
Recruits for next year?

Posted by CougarPokes - 2008/04/22 09:32

It seemed that last year at about this time, maybe even later in the summer, that every day I would read the paper or check CB there would be another recruit giving a verbal to BYU. However, it doesn't seem as though we have had as many recruits signing. Is that because we don't have as many scholarships and so they are being held out to higher profile recruits (re: T'eo, who is receiving heavy recruiting from Notre Dame). I know of a few players who have given commitments, but are there others coming and who has given a verbal at this point?

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/22 11:10

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Posted by cougfan1 - 2008/04/22 11:55

Actually, at this time last year BYU only had 4 commits for 2008. Whereas, BYU has 5 right now for 2009. So we are actually ahead of pace. The difference is that a few commits for 2009 committed WAY early, so it seems different because the news of people committing is more spread apart. However, although we are ahead of pace, I think that will change. First, because there are less scholarships to give out this year. Two, because the offers right now are to highly touted players that we have a pretty legit chance of getting. I don't think many of them are going to commit early with all of the attention they are getting from big schools. Therefore, the commits will come in slower from here on out. Hopefully, BYU holding out for the highly touted players doesn't dissuade other recruits that could have signed because they weren't offered as early or receive as much attention.

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Is that like the airlines overbooking a flight?

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Interesting. It would be nice if about 20 more prospective USC prospects committed before Manti Teo.

Than our chances of having him be a Cougar would greatly increase! ;)

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Do you know how that works? DOn't they just get the previous years seniors' scholarships?

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I would think if he was removed from school...that scholarship would become available. I am not quite sure on that one...it was just a guess. He is not enrolled currently and won't be until winter quarter. I am not sure if that frees up a scholarship or not.

ANYONE KNOW?

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