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Posted by BYUstud... - 2008/04/26 08:55

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Re:Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by Stallone - 2008/04/26 10:00

I don't think he was wearing the hat to rub in the Nat'l Championship or BCS. The guy had good intentions while here at BYU. I don't think he was trying to ruin the program or lose games. He lost control of the team and couldn't regain it. It's one thing for Crowton to be mad if he got canned after some good seasons, but we're talking three losing seasons in a row. He would have to be pretty sick in the head to think there weren't grounds for his dismissal.

Re:Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/26 10:02

He was probably here recruiting that o-lineman from timpview that every school and their dog is after.

Re:Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/04/26 14:08

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Re:Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/04/26 14:22

It is graduation week, did he have a kid graduating from BYU? That might explain his presence as well. Of course, recruiting dem Marman and Utah boys should be right up his alley as well.

Re:Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/04/26 22:23

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Posted by Mars - 2008/04/27 00:07

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Re: Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by njcoug - 2008/04/27 00:35

99.9% sure he was here to recruit Xavier Sufalo. X went to the LSU camp last summer.

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/27 08:55

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Don't forget that he also alienated a lot of former players and people around the program. By the end there weren't a lot of Crowton-supporters associated with the team.

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Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/04/27 14:00

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He knows talent too. The issue is how to get that talent to either perform (he managed to do so in 2001) or stay out of trouble. We'll never know how that crop of players would have done had they stayed away from inappropriate things and of course, the wrong girls. (Kobe Bryant anyone?)

He might have inherited an experienced team when he took over (Doman, Staley, etc.) but the cupboard was really bare behind them. I'm related to Lavell but i still have to admit that after the Luke Staley class, we had a run of some real stinker classes (stinker due to their production when they got here, not the national rankings when they signed) and (I mention this in another post) a lot of wasted scholarships on guys that never contributed.

What Bronco has managed to do, is to right the ship and avoid the type of waste that had occurred for the last ten years at the Y. Scholarships aren't wasted with Bronco (in fact guys without scholarships are even contributing big time); and we have depth for the 1st time in recent memory.

(Draw up a depth chart for the next 5-8 years and you'll pinch yourself how well Bronco and his staff have done) literally you can pencil guys in for a long time from now that we know are going to star. (Adam Timo, Bronson Kaufusi, Craig Bills, etc. etc. etc. I fully expect Jake Heaps to be the next superstar BYU QB too)

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Re: Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by TimO - 2008/04/27 22:15

terrific family man and offensive genius (apparently...which i say because i hate 2 qb systems-they flat out don't work...even at Oregon, sorry its true. Great playbook though...

The point: Get out of Provo and never come back, cant you feel a dirty taste crowton? Or did BcS money clean it up nicely? Your welcome to your hometown by any means (orem) but stay out of Cougartown unless your coming to play the Mighty Cougars

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Maybe he was there to get some tips on how to run an offseason program? :lol:

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Must have been a gloomy overcast day...

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Re: Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/27 23:39

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Metallicat wrote:

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Answer: Nobody

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Re: Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by stgeorgefan - 2008/05/01 04:56

CUT AND DRY: Crowton in 2001 inherited most of Levells Seniors/best players.

The last couple years BYU did not have steller recruiting classes under lavell. Berry was a highly touted QB, but never turned out to be great, then who else????????? Bronco's first two years of W's came 99.9% from Gary Crowtons Recruits. Beck, Harline, Brown, Coats, Collie -

Crowton IS NOT as good as fit at Byu as BRONCO is, but lets not forget that Gary had a very empty cubbord after 2001. PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

Who know if Lavell had some great classes in 99-00 then maybe we wouldn't have been so bad? Maybe Gary would still be here??

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Re: Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by Cougy_Monster - 2008/05/01 12:02

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I don't think even Bronco could have pulled off a winning season in 2002-2003.

Re: Crowton in Provo.....

Posted by treck - 2008/05/01 12:26

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Las Vegas bookies might have been interested in winning by 9 or 2...depending on where the line was.:side:

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Posted by Sage - 2008/05/01 20:47

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That scandal lost more than GC his job. Both the ad for the women and the men lost their jobs. I never really liked the ad for the men. I knew him personally and was not too thrilled, especially when he first hired Crowton. Even when GC won if you will recall, in the doman staley days, we didn't win by nearly as many as we should have some times. I just thot GC was not a good coach, and the ad was in the same boat. I have no idea why the women's ad was replaced.

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Les Miles is a good head coach. Crowton is a terrible head coach.

As far as lines, think back to the last BYU @ UNLV game and how it ended...

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