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Posted by lovelldog - 2008/05/12 11:09

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Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/12 11:20

Was there an article on this? Or do you have some inside information? I wish the best for Trent and enjoyed his contribution to BYU basketball. I predict he will go 2nd round and hopefully be in the Rocky Mountain Review.

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Posted by Mars - 2008/05/12 12:10

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The camp has a limited number of people (I believe 70). Having an agent shows that you are serious about going and it also can get you into other camps prior to the one in Orlando. Trent is currently in Woodland Hills at one of these camps that was recommended by an agent. More than that I think it gets you more invites to teams because agents will of course have a lot more connections.

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I always knew you were a homer! :laugh:

Nobody has defended Trent on this board like you have. Good for you for being loyal but I'm not holding my breath on his pro career. I guess I'll have to find a new scapegoat for next season...JT maybe?

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Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/05/12 15:07

Good Luck to Trent.

Selfishly I would rather he stay at BYU because I think BYU is better with him than without him. If he can get paid for doing what he loves more power to him. Nothing is more overrated than staying in college to improve your draft stock. Chances are he would be in the same or worse position next year. I hope he continues to represent BYU well.

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Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by deaner - 2008/05/12 15:16

Unfortunately, I don't think Trent will get drafted very high. As I watched mock draft lists through the year, he started high and has gradually fallen off the list. There are three things he needs to improve on in order to play in the NBA:

1. Learn to hit a 10-15 ft. jump shot. We already know he can get around just about anyone to the hoop. If he can force the defender to play honest outside 10 ft. it will open up more for him going to the basket.
 2. Post moves. We all know he is left handed, and while he did improve with his right hand, he is still nowhere close to where he needs to be. He won't get away with his flailing prayers at the basket that he puts up sometimes. Granted, he does have a very effective drop step move as long as he is on the right block
 3. Free-throws. He gets to the line so much because he is more athletic than everyone else. Teams learned that if you can stop him, just foul him because he can't hit from there.
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Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by decloucog - 2008/05/12 19:41

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I'm going to have to go with the popular sentiment here, I think both Trent and BYU would have been better off with him staying another year. That said, I can't say I blame him for going for the money now, and wish him the best.

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Posted by deaner - 2008/05/13 10:48

I disagree with this. I think he still needs to improve in a lot of areas before making it big in the NBA. Another summer of work on his shooting, free-throws, low-post moves and another year at BYU would do him some good.

His draft stock isn't that high currently and unless he does something amazing, I don't see it changing much. Staying another year would give him a chance to improve his stock. If not, he could always play in Europe, which is where he might end up anyway.

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I just e-mailed Dick Harmon about this. I hope he doesn't mind me sharing what he said. He hasn't heard this yet and is looking into it.

Dick appears to think that these two statements are contradictory. If Trent needs an agent to get to the camp, that means his draft stock isn't that high and he will likely go undrafted because the NBA isn't stupid - they know who is out there and what teams are looking at.

So, if you are on the draft radar you will get an invite with or without an agent; if you aren't on the radar you may get in with an agent but you are unlikely to get drafted. If Trent hired an agent to get to the camp, he is likely looking at Europe right now.

No offense, lovelldog, but I think you might be getting incorrect information on this one.

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Posted by gmoney - 2008/05/14 11:17

i am back and decided to see if this trent thing is actually true. there is nothing on espn or cbssportsline that even says he has hired an agent. Dick Harmon doesn't know this yet, so whats the deal? This seems wierd to me. Trent makes me the most mad on the team but i am no idiot and would love to have him back and make a huge run next year.

For the record that jared hanson comment and the impression he left was freakin hilarious.

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Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by domanater - 2008/05/14 13:09

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He got more from BYU than he ever gave us. Don't let the door hit you on the way out.

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Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/05/14 15:17

I wonder (operating under the potentially false assumption that this rumor is true) if Trent's decision to go pro stems from advice he has received in his continued relationship with Shawn Bradley, who advised Trent against mission service if he wanted an NBA career.

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Posted by NorCalBlue - 2008/05/14 16:46

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If he came back and his team got into the sweet sixteen, he might end up a lottery pick; instead he's going to get a 2nd round minimal salary for a year before the league realizes he has no NBA value.

Arajou made more money because of his senior year (aka lottery pick) than Trent will make in his entire career; if it is true that he hired an agent. I'm in the same boat as a few others, if he's dumb enough to listen to the wrong people, then I don't want him at BYU. We'll be just fine with Chris Miles; at least Miles can rebound and box out.

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Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/05/14 18:06

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2. Hansbrough will be a scrub in the NBA. Go ahead and bookmark this post.

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Posted by rblack - 2008/05/15 08:00

This rumor is now almost 3 days old with no confirmation by normal media outlets. I think it is safe to say that the individual who started it is not an insider as he claims. The safe bet is still that Trent will return next year.

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I have enjoyed Trent athleticism. He runs the floor well for a big man and he has quick feet.

IMO, he needs to develop a higher release for his shot in the post (it seems to me he hucks up too many shots from just above shoulder level while leaning toward the basket which reduces his height advantage).

If he decides to go pro, maybe the NBA or Europe will help him develop his free throw shooting as well. :huh: But its hard for me to believe he couldn't work on those two things in Provo.

I hope to see him back at BYU, but I only wish him the best if he is able to make a career in basketball here in the US or in Europe/South America.

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If Lawson and Ellington stick in the draft (most people believe they will), no one is giving UNC a shot. That's 2 of their big 3 gone.

Hansbrough is a good player and has a shot at being a good player in the NBA. I never disputed that.

If you really believe that "Trent Plaisted was just a great waste of a scholarship," then you have a very poor understanding of basketball. The guy comes to BYU and leads the team in rebounding and scoring his freshman (not counting his injury year) year. He then comes in second in both categories to the MWC player of the year his sophomore and junior years.

By pure coincidence, the team is 9-21 the year before he starts to lead the team and 20-9, 25-9, and 27-8 in the three years mentioned above. Those three seasons only had two things in common: Dave Rose as head coach and Trent Plaisted as one of the team leaders. A head coach can't do it on his own. To call Trent Plaisted anything short of one of the key elements to BYU's success these last three years is sheer folly. Don't get me wrong, the guy has his flaws. But that doesn't warrant stupid statements like yours.

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Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/05/15 10:18

Perhaps the most overrated thing in all of sports is staying in school to develop your game. The NBA rarely drafts based on how polished a player is, but based on what their upside is. There are very few players ready to be successful in the NBA from day 1. The NBA knows that. That's why most draft picks spend a large amount of time on the bench or in the D-league before they are ready to contribute in a couple of years.

Look at the Lakers. Bynum's potential was undeniable. It took 2 full seasons before he really became a player in the league. Jordan Farmar bounced back and forth from the D-league to the NBA THIS SEASON. And now, he's a contributor.

If the question is development, there is no question going pro will give you the best chance for development if you are drafted. If you may not be drafted then going back to school may be your best bet since there are no guarantees.

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Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/05/15 10:18

Honestly, I think this rumor is true, and that Trent is not coming back. He almost didn't come back last year. There is enough noise about his problems with the coaching staff over the last couple of years to make me think that at least

some of it is true.

Trent has finished his degree, has a wife, and maybe just actually wants to get on with his life. Sadly, the best year for him to go may have been after his Freshman year. He hasn't improved much since then, but teams draft on potential. Now scouts have more info on him, and see that he hasn't improved much the last couple of years, thus limiting the perceived potential in some peoples minds.

Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/15 10:19

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... And in this corner - wearing the blue shorts ...

Ok guys no head butting or hitting below the belt. Come out swinging. :S

Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by frdbtr - 2008/05/15 12:58

NorCalBlue wrote:

You guys who think Plaisted needs more improvement in order to be a success are fooling yourselves if you think he'll get more improvement at BYU then with an NBA program to be successful as a pro. The only guys who are better off spending the extra year in college are the ones who won't make it in the NBA and need to stretch out their good careers as long as possible. If he is going to be a success in the NBA, the NBA will make him a success faster than BYU will. If he is destined to fail, then he will fail whether or not he gets another year with us.

I disagree with you, the NBA is a meat market and if you don't succeed early they spit you out and move on to the next guy. Trent has a lot of athletic ability but is a 1 dimensional player that will be easily neutralized by quicker more athletic guys that have his same height. He needs to develop a jump shot to succeed in the NBA. NBA teams will have little patience for a guy who can't shoot, can't shoot free throws and can't play defense.

Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by frdbtr - 2008/05/15 13:07

The sad thing is, if Trent had developed a jump shot and raised his free throw percentage, he would be a lottery pick hands down. I hope for the best with him, but frankly I don't see him being a success in the NBA. he has an average post up game and has a hard time scoring in a half court offense. I just don't see that translating into anything successful in the NBA.

Re:Trent\'s Gone

Posted by rblack - 2008/05/15 13:23

rblack wrote:

This rumor is now almost 3 days old with no confirmation by normal media outlets. I think it is safe to say that the individual who started it is not an insider as he claims. The safe bet is still that Trent will return next year.

:blush: I retract my previous statement as it is becoming clear that he has in fact signed with an agent. I apologize for doubting the veracity of the statements by the poster lovelldog.

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Re:Trent's Gone

Posted by scotts - 2008/05/15 13:37

We have media confirmation - from Greg Wrubell:

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=498&sid=3311878>

EDIT: just saw the separate thread -

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