
Crowton: Colorado State important game, but not 'do-or-die'

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They carry the same records and no doubt the same feelings heading into Saturday

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Posted by bcphotog - 2004/09/28 19:38

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Do or Die

Posted by bman - 2004/09/28 20:58

I agree! If there is a time to build confidence on a team it is after going through the schedule we just did especially after playing quite well against BSU. Now is the time to find out whether you have men or boys on the team. Put the heat on them make them prove something. I heard one player say they were stronger and faster, tell them to prove it. I think its time the players put up or shut up. They either have it or they don't. I think the coaching staff is doing all it is capable of doing, now its time for the other half to step up. I would tell them this is the season, this game with CSU, they either step it up or hang it up. Teams get used to losing, the more it happens the easier it becomes to accept. Payne stepped it up last game even though he missed the FG. Its time for someone who plays on O or D to step it up. I hear so much negative about Crowton, but everyone is afraid to lay any blame on the players, maybe for fear of hurting their feelings. Missed blocks, dropped passes, poor reads, missed tackles, its time they stood up and took some of the heat. I think we have coaches that are on the hot seat and afraid to coach the way they really want to and players who are afraid to put things on the line and maybe make a mistake. Have any players said anything about beating CSU? No guts no glory.

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Posted by frdbtr - 2004/09/29 07:38

I agree Bman, this is something that bothers me about Crowton. I hate Urban Meyer but he always emphasizes that each game is the most important. I think that Crowton does this so that his players don't play tight but this CSU game is "do or die" and I hope the players play like it. If BYU wins this game, they could conceivably be above .500 before they play anyone tough again and could be playing with a lot of confidence. If they lose, they start 1-4 and would have to fight very hard to have a winning season. If BYU plays nearly as well against CSU as they did against BSU, then they will win the game, I have no doubts about that.

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Posted by trentls - 2004/09/29 08:54

Unfortunately for Crowton this is a "do-or-get your butt fired" game. I just don't think he can turn around a 1-4 start, I haven't been in the locker room with him so I don't know what kind of motivator he is, however, it would take a miracle worker to turn around a 1-4 train wreck. I have no doubt that we have the talent and depth on our team that we need to be top 25. I do, however, doubt that if we lose to CSU we will have the opportunity to see much of that potential develop since the mental battle will be all but lost. That being said, I am no pessimist (??), I think we take it to CSU this week. We will get a double digit win and our teams confidence will soar. I predicted at the beginning of the season that we would come in 2nd place in the conference. If we win this game convincingly I think we have a great shot at that mark and even a decent shot at 1st, what a turnaround that would be!!! GO COUGS

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Posted by MJ - 2004/09/29 10:07

The start of this season takes me back 30 years ago to a somewhat similar situation for the Cougars. 1974 was Lavell's third season. His first two years were only so-so. I think his record after two years was only 12-10. BYU lost the first three games of 1974 and was having difficulty getting their offense in gear. Gary Sheide was the quarterback. BYU's fourth game that year was against Colorado State. Things did not look so good going into that game. However, in that game, something clicked. The offense started to gel. The game ended in a 33-33 tie but never was a team so happy to get a tie. That game is often times thought to be the turning point in Lavell's career. After that game BYU ran the table in conference play and went on to play in their first bowl game.

Is this game a do-or-die game for the Cougars? I think so. I'd like to think last week's game, even though it was a loss, could have been the game that turned things around for this year's team. I feel that going into CSU the Cougars need to make a positive statement. They not only need to win the game, they need to do so with some authority. If they do, then I think we can see a bright future. If not, they may have dug a hole too deep to climb out of.

COLORADO STATE

Posted by BARNEY - 2004/09/29 11:08

BARNEY: COME ON CROWTON, THIS IS A MAKE OR BREAK GAME FOR BYU. DOES ANYBODY THINK UTAH WILL LOSE MORE THAN ONE GAME? UTAH HAS THE ABILITY TO BLOW OUT BYU; BYU HAS THE ABILITY TO STAY WITH UTAH AND HOPE FOR SOME GOOD BREAKS. WHAT NONSENSE; IF THEY GET BEAT AGAIN BY COLORADO STATE, FORGET IT. THEY WOULD BE AT 1-4 AND 0-1 AND GOING NOWHERE FAST. THEY HAVE ROAD GAMES AT AIR FORCE AND UTAH AFTER COLORADO STATE. BOTH OF THESE GAME LOOK LIKE LOSSES AT THE MOMENT. BYU DOES NOT HAVE ONE SURE WIN ON THE SCHEDULE. THEY HAVE YET TO BE FAVORED OVR ANYBODY. ITS BEEN UNDERDOG CITY FROM DAY ONE.

BYU Women's Football team

Posted by MRA - 2004/09/29 12:43

hey, Crowton is a woman for not stepping up and putting it all on the line by saying that this is a must win game against CSU. Of course it is! WAKEUP! Was he trying to be politically correct, was he trying to not put any pressure on the team!? Welcome to college football, I don't know if you've noticed Gary, but pressure is what college football is all about. Like playing in front of 65,000 raging fans on national t.v. every week against nationally ranked opponents doesn't create a little bit of pressure. Crowton needs to wake up and quit being a woman. And why don't we go to the tight ends more often? It's because Beck throws to his first read every time, which isn't the tight end, he lacks experience that way. It's the ONE area where Berry is better. Also, I think that the reason we did so well against BSU is because their secondary is crap. Oregon State's wide receivers went bananas on BSU's secondary three weeks ago. Going to Watkins deep was our only chance to open things up and win the game. I don't think it will work against every foe like people are saying. Until we can have confidence in our running game we will never be worthy of a W.

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Posted by suckafree - 2004/09/29 13:03

And you'll never be worthy of calling yourself a cougar fan. Go back and worship meyer and spewtah MRA! What does that stand for anyways? Moronic Retired Anus? Freak, I bet you only call Crowton a woman cuz you think he's hot. It's too bad we can't have media guys follow you around listening to what you say, and then publish it, and then proceed mock you and judge you when you slip up or say something someone disagrees with. Man you're pathetic, get a freaking life. You and everyone else that sits around day after day trying to figure out the next point of weakness the cougs/Crowton has so that you can relentlessly and mercilessly hash on it until the rest of us can't stand it anymore. It's people like you that makes sports suck.

mra

Posted by BARNEY - 2004/09/29 13:25

BARNEY: MRA IS RIGHT ON. WITHOUT A RUNNING GAME, THE COUGARS ARE DOOMED TO JUST COME CLOSE ON OCCASION, NOT MUCH ELSE. COLORADO STATE COULD ASSIGN ONE GUY TO OUR RUNNING BACK AND NEVER GET BURNED. COLORADO STATE IS NOT VERY GOOD, BUT I THINK OUR CHANCES OF WINNING ARE LESS THEN 50-50 BECAUSE WE CAN'T RUN THE STINKING BALL ON ANYBODY. IN THE OLD DAYS AT OHIO STATE THIER MOTTO WAS TWO YARDS AND A CLOUD OF DUST; BYU'S MOTTO IS ONE YARD AND A BRICK WALL. GETTING A HANDOFF AT BYU IS LIKE WALKING YOUR LAST MILE; YOU KNOW THE END IS VERY NEAR.

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Posted by frdbtr - 2004/09/29 13:35

BYU's running game is pathetic but it will improve. Especially if Beck keeps hitting on those deep balls. They will have to move some people out of the box to double up on our Wide outs. The offensive line is still very young and isn't blocking very good but if Grimes is worth his money, and I think that he is, the offensive line will get better. I expect BYU to be able to run this week since they are going to be playing against a defense that is young AND beat up. If BYU gets a win this week, they get to play 2 of the most pathetic teams in the nation at home and by that time I would expect the running game to have improved a lot. With some confidence they could be a good match for Utah in the last game of the year. (and I hope they win 70-0 against the utes.)

Re: mra

Posted by ryebrye - 2004/09/29 15:34

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Barney, Can I buy you a keyboard that doesn't HAVE CAPS LOCKSTUCK ON IT?

caps lock

Posted by BARNEY - 2004/09/29 16:04

BARNEY: Sorry about the caps stuff, but without my glasses I can't read the board very well. Maybe I am getting lazy in my old age; its just faster to type without having to shift all the time; and I see better. I am taking off my glasses now to type to final sentence. aieutrw jei9e fruemj euue snjo9en dki di eoosoe eugtogf. SEE WHAT I MEAN.....IT AIN'T FUN GETTING OLDER, IF YOUR SMART YOU WILL JUST STAY YOUNG AND NEVER NEED TO USE CAPS. OH, BY THE WAY I WOULD BE IN SHOCK IF CHOW EVER CAME BACK TO BYU. HE IS AN OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND MAYBE NOT A HEAD COACH. EVERYBODY ASSUMES TOO MUCH. HE ALSO IS WORKING WITH SOME OF THE BEST TALENT IN THE COUNTRY AT USC. IF WE HAD REGGIE BUSH AT BYU, WE WOULD BE

A TOP 20 TEAM. YOU STILL HAVE TO HAVE THE BEST HORSE TO WIN THE RACE REGARDLESS OF WHO THE COACH IS.

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horse race

Posted by bman - 2004/09/29 17:14

Oh contere, a bad jockey on a good horse can and will be beat by a good jockey on a less than good horse. Not all the time, but the jockey is as impoortant as the horse.

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This is a do or die game

Posted by bluefan - 2004/09/29 20:47

I disagree with Coach Crowton. This is a do or die game.

If BYU wins they will be 2-3 overall and 1-0 in conference only one game away from getting back to 0.500. But if they lose they will be 1-4 overall and 0-1 in the conference. Their confidence will be shot and they will be done for the year.

This game is huge. It will determine the direction for the rest of the year for BYU.

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Posted by raiderboy - 2004/09/29 22:14

I agree with most of you about it although I think you're way over analyzing what he said. I'm sure he just meant that it was POSSIBLE to still win the conference with 1 loss.

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Posted by bucket - 2004/09/29 22:43

Maybe what Crowton meant is that it's not a must win game because like most other coaches in the MWC, he doesn't think any of the teams will go undefeated. Funny, because it seems like Urban Meyer thinks the Utes WILL have to go undefeated to win the conference. But make no mistake, it is a must win game for BYU to have a shot at the conference title, and for Crowton to have a prayer at keeping his job. If the offense can't establish a running game against CSU, then it's a lost cause. CSU has a starting linebacker that weighs all of 183 pounds. BYU is so much more physically loaded than CSU, especially BYU's offense vs. CSU's defense, that a loss just should not happen. CSU is banged up, and while they've played a tough schedule with the exception of Montana State, they haven't shown much with a 1-3 record.

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