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## UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by brandonjudd - 2008/04/25 11:00

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I just saw this come across the ticker on ESPN, then went and found this article. It will be interesting to see what results from the MRIs today.

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-sp-ucla26apr26,1,7357171.story>

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by hypercoug - 2008/04/25 11:05

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Hopefully both are OK, but I have to admit I cracked a smile when reading about the part regarding "Craft and Olson competing for the backup role"

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by TimO - 2008/04/25 12:13

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/25 12:16

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/25 12:54

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This shouldn't really effect BO's professional prospects, as people with bum knees, weak ankles, dwindling self-confidence and who are prone to head injuries can overcome these obstacles and succeed in the field of history.

(And, yes, I looked up BO's major, which is history. I had to come up with something else because my "BO will be a professional clipboard model for 3M" schtick was getting pretty old.)

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/25 13:15

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by lovelldog - 2008/04/25 13:18

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I am trying really hard but I just can't quite feel sorry for Olsen.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/25 13:37

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All I can say is wow. Wouldn't it be funny if it was Kevin Craft under center in september?

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by WBcougar - 2008/04/25 15:07

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You know, BYU took some heat after the Vegas Bowl because they just barely beat a UCLA team who was down to their 4th string quarterback. I wonder if the 4th string QB wasn't actually better than either Cowan or Olsen? I also wonder if Neuheisel won't scrap both senior QB's in favor of beginning the process of building for the future by bringing in some underclassman QB? Hard to say if this would hurt or benefit the Cougars when they play UCLA this coming September.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/04/25 15:13

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This news is kind of good news/bad news...Cowan was much better a QB IMHO so now the game could possibly be that much easier with a young QB starting for them...that is the good news...possibly now an easy game for us...the bad news...easy game for everyone else they play, making our SOS go down and a win over them means nothing because everyone else beats them.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by oompabluepaw05 - 2008/04/25 15:53

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/04/25 16:11

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Wow! I should not jump to conclusions! I thought Olson's injury was just to his pride, getting beat out and all...

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by lawman - 2008/04/25 16:37

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Here's a link to the story on ESPN...

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nfl/news/story?id=3368114>

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by K9Cougar - 2008/04/25 19:22

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/25 20:50

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So what does the EQ do during the off season? B)

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/25 20:52

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Too much rain at UW. They have to have a sloped field.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by bengel - 2008/04/25 21:00

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Worried about strength schedule? Not me. I'm worried about what back-up quarterbacks have done to us.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Ball4 - 2008/04/25 21:42

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NICE!!:laugh: :laugh:

Especially the Mary and Ashley reference.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Talkdoc - 2008/04/25 22:31

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Cougarbib2 - 2008/04/25 22:47

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Top 10 list of players who never should have left BYU to "better their situation" when they did because it did not work out well for them:

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John Walsh

The 4th string QB the year Tom Young, the 5th String QB won the MVP award in the Bowl game

Trent Plaisted - if he goes

Shawn Bradley

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Cougarbib2 - 2008/04/25 22:48

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Olson - Maybe

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Talkdoc - 2008/04/25 22:51

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How 'bout that kid that went to Oregon 4-5 years ago after giving BYU a verbal? What was his name?

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Talkdoc - 2008/04/25 22:53

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ngata or something like that? Remember him?

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/25 22:55

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On the ESPN link they quote Chow as saying Cowan's injury, in his opinion, will keep him out for the season. Olson should be back in 6-8 weeks with a shiny pin in his foot.

Go Cougs!!!

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Cougarbib2 - 2008/04/25 22:56

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I vaguely remember him. Hali Ngata or something like that. I don't recall hearing how it all worked out for him. Did he tube?

I couldn't remember the name of that 4th string QB either, but I went and looked and it is

Brock Spencer

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/04/25 22:57

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I am not sure why people still bag on Bradley for going into the NBA after his mission rather than return to BYU. He was the second player selected, he got all kinds of guaranteed money, which would have been significantly capped the following season. He maximized his earning potential by doing what he did when he did it. It was a no brainer. I would have loved to see him play another year or two for BYU, but I don't begrudge anyone who has a chance to do professionally what they want when they want. He had a productive, if unremarkable, pro career. It's time to let it go on Bradley.

As for Olson, I don't think he would be BYU's starter now had he stayed. He is awfully injury prone. He's gone. He made the right choice for him and for BYU. He found his eternal bride at UCLA. It's time to move on.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by dlz - 2008/04/25 23:00

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I really don't think Shawn Bradley belongs on your list. I think the smartest thing he ever did was go pro. He refused to try out for any of the teams when he returned from his mission. He had a very good career, never a super star, but successful. I am not sure any college years would have improved his stature with the NBA. Just my humble opinion, which some say is not worth too much.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/04/25 23:02

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Ngata had a stellar college career and was All-PacTen and an All-American at Oregon. He was selected in the middle of the 1st round as I recall and has played well in the NFL.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Cougarbib2 - 2008/04/25 23:11

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I actually like both players (Olson and Bradley) personally and have met them and have their autographs. I actually wish them both well. I agree that unless Ben stayed healthy and developed more confidence, he would not have made it big at BYU either, but he would have gotten a few more chances to play during his years. I am not sure it made it any worse for Olson, I am just saying it did not provide the betterment he sought.

In the case of Bradley, I felt he lacked physical skills and maturity when he turned pro. If he played at BYU longer he would have set some records, matured mentally and physically, and still gotten drafted high and probably would have made an impact sooner after he went PRO. I do not think it would have turned him into the all - everything NBA Center. I guess I am just seeing these as cases where someone left BYU with a little bit of an over-inflated impression about their immediate future and it did not meet their expectation of how it was going to turn out. In the case of Bradley, I felt Ryan Cuff and others swayed him against the coach while he was on his mission to further their own agenda. Perhaps in actuality, Bradley just prayed about it and was guided by the Spirit. Only Shawn Bradley knows.

Speaking of people I have met, but in this case never bothered to get his autograph, Chris Burgess would need to be

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added if we count people who flirted with BYU and then dumped them for a prettier face. Of course he did not play 1 year at Duke and then go pro as he planned and ended up having to finish out being a Ute.

He probably helped get Roger Reid fired, which I have always felt was a mistake, not to take away from Coach Rose at all, but Roger Reid was a far better coach than the guy who dumped BYU to head back to Fresno.

In any event, the list is intended for fun. If it feels a little mean spirited I apologize and promise to let it die if no one is interested in using this to liven up a boring time of year.

And, I sincerely hope that Ben Olsen recovers in time to lose to BYU and then win every game after that and turn pro, play in the super bowl and win the MVP ring. I really do. And, I wish Shawn Bradley had broken all of Lew Alcindor's records in the NBA. I really do. I love them both.

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Talkdoc - 2008/04/25 23:16

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I think Shawn Bradley is in the mental health field. I saw him recently at a conference. He's kind of a stand-out. I remember when I was in the band at BYU and we were playing a pre-game show outside of LES (Cougar Stadium then) when I saw Bradley walking in the crowd. Not a single person in the mob even reached his shoulders. The dude is taller than Lurch!

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by Mars - 2008/04/26 12:20

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brandonjudd wrote:

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-sp-ucla26apr26,1,7357171.story>

lawman wrote:

<http://sports.espn.go.com/ncf/news/story?id=3368114>

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=272&sid=3165208>

I feel bad for Cowan, and Cowan only...

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## Re:UCLA QBs Cowan and Olson injured

Posted by CWC - 2008/04/26 13:27

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Freak, poor guys. Same day too. :(

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