
Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/25 11:15

Notre Dame ended negotiations with Rutgers on a 6 year home and home series because, get this, Rutgers was not willing to play their home games off campus. Notre Dame wanted them to play at the new pro stadium. What's even more surprising is that UConn actually agreed to a similar deal, playing all of their home games off campus and some even out of state.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nfc/news/story?id=3366349>

I know there are some Irish fans on this board but this is one team that I love to hate.

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Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by jimmyz2 - 2008/04/25 11:43

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Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by aegis47 - 2008/04/25 11:51

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Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/25 12:12

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Doing 2 for 1's or even saying "If we play, we play at our place" are commonplace when one team is on an obviously different playing level than the other and when one team has much more to lose than the other. I don't remember us doing any exchanges with USU where we demanded that they not play home games in Logan. UConn is a bunch of suckers and I am glad Rutgers told them where they could put their home and "home" :dry: series.

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Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/25 12:12

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Not if it meant taking an SOS hit.

Re:Notre Dame arrogance

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Granted, but as long as they have the networks salivating over playing their games, they are in the power negotiating position regardless of their relative success on the field. Besides, even a blind squirrel (Weiss) can find a nut once in a while, no? It is the possibility of playing the storied program that is alluring. If there were rumors going around that we were negotiating a new contract with them, we would all be excited despite their recent train wrecks, because it is national exposure and they are who they are.

Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/04/25 13:41

I don't really care what the team does I just want to see their QB Clausen fail. When I read how his dad is and that he showed up in hummer-limo...ah man, I would love to see him just tank. I know that is probably not the most Christ-like thing to say but man, I can't stand arrogance like that. Honestly, if one of the BYU recruits did that, I would have a bad taste in mouth for that kid too. Just play, you are not a superstar yet. Really, if ND did well I wouldn't mind as long as it isn't Clausen leading the team. It would be so sweet to see SD state go into their house and take them down and give Jimmy-Boy some humble pie. Probably not likely though but here's to dreamen!:)

Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by WBcougar - 2008/04/25 14:56

jimmyz2 wrote:

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Your avatar indicates that this old adage is certainly true. If a blind squirrel can find a nut once in a while can a squirrel with good eyesight find two?:dry:

Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by MLOdawgs - 2008/04/25 14:56

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Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by scott715 - 2008/04/26 22:34

Hey did we negotiate with U St that their home games would be played in LES?

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Re:Notre Dame arrogance

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/26 22:42

No

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Re:Notre Dame arrogance

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When their renovation is finished next year their stadium will hold 55,000. Not the Big House granted, but not really tiny either.

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