison at this point. It's like comparing a 5 year starter to a rookie in the NFL. BYU is going to win in september, that's all that really matters :-). No need to beet up on a young qb. BYU definitely has the better O and D at this point. The only thing Washington has going for it in this game is that they're playing in seattle.

The only thing that worries me is that Washington did play a few games pretty tough up there last year. They beat boise state, and gave USC all they could handle. Could be an interesting game, but BYU should win by at least 1 TD.

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Posted by jmjchess1 - 2008/04/18 15:33

BYU plays pretty good defense against the option that Air Force throws at us every year. I think the key will be BYU's ability or inability to pressure the QB in order to force hurried throws. If Washington's QB is forced to either make quick decisions and or to run the ball I don't think BYU will a major problem with Washington.

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He was only a freshman last year and his accuracy improved as the year went on, so I think each year he will get better and develop more touch. It is because he has such a powerful arm (was a baseball draft pick, 90+ mph fast ball, WA state player of the year in football & baseball) that he has below-average touch (that and his HS team ran a wing-t offense).

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Locker does need to work on his accuracy and touch (he devoted the off season to working on his intermediate passing), but his 47% completion percent wasn't entirely his fault. Our dawgs also had some inept wide receivers last year (all graduated) that dropped a lot of his passes.

He was only a freshman last year and his accuracy improved as the year went on, so I think each year he will get better and develop more touch. It is because he has such a powerful arm (was a baseball draft pick, 90+ mph fast ball, WA state player of the year in football & baseball) that he has below-average touch (that and his HS team ran a wing-t offense).

I am impressed with Locker. He's gonna be great once he uses his brain more than his legs. Beck had problems with his passing during his freshman season. He kept trying to throw the ball through the receiver instead of to the receiver. He burned them in like Brett Favre.

I just hope he gets really great AFTER BYU plays against him this season. ;)

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Re:Huskie Board Discussion of BYU

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/19 19:39

CougarPeasant wrote:

WACoug wrote:

Metallicat wrote:

I hear where you are coming from. That's actually how I think of a "great arm" but in football accuracy is more important than being able to chuck it.

Locker definitely looks like a gamer and I'm sure the coaches will be game planning for him.

Here's to a great game in the fall!

Locker can definitely run. I don't remember the last time BYU played a QB that runs like Locker. This is the type of game where Bronco's "assignment sound defense" and tackling will be the key. If the defense can be disciplined enough to stay in their gaps and tackle well we should be able to limit his big runs.

The AFA QBs always can run. But that's a different style of offense.

The last mobile QB who really gave BYU fits was Bradlee Van Pelt of CSU. The horror!!!

Air Force QB's can run, but they are not the caliber of athlete that Jake Locker is. I also do remember the drubbings that CSU laid on us during VanPelt's years. Athlete for athlete, if you swapped places with Locker and Tim Tebow, I am not sure you would see much of a difference. Tebow is probably a little better passer but he also is surrounded by much better athletes, a better offense, and better coaches.

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Re:Huskie Board Discussion of BYU

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/19 20:08

Hengst wrote:

If you make direct comparisons to Hall and Locker you are comparing apples to oranges. Exactly! Hall is a QB and Locker is a RB that throws (relatively poorly) sometimes.

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Re:Huskie Board Discussion of BYU

Posted by Yzzazz - 2008/04/21 13:11

Here's my favorite Locker video.

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=QFZv7Y8rPRQ&feature=related>

Final word on locker..."ball is tipped...and intercepted."

I loved watching him gun for the game and I think he got ripped by the ref on the forward progression call.

But lest we forget. This was Hawaii he was facing. That's right, get-BCS-beat-by-40 Hawaii, and Jake Locker and company were playing close? Even a year's improvement won't be enough to prepare for our D-line this year. And 10 years prep wouldn't be enough for the husky defense to prepare for the squad BYU returns on offense.

To me the score, not the winner, is the only question. I like Max and company by 15.

Re:Huskie Board Discussion of BYU

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/21 22:44

CougarPeasant wrote:

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While I do remember the "horror" of VanPelt correct me if I am mistaken but the last mobile QB who really gave BYU fits was Brett Ratliff of SNOT! More than HORROR!!!

Go Cougs!!!
