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I believe you can still make decent money by going in the second round.

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by craigoscarsen - 2008/05/20 22:17

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You can also be cut.. or designated to the D league. Trent will rot on the pine for a year and end up in no mans land, instead of having a resume' senior year with a top 10-15 BYU squad. His professional career will be about as long as Luke Staley's and about 1/5 as long as Arajous (and 1/100 as profitable.)

The true money in the NBA is in longevity. A guy like Mark Madsen builds a reputation in college and lives off that reputation for a decade+ and is set for life. Same for Scott Pollard, Brian Scalabrine, etc. And don't give me Europe; for every 1 guy like Travis Hansen there are 49 other Americans that Europe chews up and spits out. It's not all rainbows and roses in international hoops; especially for a guy that can't shoot the ball. (European big men make their free throws too)

Trent is nobody to the league and will be treated like nobody.

I would have completely understood if a guy like Stephen Curry (who did have a resume' year) left early because his team lost their top 3 players or the guys on Kansas;(chalmers, arthur, rush) because they just won the NC, etc. But Trent did nothing at the end of the season and his stock is not very high right now. He basically would have been holding a full house and the keys to a shiny study loaded BYU team with a depleted NCAA field, and instead pushed all of his chips in holding a pair of 2s. I think we completely overvalue the fact that he's 6'11" - Heck the state of Utah has produced 9-10 6'10"+ guys in the last few years; they're just not as rare as you'd think; (especially ones that can't hit the back side of a barn from the free throw line, can't box out, and don't have a single offensive move that will work in the NBA.)

I try to root for guys that leave BYU and move on to the pros, but I just can't root for Trent. To me, his leaving early was on the bone-headed level of a John Walsh or Luke Staley.

What he potentially would have gotten out of leading the most talented BYU team since the mid 80s could have been priceless. If you don't see the value of senior seasons, look no further than Arajuo. The guy is set for life from his 1st lottery contract; a contract that Trent will never see in his entire playing career. Haffa earned that contract from 2-3 games his senior year and his huge effort against Syracuse; a losing effort for the BYU team but a big winner for Haffa. Because of the way that Haffa went out, I could root for him regardless of his lack of success. I dont' think I'll ever root for Trent.

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What guard did we have this year that was capable of penetrating the lane? Just one, and he was a true freshman.

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So because Trent didn't have a developed game, we put that on the coaching staff? In that case, I suppose they get 100% credit for squeezing every bit of potential out of a 6'6" guy like Keena Young that could do all of those things. Bravo, coaches..you did a great job with Keena, why couldn't you do the same with Trent? ;)

Over=depedence on the 3? How else were we going to score? Trent and his one soft move? Honestly, there were several games, that I wished we had shot more 3's. Let's not forget that JT is a true soph; Jimmer is a true frosh, and Murdock and Burgess were never ideal starters for a top 20 team. I'd say we did a great job taking advantage of our strengths by shooting 3's. Again, if the next option was giving Trent the ball, I'd say chuck the 3s up as much as you want.

And Cosic, Ainge, Roberts, Michael Smith, Durrant, Hanson, etc. were all gym rats that loved the game of basketball. Since when did you ever get the impression that Plaisted loves hoops? He's a big man that wants a paycheck.....that's all

Our hoops team hasn't been in better hands since before Shawn Bradley flew the coop and Roger Reid lost his mind.

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Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/05/20 23:23

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Plaisted sucks...plain and simple. Very athletic but full of himself and has no skills from outside of 8 feet from the basket. And when down low if they take away his left side hes done for. There was one game of his that he impressed me and that was against UNC, but we still lost so who cares. He was such a weenie when it came to rebounding...I never saw him crash the boards with much effort. If the ball didn't bounce straight too him he would just watch the ball go into another players hands instead of fighting for it... Plaisted is destined for Europe to become a has-been...or a never was. I won't miss you and your freakin' huge nose, Trent. I wish you luck though, I just think you will regret not staying for one more year to maybe take advantage of the resources available too you. Such as amazing coaches, trainers, and one more year of seasoning... Hey maybe the Bulls will take a chance on you though with the #1 pick just like the Bucks took Bogut with the #1 pick a few years ago (I bet the bucks are kicking themselves now that they see D-Will and CP3 emerging as superstars and Bogut nothing more than a role player)...Adios Amigo!

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So do you think if Trent had come back his Senior year it would have changed his draft status? I highly doubt it. The place where your draft status moves up or down is in all the camps and work-outs where you go up against other NBA-type players and get the coaching you need. If you look at the thread on Plaisted's work in one of the camps, he's given a pretty good assessment. They actually talk about his hustle and the fact that he's a good learner. If you were Plaisted would you honestly come back for another year?

Your argument doesn't even make any sense to me. You say that Trent should have come back, but point out that so many guys from big name schools did really well in college, but didn't make it in the pro's and that many guys who weren't that great of college players, but who had a lot of potential have made it big in the pro's. If anyone that's played at BYU recently had a ton of potential it's Trent. Did he reach his potential, no, but you've just proven that many guys don't reach their potential until they get to the NBA and get the coaching they need to get them there. Am I saying that Trent will go in the first round, no, but if he's drafted it will be for the amount of potential that he has. People are already talking about his athleticism. Coming back another year wouldn't have done anything for him.

Also, have you ever heard of Shane Battier or Grant Hill? They both played at Duke and have done pretty well in the NBA. Beasley went to K-State because Huggins was there.

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Posted by craigocarson - 2008/05/20 23:40

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Did Bogut impress in workouts or on the court in their deep NCAA runs?

And obviously you didnt' read by statements that well because even though those guys werent' great pros, they got great pro contracts. Something Trent will never sniff. My point in bringing up those programs and the players that they produced, is that coaches and programs don't make great NBA players.

To your last point, considering their college careers, Grant Hill and Shane Battier have been considered flops in the pros. For different reasons (Hill with injuries and Battier with a limited game and marginal athleticism) neither played worthy of their college accolades and draft positions; and Huggins was gone prior to the ink drying on Beasleys signature; he could have gone anywhere he wanted but was recruited by Frank Martin. How do I know? I live a stones throw from that campus.....

Again, I have to disagree with anyones assessment that coming back wouldn't have helped him. If BYU made a sweet sixteen run or better next season, you don't think he would have been a 1st rounder this year? Youre nuts if you don't think so. Many a player has earned themselves 1st round or lottery position based on the strength of one season and/or a deep NCAA run with their team.

Trent sold at the lowest his value could be. How could you not assume that there's a possibility that he could have improved his stock?

Honestly, some of you just won't believe this until Trent gets drafted late in the 2nd round or not at all; flounders in summer camp or his rookie year and is never heard from again. Then there will always be "what if..." Just like, what if Luke Staley kept going to classes so he could have returned for his senior season after busting his leg again. Or what if John Walsh had listened to Lavell and others and stayed for his senior season?

I just think that his supporting cast next year would have been good enough to trick an NBA exec into thinking that Trent was a better investment than he is. (it happens all the time-ala Morrison, Haffa, etc. etc. etc.) This argument is strictly about the kind of contract that Trent could have gotten and the length of time he could have rode the pine before getting the boot. I don't think there's much argument that he's not NBA worthy as a player; if there is, you need to go back and look at some tape. But certainly, you don't have to be a great player to get a good contract; you just have to be at the right place at the right time. It nevers hurts for that place to be deep in the NAAs and it's one true and tested way to find yourself overvalued and with a fat rookie contract. Just ask Haffa (and he didn't even win an NCAA game)

Trent is selling in a buyers market. That's not the way to get the most out of your value. He's going to become a disposable 2nd round pick when it's entirely possible that he could have easily earned himself a 1st round contract next season. The difference between those contracts alone is worth staying the extra year; especially when the highers a team drafts you, the more the tendency is to hold onto you and attempt to salvage your draft value. The later you go, the more disposable you are and to say that Trent will be disposable is quite the understatement.

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Posted by RogDog118 - 2008/05/21 04:44

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Sounds like we are having an only faith vs. only works argument. Both the college performance as well as the camps and workouts are critical to the assessment of an NBA prospect.

Also, outside the elite players (like Bird, Jordan, etc. that were cited), coaching makes ALL the difference in how a player contributes to the game. And coaching does especially contribute a great deal to how a big man develops. They work on positioning, steps toward or away from the basket and finishing touch around the basket. Those necessary techniques are developed through evaluation and controlled practice scenarios.

One example of an arguably elite big man who has improved due to coaching is Dwight Howard. The Magic brought in Ewing specifically to work with him and he has improved because of it. When he started, he was not an ambi-turner when moving to the basket and his rebounding positioning needed work. I would argue that each year has seen improvement in those areas due in large part to the work that he is doing with Ewing.

So basically we come back to the only faith vs. only works argument. The entire cross-section is important, not just one aspect.

Oh, and I don't get where people come from saying that Trent P. is a bad basketball player. Did he not develop into the elite, super dominant player that we had hoped and that he had the potential? Yeah. But he is a darn good ball player and will be missed at BYU. It still remains to be seen what will happen at the next level.

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A lot of potential lottery picks minimize the amount of workouts they actually do, because their value is so high from their college performance. Haffa had limited workouts, Bogut did too. Laettner didn't even attend pre-draft camp being the 2 time college player of the year. So yes, your college performance can overshadow workouts. Same goes for Adam Morrison, who had awful workoouts but his work in college was too hard for Charlotte to pass up. He got a lottery contract and has already been labeled an NBA bust.

Don't get NBA bust confused from a guy that didn't get a good contract. Those guys got great contracts but then sucked in the NBA; to me that's a much better option than giving up your college eligibility and getting a terrible contract or no contract and then sucking in the NBA, which is what Trent would do. Like I said earlier, with Trent's supporting cast at BYU, his size and athleticism, he still could have made some noise in the tourney and improved his draft status greatly. Don't confuse that from making a good pro; he won't make a good pro but he could make a compelling argument for a team to pick him high- just like Morrison, Haffa, etc.

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/05/21 11:18

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First, I haven't read every post in this thread so if I am repeating something already said, forgive me. Second my BIGGEST concern, and I'm probably just a worrier in this matter, is that future prospects read any of this and make decisions about BYU based on fans like we profess to be. I appreciate honest assesment and opinion but to say things like we'll never cheer for him or we expect him to fail seems a little harsh. I hope future players don't read this board at times like this. I hope, as disappointed in what I as a fan may be missing out on because of his and others' choices, that I can still find it in myself to be supportive and grateful for them helping us get where we are.

From me, I say thanks Trent and good luck wherever you end up playing for however long you have the chance to play! (wish I were you in the potential \$ scope of things!)

Go COugs!!!

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/05/21 12:31

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Trent is absolutely making the correct decision to go pro right now. I've kind of been back and forth on this issue for a little while, but now I actually have come down on this side. Basketball wise, the best year for him to leave would have been after his freshman year. After only a year in school you can still have the potential tag on your name, where after 3-4 years you have to have a reason why you are actually no better than you were after the first year.

Here's how the draft scouting report would have read after his freshman year: Trent Plaisted, Fr. BYU, 6'11", 220 lbs. Plaisted is a great athlete that is a very raw talent. The left-handed Plaisted has the ability to score down in the post as he can elevate over the defender with his athletic ability. He rebounded well in his only season at BYU because of his great athletisism, but will need to work on positioning to be as effective at the next level. Needs to work on improving his right hand, free-throws, extending his game out to 15-18 feet as his jump shot is inconsistant, and improve his face up driving game. Also needs to work on improving defensive technique. Plaisted needs to develop more strength to survive an NBA season. Projection late first to early second round based on upside.

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Posted by deaner - 2008/05/21 13:17

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I couldn't agree with you more!

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by deaner - 2008/05/21 13:36

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You'd have to be crazy not to see that players can gain greatly by having a solid season with a winning team. Do you honestly think that Adam Morrison became a lottery pick based on his workouts with the scouts? Did Arajuo earn his contract during the season or in work outs?

Did Bogut impress in workouts or on the court in their deep NCAA runs?

And obviously you didnt' read by statements that well because even though those guys werent' great pros, they got great pro contracts. Something Trent will never sniff. My point in bringing up those programs and the players that they produced, is that coaches and programs don't make great NBA players.

To your last point, considering their college careers, Grant Hill and Shane Battier have been considered flops in the pros. For different reasons (Hill with injuries and Battier with a limited game and marginal athleticism) neither played worthy of their college accolades and draft positions; and Huggins was gone prior to the ink drying on Beasleys signature; he could have gone anywhere he wanted but was recruited by Frank Martin. How do I know? I live a stones throw from that campus.....

Again, I have to disagree with anyones assessment that coming back wouldn't have helped him. If BYU made a sweet sixteen run or better next season, you don't think he would have been a 1st rounder this year? Youre nuts if you don't think so. Many a player has earned themselves 1st round or lottery position based on the strength of one season and/or a deep NCAA run with their team.

Trent sold at the lowest his value could be. How could you not assume that there's a possibility that he could have improved his stock?

Honestly, some of you just won't believe this until Trent gets drafted late in the 2nd round or not at all; flounders in summer camp or his rookie year and is never heard from again. Then there will always be "what if..." Just like, what if Luke Staley kept going to classes so he could have returned for his senior season after busting his leg again. Or what if John Walsh had listened to Lavell and others and stayed for his senior season?

I just think that his supporting cast next year would have been good enough to trick an NBA exec into thinking that Trent was a better investment than he is. (it happens all the time-ala Morrison, Haffa, etc. etc. etc.) This argument is strictly about the kind of contract that Trent could have gotten and the length of time he could have rode the pine before getting the boot. I don't think there's much argument that he's not NBA worthy as a player; if there is, you need to go back and look at some tape. But certainly, you don't have to be a great player to get a good contract; you just have to be at the right place at the right time. It nevers hurts for that place to be deep in the NCAAs and it's one true and tested way to find yourself overvalued and with a fat rookie contract. Just ask Haffa (and he didn't even win an NCAA game)

Trent is selling in a buyers market. That's not the way to get the most out of your value. He's going to become a disposable 2nd round pick when it's entirely possible that he could have easily earned himself a 1st round contract next season. The difference between those contracts alone is worth staying the extra year; especially when the highers a team drafts you, the more the tendency is to hold onto you and attempt to salvage your draft value. The later you go, the more disposable you are and to say that Trent will be disposable is quite the understatement. Again, Mr. Unga, I couldn't agree with you more. Any one who has any basketball sense can see blaring holes in Trent's game.

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by Gunk - 2008/05/21 13:41

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To echo stuckinbig10country, maybe Trent is smarter than some of us, including myself, have given him credit for. Over the last three years he's improved marginally. Odds are if he stayed another year his numbers would be very similar to those he had last year, which wouldn't look so good. Right now he has the allure of a player leaving early for the NBA because they are so "good."

As far the whole "not getting the coaching he needed" comments, my opinion is any player that pulls that card is looking for an excuse for poor performance. Sorry. If he was so distraught with the coaching at BYU, why didn't he transfer? I'll tell you why, because at BYU and in the MWC he's a big fish in a small pond. If he transfered to another school in a "power" conference he wouldn't have stood out.

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Posted by nuk13 - 2008/05/21 13:44

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From me, I say thanks Trent and good luck wherever you end up playing for however long you have the chance to play! (wish I were you in the potential \$ scope of things!)

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Ammom, I agree with you again as well as stuck10. What's with the attacking the guy. I can see why some would reconsider coming here with such harsh criticism.

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by WinnemuccaCougar - 2008/05/21 13:49

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by TimO - 2008/05/21 14:04

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so did somebody (a yew fan) manipulate him into talking to an agent? I'm willing to bet trent will be back playing basketball in provo next season...as a flash...

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by buzzard - 2008/05/21 14:29

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Why do I get the feeling that the horse we are beating is so dead that it is starting to smell funny?  
He's gone, ain't coming back.  
How do you think Miles will do this coming season?

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by Short\_Changed - 2008/05/21 15:23

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by Short\_Changed - 2008/05/21 15:34

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craigoscarson,

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No one wanted Staley because he was damaged goods so that is a bad comparison. He had a huge list of past injuries. Staley had to come out when he did. How do you know already that no one wants Trent? I still don't get you man. You say he should have come back so he could have improved his draft status and then you say no one wants him. Very interesting.

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by SenorCougar - 2008/05/21 15:50

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/21 15:51

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Posted by Sage - 2008/05/21 15:58

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Posted by Hengst - 2008/05/21 16:09

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Great players are born, not coached and carved out of stone. They either get the most out of less by working their tails off (like a Steve Nash) or have developed enormous skill to go with their fabulous genetics (Kevin Garnett). Very rarely does a nobody come to school (especially a 7 foot nobody) and leave school a somebody. There is too much AAU and spring, summer hoops. The coaches know who the players are long before they end up at school. Some fall through the cracks (Nick Fazekas, Stephen Curry, Paul Milsap, JC Carrol, etc.) but that's extremely rare. Usually you know a future NBAer from day 1. They only improve or digress from that point. The great Utes of the last 15 years were great the day they stepped foot on campus (Van Horn, Bogut, etc.) The great Cougars have been the same (Ainge, Durrant, Smith). I'm sorry but coaching NCAA hoops is not about producing better pros, it's about building good college hoops teams.

To me, this sounds like Trent ducking the responsibility for not improving because in actuality: #1 not loving the game of basketball (if you dont' love it why spend 8 hours a day practicing on your own) #2 just being plain stupid and unteachable (the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over the same way but expecting different results) #3 Being lazy - (You' re 6'11", you don't shoot outside so you have 3 college years to beef up, get up to 255-260 lbs and become a glass eater yet fail to get there- there is no room in the NBA for 6'11" guys that tap dance in the block) #4 Having terrible advisors that think he's much better than the rest of the world.

Those that think that he'll get more teaching and attention at the next level are absolutely dense. It's a business there, guys are not coddled like they are in college; they're expected to be pros and act like pros-which means improving on your own. The lack of serious effort in the weight room and on his own in a dark quiet gym with no one cheering him on are his problem; I don't see how that's going to change; especially if he's going to try to blame the coaching staff for his lack of improvement.

Can you imagine someone like Larry Bird blaming his lack of success because he wasn't coached up enough?

I couldn't agree with you more!

I couldn't disagree more.

1. Sorry, I have never considered Bobby Knight to be a great coach. Loud and obnoxious? Yes. Great coach? No.

2. Sure it's easy to name several NBA superstars and claim that coaching had little to do with their ability since it can be neither proved or disproved. You might expect us to believe that MJ was "born" that way but if so, why wasn't it apparent at UNC or in high school? Sorry to disabuse you of the notion but, for the vast majority of players, basketball success is the result of winning the genetic lottery, a lot of dedicated hard work, AND good coaching. You can't do it with only two of the three.

3. The amount of time or effort in the weight room does not necessarily equate to success for big men. Do you think Shaq became the size he is just because he put in "serious effort in the weight room"? Sorry, don't buy that for a minute.

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How about Bill Walton? He put more effort into mixing his Tuti Fruitis than lifting weights. For some tall skinny, underweight players, the weight room is necessary so they can hold their own. For many others, their genetics didn't include skinny or underweight.

4. I've seen many average NBA players that have improved substantially from what they showed in college and in their first couple of years in the NBA. So does that mean the "average" collegiate player was "born" that way or was he "born again" as his game became better in the NBA?

5. Sure some Frosh or Sophs opt for the NBA draft every year. Some become very successful, but many have significant holes in their game and actually benefit from the current NBA style of play which in recent years has moved away from traditional basketball and more towards the inner city playground style and numerous rule changes that encourage that style.

6. I also disagree with your discounting the ability of a good coach to help a collegiate level player improve his game. Any coach worth his salt should be able to help a player improve and perhaps quit doing the "same thing over and over" if it's not being done correctly. Why have coaches otherwise?

7. Did you read the report on Trent at that camp he's been attending? Your comments seem to indicate either you didn't read it or you think the report is inaccurate.

8. I've watched players both at BYU and in the NBA become better through good coaching. For example, Fred Roberts improved tremendously while at BYU. So did Alan Taylor. In the NBA I watched Portland and Seattle mainly and observed many players as their game improved with good coaching. Terry Porter is a prime example. For every "born" with it big man there are others that learned the game thanks to good coaching, such as George Mikan, Hakeem Olajuwon, Kermit Washington, Bill Lambeer, etc.

9. You proved my point about some good coaches not being good big man coaches. Others such as John Wooden, Ray Meyer, John Thompson have been very successful in that regard. And then you have the most skilled big man coach of all, Pete Newell.

I'm not sure where you get your information about how players are treated at the next level, but I guarantee they are "coddled" in every way imaginable. Why do you think Portland kept around crooks like Isaih Rider, Rasheed Wallace, Bonzi Wells, Damon Staudamire, and Reuben Patterson?

I want to respond to a couple of things, not that I necessarily disagree with you completely, but I think I should point a few things out.

First off, MJ was very good in college. There was a reason he was the number 2 draft pick.

Second of all the NBA is a completely different game from the college game so some of the differences in success you see between the pro and collegiate levels can definitely be attributed to that.

Third of all, much like the NFL, success in the NBA also has a lot to do with your teammates and being in a system that fits your skill set. There are some players that are so dominant that this doesn't always apply to, but I think for Trent, for example, to be successful he will need to wind up with a system that fits what he does well and a coach that knows how to work with him.

4th I do think a lot of Shaq's size is because he works hard in the weight room. Sure some of it's genetics, but the guy is a hard worker. He comes across as pretty easy going but you can tell by looking at him that he works hard in the gym. He didn't become one of the most dominant centers in NBA history by sitting on his but. It's not just his size either, he has a lot of moves under the basket that he has been able to develop. You've got me on the free throw thing, I don't really get that either, but the guy is not lazy (and neither was bill walton for that matter).

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/21 16:13

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craigoscarson wrote:

Conosticator wrote:

Hengst wrote:

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/draft2008/columns/st>

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Your acting as if Trent needs to be lottery pick to justify his decision. I'm sure he knew all too well that he wasn't getting the type of coaching he needed at BYU to improve his chance of playing in the NBA. Therefore it made no sense for him to stick around for another year of the same lack of developmental opportunity. At some point one has to consider the opportunity to provide for one's family vs playing the game in exchange for a scholarship.

I'm more concerned about future potential BYU players. If Trent is able to quickly address those missing components in his game, what does that say about the quality of BYU's coaching of their big men? Don't take me wrong here. I'm support Coach Rose, but I do see three weaknesses in his coaching style:

- 1) Limited development of his big men (need to work on facing the basket, hitting the short to mid range jumper, and getting serious about boxing out on rebounds),
- 2) Not using his pt guard more to penetrate and pass off or make the shot,
- 3) over-dependence upon the 3-pt shot (this could become a huge problem when the 3-pt distance is increased).

I don't want to see another big man come to BYU and show good ability his Frosh year and then only minor improvement (if any) after that. If the player is serious about his game, I imagine it would be frustrating to not get the type of coaching needed to improve his game.

Of course, what do I know. I'm just a fan with fond memories of Ainge, Roberts, Cosic, & etc.

What guard did we have this year that was capable of penetrating the lane? Just one, and he was a true freshman.

So because Trent didn't have a developed game, we put that on the coaching staff? In that case, I suppose they get 100% credit for squeezing every bit of potential out of a 6'6" guy like Keena Young that could do all of those things. Bravo, coaches..you did a great job with Keena, why couldn't you do the same with Trent? ;)

Over=depedence on the 3? How else were we going to score? Trent and his one soft move? Honestly, there were several games, that I wished we had shot more 3's. Let's not forget that JT is a true soph; Jimmer is a true frosh, and Murdock and Burgess were never ideal starters for a top 20 team. I'd say we did a great job taking advantage of our strengths by shooting 3's. Again, if the next option was giving Trent the ball, I'd say chuck the 3s up as much as you want.

And Cosic, Ainge, Roberts, Michael Smith, Durrant, Hanson, etc. were all gym rats that loved the game of basketball. Since when did you ever get the impression that Plaisted loves hoops? He's a big man that wants a paycheck.....that's all

Our hoops team hasn't been in better hands since before Shawn Bradley flew the coop and Roger Reid lost his mind.

I agree with your last statement but not much of the rest. Personally I have a much longer view of BYU basketball than just since Shawn Bradley left. To me he is another example of a big man that showed minimal improvement (probably his mission played a major factor there).

First of all. I don't see any evidence that Coach Rose ever tried to expand the dimensions of Trent's game. Perhaps part of it is because of how Coach Rose wants to use the Center in his offense.

Second, I don't have the impression that Plaisted is a "gym rat" and have never implied that is the case. He could be, but since I'm not on campus daily I can't say one way or another.

Third, the lack of a point guard able to penetrate the lane isn't a coincidence having nothing to do with the coaches. It is a direct result of the BYU coaching staff's recruiting decisions.

To be successful BYU needs a penetrator and a quality big man with more skills besides great leaping ability. If you can't recruit them, the only other option is to develop them. Bronco manages to recruit the lesser rated players and make them very successful contributors to the football team. Why do you expect less from Coach Rose?

I disagree about the "taking advantage of our strength by shooting 3's" statement. We were taking advantage of one of the very few options available to us. Sure it would have been nice to have seen more 3's in some games, but that is only because frequently it was the only way we could score. Over dependence upon any one method of scoring makes the team too predictable and hence more beatable.

I think the BYU coaching staff is doing many good things but they have a ways to go before I'll start drinking the koolaid. Do you honestly see us improving much beyond an 8/9 seed without some changes being made by the coaches?

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by Gunk - 2008/05/21 16:17

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Short\_Changed wrote:

Gunk wrote:

As far the whole "not getting the coaching he needed" comments, my opinion is any player that pulls that card is looking for an excuse for poor performance. Sorry. If he was so distraught with the coaching at BYU, why didn't he transfer? I'll tell you why, because at BYU and in the MWC he's a big fish in a small pond. If he transferred to another school in a "power" conference he wouldn't have stood out.

I don't think he ever tried to pull the bad coaching card, but in another thread there is a link to an assessment of Trent at some camp that he went to. One of the trainers kinda bashes the lack of coaching Trent received at BYU so that's where the coaching thing is coming from.

Thanks for the clarification

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by Gunk - 2008/05/21 17:37

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by domanater - 2008/05/22 08:21

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I agree, TP is attempting to cash is when his value is at an all time low. He has no NBA skills worthy of a contract. I don't blame the coaches for that. He's a lazy sack of - - - .

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by frdbtr - 2008/05/22 10:59

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Posted by domanater - 2008/05/22 12:11

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/22 14:25

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Good points. A couple friends of mine would play pick-up ball with Keena. He was the same way.

Trent would have left BYU after his freshman year if there was enough hype around him. He thought he was ready for the NBA three years ago, so why improve?

As for recruiting, as I said earlier, a BYU player getting drafted and not going anywhere in the NBA hurts us more on the recruiting front than posts on this site. Name one player in the last 10 years from BYU that's still playing in the NBA? None...that hurts us. Trent leaving for the NBA and not going anywhere hurts us.

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## Re:Mock draft, and schocking

Posted by domanater - 2008/05/23 11:49

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lovelldog wrote:

Hengst wrote:

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I believe you can still make decent money by going in the second round.

Second round is the ultimate crapshoot

This is straight from the NBA:

"Second round contracts are unique. They may or may not be guaranteed, or they can be partially guaranteed. Many times players drafted in the second round will have their contracts guaranteed by being on the roster during specific set dates, say when the season starts or at the All-Star break. The bare minimum contract for a second-round pick is a one-year, non-guaranteed deal"

Sounds like you can also make no money by going in the second round.

