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## At Least We Were All Wrong - 12 Random Thoughts

Posted by PhasiBone - 2004/11/22 21:14

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I predicted we'll lose in a close battle. Kmm. I admit this was a stupid prediction at least. But I'm comforted by the thought that everybody was wrong and none of us could not even imagine a 36-point loss. Here are some thoughts.

1. We are too slow moving the ball and chasing the ball. If we don't run faster, we'll end up worse than 5th in the MWC.
2. Turnovers? Hello? They played very ugly in this area. Uglier than any football team we had over the last three years. Fear I think is an obvious reason.
3. Ainge looked better at PG than Nashif. I didn't know he can actually throw the 3-ers. I hope he will start. And I hope Terry doesn't ever try to throw 3 again -- he was terrible.
4. Free throws? Can we at least score them? Or are we as bad as we were?
5. None of the rookies looked any good tonight, except perhaps Young. He's the only one who impressed me tonight.
6. 3-point game didn't look too bad even with Rose missing the shots. Maybe this is how we can compete.
7. Cleveland -- what's wrong with his eyes? What was that wild winking all about? Hawaii climate?
8. We played probably at least Final Four contestant. They were angry at the fall in rankings and seems like they wanted to try anything to bring it back.
9. We played probably at least Final Four contestant at their home. I didn't see very many BYU fans out there, Danny Ainge excepted.
10. Is this Majerus' new job? He's not very good.
11. This was hopefully our worst game this whole next season. There is always sunshine after rain.
12. I hope they win a game at this tournament just so we could attract more fans to our first real home game. We can't lose our home advantage. However, on a thanksgiving week probably not as many students will come out even if we were ranked.

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Posted by qman - 2004/11/23 08:43

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I think that we had a few bright spots. First Young played very well. And Plastied(sp?) played well in stretches as well. The weakness for this team seems to be the point guard more then anything else.

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Posted by BARNEY - 2004/11/23 08:57

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DON'T TRY TO OVER ANALYZE THE BASKETBALL TEAM. THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG YEAR. THEY HAVE LITTLE TALENT UP FRONT AND LITTLE TALENT IN THE BACK COURT. CLEVELAND DID NOT GO OUT AND BRING IN ANY IMPACT PLAYERS; HE IS GOING WITH WHAT HE HAS AND THAT ISN'T MUCH. THEY LOOKED AWFUL TO SAY THE LEAST. THE OTHER COACH PULLED THE PLUG EARY OR IT COULD HAVE BEEN A 60 POINT LOSS. THIS IS ONE BAD LOOKING BASKETBALL TEAM. LOOK FOR THE CROWDS TO BE AROUND 8 OR 9 THOUSAND AS THE SEASON GOES ON. ITS BAD ENTERTAINMENT; THEY LOOK LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL TEAM. I KNOW EVERYONE WILL FIND EXCUSES AND SAY THEY ARE YONG AND INEXPERIENCED JUST LIKE THE FOOTBAL TEAM. BALONEY; BYU COACHES ARE NOT GETTING THE JOB DONE AND BYU IS RUNNING FAR BEHIND UTAH AT THIS POINT IN QUALITY OF TALENT AND COACHING.

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Posted by qman - 2004/11/23 11:23

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Barney... I am going to predict this right now. BYU will beat Utah head to head at least once this season.

Now we need to have some serious improvement to do, but I see the potential for it.

And I think you will quickly see the PG's improve or the other guards will take their minutes.

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Posted by PhasiBone - 2004/11/23 16:40

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Barney,

Your predictions are very brave. Good luck seeing them come true. 8,000 at Marriott Center? You're crazy. Even if we are mediocre , more fans will come anyway. You think we live in SLC or something and our colors are crimson.

Now tell me this. Do you think any team in MWC would do better against NC than we did last night? Do you really think so? We played an angry monster, and at least few times a season teams loose to them 30+ no matter who they are and how bad NC is that year.

So let's not be too negative here. Things will be alright.

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Posted by edward - 2004/11/23 16:53

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qman.....utah should have another good team this year...experienced guards...forwards that have much more talent than ours...a center that is very, very good with experience that the cougars only dream of...and a very deep bench....its going to build a long rebuilding year! don't hinge the year on the utes!!!

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I agree with edward about Utahs talent, but I also agree with qman that we will beat them head to head at least once. Maybe that is all but I don't think they will sweep us this year. I predict that Utah will finish at the top of the conference, but BYU will be right behind giving them a scare. We both go dancing and we both get eliminated in the same round. I know it is a bold prediction but you know what, it has happened in the recent past too. Early prediction but I don't think it is uncalled for. I am optimistic, hopeful, but not naive. We still have six weeks before conference play and I think the games between now and then will be very telling.

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Posted by qman - 2004/11/24 10:00

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Yea Utah should be pretty good this season, but once Cleveland realizes that All of our seniors besides Hall aren't getting it done he will play the young talent and they will have good games and bad games. But they are good enough to have great games.

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TURNOVERS and POOR SHOOTING are what doomed the cougars. They were not going to beat NC no matter what but they had 27 turnovers and shot horribly. Basically the same thing against Stanford. They could have easily won that game with a normal number of turnovers and decent shooting. What happened to Hall? The guy is shooting like 20% or something. Not good when your best player can't make a shot. We will win today but only because we play a bad team. I am very concerned about this season.

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Posted by Ywisealbert - 2004/11/24 10:35

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Deja vu from last year. Remember Bigalo's preseason last year? When conference started, he seemed to get somewhat better but still had games where his shot just disappeared. He never seemed to have consistent rhythm and confidence. I hope Hall breaks out of his slump. He has to score for BYU to win.

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If Hall doesn't score 18+ per game we lose every time. Period. There is no one else on this team we can count on consistently for points. My BIG issue with Cleveland is really simple: HE CAN'T GET HIS TEAMS TO CONSISTENTLY SCORE IN THE 70'S OR 80'S.

He gets his guys to play good defense but the problem over the last 7 years has always boiled down to the teams inability to consistently put up 70+. The teams that did were the ones with real offensive talent. My point being is that a good coach should be able to build a system where you can consistently score. We don't have to be a 80 point team a night but we do have to get to the 70's to win. Scoring 51 and 53 points in your first two games, no matter who you are playing, is REALLY, REALLY poor.

I consistently see Cleveland's teams have LARGE scoring gaps where we will go 4, 5, 6, 7 minutes sometimes without a basket. For all of Reid's faults, his teams NEVER did that. He always had set plays he could get to and get points. What is the deal with Cleveland's team not being able to consistently feed the post? I am a college basketball junky and I call it like I see'em. I LOVE Y basketball but I am very concerned about the consistent trend I see with his teams.

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I recently added a post suggesting we as Cougar fans refrain from bashing each other because we cheer for the same team. But, I have to say I don't know what BARNEY's issues are. True, maybe the guard positions on the team are not mesmerizing but to say there is no one under the basket to work with is stupid. Yes, there are alot of young players. But Cleveland's recruiting class was ranked top-20 nationally. The big loss was Lee Cummard but they've recruited some nice big men (Miles, Plaisted, Burgess, Young). Not to mention veterans Jensen, Dawes and Meads. This is a big team. I don't typically form opinions or judgements regarding those who post but BARNEY seems to have a totally negative attitude about everything. Unlike the football team, which is also young and talented, I think Cleveland will get his players to play. I am actually pretty optimistic and excited about this team.

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Have to say your right prg. I think everyone who comes to this site would agree with you on your point in this post. I LOVE Y basketball and will cheer my guts out everytime they play (this anoys my wife since I am alwas watching them on television) I REALLY hope this teams turns it around. The problem with losing a bunch of pre-season games is that you have not choice but to win the conference touorney to get into the big dance, which should always be our goal.

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If you haven't heard, he's off his mission already and is thinking whether to come back in January or wait till next season. I hope he comes back now, because we need all the help we can get.

As to Hall, don't forget the guys is playing with an injury. I hope this is why his shooting's been more of a joke. Because if our leader can't play well, what about the rest of the team?

I also have high hopes for Keena Young. Guy looks like he should be a starter already. He's tall so he rebounds well (10 of them against NC and 5 against Stanford) and he shoots fairly consistent. I hope Cleveland will at least give him 18-20 minutes a game like he had against NC. Why he only had 13 min against Stanford is a big mystery to me.

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