
Scrimmage Recap

Posted by BlueCrew - 2006/04/15 14:09

If anyone had any doubts about "The Punisher"- this scrimmage should have put an end to them. Fui looked sweet.

Any other thoughts on today's practice?

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Posted by JR12 - 2006/04/15 15:00

Any thoughts on the defense? How did the secondary look? The DL?

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Posted by caveman_cougar - 2006/04/15 15:03

Yeah, he looked pretty good. He scored at least one touchdown and had a few other good runs. Why didn't we see Brown?

Tico Pringle made a nice breakup near the endzone. There were a few good breakups. Defense won the battle. Hope the defense can keep working on those breakups and all that they did. I was hoping for some long bombs, but maybe they wanted to take it easy today. Defense also got 2 sacks credited to them. It seemed like the defense had the hardest time stopping Fui. Did anyone notice anything else with the defense? I'm not the best analyzer of these types of things, but these were my observations.

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I'd say defense and runningbacks looked the best today.

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Did the defense look good because the O line was bad? There was talk that the o line was down with injuries and limited on personnel.

And yes, did CB not play from what others are reporting?

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I don't know, I think Hudson looked pretty dang good and against better talent. Latu is so hard to judge because we only ever see him against 7th string guys, or UNLV (same thing). I'm not taking anything away from Latu, but you do have to consider that.

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Posted by LehiCougar - 2006/04/15 16:36

caveman_cougar

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I hope Max Hall wasn't there today, if so he was playing in the body of Kurt McEwan, and he violated NCAA transfer rules and will have to sit out next season...

Sorry, couldn't help myself... Hall doesn't arrive on campus until August.

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Posted by trueblue12 - 2006/04/15 17:10

I thought it was a great game, it is always good to see some Football especially BYU. The offense wasn't as hot, it seemed that Jason Beck was doing more than John. But I know John will show up big this fall. I just thought it was funny to see so many starters on the sideline i.e. Brian Kehl, and Cameron Jensen. I guess they want to see what others can prove.

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Posted by maddmax - 2006/04/15 17:30

taphuna is for real. the o line looked good as did the d line. not much else happened. a nice day to sit in the sun though.

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Posted by Miclin - 2006/04/15 17:42

I enjoyed it a lot. The defense looked really good today, but who knows how they really are. I have to admit that the highlight video they showed from last season sure got me all hyped up. But then I got settled into my seat and realized that all this stuff we've heard about another 2001 season and "the best offense I've seen" was really just hype. I hope I'm proven wrong though.

I especially liked how they let all the fans out onto the field. That was almost surreal to me and my son. He was able to get quite a few autographs and had a gin from ear to ear. That's one of the things I enjoy most about BYU football, the family aspect of it all.

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Posted by Buckshot - 2006/04/15 19:12

I enjoyed the game and thought the defense improved a lot already. The secondary had good positioning throughout the scrimmage and I was pleased.

McKay Jacobsen had a nice catch that was ruled out of bounds but in the replay he definitely looked in. He dropped another pass but seemed to just not be ready for it. I sat right behind him on the sidelines and he was pissed. He is a natural winner and I don't expect that to happen again. I saw a future legend.

The biggest and most pleasant surprise to me came from a player who just warmed up but didn't play in the game: Nathan Meikle. I watched him run every route and he looks poised to have a dominating season. He had blazing speed--faster than last year and looked like he put on some more muscle. He ran good routes most times but when he didn't he was fast enough to make up for it. He caught everything too. My prediction: 1,000 receiving yards barring injury (knock on wood).

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Vakapuna was incredible, and the D seemed to have a really hard time getting past his stiff arms. The rest of the RB's looked good. I thought that Hudson reminded me a little bit of Ronnie Jenkins. The TE corp appeared to be as good as mentioned, although So'oto did drop a few passes. Has Andrew George already gone on a mission? Or is he even LDS?

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That is very true. Even when passes were caught on them, they didn't look like a bunch of idiots running around reaching and grasping for the receivers. Everything seemed to be kept in front of them.

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Last year's crowd looked considerably larger than this year's.

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Today\'s Blue/White Game

Posted by antiuteutahn - 2006/04/15 20:08

I really enjoyed the game. I thought we looked good all around. The defense played well. I watched the secondary and

they were always in the game. They provided some good coverage and broke up several passes. The passes that were completed they were quick to make a tackle. They really never let anyone get behind them. The defense was tackling hard today. We were on the 40 yard line about 15 rows up and you could here the pops. You could see the potential of the offense. I don't believe they had the opportunity to really showcase. We saw four different QBs take snaps. There was a WR that I was impressed with. I hadn't heard of him before today. Issac Taylor made his presence known. He is a walk on and I think you will be seeing him much more this year. He showed some real quickness and nice hands today. He will add to the depth of the WR core. I believe after today that the D has made strides. I'm not saying the secondary will be great, but I think they will be adequate. They will provide enough defense to allow the offense to win the games. As far a Jacobson, When he was in he did a good job running his routes and getting open. They didn't throw to him much. He did make a spectacular catch on the side close to the north end zone. The official ruled that he was pushed out of bounds. The replay made it look like he clearly got his feet down in bounds. He is quick and will be fun to watch. My only regret was we didn't get to see any special teams. It would have been interesting to see how they have progressed. Overall I think we will be a good team. We have the makings and offensive weapons to be a great team. It will depend if the defense continues to improve. I am very optimistic after today's scrimmage.

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Posted by A_King - 2006/04/15 20:36

The attendance was most likely tied to the weather and the decision to make it only a scrimmage rather than a game. But, I was satisfied with the attendance.

First impression of the offense: A bit sluggish.

But, it wasn't the day to define the offense. They just weren't out there to impress anyone. They were out there to run some plays and do what they can to let guys learn their positions. I like that about it. It was the business of Ws and Ls, not PR work. They weren't selling tickets they were working on the team and it's issues.

They ran almost every play strong right unless two tight ends were in. The tight ends are great blockers and will be a huge strength for the team as expected.

The defense ran only one set the whole scrimmage.

About 50/50 run to pass ratio.

Jason Beck has a weak arm but his offense was able to drive on the defensive 2s. JaBeck kept hitting his man low although Andrew George got a huge TD catch off a low ball. It was well thrown at the pylon to keep out of reach of defenders but was far too low.

John Beck looked strong as a QB but like I said earlier, wasn't trying to prove anything. As a Senior he looks mature and was focused on feeding the ball to players rather than hyping up the crowd. Beck is going to be a great QB this year, and should health allow will be able to finally gain Ws with his stats.

The defense was very much improved like earlier posters said. Breaking on the ball and reaching to get the interception or block. Not quite a complete 180 from last year, but certainly a vast improvement. Jaime Hill was grabbing guys on the sideline and showing them where they screwed up after plays. I like Hill.

I heard a fan say, "The fifteen and cut-back pattern is going to be money this year." I completely agree.

Sigh...too many months until fall camp. :D

Go Cougars!

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That was actually one of my favorite plays from the whole day just because I was really tired of nobody being able to tackle the bigger receivers. But it looked like Pringle was never playing with the first team defense. I know it is only spring, but from today it looked like Justin and Kayle Buchanan are still the 1 and 2 corners on the roster.

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Ya know, Now that I've slept on it, i guess the biggest reason I was bored with George and So' otot is because I am a huge Harline fan. I believe Harline will be our number 1 receiver this year again, and will have 10-15 touchdowns and will be the reason every pass play works. He will be the greatest tight end in the history of the program and I'm pumped about that. Coats also looked great and had a nice approx. 15 yard gain around the end. With out the star TEs in the scrimmage I was bored. Unlike the running back situation where Vakupana blew everybody's doors off. I was like, Curtis whooo?

I'm sure George and So'oto will do well; i hope I don't have to witness them doing well until Spring 07.

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I do think Tico played well. AND I am not singling him out with the comments but your observations are a natural lead in for my point:

There are some factors that many overlook when evaluating the DB play .

First look at how many passes were thrown to a particular area. If coverage is very good on the primary, the QB will go to a secondary receiver. Notice that the two DB's who seemed to stand out(as you also noted with Tico) were the two's not the ones.

Why was that.

More passes thrown and completed on the second team D. Maybe Jason Beck Looked better because the coverage was generally less effective with the two's OR maybe John Beck was off his reads with the Ones.

Which one is true. That is what film is for and many other factors.

Secondly/. And not to pick on Tico, but the "hit" you liked so much was made after he allowed the receiver to catch a ball in his area with very soft coverage. He was back almost 10 yards after he bit on a fake.

Yes he closed and made a good hit(excellent tackle). But what if his coverage had been very tight?

Would the QB even have thrown the ball there?

My point is often times we see things that look like great plays or bad plays when in reality there are so many factors involved we miss the point. That is why coaches dissect film and also have inside knowledge of the coverages, assignments etc. that the average fan.. "Looking for the big hit or break up may miss.

The fact is yesterday The ones only had 5 passes completed on them and the 2's had 14. But what that really means is not readily seen on the surface by the average fan.

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Further thought on DB play

Posted by lweb8fan - 2006/04/16 11:27

One of the best DB's I have ever seen was Aneas Williams (played for the NFL Cardinals and the Rams). He always got the assignment to cover the best receivers. Often times his coverage was so good , you never noticed him in the game.

Why? Because his coverage was so effective, the pass plays usually were thrown to another receiver, the QB had to go somewhere else with the throw.
Now, during his playing years who was the guy everybody talked about? Dion Sanders, Dion Sanders and Dion Sanders. But when you ask a NFL receiver who they dreaded covering them, Aneas Williams was in the top 2 or 3 mentioned.

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Posted by dYrtbYkerYder - 2006/04/16 11:29

I think the two main things we can take from this game is that we have very good RBs and that our defense will be vastly improved from last year. I think it's hard to single out offensive players, especially receivers, based on their performances today. There just weren't enough plays to evaluate them. I think MJ will be a very good playmaking receiver and that he will also return at least one kick for a TD this season.

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I'm going with Jermaine Dye (I think I said and spelled it right). I heard rumors that the slogan for opposing teams was..."you punt, you dye!" Am I right on this one? Let me know.

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I have to agree with you on your assessment. I too, have to worry about our D-Line. I was somewhat relieved after seeing good things from our linebackers.

Earlier, someone commented on Tico Pringle and how perhaps the ball was thrown in his direction because he wasn't doing a great job. I understand your idea, however I too, agree that he will start in the fall. Now let's face it people, did he not grab your attention with what he showed on Saturday? Honestly, his cornerback plays yesterday-speaking of his pass break-up and tackle were some of the biggest highlights that I took away from that scrimmage.

In fact, I can't remember the last time one of our corners broke up a pass like that! You may think I'm joking but I'm not. He's bigger and seems more instinctive in that position than any other secondary player I watched-this scrimmage and last season. I think the only reason we're hearing reports about him being 2nd and 3rd string is because Bronco and crew don't want to immediately take away the starting spot from the other guys.

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Actually, I think McEuen was 1 of 2 and completed a 17 yd (according to Darnell Dickson) pass to Isaac Taylor that looked pretty crisp. I had heard he hadn't taken a snap in any of the spring scrimmages (until the blue/white game) and had only been in a couple of the 7 on 7's.

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Posted by BlueCrew - 2006/04/16 23:18

faithfullonghornkiwibacondYrtbYkerYder I think MJ will be a very good playmaking receiver and that he will also return at least one kick for a TD this season. I have a question for the stat guru's. When was the last time a punt or kickoff was returned for a TD for BYU?

I'm going with Jermaine Dye (I think I said and spelled it right). I heard rumors that the slogan for opposing teams was..."you punt, you dye!" Am I right on this one? Let me know.

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I wasn't there so thank all of you for your reports. It sounds like the rbs are very strong and the receiving corps is not so good at this point. I would again hope that they have at least some plays with 2 to 3 of the rbs in and have one or two of them do man in motion plays. I think it will overload the defense.

I remember a few years ago that they would run plays till one of the little receivers would catch a ball in the middle of the secondary for 15 yds or so. In one or two plays it would happen again. You could sense a tearing. Soon one of them would be in the end zone. By then it would be a significant tear. Many times by half time the game would be mostly over and sophomores would get valuable training for the next year. I hope that can happen with the talent we now have.

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Posted by mcgregor - 2006/04/17 07:43

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-Linebackers rocked! My prediction, Chris Bolden #31 is going to start with Nixon, Jensen, and Stafferi. He's big, fast, and physical.

While the linebackers looked great, I don't think we'll be seeing your lineup. Jensen is for sure; Staffieri will have to win the job back from Wagner in the fall; No one is taking the strong-side OLB spot from Kehl--supposedly the best defender on the team; and Nixon is competing for Bolden's spot, but will likely not take it away from him.

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Tico did a great job, and is a refreshing addition to our secondary. But I don't think he will start. For one, he may not even play corner. Second, there will be a few other corners better than him. But look at it this way: if Tico DOESN'T start, you have to be feeling really good about the defense.

- Receivers looked sloppy. The routes were rusty! I understand that Harline and many others were out. However we

NEED to have some guys step up.

The routes will be better. I hope people don't read too much into the spring game. First, our offense was VERY vanilla--Anae doesn't want to open up the playbook for something like this. Second, likely 3 OL starters weren't in the rotation. Third, the average pocket holds up for 4 seconds; with a depleted line and hitting the QB prohibited, naturally, the receivers do not have time for much separation. A real game would hopefully be much different.

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Posted by patten - 2006/04/17 07:52

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The two things I thought were bad last year was tackling form in the secondary, and poor angles with the linebackers.

For the most part, the secondary kept their man in front of them, and tackled them. Occasionally there were some good

hits. The linebackers took much better angles, and the entire team came to help. The only real occasion where the team failed to completely tackle was when Fui ran the ball. We'll see how many teams this year do much better.

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Go Cougars!

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I was there and here are my observations...

Didn't take much from it as far as team performance, but there were some interesting individual performances of note.

Fui is what they say he is. He runs so hard, takes on tacklers and has a true touchness to his running. LOVED IT.

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The linebackers are big and physical. Chris Bolden looks like a mini Ray Lewis, very strong and muscular.

Dan Coates looks like Conan the Destroyer, the dude is stacked!!

Tight end position is something to be extremely excited about. Andrew George looks like Johnny Harline's twin brother, and Coats and So'oto look great as well.

I am beginning to think the defense will be better this year, even if only a little.

Overall it was a fun day. Not much to interpret as far as how well the team with do. But it was fun to see the players face-to-face. Fui was surrounded by young kids wanting autographics and he was so good with them. He had a constant

smile and was very eager to make the kids happy. It was just a great feeling, made me proud to be a BYU fan.

ps- while searching for the restroom for my 3-year old daughter I walked past a family of Polynesians who were talking smack about the Utes...LOVED IT!! Nice to see the Polynesian pipeline is still open and running.

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So technically, in college, anytime a receiver jumps to catch the ball, the defender could/should (?) then catch the receiver and carry him out of bounds and then deposit him on the ground and it would be an incomplection.

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Were You at the scrimmage?

The reasons your WRONG.

1. Pringle wasn't covering George, it was the safety Quinn Gooch who covers the Tight end. Remember the corners cover RECEIVERS in the 4-3

2. Last year I RARELY saw corners break up passes. Most of the scrimmage Pringle was covering one of our most talented receivers, Michael Reed #3.

3. Most idiotic statements you made are IF, AND, BUT comments. The fact is he made plays. Your right, fans look for big hits and break ups, however that's simply because that player is making what we call a good "PLAY."

-lweb8fan, you better hope and pray that Tico is starting over the D2 corners we had last year. When you consider all the facts You will learn that safeties cover tight ends (or sometimes linebackers do) and corners cover receivers. And that Tico is better then Justin Robinson. Do you remember 3rd and 29 in the Utah game last year? GET your facts straight.

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Your one of those Mormons that have never heard of a joke! Anyway I'm not in sunday school. I'm on Cougar blue.

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Posted by Cornellcoug - 2006/04/17 11:30

In regards to the Tico subject, I am not sure that he will start at the beginning of the season and he will probably switch to Safety and not CB. But he was not defending George and in fact was playing the opposite side of the field.

In regards to him playing soft on the one time that a pass was completed in front of him, that is a defensive scheme and not his mistake. The fact of the matter is that when it was caught, he closed fast and made a solid wrap up tackle that last year may have gone for 15 yards.

Also you will see a vastly improved Robinson this year. I think Robinson and Howard will probably be your starting corners this year and with the improved emphasis on technique they will be just fine. The area of concern should be D-line this year and not our secondary.

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Scrimmage Recap

Posted by Slugger - 2006/04/17 12:02

As I was wandering around afterward I noticed quite a few former Cougar players but I didn't see Kyle Whittingham anywhere. Hmm....anybody know why he didn't show up? Oh that's right, he's coaching our rival on how to beat us....my bad. Maybe he isn't invited??? :P

I didn't really take much from the scrimmage because of the patchwork of players and diluted play calling but I did enjoy hearing the crack of the helmets and see the classic "Y" prancing around the stadium like the days of yore. Individually speaking, it was fun to see the guys up close to get a sense of their character, demeanor and their physical size. There were a handful of guys that seemed small to me but then there were those who seemed much larger than I an envisioned. Maybe because I'm 6'3" guys that are 6'0" seem short to me, I dunno???? It was fun to be there and mingle with the team. The players with the most attention afterwards were John Beck and Fui Vakapuna. Fui's touchdown run was awesome....gettig trapped be hind the line, getting out of pressure, stiff-arming a defender and then leaping into the endzone. Lance Reynolds Sr was right, he runs with a passion. He and Brown are going to keep defenses very busy and hopefully by the 4th quarter....completely worn out. :D :D :D :D

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My observations

Posted by cougarblue333 - 2006/04/17 19:23

Personal impressions from what I saw.

#1. Fui Vakapuna. If there was one thing that I went into the practicewanting to see, it was to see what all the hype about this guy was. I couldn't even remember him from when he played before his mission. And when I left the scrimmage, believe you me, I know who Vakapuna is now. On the first play, he took a handoff from John Beck, right up the middle, stick-armed a "fully invested" linebacker....bounced off one or two more tacklers, took a cut to the outside and outran everyone down the sideline...DBs included. Three defenders finally pushed him out of bounds 25 yards down the field. You could tell a couple of things by the next couple of times he got the ball. First, little people (including linebackers) know better than to go low on this guy. Second, he has more speed than Tahi and gets up the field a lot better. I was very impressed with this guy.

#2. The rest of the RBs. BYU pretty well taken care of running back, not only for this year though. The stable is well stocked with the horses needed to carry the load that Brown and Tahi did last year. Ray Hudson is small, but compact and as quick as I've seen in a while. Kind of looks like a smaller but quicker version of Brian McKenzie (remember him?)

He was on the '96 team with Ronny Jenkins). Manase Tonga is the blocking back that we need and they'll give him a few touches just to keep him happy. I couldn't get a very good reading on Wayne Latu. A lot of people are high on him and say he's really fast but I didn't see anything that really got me excited about him.

#3. The defense seemed improved but with lots of room for improvement. The number one area that the team needs help with is NOT the defensive backfield. They seemed to be able to hold their own - granted the BYU receivers aren't going to keep many opposing coaches up at nights but they made some plays on the ball (how often did we see that last year?) and they generally seemed like they were in better position and had better technique than last year. The real area of need is the defensive line. They made some good plays and most of the actual tackling and pass rushing responsibilities fall on the linebackers in this defense with the defensive linemen just there to take up space, but it's been a while since BYU has had a consistent game changer on the D-line....probably back to Ryan Denney in 2001. There is help on the way with the other Tonga, Funga, and Foeki (however you spell it) and they need these freshmen to step up big.

#4. The DBs. They still need to learn how to tackle efficiently though. The DB coach, Jaime Hill, is teaching them though. When the defense rotated from 1st to 2nd strings, the DBs would come over and Hill would talk to them in a group, then he'd pull a few out of the group and talk to them one on one. He'd even get down in the stance with them and show them what they needed to be doing. I didn't pay much attention to that last year with Mitchell but the DBs should be learning.

#5. The offense didn't seem to be in sync and missed on a lot of the drives but several key players (Harline, C. Brown, basically half the O-line) were missing. So I don't read a whole lot into that. BYU needs a back up QB though. Max Hall seems to have been anointed the successor to John Beck and he'll be on campus in the fall and hopefully he'll come around because if any of the back ups right now have to see extended action, BYU is in real trouble unless someone comes out of nowhere to save them.

All in all, I did come out of the scrimmage encouraged and excited for the season. The defense seems tweaked and a little better and the offense should be fine. No special teams were on display so who knows how those will be.

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Also, his big hit was not after he bit on a fake. He was playing the ball the perfect way possible.

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J-Rob's frame couldn't qualify him for any scout team, neither could anyone else's frame, but his heart sure could, and so could his speed and cover skills. Ask someone that plays for BYU's secondary who the better cover man is between Robinson and Pringle, you'd be surprised. By the way, how many major programs scout teams have you been around?

Please be more objective and try not to talk about things you don't know about. He's not on the first team for a reason. He'll be a nice player for us, but won't be a star.

Also, weren't you the one saying Kessman's signing wasn't that good because we were the only ones that offered him? Well, guess how many D-1 schools offered Tico? If you guessed only BYU, then you're correct. Also, BYU didn't offer him during his Junior year in HS, but during his Soph year in college.

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Some people are like that--like BYUNesp.

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Posted by colerblue - 2006/04/18 09:33

I think the thing that we all learned last year is that with the exception of Harline the spring did not tell us too much. Now that is good that Fui and others shined this spring but were not going to know too much until September 2. Let's hope that some of the predictions will surface and this will be a start of great things to come.

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I disagreed with your assessments on Tico, and you call me a Tico hater? . In truth, I responded to your crowning him "the best etc. etc.

IMO, you, and others are overly excited about one or two aspects of his play and ignored the rest that do not align with your take on things. My take was he also showed some weaknesses, which I believe the coaches have also seen throughout the spring.

Tico made a great tackle, perhaps the coverage is debatable, but he finished well which I give him credit for it. I just think his initial coverage was less than stellar, you don't see it that way. I think your missing the weakness and seeing only the big hit, etc.

My overriding point is this: In your distain of last years DB play you are placing all your hopes on the new guy with the catchy name. You are hanging your hopes on what you selctively "saw" happen on Saturday. You are sold on Tico and have given up on anyone who played DB last year.

In spite of the other posts to the contrary: This also happened Saturday.

Someone wearing #17, was on the short side of the field (BYU does not play right and left, but short or wide side of the field and the players may switch sides depending on the assignment). He had a zone assignment on the Touchdown play. In spite of the "corners never cover tight ends" hogwash. In end zone situations, and, or, in zone coverage, that does not apply at all. On the play in question the LB had the short man, and the safety the deep end-zone hook, it left Tico to cover the out pattern George ran . It was his man because he was the only guy in his zone.

Frankly, all this has nothing to do with whether it was Tico or J-rob, or Brandon, or Kyle etc, etc. My entire point from the beginning was the "crowning" of anyone, in this case Tico, as the greatest defensive player of the game based on Saturdays scrimmage was not objective at all. IMO, A lot of other factors/ prejudices affected your call on that. Objective, day to day evaluations and coaches seeing the fine details must be added to the mix before crowning anyone as the "best cover corner" , sure fire starter, only true DB body etc. etc. as you have asserted.

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Okay, if you seriously have some inside scoop on the team, I do have a question. What does our D-Line look line so far? Also, is the Linebacker crew going to be improved? Please, do tell.

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I'll put it this way. If the game is on the line, I am not comfortable with the ball in his hands.

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It only distinguished him from all the other corners, in your opinion.

The basic problem here is that although Saturday's scrimmage was played in Lavelle Edwards stadium in front of 10,000 people, it was really no different than the several other scrimmages that were held during the Spring camp. It was not a game, but a glorified scrimmage, period.

In those other scrimmages, many other players had great hits, nice breakups, picks etc., etc. In fact one of the red shirt guys from last year had a killer hit on Curtis Brown on the 2 yard line that drove him back two yards. It was a great hit, in many ways, (goal line stand and vs a bigger player/ running back) better than Tico's hit Saturday, but since it didn't happen last Saturday, you didn't see it and therefore it doesn't exist to you.

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The whole "champion" crap is a bunch of baloney. I hate it when people buy into the "it" argument: as in, John Beck doesn't have "it" because he doesn't win games all by himself like Ty Detmer did (even though Ty Detmer's whole career is characterized only by the Heisman and the Miami games, not any of the losses).

The bottom line is that the "it" crap is purely a product of environment. Beck doesn't have the team to work with that Detmer did, and unfortunately for him he will always be remembered for the losses due to that factor rather than the wins. Ratliff is OOZING with "it" because he "won" two games- both against bad or unmotivated defenses. Forget all other factors, like say the rest of the team or the opponent, Ratliff has "it" and Beck doesn't.

Beck is going to be a great QB. I'm not saying he's gonna pull a Jim McMahon and throw the "Miracle Bowl" pass, or a Steve Young, Ty Detmer, or Brandon Doman, but he's gonna be a great QB for us next year, he's the best we've got, and he's all we really need with what we've got now on offense. That is good enough for me.

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