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Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/19 22:57

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/20 00:30

Good find Cat. Pretty positive review overall. Bit of a slam against the way he's been coached at BYU, but that may be fairly accurate seeing as how Trent hasn't shown a lot of improvement in his shooting skills or in playing facing the basket while at BYU. Too bad, because it could affect BYU's ability to recruit players of similar skills. I wish Trent much success in the NBA.

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Re:Draft analysis on Plaisted

Posted by WACoug - 2008/05/20 08:12

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Posted by treck - 2008/05/20 09:08

Nice read. I really hope he does well at the next level...as most of us do. Looks like he just needs some focused coaching to help HIM improve, the athleticism is there. Definitely a cut at BYU coaching/system for not developing Trent, but then again, BYU basketball has never really done a good job developing big men. I hope they can improve their development with Chris Miles who has the strength, size, and tenacity to be a real nasty pounding big man.

Good Luck Trent, and good luck to the Trent-less-Cougars next year.

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I have changed my opinion on this whole matter. I didn't want him to leave and would have liked to see him stay with Cumnard, Fredette, and everyone else to have a strong year. However, if Trent needed to stay another year to develop his game more, what info to we have to support the fact that he will be able to improve with the same coaching staff and playing against college players. He hasn't and won't...and the posibility of injury is also out there.

I now like the move for Trent.

It sounds like he is already making changes to his game that will help him at the next level. The article mentioned several areas of improvements already and combined with his upsides, he will be ready...someday. Maybe it will be on an NBA bench, or the DNBA, or Europe...but Trent will get a chance to play against better players and with better coaching...and get paid for it.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/20 12:18

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I disagree about the reason for the lack of development. The coaches choose the style of game that their team plays. What BYU wanted out of Trent was only a fraction of what Trent needed to be working on to be successful in the NBA. BYU might have had even more success if, when they found a big athletic player like Trent, they had made the coaching commitment to help him develop his game outside of five feet from the basket. Perhaps then BYU would have not become so reliant on the 3pt shot, which can kill you if your long range shooters are having an off night.

Re:Draft analysis on Plaisted

Posted by deaner - 2008/05/20 12:28

I don't think his improvement would have anything to do with the coaching staff. Here's a recipe Trent's improvement:

1. 1000 jump-shots/day from around 10-15 ft. With his quickness, if he can force a big defender to play away from the basket, Trent will eat his lunch. As for now he can't do this.
2. 100 free throws/day. Let's face it, if he can't hit a free throw, especially because of how much he gets fouled, games will turn into a hack-a-Trent.
3. 500 jump hooks from the low block (primarily going to his right hand). While he has improved with his right hand, it is nowhere near where it needs to be. Just watch the games against teams with smart defenders guarding him...they all forced him to the weak hand where he often threw up his flailing wild hook shots that almost never went in.
4. Foot work practice. His drop step on the right block is good, but he needs to focus on his drop step from the left block to the right hand

None of this requires a coach to be present, just hard work and dedication.

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Posted by lovelldog - 2008/05/20 12:33

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What you don't think Nashif is qualified to coach big men? ;)

Re:Draft analysis on Plaisted

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/05/20 12:35

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With that type of feedback in his ear, it's no wonder Trent's not coming back.

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Posted by cougarsincebirth - 2008/05/20 13:04

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Don't forget, there is always the New York Nicks!!! Although, Isiah is no longer in charge, so we will see. He is an improvment over Marbury though don't ya think?

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Re:Draft analysis on Plaisted

Posted by Gunk - 2008/05/20 14:08

I wish him luck. Honestly, I won't miss him, though. I was tired of his attitude.

Sure BYU may not be known for developing big men, but no amount of coaching can teach a player to go hard to the basket, play aggressive or play without fear. It was hit or miss with Trent. 6'8" players intimidated him and that's has nothing to do with a lack of coaching. That's all mental.

Trent will probably get drafted. He has a good agent and at camp he'll likely perform well. As soon as it's game time, though, the NBA will see the same thing. The NBA doesn't want powder puffs.

Not only that, but Trent's defense is HORRIBLE! They'll put him out on the court and he'll be a liability. No way can he contain any NBA forward or center. Some team will get him, he'll sign a 2 or 3 year deal, go to the D-league and end up in Europe.

I'm glad to have Miles step in for him. That guy leaves it all out on the court and isn't too busy dreaming of playing in the NBA to appreciate where he's currently at.

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Totally agree with you here. How many reports did we read of all the new moves Trent added during the summer while attending Big Man camp and two games into the season he's chucking up half extended hook shots. At least extend the whole way, Trent! Don't throw it past your ear.

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