
UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by gordito - 2008/04/17 16:17

Your team has a new head coach, a new offense, you're limited to 15 highly structured practices in the spring and the players just skip out? Apparently the coaches had a group of refs there to ref a scrimmage, they had high school coaches in attendance, they had local recruits...and they all just waited for nothing as the players left following a tradition that dates back to the 80s.

Now I just heard about this on the radio here in Alabama and they mocked UCLA to no end. Apparently Neuheisel started this tradition when he played there but now he looks ridiculous as the head coach.

I don't know how many of the details are accurate (the radio personalities down here are pathetic) but if Neuheisel really wasn't expecting his players to ditch out, and local recruits really were present with HS coaches, then this is pathetic.

<http://sports.aol.com/fanhouse/2008/04/15/rick-neuheisel-allows-players-to-skip-practice/>

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by gordito - 2008/04/17 16:19

I'm not able to find the quotes that the radio guys were reading (brutal stuff from the So Cal HS coaches ripping UCLA and comparing them to good programs like USC that actually practice) but here's a little more about it.

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-spw-ucla16apr16,1,7153722.story>

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/17 16:45

lol, that's pretty stupid of the players. Do they do that every year, or are they just bringing back old traditions?

Maybe Neuheisel took them to the football stadium and had them lay down on their backs and imagine skipping on practice?

If this is how seriously they take things, BYU is going to lay one on them when they come to LES.

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by kenj - 2008/04/17 17:50

Too funny. I went to the LA Times and read the story. Even Chow was bummed they did the skip. Crazy. Only 15 practices and they missed one. Good luck Rick N you were an instigator when you played there now you have to deal with it. Go Cougs

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/04/18 10:54

I thought they were running when they heard that Olsen would be starting against BYU :)

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/04/18 11:49

Wow. Just...wow. Maybe they're so good they don't need the practice.

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/18 12:14

"Practice...Practice...we're talkin 'bout practice..."

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/18 12:19

CougarPokes wrote:

"Practice...Practice...we're talkin 'bout practice..."

Not a game, not a game.....not a game.....we talkin bout....
practice. :dry: What a classic putz.

edit: Allen Iverson, not CougarPokes. :lol:

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by gordito - 2008/04/18 12:44

Here's a good report about "Ditch Day" from BruinZone.com

Cowan made a quick but bad decision to support Ditch Day. Olson couldn't make up his mind, stood there thinking about it for a really long time, and ultimately got hurt during the stampede to leave the field. Rasshan didn't know what was going on, and just took off running.

Someone asked for Graves' opinion, but it took a few minutes to sort out whether he was still on the team or on a milk carton somewhere. Aaron Perez tried to punt when asked his opinion, but he shanked it and the ball hit Michael Norris on the head. Norris appeared stunned, either from the blow to the head or from his continuing amazement that he actually got a D-1A football scholarship. Someone tried to find Hale and solicit his advice, but he was just running around out of position and never did anything. Bosworth was fired up about whatever everyone else decided. Meyer couldn't get his lard butt over the fence. Kahlil Bell tried to convince the team to do the right thing but got no support from his O-Line. Skaggs didn't get to vote with his position unit because no one could figure out what unit he's in.

Chase Moline tried his best to make the right decision, but just didn't have the chops. Logan Paulsen wasn't paying attention as he was slicking back his pretty hair with his butter fingers. Everett sat out the vote because he was sulking that everyone was calling him "Chris". Harwell didn't vote because he was too busy wondering how he ended up on this team.

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Re:UCLA Players Skip Practice!?!

Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/04/18 13:43

"One day isn't going kill us. Whatever we didn't get done today, I'm sure Coach Neuheisel will make sure we get it made up somehow, someday."As long as the kids understand this, it is ok...one day will not hurt, I can agree with that...as a fan...an attitude like that as a player means you are already setting yourself up for failure..."It's just one game, it isn't going to kill us.":unsure: