
With Trent out of the way

Posted by Gunk - 2008/05/20 15:03

With Trent gone, what do you all think the lineup will look like?

I admit, I had my hopes Trent would be back so we could finally see Miles and Trent on the floor at the same time. If Trent was smart, he would have stuck around for that so he could showcase himself at that position (he never liked playing center). Alas, we won't get to see it and with Trent gone Rose will go with a similar lineup like we had this year. My thoughts:

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What I would like to see:

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I think with Trent gone McGregor will come off the bench to relieve Miles. I'd love to see them in together, but I don't think it's going to happen. I'd love to see a legitimate power forward, but I don't think it's going to happen either so once again we'll see JT starting. Rose has a fascination with outside shooters and not using the PG as a scoring threat.

I think it would be better to start Miles and another big man, whether McGregor or Anderson. Miles isn't the offensive threat Trent was, so another big body down low gives us more of an inside presence, plus rebounds. Not only that but last year we lived and died by the 3 way too much. Two outside shooting threats (Cummard and Jimmer) should suffice with the PG occasionally pulling up for the shot. This, of course, assumes Rose will continue to use the PG primarily as a passer and not a scorer as has been done at BYU for the past 30 years. If Rose decides to break away from precedent, then Jimmer should be the PG, JT the shooting guard and Cummard as small forward. That would give us 3 bombers with one of those capable of taking it to the rack, and 2 inside threats for rebounds, put-backs and low post moves. That would be my ideal and what I would do if I was coach.

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Posted by gladejo - 2008/05/20 15:12

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Posted by Hengst - 2008/05/20 15:24

I actually think Miles gives us a physical presence inside which will help with other people getting to the basket. He's a big physical guy, but I doubt he is going to be consistently double teamed like trent was. This ought to free up some space in the lanes for people like Jimmer who can drive.

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Posted by Gunk - 2008/05/20 15:38

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Defensively, I think it would work out this way.

With the likely lineup, Miles will do well guarding the post. Miles' defense was always better than Trent's. He has more of physical presence and does a pretty good job of moving his feet. If I recall correctly, he did better against Beaker (Luke Neville).

JT is a liability on defense at the forward spot. He's not big enough to put a body on any forwards that post up on him, and he can get pushed around.

Cummard plays awesome defense and shouldn't be a problem at all.

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Loyd is quicker than Morgan, by far, but I've noticed he kind of gives up on defense. He has quick hands, though. He's not the type of player that's going to shut down the other teams point guard, so unfortunately don't count on anything spectacular from him.

If BYU goes with my ideal lineup, I'm not too sure how it would play out on defense. I haven't seen Anderson play defense. McGregor is solid at D. He moves quick and is aggressive, so he'll play well against other teams' power forwards. I really like the idea of two big guys down low on defense. Both Miles and McGregor/Anderson would be tough to box out. Not only that but any opponents taking it to the rack would have to deal with two big guys.

If JT plays shooting guard, unfortunately he's a liability on defense. He has quick hands and disrupts passing lanes, but has a hard time staying in front of quicker players. At SG JT will be up against some quicker players.

I know I am biased, but I think my ideal lineup would work out better on defense.

I know Emery is coming back, but I seriously doubt his legs will be in good enough condition to be the defensive specialist he was his freshman year. I hear Abouo is great at defense as well, so I could see him coming in as SG with Jimmer as point.

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Posted by gmoney - 2008/05/23 11:15

ABOUO, HARSTOCK AND EMERY should all give us a lift off the bench.

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Posted by Yndian - 2008/05/23 11:19

There's no way Mike Loyd starts at the point next year. If Jimmer doesn't move over to the point, Lamont Morgan will

start. I believe that's pretty much why they redshirted him this year, so we would have a starter in line for the next two years.

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Posted by gmoney - 2008/05/23 11:24

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/05/23 11:40

Boy I don't see Jackson Emery as a point guard. I don'[t remember that kind of quickness from his freshman year. I am glad we will get to see more of Chris Miles. I think (and have thought) that he has alot more offensive potential than he has been given credit for. I also think he will help us forget about Trent. JMO.

Go Cougars!!!

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2008/05/23 11:41

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In an interview during the season (but before Ben's injury, when Jimmer broke out at the point) Coach Rose said that the starting point guard job next year is Lamont's to lose.

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Posted by Detmer - 2008/05/23 12:23

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I don't like your list at all. First off, lets get a few positions straight...

- Lee Cumard has never played and will never play power forward.
- Noah Hartsock has never played and will never play small forward.
- Jackson Emery is not a point guard.
- James Anderson is a 7'0" string bean. He is not a power forward, he is a center with a decent outside shot.

Here is what will happen this year...

These arguments are contingent upon redshirt decisions but for the sake of conversation will assume that everyone on the roster will play.

Point guard - Lamont Morgan, Jimmer Fredette, Mike Loyd, and Matt Pinegar will share minutes at point. Lamont is a

solid player. He has a decent jump shot, and can get into the paint with ease. His biggest weakness is his size which is a liability on defense. He also struggles to finish offensively in the paint. Pinegar is a good hustle player and has more skill than most people give him credit for. I still don't see him getting much time this year. You've already seen Loyd and Jimmer.

Shooting guard - Jimmer Fredette, Jackson Emery, Charles Abouo, and Taylor Jackson will all be competing for minutes at the 2 guard. Fredette is someone Rose will want to keep on the court. I expect most his minutes he'll be playing point, but in other situations he could be on the floor with Lamont at the same time. Jackson Emery is an all-conference caliber defender. He is athletic and gives 100% effort every night. As a freshman he successfully guarded the players like Brandon Ewing and Brandon Heath. He'll get better and better throughout the year as he gets his legs back. Abouo is another player who is expected to be a defensive stopper. Last year he played for Brewster Academy - a prep school that helps gifted athletes prepare for D1 play - In one matchup he held NBA bound Tyreke Evans to 12 points. His defense was stellar all year long and he, like Jackson, also has a great offensive game. Jackson is a walk-on from Timpview High School and will probably only see minutes in game-over type situations.

Small Forward - Lee Cummard, Archie Rose, Charles Abouo, and possibly some Emery/Tavernari. Lee will once again play most of the minutes at SF. Archie needs to play with a lot more intensity to see the court under Dave Rose. Abouo is 6'5" and because of his length and athleticism, he'll probably be the primary backup at small forward. Emery and Tavernari are both options as well. Look for them to see time in specialty situations where we are responding to matchup problems or trying to create a few.

Power Forward - Jonathan Tavernari, Noah Hartsock, Gavin Macgregor. JT will play the 4 spot just like he did last year. While some may say that JT is a liability on defense because he can't guard other 4s, the truth is that JT causes more matchup problems than any player in the conference. No other 4s can guard JT. He brings them out away from the basket and more commonly forces the defense to switch in and out of zone packages. With Fredette being a main component to this year's offensive attack, JT is going to give Fredette more room to get to the basket. Hartsock is very similar to Trent Plaisted. He is 6' 10" and although he doesn't have the athletic ability of Trent, he plays hard, and has the best jump shot on the team from 15-20 feet. He is a combination of Plaisted and Malaman, and should help us offensively this year. Macgregor provides great toughness and is going to get minutes.

Center - Chris Miles, Gavin Macgregor, James Anderson. Miles will get most of the minutes at 5. Most of the relief will come from Macgregor. Anderson needs to put on some weight before he is able to really contribute. Having said that, he does have some decent offensive skills and might be able to contribute in certain situations.

*****OF COURSE A LOT OF THIS COULD CHANGE IF A MYSTERY PLAYER IS ADDED*****

With Plaisted's departure, a scholarship has opened up. Coaches can use that scholarship immediately and if there is any good talent floating around, look for the coaches to go after it. Chances are good they'll go after an offensive minded big man.

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Tim Miles???? Do you mean Tim Anderson?

I agree Burgess wasn't as bad a defender as people think. In fact he was pretty decent. But...

The only reason Burgess was given those assignments was to keep Cummard out of foul trouble and keep him on the court. After Cummard the bench was pretty thin at SF.

Lee Cummard was the best defensive player on the team last year. If you ask Wink, Anderson, Wade, Giddens, etc. who they would rather have guard them, everyone of them would rather face Burgess than Cummard.

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Re:With Trent out of the way

Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/05/23 12:59

I agree with everything you mentioned detmer with one exception. Hartsock played and can play the small forward (in high school and in AAU). He's got a real chance to be a special player at BYU, it will depend almost completely on how hard he works though, he's got the tools and hoops IQ.

His older brother, Jeremiah, is a friend of mine here in Kansas City and played at UMKC (in fact he might have already moved out to Provo to live with his baby bro)

If you ever see either of them on campus, remind them that they're on our turf now. Their whole family rooted for Tulsa vs BYU last year in football. :(

<http://byu.scout.com/2/503441.html>

Noah Hartsock, the Oklahoma 6A Player of the Year averaged 27.6 points per game in 2005-06, also joins the Cougars following his two-year mission.

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Lloyd is very raw and currently a turnover machine. There's no doubt that he brings energy with him, but he needs to learn to play mistake free hoops to ever be considered a starter.

I can think of no other one weakness that a player could have on a Dave Rose team that will keep you on the pine than being turnover prone; especially at the point.

My guess is that he's one of the better players on the team in pickup games, but that doesn't neccessarily translate to D1 success if you don't ensure good possessions.

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Posted by Prof-Bball - 2008/05/23 13:50

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/23 13:53

Keep it up guys. I enjoy reading the variety of viewpoints about the players and positions for the upcoming season. As one that doesn't live near BYU, I appreciate the insight you are providing. Dang it, where's that "Karma for everyone" button when I need it? :woohoo: :woohoo:

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Nice insight. I agree that Emery might redshirt, especially if Abou is as good a defender as we've been told. Abou will have some fresher legs and Emery could benefit from a redshirt year. Rose also seems to have a habit of giving incoming freshman playing time.

I like the idea of Jimmer as PG, if given the liberty to score. Say that happens. I don't know then how I feel about Loyd as SG. Sounds like Morgan isn't much of a shooter. Loyd occasionally took shots, but didn't make many of them. Hopefully the off-season and some confidence will help that out. He always looked nervous out on the court and would hesitate anytime he took a shot.

For some reason I'm curious to see JT at the SG spot. I know as forward he creates a mismatch he can exploit, but

teams often switched on defense so their SG was guarding JT, negating the mismatch.

I just wonder how a team with Jimmer as PG, JT as SG, Cumard as SF, Harstock or MacGregor as PF, and Miles as C would perform. All would be scoring threats (can't leave a big man open down low). Last season teams could basically ditch Murdock and double team us without having to worry.

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Posted by superwise - 2008/05/23 15:45

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I've got a couple links with some video that will help you get all caught up on Hartsock. He is an EXTREMELY gifted offensive player. He will be coming off a mission and won't have played for 2-3 years so it might take until mid season for him to really get comfortable. He is the type of player that could make BYU fans forget about Trent Plaisted really fast. He has a better offensive game than Trent no question. Think of a guy with a better post game than Trent, who can also step outside and knock down 3's consistently. He is going to be a special player. The second video features Hartsock against Brooke and Robin Lopez from Stanford (both of whom are going to be drafted this year) and also against Washington's Quincy Poindexter.

<http://cougarsportsline.blogspot.com/2007/07/more-big-ben-and-hartsock.html#links>

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Anderson is a walk-on from Arizona. He is 7'0" tall and about 110 lbs. by the looks of him. Dude is way skinny. He already served a mission and redshirted last year. He'll be a freshman this year with 4 years to play. He plays center and despite what many people might think, has a pretty decent offensive game. He can shoot the ball pretty well and I've been at practices where he's knocked down consecutive 3's. He doesn't have the strength yet to really compete consistently at this level. He probably won't see much time.

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Posted by Detmer - 2008/05/24 21:39

nuk13 wrote:

Thank you Detmer. I read many of the comments. The only place I found a size for him claimed he was 6'9" and 210. He looked bigger than that in the video. He looked very good. He does have a shot and was not scared to mix it up. I could see him getting a lot of playing time this year.

No problem. Glad to help.

