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## HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by catholicmat - 2008/05/08 20:50

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by wildeone - 2008/05/08 20:59

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congrats! karma to you! (is karma of some other faith? idk)lol

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/08 21:05

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Glad to hear it man. Don't be a stranger.

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by Polycougar - 2008/05/08 21:18

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Good to see you around man, I was wondering where in the world you'd run off too.

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by runbyu1 - 2008/05/08 22:11

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Great to have you back. It was fun thinking we had a great catholic fan on the board though! But even better to have you active LDS.

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/05/08 22:26

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So does this mean you're going to say "Buck with Bronco or Buck the HECK off" now?

I guess the only great Catholic we have now is Jim McMahon!

Good to see you back here-we need you.

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/05/08 22:45

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CMat, Where the Buck you been man! Great to see you...I hadn't even seen you around MWCBoard lately! Does this mean that you battle with the WoW that we talked about a few years back is won!?! That is so awesome! Congrats and

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seriously don't be a stranger.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by Florwood - 2008/05/09 00:06

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/09 06:07

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Wow- I never knew you were ever Mormon to begin with!

So how's the weather in Southern Cal right now? :evil:

P.S. Don't be a stranger.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by dloug - 2008/05/09 06:55

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Great to have you "back"! You've been missed while you were away.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

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

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C-Mat, welcome back! I was a believer in your Catholic background. I found it cool and actually mentioned to some Ute "friends" that I knew a really cool Catholic that like the Cougs! :-0

Go Cougs!!!

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/05/09 09:03

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Florwood wrote:

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LOL!

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/05/09 09:19

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Hey Catholicmat WAAAAASSSSSUPPPP!!! I feel like an old friend just showed up...

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/09 09:35

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Yo CMat. Great to have you back - here & at Church. Keep on bucking. I've missed your enthusiasm here on the board. Stick around. We're expecting a fine season. :cheer:

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by Sage - 2008/05/09 09:40

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Hey man. Welcome back. I would like to ask a question, but wish to keep it in a sensitive vein. Please do not answer if it is inappropriate to ask, or you just wish not to answer. Why did you leave the church, and why did you come back or what motivated you? Again, if it is too personal or for whatever reason, don't answer. But if you could, it may be beneficial to some of us to hear why we do what we do. Thanks man.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by TRUEblueBYUfan - 2008/05/09 10:36

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Funny, I always thought your name was Cat-hoilec-mat with a Cougar holic reference :cheer: , rather than Catholic Mat. and the religious theme. Especially with all the love for the cougs over the years.

Comming back is always a good thing. I know how that goes.

So keep the name and tell them your a Holic for the cougs!!!

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by Cougy\_Monster - 2008/05/09 12:15

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Puff Daddy --> P-diddy

Catholicmat --> C-matty?

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by huskercougar - 2008/05/09 16:50

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I agree, definitely don't change your moniker, unless it is something like excatholicmat. If you were always LDS, why was your moniker catholicmat? Oh wait, maybe you were a catholic mormon (Easter, Christmas):.laugh: ;)

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Anyway, welcome back, and keep coming to cougarblue. Welcome back to church as well, I know it can be a tough transition, because my roommate just came back after several years. Hang in there!

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by BOID - 2008/05/09 19:02

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Hey, cmat. It's good to hear from you, man. I'm another member that has been telling friends about this cool catholic dude that was such a BYU fan. I generally read more than I post, and I can say that your stuff has been the most entertaining. I have a musician friend in South Lake Tahoe who was catholic that came to our ward there for over eight years before finally becoming LDS. Anyway, please don't feel bad, and consider keeping your moniker for old time's sake.

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by catholicmat - 2008/05/09 19:36

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Thanks all for the kind words.

One asked why I left the church, and decided to come back. I won't get into it all, but will tell you that over 20,000 LDS members, in the state of Utah, go to the LDS 12 step program. 20,000 members! Addictions are a terrible thing. My addictions were, and in no special order, Money, drinking, Chewing, smoking, eating, too much NFL on Sundays, blogging on these boards, and I am sure more.

I hit my rock bottom 4-5 months ago, I lost my wife, my kids (get em on the weekends, oh boy!) for my addictions. Look, everyone knows someone or has heard the same thing. I left the church for selfish reasons, one addiction led to another. NFL on Sundays, led to drinking, which led to, fill in the blank for whatever. Now this is just my story. Some people can control their minds and body, but for some reason, for me, I just just have to go for it. So, selfishly I left my Savior. I left what I was brought up to be. I was reading The Book of Enos one day. And it HIT ME like THUNDER AND LIGHTNING. My soul cried out, I got on my knees and asked for forgiveness, and I felt a sweet spirit come over me.

So, I threw myself back into the church. I am scared to death of falling back. I do my best to read the scriptures every day, and pray, just the simple things. I go to my 12 step meetings, I want to serve. I want to have the Priesthood back in my life at some point. Such a great thing to have.

For those that have never gone astray from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I tip my hat to you. For those that are in-active and came back, let's do this, and let's do this the right way. For those that are still in-active, read The Book of Enos, but do it if you really want to, and if you really want to change.

The one thing that has been consistent with me, is BYU football. I will just say that Bronco is the right man. Especially for these last days.

If the Moderators could just change my moniker to Matt, that would be great.

Boid, that is great stuff, about your friend.

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## Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/09 20:26

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catholicmat wrote:

NFL on Sundays, led to drinking

Well when the home team drafts a :side: with the number one pick you'll think what the :ohmy: and then :angry: which can lead to :S , and then you wake up and :X. At first you think :pinch: and then :( you read Enos and :blink: which causes you to turn to Savior and you're thinking :) :) :) B) ;)

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/09 20:29

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BTW I still owe ya for the you know what. When I get out of PA school I'll buy something pricey from ya.

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It's pretty easy for us to change our own names (hence Eldermars-->Mars and etyotx-->byutx). All you need to do is go into "My Profile" and then to "Edit", then to "Update Profile".

Thanks for sharing your story and good luck. I know how hard it is to come back-I'm pulling for you. Again, we're glad to have you back!

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by yutka - 2008/05/09 22:20

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People try to say that BYU and BYU sports, are only a missionary tool, or not important to the Lord... but I want to second Matt's thought. I was having a hard time back a few years ago... Won't go into details... but I'll just say I wasn't as interested in attending Church with what was going on in my ward and Stake... Anyway... BYU, and BYU sports were one of my major connections to the Church. When I would come home on Sunday's asking why I even bother, BYU was a connection to the Church I knew, loved and believed in. Even during the Crowton years, BYU and most easily connected to, BYU Sports, were a reminder of what I knew, love and believe in about the Church. Thankfully I am in a better place (Physically and mentally) and for the most part enjoy and want to attend church (with four kids under 7 is it still trying)... but when I was going through those dark times, BYU was something I could focus on that helped me (and my wife) from totally giving up on it all (the church not life... we weren't suicidal.)

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by southendzone - 2008/05/09 22:31

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Anyone who can beat addictions has my admiration. Chocolate has me whipped. Keep it up and good things will follow.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by bostoncoug - 2008/05/09 23:18

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Welcome back Catholic Matt, you've been missed around these parts!!!! I respect and admire you for battaling your

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demons and having the determination to keep up the fight!!!

Good luck to you!!!!

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/05/10 09:08

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Welcome back Matt. It's always good to have you around.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by HoosierCougar - 2008/05/10 11:01

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a the Mike Meyers character Linda Richman would say "I'm feeling a bit verklempt..."

Maybe a Coffee Talk reference isn't the best choice for this thread considering the undertones of your post, but I've never been known for tact. In any case, Matt, welcome back under any Moniker.

I wasn't sure you were LDS, but you made a couple of posts that made me think you certainly got the inside jokes.

Onward and upward!

-HoosierCougar

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/10 11:16

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Matt, I wish you the best in your efforts to overcome and stay away from your addictions.

I notice you listed blogging on this board as an addiction. :blush: Please think of us as a "support group" and we'll do what we can to help you take your mind off the less important things in life. ;)

Seriously though, I pray that as you get yourself right with the Lord that you'll be able to do the same with your family.

Recently I read a good book that helped me better understand the principle of forgiveness. It was called "The Peacegiver" (published by Deseret Book). I think you too might find it helpful.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by JaredCowley - 2008/05/10 13:06

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Much respect, Matt. Welcome back.

Jared Cowley

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by the\_other\_blackguy@byu - 2008/05/10 16:04

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Wherever you decide to go, n whatever u decide to do, remember that you will always have the boys in BLUE! Go Cougs! U r the man Matt. Much stronger than many of us (well, at least myself).Love your insight.  
the\_other\_blackguy@byu

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by montanafan - 2008/05/10 22:26

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Welcome back Matt, I have missed you so much, and have wondered what happened to you. Reading your post actually brought tears to my eyes. I don't post very much but read the board every day and have been a faithful BYU fan since 1951, mostly basketball then cause football was played mostly in the daytime and we could not get KSL radio during the daylight hours, so I would listen to the games on the radio but Dean Bennett did a good job of calling the play by play so it was better than nothing, also the football teams were not very good then but the basketball teams were very good under Stan Watts. Well I guess that's enough for now Matt but you are one person I'd like to meet some day. Again welcome back Matt it's great to know that you are OK. --- Morey.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by fansince5 - 2008/05/10 23:12

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What up my Brutha!

Hope you find time once in a while to give us some insight. Its not been the same here since you left. I couldn't be more happy for the change in your life!

Much love!!

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by decloucog - 2008/05/11 23:00

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MATT!!!! Hey man, I loved reading your posts when I was first looking at cougarblue. I've missed having you around. Keep up the good work.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by FullyInvested - 2008/05/13 16:50

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Hey, welcome back man. Hope the ward down in Carmel treats you well.

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by sjcougfan - 2008/05/13 18:10

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Great to have you back, on cougarblue, and more importantly, in the church. I've always enjoyed your posts on here, as well as your calls to the local radio shows. Good luck with overcoming your addictions.

Might I recommend "the artist formerly known as Catholicmat" for your new name? On second thought, that's a bit long. Mormonmatt has a nice ring to it. B)

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**Re:HEY ALL! Catholicmat no more!!**

Posted by niqmadu - 2008/05/13 18:19

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CatholicMat, somehow that name lends credibility to the board:) If you you need to change it do, but I always like it and you how it always was.

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