
Our Quest for Perfection

Posted by oompabluepaw05 - 2008/07/01 00:40

The last few days I have been thinking a lot about all the extra effort Bronco and the football team have put in the last few years to raise the bar and now the quest for perfection. I keep wanting to do something to help show my gratitude for this amazing ride and maybe even help a little along the way. I guess the best way to do that is to do what Bronco and the boys have asked us to do. Get to the game early, wear blue, and be loud. I think there was a noticeable improvement in these areas last year but we still have a long way to go as a fan base. My question is what can we do as avid fans to motivate the others to get with it? I know that BYU football games are many times family gatherings with grandma and grandpa and 2 month old baby billy so it is understandable that not everyone wants to be on their feet yelling the entire game. So, I guess that just means we all have to be that much louder! I actually think many people want to get into it and be loud but are a little hesitant about it. Last year my wife and I moved back to Utah mid way through the season. My parents let us have a pair of their tickets for games once we moved back. Of course the tickets were in the geriatric west bleachers. The first game we went to I brought my mini BYU megaphone like I always do. As the opposing team took the ball on offense I started my traditional AHHHHHHHHHH! before and during each play. I could tell the folks around me were like "where did this guy come from?" After a couple of plays I think my wife felt sorry for me and started yelling with me. Then I made my parents start yelling as well. I could hear a ton of people around me laughing at us, but pretty soon everybody on the rows in front of and behind us were joining in. I am sure you all have a story like this, but I bring it up to show that people are willing to get loud if somebody is willing to act the idiot first. So there you go it is up to us faithful Cougar fan idiots to rise and shout before and during each play! A very long post to simply say PLEASE be loud this year. I strongly recommend the BYU mini mega phones at the BYU bookstore. They are like a dollar and they work suprisingly well! For some dumb reason they passed them out AFTER the BYU utah game last year. A lot of good it did us AFTER the game. Any how I grabbed 20 or so, so if anyone wants or needs one let me know. BE LOUD!! :silly:

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Re:Our Quest for Perfection

Posted by AF_Puma - 2008/07/01 06:54

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Yes, I do the same kind of noise you speak of and I get stares and I just glare back at them. No one has ever tried to shush me as I'd just shush them back and tell them to go home and watch it on the TV if they didn't want any crowd noise. I'm not shy about doing that whatsoever. I'm not certain as to why those folks think it is in poor taste to cheer on your team, but I've found Utahans to be a peculiar lot of people in total honesty. Some of their idiosyncrasies are admirable, but there are quite a few that drive me nuts.

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Posted by Schroeder - 2008/07/01 07:32

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Posted by spidy - 2008/07/01 08:07

I get a couple of tickets every year, and often for one reason or another my wife and kids don't come so I invite a friend. I set down the basic rules before hand

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- 1: Wear a dark blue shirt or stay home
 - 2: We get there about an 1hr early
 - 3: I have never left a game early regardless of the score and/or weather as long as they are willing to agree to these terms they are invited.

I always apologize in advance for standing up on big plays and tell them I have no control it just happens, most just laugh and agree. I always give high fives to as many people as I can reach on big plays. Gets those around me going.

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Do you go to church in Traverse Mountain.

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It's quite simple really - we're not all full of alcohol. Everywhere else, people are fairly liquored up at the game and they lose their inhibitions. Those who aren't drinking lose their inhibitions as well because half the crowd is drunk, so who's going to remember if you make a scene? Would you hear any noise at all at RES if there wasn't alcohol?

That, and the fact that football is THE thing to do in Provo on Fall Saturdays. Therefore, you get people who go - not because they're die hard fans - but because that's the happening place.

In all honesty, I think the level of crowd noise we get now is probably a strong testament to the fact that you don't need alcohol to have a good time. That's not to say though that it shouldn't get louder.

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Posted by NorthernCougar - 2008/07/01 09:42

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That commercial would be excellent! It made me laugh out loud!!

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Re:Our Quest for Perfection

Posted by wildeone - 2008/07/01 10:02

Where i live in wisconsin, i occasionally go to the UW games, and its freakin' LOUD! Everybody's cheering. And the student section is harsh. They cheer at different points of the game "YOU SUCK!" or worse, "F*** YOU!" Yeah these are my experiences at badger games

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Re:Our Quest for Perfection

Posted by byunlvfan - 2008/07/01 10:12

Last year was exciting for me. I had my first ever "Golden Cougar" season tickets! Imagine my dissapointment when I went to the Arizona game and had not one avid fan sitting around me! In front of me was an older couple and my wife pointed out to me that the lady made her husband switch seats with her because I was too loud. (So of course, I got louder). Behind me was a young couple that had about 8 kids all under the age of ten and the thing they were most passionate about was making sure that we didn't get upset that the kids kept spilling things on us and kicking us all game long.... so I don't think it's an age thing, it's a passion thing. I love my kids, but I don't bring them to games. Why? Because it's nearly impossible to enjoy the game. I worry about everyone around me being annoyed with them because they just lose interest after about ten minutes. My oldest is almost nine and he is just barely getting to the point where it's acceptable to bring him. My friends, please leave your small children with one of your wards YW. I'm sure they'll do

it for free so they can earn their YW medallion. It's definately for a good cause. Then you can enjoy the game and so can everyone else around you! I know some of you will be angry about this post cause I'm sure some of you probably bring your infants to "expose" them to the BYU football environment but please don't take offense. Merely an observation.

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Re:Our Quest for Perfection

Posted by jmchess1 - 2008/07/01 10:17

Maybe a dominate offense and defensive show will get people ralled up. A defensive shutout and an offensive blowout might help. Sacking the opponent's QB on every play, or a take away, or an interception might help, and scoring 60 to 80 points a games might make the game more lively.

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Re:Our Quest for Perfection

Posted by oompabluepaw05 - 2008/07/01 10:49

I can totally see your point, but I think it depends on the kid. If its a child that could care less about football and is more interested in the cotton candy and is totally board with the game asking to go home evey 5 seconds then I agree with you, the child would probably be better off at home. That being said some of my favorite memories with my family were as a young BYU fan at the games. My young siblings and I were very attentative to the game and cheered loudly when ever we could. I know I wouldnt have the passion for Cougar football I do today without those experiences. I really look forward to carrying on the tradition of bringing my kids to games when I can. Im not trying to disagree with you I just wish there was a way to get everybody into the game and keep the awesome family atmosphere.

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This has got to be one of the best posts I have read on here. Two excellent points and really helps put the mote/beam issue in perspective. I think it too, but haven't put it as eloquently as you just did.

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