
Probably been beat to death but.....

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

I couldn't find the threads with these links--

4 BYU Players on the Rotary Lombardi Award Watch-List:

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=272&sid=3159810>

<http://www.byucougars.com/Filing.jsp?ID=10721>

Jorgensen Named Lott Trophy Candidate:

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=272&sid=3159796>

<http://www.byucougars.com/Filing.jsp?ID=10733>

<http://blogs.sltrib.com/byu/2008/04/jorgensen-up-for-lott.htm>

Plus Max Hall is getting the Heisman hype, Unga has got some good pub at RB, and Collie is gettin' ready for a serious breakout year (and don't sleep on Matt Bauman and the NEW Cougar D!). :cheer:

But who cares about All-Americans etc when we can just go 13-0 instead and take THAT title first!?

Re:Probably been beat to death but.....

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/27 00:11

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Damn, I've been paying too much attention to politics lately. For a moment there I was wondering what Jorgensen had to do with Trent Lott. Thought maybe Jorgensen was a poly-sci major...

Thanks Mars for putting all the links in one spot.

Re:Probably been beat to death but.....

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/04/28 08:31

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/04/28 09:24

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I think he is one of those players that you can game plan against but you still can't stop. A quick look off and the safety turns his hips the wrong way and Collie is gone. And with all the talent running out for passes (Reed, George, Unga, Tonga, Fui, Pitta, and others), I think Hall will spread the ball enough to make the "D" occasionally forget about Collie and then it is too late for the "D".

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Posted by treck - 2008/04/28 09:33

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That's why it will be important for a second receiver to really step up this year, like Reed. Or maybe one of the younger receivers.

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Austin has at least 1 younger brother that will probably be wearing a Y on his helmet in the future, and he is said to be the best of the bunch.

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... like in OMG? I'll vote for that.

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Posted by treck - 2008/04/28 16:19

Good points. The one that worries me the most is #9. But as long as #2 and #3 are solid, it should be a pretty amazing couple of years.

What happened to #3?

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The mere fact that Austin came home from a mission and accomplished what he did is a miracle and worth celebrating; BUT.....

Let's not get carried away, Collie is a very good receiver but there have been dozens of better receivers as freshmen in college football.

Austin does not put the fear of God in DBs (Yet) like Roy Williams, Michael Crabtree, Randy Moss, Tim Brown, Rocket Ismail, Anthony Carter, and even Peter Warrick, Michael Irvin

Austin's sophomore numbers rank about #35-#45 in college this year

<http://sports.espn.com/ncf/sortables?stat=rec&group=80&year=2007&sort=rec>

Yr	Gms	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg./R	Avg./G
2004	11	53	771	8	82	14.5	70.1
2007	13	56	946	7	66	16.9	72.8
TOTAL	24	109	1,717	15	82	15.8	71.5

He's a really good player and will get better, but he's got a ways to go before being talked about in the same breath of the best receivers in college football let alone college football history.

http://www.ncaa.org/library/records/football/football_records_book/2007/2007_d1_football_records_book.pdf

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Excellent points, Hengst. (I would comment about giving you Karma, but I see that may have negative repercussions... ;))

Regarding #2, I think Collie's injury was a fluke in the Tulsa game - his ankle got twisted on an usual tackle and he played hobbled for most of the year.

It's been a LONG time (too long) to see something exciting on kickoff returns. Too often, the ball ends on the goal line and we just simply return it to around the 20 or 25, anyways.

I think Bronco will seriously look at the kickoff (and, in general, Special Teams) as a way to change/gain field position. Some of those run-backs changed the perspective of the game. Rather than starting on 25, we start on the 35 or 40 (or BETTER), we gain anywhere from 1-4 extra "plays" that we don't have to execute.

Adding in to that, we all expect kickoffs to get better when Sorensen's foot will be behind the ball. Forcing teams to start at NO BETTER than their own 20 means that THEY will have to execute that many more plays for a score - more opportunities for them to make a mistake.

I believe that's one of the reasons we lost the regular-season game with UCLA last year (besides the fumbles, the penalties, and the officiating....) - it was a difference in field position. They started better than there 35 and we started no better than our own 20.

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