
Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by WACoug - 2008/07/03 23:59

Taysom Hill committed to Stanford. Not a huge loss with Nelson coming and if we get Heaps, but depth and competition are always nice to have. I guess not getting a lot of attention from BYU early on really did have an effect. I may be wrong but when players say that they are turned off because they didn't get much attention early enough from a college I tend to think one thing: primadonna with a sense of entitlement.

<http://oregonstate.scout.com/a.z?s=182&p=2&c=766980>

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Posted by Methusaleh - 2008/07/04 00:31

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Believe it or not, people like to feel wanted and pursued -- even football players.

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Posted by gmj81 - 2008/07/04 01:29

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Posted by gmj81 - 2008/07/04 01:32

And let's face it, Stanford is never going to do anything in the Pac-10. I applaud Hill for valuing a top notch education and on top of that I think he'll get a real chance to shine there but I can't see him passing on the #15 ranked team in the country, who he would stand a good chance of starting for a year or two after his mission unless he felt there might be someone else who was better trailing his coattails.

Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by wilsdad - 2008/07/04 04:01

Too bad.... We can always use depth at QB as the Berry/Beck year showed us. I hope he does well at Stanford.

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Posted by TimO - 2008/07/04 08:15

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Posted by CougarClaw - 2008/07/05 18:18

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who's the 2010 QB that can't-be-named?

I know you can't win them all, but it does seem like we have more than our fair share of running backs in the upcoming classes when we've already got some serious backs in the stable. I'd have liked to see another good qb coming in.

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Posted by IdahoCougar - 2008/07/05 18:56

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From someone who may be less biased: NO WAY would Hill play ahead of Heaps.

Best of luck to Hill in Stanford, I hope he values losing as much as education-Stanford has perfected both.

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Well, to be honest, most Stanford guys stay on the west coast for practice and residency. BYU doesn't have the option since they don't have a hospital or medical school.

One thing that is a selling point for Stanford is the average cost of education is much higher there than BYU. An LDS student at BYU can probably get by on \$15k for tuition and room/board for a year. That's closer to \$50k in Palo Alto. While that doesn't necessarily determine the quality of education, it is a selling point to tell a kid that they're basically getting \$200k+ in scholarship while they're there. BYUs tuition is extremely affordable and thus it's not beyond reason that some schools would suggest that student athletes are getting "more" of a scholarship elsewhere.

Again, this really has little bearing on the quality of education a student athlete gets, just the name on their degree and \$ value of the scholarship.

Why else would you go to Stanford? They're the doormat of the Pac 10.

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Posted by IdahoCougar - 2008/07/06 16:04

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He'll also have a better chance to play at Stanford. Heaps is the real deal..... As just a sophomore, he looks like a young Joe Montana in his youtube video. Extremely accurate ball and uncanny vision.

Signing Hill might have been the worst thing BYU could do if in fact tht deterred Heaps from signing.

Not since Detmer, have we seen a natural qb like Heaps. You just don't throw for 3500+ yards as a sophomore.

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Posted by a1247 - 2008/07/06 18:40

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I echo these sentiments. It would have been "nice" to have Hill, but I think Heaps will be a 5 star by the his senior year. He may even rank higher than Olsen did (#3 nationally on Scout).

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If he is really is recruiting people, that's amazing for a sophomore. That could be an ESPN story for the National Championship team here in a few years eh?

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Posted by CardinalRules - 2008/07/07 07:09

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Would I love to have BYU in the PAC-10? Yeah. Am I gonna die because it's never going to happen? No. Of course, I LOVE how the PAC-10 schools love to "celebrate" diversity and culture, yet are biased against BYU because it's a private religious institution and would never let them join the league. That's great hypocrisy there.

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Berry did look good in high school. I wonder if he'd had better coaching at BYU if he would have done better. Crowton although a good offensive planner, doesn't seem to manage the QB psyche very well. When he was OC with Oregon he created a QB controversy that didn't need to happen.

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Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/07/07 08:10

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I don't think anyone here can make a serious argument that the MWC is, from top to bottom, consistently a better quality conference than the Pac-10. Of course, it is hard to compare since the Pac-10 is unfairly propped up by the BC\$ cartel, and the MWC has only been around since 1998. But the Pac-10 is only a few steps ahead of the MWC, which is clearly the best non-BC\$ conference.

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However, you're not trying to say that people equate Stanford and BYU, are you? I just don't believe that even though I personally believe (after working with a Stanford grad and speaking to many Stanford grads) that Stanford grads are no smarter as a whole than BYU grads.

We must run in different circles. I get "Where's BYU?" or "I had a friend who went there did you go on one of those missions too?" Nobody talks to me about academics or football when it comes to BYU.

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Posted by decloucog - 2008/07/07 22:36

Those do sound like different circles. Maybe the people you roll with rasta need to go and get their associates before they open their mouths and embarrass themselves again.

Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by BOID - 2008/07/07 23:26

I think BYU is actually closer to Stanford in reputation outside of Utah than many church members and utahns are aware. Many of my acquaintances across the country have raised their eyebrows with respect regarding my BYU undergraduate degree. People know that BYU is a private university and tend to value it beyond most state sponsored schools. At my medical school, BYU grads typically performed well above average and were highly recruited. Admission criteria have been very high at BYU, and have increased steadily for the past 25 years or so, which is quite remarkable for a school with such a large student-body.

BYU is known overseas as well.

When I was in Japan on my mission, a japanese scientist showed me a copy of Henry Eyring's textbook on thermodynamics, which had been required reading for him at his japanese university. My companion and I sent a japanese B of M to the famous BYU professor, who signed it and wrote his testimony in it with a personal note to our investigator friend in Japan. He was very moved, and ran to get his old Eyring text, so that he could compare the signatures.

Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/07/08 09:24

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Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/07/08 09:55

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And here I was going to accuse you of having Ute friends. My bad! ;)

Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by CardinalRules - 2008/07/15 08:33

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Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by Just Browsin - 2008/07/15 09:01

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Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by Duke - 2008/07/15 09:09

"Po-dunk midwest community" = the Mayo Clinic = world class medical institution.

Stanford grads can "stick to the coasts or go overseas" as much as they like. The simple observation is that this world class hospital is crawling with BYU grads. The educational quality at BYU is inexpensive and second to none.

Also, BYU is, year in and year out, a better football program than Stanford. Sorry I am just not buying that Stanford has anything on BYU.

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Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by happyvalleycougar - 2008/07/15 09:17

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I think being a religious school might be an excuse they use, along with "not a research university", but you're right, those aren't the real reasons. It's all about money. Does that make you feel better?

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I hope you never come out here to Ann Arbor, MI and and tell people this is a po-dunk community. You might not like the reception you get. And according to USNews, we're tied with Stanford on best Medical schools... Maybe all of your grads staying on the west coast shows their insecurities about diversity.... (sorry, I had to add in the cheap shot, I just couldn't resist).

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Now, I have to admit you must be a true fan, to brag about having four wins. It takes a true fan to stand up for something like that. But, I think the 2 wins was for predictions for this year...

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Posted by WACoug - 2008/07/15 09:25

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First, unless you are the President of Stanford, I don't know that you can say with any authority that being a religious school has nothing to do with it. Do YOU really know what you're talking about?

Second, LDS students being accepted and not persecuted at Stanford (which is something I hope you wouldn't have to brag about, you want a cookie? :dry:) is a very different thing than a major academic conference opening up it's doors and embracing ANY private religious school, but especially a Mormon religious school. You can talk about embracing diversity all you want but when you say things like "It's a far cry from a place that dictates how long your mustache can be" you show your true colors. People who consider themselves serious academic scholars, which Stanford obviously does, generally have some disdain for Religion and anything faith based that they don't see as scientific. Don't kid yourself or think that Stanford or any other PAC 10 school is above it, religion is not the only factor, but it definitely has SOMETHING to do with it.

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Not sure what you're getting at here. It sounds like you're referring to the student body, whereas I am talking about the administration (who are the ones that actually decide whether or not to invite a school to join).

I, personally, have no issue with Stanford. My wife *almost* went there, but for some reason (still not sure) chose BYU. I have no problem with their secular nature or open community. In fact I did not grow up in a Mormon community, and only lived in Utah while at BYU. I currently work for Virginia Tech, which is also very secular in nature. However, Stanford and BYU are at odds, and much of it is indeed religious. It is my understanding that the Stanford administration basically doesn't like the fact that our church (not just any church, but ours in particular) because of the missionary program, and that they see it as cultural brainwashing, or something to that effect. Now, I say that it's "the Stanford administration"....well, at least this was the argument that we heard when I was at BYU, but that's been a while now. Maybe it's different these days. But you hear those kinds of things, and it sticks with you.

Just because i'm paranoid doesn't mean that people aren't out to get me. I don't have religious insecurities, and there is indeed religious persecution, *especially* when it comes to academia.

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Posted by NorthernCougar - 2008/07/15 09:36

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Ding ding ding!!! We have a winner!!!

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I'll be shocked if this idiot shows his face around here again. Talk about embarrassment.

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Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by CougarClaw - 2008/07/15 09:52

CardinalRules wrote:

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I think we've been waiting for a controversy or SOMETHING to write about for some time now. Endless topics of stadium expansion, Pac-10 non-expansion, and Canseco boxing...(boxing...really???) has created something of a backdraft waiting for someone to open a door...lol.

I, for one, welcome the fresh perspective and someone to argue with! Congrats on your four wins last year. If only BYU was able to include USC as one of our last 24 wins.

On a side note, Stanford gets the benefit of undergrad because of its superior graduate programs. As great as the Marriott school and the Law school are at BYU, they pale in comparison with the perceived quality of Stanford Graduate Programs. Unless your major is NFL and NFL performance... :cheer:

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Re:Taysom Hill to Stanford

Posted by ProV1 - 2008/07/15 14:58

I just want to say well done to my fellow CB'ers. You shredded the Stanford guy calmly with facts whilst avoiding name calling or whining. Elder Ballard would be proud.

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