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## What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by jmchess1 - 2008/07/01 11:16

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What would BYU have to do this year to win the national championship? Most of you will say it is impossible - because of: (1) BYU's relative low preseason ranking (too many stairs to climb to get to the one or two spot), (2) BYU's mid-major conference status, (3) a weak schedule - no opponent (except Utah?!) ranked higher than BYU at the start of the season, (4) questions on the defensive side of the ball, (5) the BCS cartel - in the form of voters, sports writers, and coaches. Is there any way BYU, on its own record and statistics, could position itself to qualify for the 2008 national championship - regardless of what the other teams do this year? Most of you will say that the top teams in front of BYU must lose at least one game and preferably in the second half of the season and BYU must have no loses and win convincingly on both sides of the ball. So, without help from the others. BYU can't do it. Is that it? No way BYU. Not this year. I wonder.

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/07/01 11:28

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/07/01 11:35

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Last year, had BYU won the two games it lost, I think they could have made it to the top 5 with how crazy of a year that everyone else had. They probably wouldn't have made it to number 2, even though they would have had less of a climb than South Florida did, due to their BCS affiliation.

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by bengel - 2008/07/01 11:36

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As was pointed out elsewhere, the BCS is the big boys' reaction to BYU winning the national championship. Given the money at stake, it's unlikely they will stand idly by and allow BYU, or any other outsider, to win one.

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/07/01 11:39

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by jmchess1 - 2008/07/01 11:42

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Sounds like a monopoly to me. Maybe a case for congress.

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by buzzard - 2008/07/01 11:56

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The conference schedule cannot and will not help. But if BYU destroys UW and UCLA (Big ifs), then BYU might find itself in the top ten in September. From there it's a matter of not losing and needing a bit of luck from the teams in front of us. Winning on the road at TCU and Yewtah should be good for a couple of places as well. Not likely to happen, but wouldn't it be fun to watch the BCS squirm if only BYU and one other BCS team were undefeated on Dec. 1. Nice to dream...

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## Bribe every pollster in the human polls

Posted by BlueSouth - 2008/07/01 16:03

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it ain't gonna happen. Not with the lack of game exposure and the likes of AFA, WYO, SDSU, and UNLV on the schedule. To most people those are no different than playing Div 1AA teams. We know that's not true, but some years, UNLV has been close.

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## Re:Bribe every pollster in the human polls

Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/07/01 16:46

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I believe! :woohoo:

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Posted by KYCoug - 2008/07/01 20:15

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Posted by jeremygeorge - 2008/07/02 10:33

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Check out WA and UCLA's schedules. I'm sure both are top 5. Since we're talking big "what if's"...What if one of these teams only had one loss (to BYU) and BYU was undefeated. Which team would be ranked higher?!?

In most years, they (UCLA or WA) would deserve a trip to the NC. That would shakes things up, wouldn't it?

On another note, because of their schedules, I think their records won't look very good. Not good for BYU whether the cougs win or lose to them.

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The thing is that if BYU were to go undefeated this year (including a BCS win), it would set them up for a run next year

requiring many less "ifs" to come to pass.

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/07/02 12:37

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/07/02 12:55

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He is asking about it happening this year. The "ifs" will go down for every consecutive undefeated season. Going undefeated 10 years in a row would probably ensure that another undefeated season would lead to an NC regardless (irregardless for those who like that "word" ;) )of how all other BCS and non-BCS teams do.

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by rackem - 2008/07/02 12:55

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When the Ute's made their run at the title in 04 they scored 509 points to their opponents 227. They averaged a 25 pt margin of victory and still came in 4th to USC, Auburn and OU who had 1 loss. BYU would have to have a similar season and pray all other contenders have 1 to 2 losses. The powers that be would have to put BYU in the #1 position after all other team blew up. They couldn't go in on their own merits. The BCS is too corrupt/bias to allow that.

Rackem

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## Re:What Would BYU Have to do?

Posted by TimO - 2008/07/02 13:20

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though the bowl alliances of the past, and bcs hate outsiders...and designed these to keep teams like BYU out. They have to love the attention fans give BYU as well as the excellent tv ratings and sales BYU fans are responsible for. if there is any team outside of the bcs (nd doesn't count) it'd have to be BYU. NOBODY else could be as lucrative.