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Posted by OremCougar - 2008/05/06 10:18

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## Re:CBS Sportsline has BYU at #14 in preseason top

Posted by gordito - 2008/05/06 11:03

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Is schedule a part of preseason rankings? I know the Buckeyes have a recent history of being overrated and showing it in the championship games but I have no problem with them starting on top this year. They were a very young team last year and didn't lose much. They also have one of the best running backs in the country as well as the most talented recruit I've ever seen play.

Good for them for scheduling that type of game. If they win, it will shut up the overrated cries (however if they lose, it won't drop them too far down the polls and give them time to climb up again by the end of the season when they win all of their Big 10 games).

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I really doubt BYU's AP ranking will be that high until about half way through the season assuming that they don't lose. But it would be great for them to start there.

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## Re: CBS Sportsline has BYU at #14 in preseason top 25

Posted by Isola - 2008/05/06 11:39

I thought it was a good sign that he had us 2 spots higher than pre-spring. He had us sliding past Wisconsin, LSU and Virginia Tech, although Clemson jumped us. Looks like spring showed him that we could plug people in on defense. Now I know that this assumes that he actually saw some of BYU's spring, which may be a reach, but normally they would just not watch us and leave us where we were or drop us behind schools he did watch. Good sign, even if we don't start with that sort of ranking.

I also had a laugh at what he said about Fresno State. Bulldog fans have been talking up this year, but they tend to focus more on the first sentence than the second sentence

If the Bulldogs get past Rutgers, Wisconsin, UCLA and Boise State, they could be playing in the Orange Bowl. What's more likely is that Pat Hill will upset at least one of those teams and win nine games.

Fresno State should be good this year, but they haven't had fewer than 3 losses since 1991, and haven't even won the WAC since 1999. But I will give them props for scheduling, even if it is a bit masochistic.

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## Re: CBS Sportsline has BYU at #14 in preseason top

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/05/06 13:59

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Actually this year's team is supposed to be the real deal. They are projected to have at least 5 players taken in the 1st round next year and I have seen projections of up to 7 players. Also, the thought is that USC QB and RB play will not be up to the usual USC standard so all the so called "experts" think the maturing year OSU had last year should propel them all the way to the BCS NC (and winning it) and winning at USC early on.

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There's never an excuse to lose to Stanford when you're USC and get the best two players at every position every year. Not to mention it was at the Coliseum.

No, USC will once again be good, but I have a feeling they may be losing in LA this year to the Buckeyes.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/06 14:49

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Perhaps the thinking is OSU with one "close loss" at USC will still be a top contender for the NC because the rest of the Big-10 won't be much competition this year, while USC will have a tougher time going undefeated in the PAC-10. Also USC lost something like 10-11 players to the first two rounds of the NFL draft so they are rebuilding or at least reloading this year.

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## Re: CBS Sportsline has BYU at #14 in preseason top

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/07 11:49

Funny. I'm favoring USC over Ohio State by 24 (no bets though, sorry).

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## Re: CBS Sportsline has BYU at #14 in preseason top

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/07 16:09

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I swear these "pre-season" pollsters just pick these same teams just because they have no better place to put them.  
Look at the Big East, for example.