
Rankings

Posted by wendell - 2008/08/04 07:31

Cougs 17... right?

Utes 28... right?

Do these seem accurate? Should the Cougs or Utes be higher? Should the Cougs or Utes be lower?

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Re:Rankings

Posted by Mars - 2008/08/04 07:54

Both are too low, Boise State is too low, and Fresno is too high.

I'm thinking, possibly-

BYU: 0 Losses

BSU: 1 Loss

Utah: 2 Losses

TCU: 3 Losses

Tulsa: 3 Losses

Fresno State: 3 Losses

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Re:Rankings

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/08/04 09:13

Boise State will finish with at least 3 losses. They'll lose @ Oregon, @ So. Miss, and at least 1/3 to Fresno, Hawaii, or @ Nevada.

FSU will finish with at least 2 losses, but likely 3. They'll lose @ Rutgers (bounce back to beat Wisconsin by 10), and lose @ UCLA. They may lose 1/3 to Nevada, Hawaii, or @ BSU.

No WAC team will finish in the top 25. Commissioner Benson will then declare that the WAC, having displayed its superiority over the MWC, now has its sights set on the next weakest conferences: the Big Eleven and Big East.

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Posted by gmj81 - 2008/08/04 10:41

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Posted by Hansanity - 2008/08/04 13:26

I think they are just about right.

Utah at 28 seems perfect to me, because Utah is definitely one of those teams that can easily be in the top 25, just just need to win those out of conference games. If they knocked off Michigan I think they would be probably 24 or 25 at the end of week 1 for sure.

Byu seems about right too, because most people wont give BYU enough credit. I was expected 20-something coming into the season.

Re:Rankings

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/08/04 13:33

Utah definately has the opportunity to jump more in the first week than BYU. It's not unreasonable that BYU beats NIU and either stays put at 17 or slips a spot or two. Utah over Michigan gets them 23 or 24 for sure. BYU beats NIU? Ho-hum.

Of course, BYU beats UCLA and Washington and they have an excellent chance to move up early in the season.

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Posted by Illinois1Cougar - 2008/08/04 13:48

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I strongly disagree. There is no way that would happen. What is Michigan ranked anyway?

Re:Rankings

Posted by gmj81 - 2008/08/04 14:56

Yeah, it's not like BYU is a surprise. BYU has been talked about all offseason. They are essentially a proven commodity to the media. They won't drop in the polls unless the spread in the NIU game is less than two touchdowns.

As for the pukes, while Michigan may be ranked (#24) and beating them in the big house won't be overlooked, I think alot of media know the program could be in for only a so-so season. They just got ranked by the coaches so high for their name. I actually would wager that they don't make the top 25 of the AP. So a win over the wolverines would put the pukes somewhere in the 20-25 range.

But for the conference to have two teams in the top 25 by week two would be a huge boost to the perception of the conference. And if there were any way TCU could beat OU on the 27th (very unlikely), we'd have three in the top 25 becuase they won't lose to any of their first four games I don't think. Possibly @New Mexico but even if they lost to UNM but beat OU, they would still get ranked. Bottom line, we need to have three teams ranked by seasons end... BYU, Yewtah, and either TCU or UNM. That would do more for the conference and distribution of the Mtn and BCS consideration than any BCS bowl wins (by BYU and the pukes).

Re:Rankings

Posted by wendell - 2008/08/04 15:26

I agree. We need three teams ranked.

I appreciate the fact that y'all think Utah has a chance at Michigan. But, to be honest, I don't want to get my hopes up. Michigan still is Michigan. To their credit, the Utes only lost by 3 last time they visited the Big House - but I still don't want to get my hopes up.

I am starting to feel better and better about the Utes. I watched the recruiting videos on the two jc receivers and they look like studs. Add them Johnson, Mack, Asiata, and Casteel and the Utes have a great offense. The D should be good to - if they can figure out the d-line (which they usually do).

If the Utes beat Michigan (big IF) I think they settle in at 21 or 22. I think the Cougs will still be ahead of the Utes after week one.

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Only if BYU loses their first game. Utah won't jump 12 spots in the polls by beating Michigan. Not a chance.

Re:Rankings

Posted by bustamorg - 2008/08/04 21:16

There is no way that Utah jumps BYU. A win at Michigan does not carry that much weight after the debacle that they had last year...

Re:Rankings

Posted by jmchess1 - 2008/08/04 21:29

There is no way in @!*& that Utah will supprise Michigan this year. Not in the Big House. Lesson learned from last year. Enough said. I'll be watching the game to see what a slaughter really looks like.

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Posted by Cougtastic - 2008/08/04 21:35

I know this sounds crazy, but I'm basically happy with anything in the teens at this point...we can easily come in and run up the standings...

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Posted by MizzouCoug - 2008/08/04 22:59

I think Utah will take Michigan and hopefully the game will be available down here for me to cheer them on. Go MWC!

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Ding Ding Ding!!!! We have a winner.... New coach new team. Michigan outside of the App. St. gam,e was a good team last year. They recruited good and with the exception of Henne have all the right peivces to be a top 10 team. Rodriquez's offense will do wonders for this team.

Michigan by 14

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Re:Rankings

Posted by MesaCougFan - 2008/08/05 07:14

I was at the last game Utah played in the Big House, and Utah was in it all the way. I hope the Utes beat UofM, but I

don't think it will happen. Michigan will not overlook Utah. Michigan realizes that they laid an egg with App. State. Rodriguez has too much to prove, and I think that Michigan will make a statement. If Utah keeps it within 2-scores then Utah is legit and they have made it respectable.

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Looks like those of us who thought some of these teams were overrated were right! VaTech and Clemson certainly didn't take long to establish the fact. I predict it won't be long before we see Wisconsin follow suit. They may beat Marshall but they won't get by Fresno State and I'm not even convinced they'll beat Michigan at the big house. As for Auburn, I think they drop at least two out of their next 3-4 games. The jury is still out on Kansas.

I also thought I mentioned West Virginia a month ago as being ready to plummet come their first stiff challenge after losing Rodriguez, but I guess I held my tongue on that one. They've got two away games coming up though that could present some real challenges for them. @ East Carolina and @ Colorado. We just saw what ECU did to Virginia Tech. Although West Virginia may be a better team than VaTech, ECU is going to be riding with a little more confidence now and local fans are probably a little more intrigued now that their team is on the brink of cracking the top 25. And Hawkins has the Buffs on the rise too so both could end up as L's for WVU. That'll equate to more upward movement for the Cougars!