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## Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by bball - 2008/08/29 06:47

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by Tripwire - 2008/08/29 07:09

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You may be right, I mean that place holds over 100,000, quite a home field advantage. And I would think that Michigan learned their lesson not to overlook anyone. OTOH I really think Utah is the better team. And you can call me what you will but I will be rooting for the Utes to win.

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by ttexastim - 2008/08/29 07:21

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bball is a "glass half empty" kind of guy.

Utah's defense is very capable of handling the wolverine offense. This is an offense that hasn't been tested. It will be very easy for the Ute defense to get in their heads.

Will our offense come out smoking? I wish I was a good enough homer to say "YES", but I'm not sure. I do know that we have a hell of a kicker, and that makes me feel better. The wolverine defense will be very tough, and I'm not expecting our offense to move with ease. This will be a great test for the Utes, and I'm excited to watch the game and see how we fare. I think that between our stable of RBs, and WRs, we should be able to mix things up to keep the defense on their heels. If only we could've landed Dudley at TE.

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by urroner - 2008/08/29 07:26

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I am rooting for the U. I want them to win every game except one and I want that game to be a threeppeat, a fine continuation of the last two years and then I want ttexastim to humbly come before all of us and ask for our forgiveness and when he does so, I suggest that we all give him one extra karma so he can get out of the hole.:cheer:

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by NorthernCougar - 2008/08/29 07:31

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I hope you are right but I disagree on not knowing how to prepare for a new coach. They have a ton of film from his previous gig.

I think Utah loses a close one, but I think it will be very close.

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by happyvalleycougar - 2008/08/29 07:37

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I just moved here to Ann Arbor. Talking with lots of fans, they are all overlooking Utah... I don't know about the team.

One guy said "They actually think they have a chance? Yeah right!"

If the football team feels the same way (which may or may not be the case), then Utah has a really good chance of getting in their heads and winning this game. I think having a new coach and new offense is a detriment to Michigan right now, not a benefit.

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by Hengst - 2008/08/29 07:51

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/08/29 08:09

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by sjcougfan - 2008/08/29 08:25

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I agree with some of your points, but I wouldn't consider a new offense and a new QB to be an advantage, it usually takes at least a couple years for a new coach to get his system established, and the players he needs to run the system in his program.

I think this game will be decided at the line of scrimmage, the team that is able to establish the run, will win the game IMHO.

Although I won't be "rooting" for the Utes, I do want them to win for all the reasons others have stated, and just to prove to all these BC\$ honks, that the MWC can play some ball too.

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by Cougtastic - 2008/08/29 08:40

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I think Utah loses, but not because of anything that it will do to cause the loss (if that makes any sense). What I mean is that Utah is a decent team (...I had to hold back some puke when I said that...) and normally may sneak up on Michigan, however, Michigan lost to Appalachian State last year, and I'm sorry, but if you don't think they will be gunning 100% for the 'Tards, then you're mistaken.

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I see the score being something like 28-3 or 28-10. I would be very surprised to see the Utes hang with the Wolverines for longer than 1-2 quarters.

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### Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by Cougtastic - 2008/08/29 08:41

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...not that they cant...just that they won't.

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### Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by B-Rex - 2008/08/29 08:47

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It's the injury bug that has bit the utz in the butt the last couple of years. Bigger and faster boys hit harder. My question is who get's injured before MWC play even begins?

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### Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/08/29 08:49

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I agree with this. I like ESPN that Michigan will win a low scoring affair, but I admit I will be cheering for Utah.

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### Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by jmchess1 - 2008/08/29 09:01

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Micigan plays a very physical game. They wear you down. I think the second half will be the key to this game - what adjustments are made at half time. It should be a good game to watch prior to the BYU game.

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### Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/08/29 09:06

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I am pulling for Utah to win and I predict they will, 27-10. Rodriquez gets exposed as Weiss deja vu, the Big House becomes the Out House, and the rest of the nation faces the fact that the MWC has some damn good football players....Finally, a certain lady's chair collapses from the strain, but it will be unnoticed in the celebration to follow

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### Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by BCSBound - 2008/08/29 09:51

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I'll be cheering for the utes to win, but just because being an Ohio State Buckeye fan, its natural to cheer against michigan.

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by ProV1 - 2008/08/29 09:54

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Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

I disagree. Ugly game, but the Utes win 18-16.

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by Snagger311 - 2008/08/29 11:29

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My boss flew out yesterday to the game. He said 2 planes were full of red. I told him if they win or loss I'm going to give him crap. If the U wins cool, if not cool. ;) It would be good for the conference if they win. Good for BYU fans if they loss!:woohoo:

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by TimO - 2008/08/29 12:11

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typical arrogant big televen fans...they are like typical arrogant yewt fans...BYU or any team could have bragging rights for a couple years and they still talk smack and yell threats all year long...it doesn't make any sense. Fans of the yewts shouldn't talk smack like that till after a win, nor should michigan. I'd like to think they'd be a bit more humble as fans for losing to app. st. Cmon that's ridiculous

I want michigan to win at the end, but for the yewts to own the game for the most part, that way they still make conf. look good, but have a big L...if yewts get any wins there fans won't shut up about how they are better than the 04 team

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by bball - 2008/08/29 13:25

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I too hope Utah wins, it would benefit BYU and the conference--especially when we smoke the utes in SLC. But the reason they will lose is:

- A. They are the visiting team, so they start the game behind by seven
- B. Michigan is dedicating the opening of a brand new, remodeled stadium
- C. Michigan is showing off new uniforms (they dumped Nike for Adidas)
- D. Rodriguez is putting in a whole new offense, so any old film on Michigan is mostly worthless
- E. Michigan has 105,000 fans screaming for a new coach, a new stadium, and new hope for football success.
- F. After overlooking APP State last year, they will not be found guilty of that again.

Utah has some things going for them; a stout defense, some returning starters, a returning QB who has yet to prove he's as good as advertised. A rushing offense that could not run on BYU, and they certainly will not run on Michigan. If Michigan scores first and gets rolling, Utah will struggle the whole game. If Utah scores first, that will only motivate the Wolverines and they 105,000 fans to get after the utes.

Utah will threaten, and the game will be close, but Michigan will have too much energy, too much momentum, and too much noise for Utah to deal with.

Michigan 24 - Utah 16

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

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Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/08/29 14:05

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bball wrote:

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Funny, those are the exact same reasons I think utah will probably win

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/08/30 07:46

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Neither team has an established offense.

The established strengths on Michigan's defense will neutralize Utah's offense.

App state presents much tougher matchup problems for Michigan's defense (speedy vs. bruiser RB's)

Utah's biggest defensive weakness (DT's and ILB's) could be a problem for them, as Michigan's linemen and RB's will run all over them on the inside.

It won't be pretty (on either side).

Michigan 22 Utah 13

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## Re:Utah will lose in Ann Arbor

Posted by bluemike - 2008/08/30 08:56

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Kwit typically doesn't have his team ready the first game, and a starter usually goes down in an injury. Yewts lose, but I wish they would win

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