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## Conference play begins.

Posted by platypusdown - 2004/09/27 11:12

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I think it's about time to make the conference predictions.

We all have a pretty good feel for how good AND bad BYU can play at times, so here are my conference predictions. (of course I'm a die hard BYU guy so my predictions will be very biased)

1st off, BYU will not play a team that is as good as the last 4 the rest of the season, no not even Utah is as good as the last 4 teams we've played.

BYU vs CSU-

CSU is ok at best, they have a good passing D but still won't contain Watkins. BYU finally picks up SOME running game against CSU's pathetic run D. CSU will have a really hard time scoring and will struggle to find any consistency offensively. BYU only has to score 20 pts to win this game.

BYU will win by 10+

BYU vs UNLV-

UNLV flat out sucks and has no confidence left, they may be the worst team in the conference after their loss to Ut ST.

BYU will blow them away and Watkins will have another 200+ yard game.

BYU will win by 14+

BYU vs Wyoming- Why even bother, Wyoming is terrible nuff said. Watkins has his 3rd 200+ yard game of the season.

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BYU vs Air force-

Air force is ok this year but nothing like they were the last 2. BYU is also seeking revenge on them, and at this point they have a lot of momentum and confidence.

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BYU vs New Mexico-

UNM has a good D and a good run game, but they have BYU at home.

BYU will get tested a little here but the offense will have found its stride and the D will stop UNMs run game.

BYU wins in a defensive battle by 7

BYU vs SDSU-

One of the better teams in the MTN West, but still nothing compared to BYU's preseason schedule. BYU will have figured out how to beat good teams by this point and SDSU will be no exception. Plus BYU has them at home.

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BYU vs Utah-

Utah will be looked at as the team to win, and might be undefeated when BYU plays them. IF BYU loses any games in between now and this time then BYU has to win to go to a bowl game, in that case BYU will win because they have to. If they can afford to lose this then Utah will have a chance. But since I'm a BYU loyal (and Utah didn't look fabulous against a crap Air Force team) I say BYU wins by 3+

Watkins will end up breaking the all time receiving record at BYU and will be rated among the best receivers in the country.

So what do y'all think?

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Posted by BYUTerp - 2004/09/27 11:49

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6-1 or 5-2 in conference. There's always one bad game out there, so we will have to lose at least one close one in conference. Most likely to Utah. True they didn't look that great against air force, but that crazy scheme confuses a lot of defenses. Utah's offense was still rolling. That said, I say there's a chance either SDSU beats BYU. They have an excellent passing game and our secondary is weak. If we lose to them it will be close. The Boise game showed a lot of positives, but we're not there yet. We're getting better coaching wise and playing wise, but we still need to find a run game. Although Payne is the greatest, he can't make every game winner...there's just so much pressure.

Watkins could break that record! But if they double team him let's not forget Collie who is almost as good and will be better by the time he's a junior.

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Posted by A\_King - 2004/09/27 19:17

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If I could read your post right...platypuss...you voted BYU for 7-0 in conference play?

:D I couldn't agree more! However, as I stated in my Todd Watkins thread that there are some conditions. Here is what I said there:

A\_KingI TRULY believe that BYU can go 7-0! I am going to name some conditions here just because I know my team really struggles to win under certain conditions. So,

If BECK stays healthy:

BYU 7-0 undefeeted conference season. Great win against Utah in November!

if BECK gets injured and BERRY stays healthy:

BYU 6-1 with a struggle against the team that injures BECK and a loss to Utah.

if BECK, and BERRY get hurt and JASON BECK plays:

BYU 5-2 with wins at CSU, UNLV, WYOMING, AIR FORCE, and NEW MEXICO.

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Posted by raiderboy - 2004/09/27 22:20

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You guys are awesome. I really mean it. Brings a tear to my. Brings a tear to my sons eye too... better go, he's crying.

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Posted by thebig\_W - 2004/09/28 08:38

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I feel like I should wait until after this weeks games with CSU before making my predictions, because I think a lot of the season hinges upon this game, but anyway here are my predictions.

If BYU beats CSU:

1. BYU will win all home games (SDSU, Wyoming, UNLV and UNM).  
-they beat all these teams last year except Wyoming.
2. BYU loses a game to either AFA or Utah

FINAL PREDICTION 7-4 (6-1 conference) and will be tied with Utah (they will lose a game) for MWC champs.

IF BYU loses to CSU:

1. They win three of their four home games.
2. They lose both away games.

FINAL PREDICTION 4-7.

Hopefully they beat CSU because in my mind it will determine a lot of the season for the cougs.

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Posted by frdbtr - 2004/09/28 10:45

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I have to ask myself, is CSU going to be better or worse then BSU? The answer is worse. CSU's offense is not nearly as potent as BSU's, and CSU's defense isn't nearly as stingy as BSU's. BYU will win this game 42-10.

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Posted by Joe - 2004/09/28 11:38

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Posted by platypusdown - 2004/09/28 12:04

BYU will certainly start using the middle of the field now that they've developed a deep threat. Also look for BYU to put up some respectable running yards (60-100) against the awful CSU run defense. (who knows, maybe this will even turn out to be a break-through game for our horrible run attack) Also, I expect to see Holland (being young and inexperienced) to have a lot of problems against a tough BYU D. He has yet to play against a 3-3-5 D and it'll show. I expect 3+ sacks, 2 picks and at least 1 forced fumble.

BYU will also have a chance to try some new plays offensively and ultimately BYU should get a solid win over the worst CSU team in many many years. CSU will get a big game from their star receiver, I guess he has around 100 yards receiving and score 1 or 2 TD's on BYU  
I'm going to predict BYU wins 35-13

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Posted by frdbtr - 2004/09/28 12:15

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I agree that 42 is a stretch but BYU could have easily put up 40 on BSU if they didn't back up with penalties and sacks on the 1 yard line or if Watkins keeps his feet on the bomb that he could have gone 95 yards on. Yes, BYU can put up 40 on CSU, they may not but I hold by my prediction.

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Posted by A\_King - 2004/09/28 13:14

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I don't understand the process completely but I have read posts that sound logical on other boards. The way that it was described to me is that the casino's really aren't creating a spread to tell who is going to win but to try to entice people to place bets on both teams so that the house always makes money. If more people are betting on CSU, then they will increase the spread to try to get people to put money on BYU, it has nothing to do with whether the house believes CSU is going to win or not. The posters also pointed out the Notre Dame always has a huge amount of fans putting money down on them and is why they will always be "favored" to win by the point spread.

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Posted by Raul - 2004/09/28 15:08

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I agree with many of the other posts, this is an important game. If we can get this win against Colorado State we will be 2-3 going into our two "easiest" games of the year, UNLV and Wyoming, both at home. Suddenly we are 4-3 and just need to win two of the last four games to qualify for a bowl and have a winning season (or at least .500 if we lose a bowl game.)

I look forward to this game as an opportunity to establish some sort of run. We have played some very tough defensive teams, particularly against the run. All four of the teams we have played are ranked in the top 20 against the run. Colorado State's run defense is awful. They have given up 1049 rushing yards in only 4 games. Their last game they gave up 112 yards against division 1-AA Montana State on only 22 carries (5.1 average), and are allowing about 6.4 yards per carry for the year. This game will be a great confidence booster for our offensive line and will really open up things for our offense. My prediction, BYU 34 Colorado State 17.

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Posted by A\_King - 2004/09/28 18:25

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Frdbr,

That makes more sense! I am glad it has nothing to do with who is going to win or not. Since I am not a betting man, the

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spread is a foreign idea for me and I only could associate it with that BSU game spread where they kept the debate up on whether it was high enough or not. They made it sound like the higher the spread the better the team. Good to know! Thanks!

I wouldn't overlook CSU by ANY means. I think this will be a tough game. But, I also think BYU can wallop them if they play like they did against Boise State. I agree with you Raul. If they win this game it is a sweet looking path to go 3-0 in conference play! :D

Go Cougars!

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