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Posted by Vote4BYU - 2008/05/01 14:38

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by bengel - 2008/05/01 14:57

Thanks for the link. For whatever pre-season rankings are worth, it's nice to see the Cougars receive some national love. Here's to a much higher post-season ranking.

Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/05/01 15:04

Good find and Karma to you (By the way, do you not like Stewart Mandell? Why?). I was surprised that Fres. ST. was not on there not that I believe they should be but that everyone else is talking about them. I think 17 is a good spot from the press. If we started there in the Fall I would be quite satisfied. I would say anywhere higher than 21 and I would feel good and tingly inside.:)

Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by Isola - 2008/05/01 15:17

I love that we are getting preseason buzz, but we have got to come out of the gates strong or it won't mean a thing. Of course starting at 17 and running the table could setup something special.

Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by jhw5 - 2008/05/01 15:28

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/05/01 15:47

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Like calling our All-American DE a linebacker?? :unsure:

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/05/01 16:23

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Posted by huskercougar - 2008/05/01 17:11

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/05/01 17:35

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I don't get the love affair that many have with Fresno State. BCS buster? I can't ever imagine a 4- or 5-loss BCS team (other than ND, of course) being invited to a BCS game, let alone a 4- or 5-loss non-BCS team.

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Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/05/01 17:39

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/02 05:05

It's amazing to me to still see Ohio State at #2. That's like having Hawaii at #3 despite their bowl loss.

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by Vote4BYU - 2008/05/02 07:51

Good call on the Jorgensen--perhaps I should have italicized "relatively!"

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/02 07:56

When I saw the title of the thread I thought it was going to be a spin off of the redneck jokes. Like, "You know it's the offseason when there's a 6 page thread on American Idol."

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by Vote4BYU - 2008/05/02 09:35

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But in that spirit, you know it's the offseason when reading the speculation on which BcS conference BYU will get into takes so long you have to shave at least twice before you're done.

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Re:You know it's the offseason when...

Posted by PP3 - 2008/05/02 13:14

How about when the NFL draft is the most exciting event in recent memory.

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Well the last time one told me a joke I was lucky and didn't get the point! :dry:

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Yeah Stewart needs to leave the comedy to Howie.
