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Posted by stjohmsmythe - 2008/04/16 14:13

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## Re:Rick Beuker on Colin Cowherd

Posted by jhw5 - 2008/04/16 14:25

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Posted by BYUstud... - 2008/04/16 14:32

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## Re:Rick Beuker on Colin Cowherd

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/16 14:58

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Ric Bucher is such a pompus windbag. I've watched him on espn before and I had to shut it off. Hes a red headed stepchild that thinks he knows everything about basketball, but really doesn't. The real reason the Jazz are good at home is because they have a dynamic and deep young team. Young teams don't always fare very well on the road. Plus they get great fan support at home. I think the Jazz are 1-2 years more of experience, along with the addition of a low post defender from being the best road team on top of being the best home team. The Jazz have a legitimate shot at the title this year but I see some really great chances to get at least one championship in the next 5 years if they stay healthy and can keep their team together.

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Posted by Isola - 2008/04/16 15:50

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So Bucher shouldn't have said it, but it could have been worse. When explaining why a team has such a home court/field advantage, just say it is because the fans are passionate about their sports. The other explanations tend to be offensive.

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Posted by stjohnsmythe - 2008/04/16 17:23

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man...someone dock my karma for badly misspelling bucher's last name on the thread subject.

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## Re:Rick Beuker on Colin Cowherd

Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/04/16 21:58

I went to several Jazz games when I was at BYU in the early 90s. I did not witness anything unusual. Must be the people in the good seats acting like that! :ohmy:

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Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/04/17 00:34

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Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/04/17 09:05

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Posted by declocoug - 2008/04/17 10:44

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Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/18 12:05

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That's why our CB football games were so fun, we had absolutely none of that. Too bad we haven't been able to restart them yet :-( (the flag stuff doesn't count!)

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## Re:Ric Bucher on Colin Cowherd

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/04/18 13:08

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Any time you start a sentence with the phrase "I'm not a \_\_\_\_\_ (racist, sexist, etc.), but...", the next thing out of your mouth proves that you are. I don't know why people think that if they use a qualifying statement, such as "I don't want to paint all Mormon's with a broad brush", that it completely eleviates any culpability on their part.

Now, I don't want want to lump all reporters together, but they tend to be arrogant punks who think they know everything and must educate us stupid people. They also tend to think they are above the law, and should be able to write what they want, without having to disclose sources, and write things in such a negative manner because they want to appear "unbiased". They need to come down from their ivory tower, and actually report the facts and not their version of the

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Totally agree on the parents/adult thing. I never had or saw a problem playing youth basketball, but in the same stake on the adult team...plenty of problems. And now that I think about it, there were some rather angry parents watching our youth games.

My personal opinion is as adults we don't get to compete in sports as much as we used to or want to. Many of us played competitively in high school or college so when given the chance we take it way too seriously. Those players that I play with on weekly pickup game basis never have outbursts compared to those who only play sports when the stake league starts up.

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### Re:Ric Bucher on Colin Cowherd

Posted by COUGARSTU - 2008/04/21 10:34

David Letterman asked Hulk Hogan (before he was Hollywood) what was the craziest thing he had ever done? Answer: "Mormon Ball"

I still love church ball and just smile inside when the idiots go ballistic. That's hard to do when they are on your own team but it seems like it works better to ignore them than to try to calm them down/kick them out.

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Posted by Sage - 2008/04/21 11:29

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Now... but... worked right in there.

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This is very interesting reading. It is very apparent who has experience elsewhere and who thinks Church ball is unique. I have officiated and coached in 4 different states, (my wife even played for a bar that sponsored the team in NY) and it goes on everywhere. The reason church ball gets such a bad rap is because the members are supposed to know better. We assume we should hold ourselves to a higher standard.

I don't like bad things to happen on the court, and I have noticed good officiating really makes a difference, but it certainly is not unique to church ball. The observation that the prima donnas of the NBA do this or that, only shows human nature is improperly displaying itself there also. I would much rather officiate church ball to city league. It has a lot more reward for me. I don't mind too much doing High School, but city is worse.

We recently got through with our region turny. The sportsmanship was rather good. If there are legitimate consequences for poor behavior, people don't want to hurt their team.

Officials have bad days too. Sometimes as a player the rim is 6 feet wide, and sometimes it has a lid on it or the ball is

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covered in vaseline. In the simi-final game this year I had a terrible day. I even commented to my fellow official that I just couldn't get into it. I apologized to both teams, but they were both good about it. I did a poor job of officiating, I knew it, they knew it, and they took it with good sportsmanship. One of them did start to comment and his team jumped him. Especially after I warned him. I knew I was not doing a good job...but I tried to. So, people can choose how they act. I didn't favor either team and they were pleased to seem me at the finals (well, as pleased as anybody can be at officials)

Bad sportsmanship is not unique to Mormon ball, we should just expect better of ourselves.

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