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## Future Opponents

Posted by CWC - 2008/05/10 15:47

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### Future Football Opponents

Below is a list of future non-conference football opponents. Please be aware that all future schedules are tentative and subject to change. Nothing is ever final until the University announces its full schedule in late February each year.

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Nevada

@ Washington

UCLA

@ Utah State

2009

@ Arizona State

Florida State

Utah State

2010

Washington

@ Florida State

@ Utah State

2011

@ Washington

@ Army

Arizona State

Utah State

2012

Army

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Looking ahead gets me really excited. It's going to be a lot of fun playing the Seminoles and Arizona State.

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## Re:Future Opponents

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/05/10 16:35

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Our contract is for six years, I believe-4 in Provo and 2 in Logan. It started in 06, skipped 07, and starts up again this season.

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## Re:Future Opponents

Posted by BOID - 2008/05/10 17:00

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Posted by TRUEblueBYUfan - 2008/05/10 17:33

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Do you want the smart "A" version?  
So we can pad our record, and tell the rest of the state of Utah "shut it!"  
Or would you rather hear a "proper version".  
"We love the in-state rivalry and look forward to a continued tradition of what has become the quest for the Beehive  
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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/10 18:09

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Try <http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/5696/sched-f.htm#teams>.

In edit: Of course I'm also finding links that don't show us on the ND schedule. The planned series might have been cancelled as has been previously mentioned.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/10 19:01

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Here is another site that says we do play ND. <http://hikend.com/futureschedules>

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Posted by OLB - 2008/05/10 22:05

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This has been discussed in a few threads over the past couple of years.

BYU does NOT have a future series with Notre Dame. I think the story is that Holmoe failed to follow up with Notre Dame after BYU made switch in schedule to helpout the Irish. I'm not saying whether it is true or not, but if I remember prior threads correctly, that seems to have been the issue. I think Val Hale had a good relationship with Notre Dame, but he was fired shortly after the start of the 2004 season -- the last time the Irish played in Provo. When Holmoe came on, BYU still had the return trip to South Bend.

National Champs had BYU and ND playing for a long time, I think mostly because some Irish fan sites thought the game was on.

I used to visit an Irish fan site, and they seemed to be okay with playing BYU -- most posters on the site seemed to prefer playing BYU over Boston College because BC fans were "morons."

I wish we would see a renewal of the series, but I don't see the two teams playing (barring a bowl match-up) anytime in the next 10 or 12 years -- at least.

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## Re:Future Opponents

Posted by CWC - 2008/05/10 22:48

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It would be kind of cool to be like Notre Dame and just play whoever you feel like it.

I'm sure it's more complicated than that but still that would be cool.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/10 23:32

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I think part of the issue was that when ND played at AFA, the MTN contract prevented most ND fans from being able to view the game. That would make ND hesitant to do a future home & home series with any MWC team.

Also, ND always schedules seven home games every year. Now they've started to limit their away games to four at the opponents' field and then one at a "neutral" site in an area where they like to recruit - like Texas. An example of this is their scheduled neutral site game against WSU.

How would it be to have a program where you only actually play four games at the opponents' venue every year. BTW I believe the NCAA requirements require a minimum of four away games in order to be bowl eligible. They probably call that the ND rule.

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## Re:Future Opponents

Posted by Cougy\_Monster - 2008/05/11 11:09

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I think you're on to something, Cougy. I just think there are too many things BCS teams hide behind, and scheduling 4 road games is one of them that really pisses me off. Other similar tactics include playing in the Big Ten or being Notre Dame.

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## Re:Future Opponents

Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/05/12 10:19

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"Does anybody really care?" (continuing the Chicago theme... :laugh:

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Posted by WinnemuccaCougar - 2008/05/12 10:24

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No more so than UNLV and SDSU the last few years. I don't want to have to play these guys either but if, in the future, it comes down to USU or a Division 2 school I would prefer USU and that is already set let's hope the forth team on the SCHDLE in the future is some one decent.

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I personally don't have a problem with playing USU - there have been some historical precedence of some great games (although, others that were not so great). I personally would drop (at all possible) FCS games, schedule USU early in the season; play a decent, non-BCS opponent (Tulsa was actually that: as an example, they had a decent year and were vying for the C-USA championship); and 2 "name-brand", "BCS" schools (even if they are on the "downside"... ;) If this includes ND, then so be it. I love beating ND; besides, they do have classy fans.

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Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/12 11:05

Let Notre Dame schedule all their games at home if other schools are stupid enough to agree. I wish BYU would never agree to a 2 for 1 or neutral site contract. The smaller conferences should unite and sign a pact that they will not schedule anything but home and away. Of course they need the money and that will never happen.

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But stadium size was your premise in your original statement. Why does Florida ONLY play smaller programs OOC? If it was revenue-based only, wouldn't they be willing to play LARGER programs? Something doesn't add up here.

The reason that Florida (I use them as an example, because they are one of the most blatant "offenders") is because they know they can get practically every OOC game AT HOME. They "feel" that because the Conference schedule is tough, that they don't have to risk a loss when they have 4 guaranteed wins.

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Good points. The built-in advantages are taken for granted in the big picture but when it's SEC powerhouse against BIG 10 powerhouse all else is equal and it's style of football and good coaching that wins out.

Most importantly, why should big programs be forced to schedule smaller programs? Because it's fair? :laugh:

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I did a little research for the last 10 years of Florida football (since 1998) and aside from FSU, they have played Miami (FL) twice. That's it as far as non-BCS OOC games. They have played a lot of directional schools (EMU, WMU, UCF before they went to the Big East, NE La, WKy, WCarolina) They have played some semi-tough teams depending on the year, though the teams were not necessarily "good teams" the year Florida played them such as UAB, Marshall, So Miss, La Tech and Troy; and then the patsies like SJSU, MTSU, FAMU, Ohio, Ball State Fighting Letterman's, and the Citadel. I think you'll find similar slates for most "big name" schools as well as those that thrive of the success of top-tier teams simply because of their conference affiliation (see Kansas State, Duke, Baylor et al.) It seems to be a perk of being in the Big Money Club...you can schedule patsies and everyone seems to not care by and large.

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Former Utah State Athletic director Randy Spetman had a good relationship with Tom Holmoe probably factors more than anything on why BYU is willing to travel to Logan in 2008 and 2010. From purely a college athletics business perspective it only makes sense for BYU to insist that Utah State play all games in the series in Provo, the same holds true for Utah to insist that all future games with the Aggies be played in Rice-Eccles Stadium. Both schools do financially much better by playing the Aggies in the bigger stadiums they call home

But Utah State still has more political power both with BYU's Board of Trustees and Utah's Board of Regents and legislative committees than many can ever imagine. There has been little doubt on my mind that for BYU, Tom Holmoe has been told by one prominent and high ranking trustee who is a USU alumnus, that he must agree to; "Play Utah State in Logan or else!" One reason Tom Holmoe's predecessor was booted back in 2004 was Val Hale's inability to work with some trustees at BYU as I see it. This one trustee in particular is very difficult to work with at times, and in the observation of many still thinks BYU should operate the way they did in the Ernest L. Wilkinson era (1951-1971). Chris Hill no doubt faces similar heat from state higher education regents and legislators up at Utah.

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Posted by TimO - 2008/05/18 21:16

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