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## BCS or Bust???

Posted by huskercougar - 2008/05/08 15:13

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I think that with all the pre-season hype and talk, this is what we have come down to. If BYU does not make a BCS game, I think we will all be a little disappointed. I for one will be. It definitely is no gimme by any means. So, here's the question, if BYU does not make a BCS game, will you be disappointed, and do you think they will make it?

Here's to hopin' they do!  
BCS of BUST!!!

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/05/08 15:19

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Posted by Hengst - 2008/05/08 15:22

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It depends on a lot of things. If someone important gets hurt early in the seasons I think I'll be happy with a lot less. If everyone stays healthy I don't see why they shouldn't win every game. TCU and Utah will be the toughest games on our schedule and I don't think either team will really be all that much different from what they were last year which means BYU should be able to beat them.

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/05/08 15:32

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I will be a LOT disappointed if they don't go BCS bowling next season. I think about the only way they don't is by injury to Hall. Every other position has depth so QB is the key to me. Lose him and BYU will be a long shot to go, keep him

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upright and they will most likely be playing in the Fiesta bowl (which would be an even bigger KUDOS to the team since it's the Orange Bowl's turn for the so called at-large team).

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/05/08 16:04

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I don't think either the players or the fans have the BYU game circled, per se. At least that's the impression I get from their fan boards (I know, a limited perspective). This could be a trap game where they seem to disrespect us, and start with Oregon, and then play Oklahoma after us.

About the only thing they look forward to is avenging the losses in 1985 and 1999, and the supposed stealing of their NC in 1984...

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by rackem - 2008/05/08 16:27

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by CrimsonCoug - 2008/05/08 16:34

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There is absolutely no chance of that! If we go undefeated, we will definitely be in a BCS game. We will for sure be ranked in the top 10 by then, which will guarantee us going.

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Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/05/08 17:03

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I have a feeling that the UCLA game will be tough, but should be a win. Very similar to how the AZ game played out last year.

I don't have a big concern about UNM. They lose a lot of their skill players on offense, other than their QB.

Washington will be tough; we just need to contain Locker and their freshman WR (Polk). Even the UW fans know that their defense will still be an issue, even with an influx of new players.

Air Force will be rebuilding - they lose both Carney and Hall.

TCU will be tough, but they are already starting a downward trend that will continue next year, as well. I believe both of their bookends (Chase & Ortiz? are gone).

Utah will be tough no matter WHICH field it's played on. That will probably be the toughest (and closest) game all year long.

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by Isola - 2008/05/08 17:29

Looking at each game individually we win them all, but looking at the season as a whole it is hard to say that I won't be disappointed if we don't make a BCS bowl. There will be a lot of tough games, but I don't see a game we shouldn't be favored in. Utah will likely be the toughest game, but I would be surprised if we face a healthy Brian Johnson.

I think our offense will be nigh unstoppable. We should really have a balanced attack. Unga, Fui, JJ and Tonga rushing behind our big, experienced offensive line and we should be able to pound the ball if necessary. Then Hall with Collie, Reed, Pitta, Ashworth and the backs...can you imagine game planning against this offense?

I am a believer in our defense too. Jorgensen and Nixon provide the leadership and many of the new players have seen a lot of playing time. I don't know why, but So'Oto playing LB makes me giddy. I think defense is more about the system, and I believe in Bronco's system.

I think Bronco will have them taking it one game at a time, starting with Northern Iowa, and this should be a special year.

And next year...

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/08 18:59

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/09 06:12

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Our fanbase craves an 11-1 season or better after the past two years. That's a whole lot to ask, perhaps, but it's where our hearts are set. If we lose at Washington and win all the rest, it's the best season we've had since 1996.

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/05/09 12:08

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Generally speaking I am an eternal optimist. As some have said, looking at each game individually I can't see us NOT favored in any of them. Collectively, it takes a great team and a little luck to go undefeated. If I had to choose to go undefeated this year and get a BcS invite and then drop a silly game somewhere along the line next year, or have the reverse of that, I would take the latter option. I believe we will finish 11-1 or undefeated this season (barring significant injury) and undefeated next year when we add Jacobson back in the mix with Collie, Pitta, Hall, Unga, George, Chambers, etc. etc. etc! And at that point, we will become the first Non-BcS team to have the top three players from their team! (Hall, Unga, Collie in no particular order)

Go Cougs!!!

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by Cougy\_Monster - 2008/05/09 12:19

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by scott715 - 2008/05/09 12:52

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Why don't we schedule out OOC games all at home, then we can't lose on the road. Nevada did that to us this year by pulling out (note I would not pull that trick on anyone). Another thing, maybe we should do the home and away series over three years instead of two. That way we won't play a team three times within a year like UCLA will be.

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/05/09 13:31

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I think there was talk of playing NI and Utah State at the same time so they could garner an extra bye week in the middle of the schedule. ;)

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This scenario, while horrible, would only cause me to need counseling if the win allowed the Utes to go to the BcS! Aaagh! The horror!

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### Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/09 14:40

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Well put. I think every game is winnable, but undefeated seasons are just plain special.

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### Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by buzzard - 2008/05/09 15:15

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Well put! That is exactly why it is BCS or Bust. We have to make a BCS bowl game this year!

OK, so here is the scenario. BYU and Utah are undefeated going into the final game, and the winner goes to the Fiesta Bowl. Who of you sleeps at all the week leading up to the game?

This is actually a prediction of mine of what is actually going to happen. That would be intense! ESPN will pick up the game, and put it on ABC. Of course then BYU would dominate the game, and the Yewts would know that we owned them!!:laugh:

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2008/05/09 18:27

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I'm hoping for the Fiesta Bowl. I will say this though, the Vegas bowl is getting a little old. 3 years in a row is fun, but I'm sick of playing mediocre Pac-10 teams. Cal, Oregon, and UCLA were all mediocre. I know we lost to Cal, but that was Bronco's first bowl game as a head coach. Use it as his Mulligan!

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Either way, I'll be at every home game this year, and hopefully a lot of the road games. I'm headed to Seattle for the Washington game, and Logan for USU. Go Cougars!

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/05/10 08:53

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I can never say BCS or Bust for BYU. A sweep of the Pac-10 schools (which should equate to an undefeated nonconference schedule) would be good enough for me assuming they lose no more than 2 conference games. It's time for BYU to start doing some damage against nonMWC schools in the regular season.

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Posted by CWC - 2008/05/10 14:51

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Good point. I just saw that on the schedule! Maybe Michigan instead? Either way, we could use a Big-10 team and a Pac-10 team in the championship game to help our chances of getting to the Rose Bowl.

So, my bad on the scheduling of that one. Isn't that the same day we play UCLA?

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by cougs\_dawgs - 2008/05/11 07:47

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Sorry USC is not going to go undefeated...Georgia will!!!

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## Re:BCS or Bust???

Posted by gladejo - 2008/05/11 17:17

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cougs\_dawgs sounds like my son. Since we moved here to Georgia, he has become a big UGA fan. We work together, so everyday we talk some sports, and that always includes the Cougars!

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