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Yeah, there is no doubt BYU has played a tough schedule, but there's still one major problem... the offense hasn't shown improvement going on 3 seasons now. Last season, and the year before that, BYU struggled in their own conference (which isn't exactly full of powerhouses). Granted, when you lose RB's like Whalen & Brathwaite during an off-season, you're going to struggle offensively, but I attribute that to Crowton not being stern enough with his players and new recruits. All he has to do is say "I will not tolerate flagrant misbehavior in any way, shape or form and if it happens, you'll be sitting on the bench or worse, kicked off the team". Urban Meyer is a no non-sense guy in this regard. Crowton could take some lessons from him in how to effectively discipline your team and keep guys in line.

I realize that Gary can't watch his players every minute of every day and that there are going to be some problems because that is the nature of the beast, but for crying out loud... throw the book at guys who get out of line and make a statement to the rest of the coaches and players that you have a zero tolerance attitude. If he had done that already, Brathwaite and Whalen MIGHT still be here (although, considering what they did, they aren't guys I would want on my team anyway).

The bottom line is that BYU has no running game, a weak O line, no flow or continuity on offense and our defensive secondary is not good against the pass. All four add up to a sub-par team, pure and simple. Mark my words... you will not see BYU have success throwing the ball against CSU like they did against Boise St. Likewise, the run game will be non-existent as well. BYU should score around 14-17 points against the Rams (their average), but 17 won't get the job done against most opponents.

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