
Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by DieHardCougar - 2008/06/30 09:20

ESPN just released a team preview for the Cougs:

<http://insider.espn.go.com/ncf/insider/news/story?id=3460352&action=login&appRedirect=http%3a%2f%2finsider.espn.go.com%2fncf%2finsider%2fnews%2fstory%3fid%3d3460352>

BCS or bust!!!

Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/06/30 09:42

Too many factual errors for my taste, but a good read nonetheless.

Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by COSMOlogist - 2008/06/30 09:46

A fun read to get the juices flowing and the national spotlight shining just a bit brighter. An insider would have likely mentioned something about Russel Tialalevea and Justin Sorenson. Not one word about them. :huh:

Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/06/30 09:49

Brandon Doman on Max Hall

"He is the best we have had in four years and that is not a knock on John Beck," quarterbacks coach Brandon Doman told the Salt Lake Tribune. "That is just where the program is and where the offense is and he has performed better than any quarterback has performed in spring yet."

Wow.

That was a pretty good read. Pretty accurate

Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by PP3 - 2008/06/30 10:02

I very much enjoyed the read.B) Thank you. Adds something to a dull summer day. Almost as exciting as reading Cruiser posts, though Cruiser would definitely have mentioned Sorenson and Tialalevea. were starting to get down there guys, down to about two months until the first game. Hang in there.

Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/06/30 10:54

I noticed a few links at the bottom of the story:

From Pat Forde's College football season predictions:

9. The one unit in all of college football with the most on its shoulders is: BYU's secondary. If that quartet of new starters

comes through, the Cougars can go 12-0 and crash the BCS. If not, how does a fourth straight Las Vegas Bowl sound? The good news for BYU is that the two high-profile early tests (at Washington on Sept. 6 and UCLA on Sept. 13) are against teams that don't throw the ball with great distinction.

...and from Schlabach's '08-09 Bowl Predictions:

Tostitos Fiesta: Oklahoma Sooners vs. BYU Cougars
(Subject of previous thread)

...and Schlabach's preseason top 25:

13. BYU Cougars - The Cougars have their sights set on a BCS bowl invitation, but they'll have to do it without top fullback Manase Tonga. The senior was ruled academically ineligible and will miss the 2008 season. Tonga ran for 305 yards and eight touchdowns and caught 27 passes for 248 yards last season. He also was a great lead blocker for Harvey Unga, who last year became the first BYU freshman to run for more than 1,000 yards in a season.

Wow! The ESPN machine is really firing up here. It is flattering that BYU is getting this powerful national respect (especially from BCS homer ESPN) so far before the kickoff, but it's also important to remember that there's nothing the news media likes more than to be proven correct. It's one thing for an ESPN pundit to say it, it's something else entirely for the Harris voters and the Coaches to agree (see Tyrone Willingham and Les Miles' votes in the final Coaches Poll last year - and how BYU, at 10-2, was suspiciously absent from "their" Top 25 Hmm.)

Interest from the Sports Writers is not bad news for BYU though; if ESPN didn't think it would happen, they wouldn't be telling everyone to watch out for it. I'd call it further validation of past efforts, combined with realistic expectations of future success.

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Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

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from the article...

That the Cougars have arrived in such a lofty position just four years after Mendenhall's arrival is testament to the job the BYU alum has done.

Perhaps we should make that "honorary alum". :woohoo: :woohoo: :woohoo:

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Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/06/30 11:00

No, like BYUtx pointed out, there were far too many errors. I'm actually surprised this writer was hyping the team as much as he was considering how many mistakes he made and seeing how he was leaving out some of the best stuff validating a strong run in 2008. But nevertheless, the more attention BYU receives, the more it will validate their ranking and title contention when they keep winning since it was predicted or at least discussed prior to the season as opposed to coming out of nowhere.

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Posted by TimO - 2008/06/30 13:21

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I have laughed that hard in a while, bonus for you Rhyno. I think whoever wrote this article may have spent too much time on BYU fan sites.

"The odds against any team going undefeated are long, and BYU is no different, but the potential for a magical run is in place."

Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/06/30 16:59

The way I see it, the year is half over and we're still undefeated and sport the longest winning streak in the country. Here's to doing the same thing during the second half!!! :cheer: B)

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As long as the players avoid water balloon and snowball fights we should be fine.

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I will still stake balloon gate and this type of coverage than the highlighted ones above.

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Posted by Sage - 2008/06/30 18:36

Freshman Jordan Pendleton (6-2, 218) and sophomore Andrew Rich (6-3, 210), a transfer from Snow Junior College, will be top safety reserves. Rich had a monster year at Snow in 2007, leading the Badgers in tackles (120) and interceptions (five).

This sounded the best of the d side of the ball to me. Our defense has returning (from JC) players who still have to compete to get playing time.

We supposedly have a big hole to fill with so many players being replaced. But this sounds good.

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Re:Team Preview - Brigham Young

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/07/06 21:18

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Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/07/07 10:55

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