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Utah State vs. BYU

THE UNOFFICIAL GAME DAY NEWSLETTER OF THE SPECTRUM

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Head Coach: Dave Rose

BYU Still Mystified by Fact that No One Likes Them

In a story which has mystified Cougar fans and shocked no one else, the majority of followers of the institution to the south remain utterly confused at the fact that their popularity is so absolutely low among fans of other universities, and everywhere really.

"We like to think its because we put such an impressive product on the field and court every year that the world is simply intimidated by us," said Tom Holmoe, BYU athletic director. "I mean, is there any other reason that no one actually wants us in their conference and everybody thinks that we're their rival?"

"We've heard reports that people think its because of our superiority complex, our double standards, and our obsessive and uneducated fanbase," continued Holmoe. "I will be the first to say that, despite ample historical evidence, youtube videos, news stories and a myriad of personal anecdotes, we firmly deny all these allegations and continue to assert the high standing of our institution and its fans."

"Seriously, we're really confused about it," said Bronco Mendenhall, head football coach, smiling creepily before making an incredibly odd face. "I mean, every institution has fans who throw stuff on the court and at refs, right? That happens at other places, correct?"

"I have personally never seen any form of hypocrisy at this institution," chimed in basketball head coach Dave Rose. "I mean, the fact that we wave our standards in the faces of other institutions and say it makes us better and chosen, and then whine like crazy when we break those standards ourselves and others point it out isn't hypocrisy, is it? Wait... that's the definition of hypocrisy? Are you serious?"

Upon inquiring if there could be a more stable reason why everyone should worship their institution the way that their fans do, Rose continued triumphantly.

"Well, at least we can point to the absolutely uniform way in which our rules are enforced. In case of a violation of campus rules, our athletes are reprimanded to the same degree as a regular student. Well, aside from the fact that they're allowed to stay in school most the time. And the fact that we let them off probation early to play for our sports teams. But come on, guys. Missionary work, right? And plus, we're open and honest about all our proceedings! I mean, we would never just sweep the story of a basketball player who had a DUI and possession of marijuana charges, which are actual crimes, under the carpet to try to preserve the integrity of our image, and then throw a kid who made a moral mistake into the public spotlight to try and demonstrate our high moral standing! Wait, we did that, too? Michael Lloyd Jr. and Brandon Davies, you say? Well. Uh... Ya... You've got me there. I guess you guys are right."

"What coach Rose is trying to say," interrupted Holmoe, "is that once again, we're a lauded institution of class, which give us certain privileges. The first is to be able to judge the way that every fan base behaves. The second is immunity from the judgement from others. Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to go schedule the next marketing tool honor code violation. The Gospel's not going to preach itself, you know! And for the last fetchin' flippin' time, JACOB STOCKING IS NOT A BOOSTER! The Sports Illustrated writer said so himself! Me and him makes the mouths of two witnesses!"

In All Honesty: A game preview

Let's be real for a bit, BYU has a pretty good basketball team this year. They have two losses but both came at the hands of top 25 teams. The Cougars are very different from the Aggies in the way they play the game. BYU loves to "run n' gun" by shooting very quick into the shot clock. They have two guards who can score a lot in a little amount of time in Matt Carlino and Tyler Haws, who average 19.1 and 24.2 ppg respectively.

Haws isn't the best shooter from the floor but is very skilled at drawing fouls and getting to the line. Carlino is very streaky and can put opponents in a world of pain, but at the same time can really put the Cougars in the same situation. Let's hope he's cold tonight.

The Cougars' bigs are kind of a question mark. Freshman Eric Mika averages 13.1 points per game but is very soft when it comes to rebounding the ball.

OUR PREDICTION: This one is gonna be close folks. BYU relies heavily on it's starters and we think the Aggies' depth is the difference in this game. Utah State by 5.

**Byu Sucks.
That is all.**

Making Ourselves at Home

Can you think of a single reason why BYU fans should have any of their chants and cheers heard at today's game??? Neither can we. If they won't come to The Spectrum, we will bring it to them here. BYU will not be allowed to do "their thing" one bit tonight if we have anything to say about it. Their crowd started calling for a white out for this game. A white out. For a small square of an nba stadium. They are simply the best at screwing up every good idea ever.

Dave Rose - If the mention of his name during introductions had better be the loudest and angriest showing of booing in the history of Utah State. Today should be the worst day of Dave Rose's life. Chants of "scared of Logan", "Fear the Spectrum" and especially "Dave's a pansy" are welcome.

STAND UP - The whole friggin' game! No time outs off! We're here to prove that we showed up to support our team and they only did to try and score a hand hold walking around Temple Square after the game. All feet all noise all the time. You'll have plenty of time to sleep it off in the morning.

Chants - If they chant "let's go cougars", we chant "LET'S GO AGGIES" ten times louder.

Fight songs - Another shower of booing would be great to drown out their fight song. Chants would be great too. Their fight song is just soooo lame and cheesy, and it'd be way too kind of us to allow them to hear themselves sing it over the sound of our vocal domination. How about "Waste of tithing" Or just start singing ours louder. Do anything to make them feel stupid. Because they are.

Dance teams - If the 'cougarettes' perform, a chant of "Ours are hotter" should overpower the music. Basically, just be honest. That's what the Honor Code says to do anyway.

Jimmer - We are 100% positive that a good three-fourths of the byu fanbase still think he plays for them, that's just how bad of sports fans they are. If at any point we reach a double-digit lead any semblance of a "put in Jimmer" or "you need Jimmer" or even "where's your idol?" should push them well over the edge, especially that Haws character who we're sure sincerely thinks he is God.

Aftermath - If you're new to this you should know any bout against these guys is followed by a barrage of Facebook and Twitter comments exclaiming how "classless" and "inappropriate" Aggie fans are. We at the Banagarang are here to officially tell you that these jabs truly are compliments. If they send these claims your way they simply just can't handle the fact that the Spectrum was too damn much for them and their team. And, hell yes, we will be. Those messages shouldn't phase you. Look who we're talking about - they probably think passing the sacrament with your left hand is the most classless thing one can do. What they call barbaric we call being a sports fan. No holds barred. None. #winwithoutclass

THE BANT: WHITEST TEAM IN THE NATION EDITION

Look, we're shocked too. When we saw these sad excuses for citizens on our schedule we also expected a barrage of Smiths, Youngs, McConkies and Dudley Do-Gooders all across the roster. This squad truly does bring some strong competitors to the BANT, which, given the source of many inductees' names so far, is impressive in the fact they haven't had a legitimate black citizen on their campus since Master P stopped off the I-15 to find a place to pee.

Sorry, was that too classless for Utah County? Trust us, it's not nearly as classless as the parents who thought it appropriate to give their kids names that made them look like severe dumbasses - as if they needed a bad name to do that in the first place - and we've got the proof in our BANT - byu [lower case for a reason] Edition!

HONORABLE MENTIONS-

Brother **Chase Fischer** (the beautiful mixture of a verb name and the stupid way of spelling "fisher." We can't picture this kid without him being seven years old), Elder **Anson Winder** (byu's closest to ever having a porn star name), Sister **Andrew Johnston** (because we're suckers for the name Johnston. It's like Johnson with a speech impediment - after all, if you think about it, byu is just one giant stutter as it is, so we'll stick with it), Patriarch **Skyler Halford** (is there a name that more so screams douche-student-body-president-with-rich-uncle? If he doesn't have frosted tips in his hair tonight we've all been lied to).

BANT INDUCTEES-

Executive Secretary, **Graham Pingree** - It's a real shock this kid plays basketball because his name is a strong mix between European golfer and snot-nosed-dork-in-every-second-grade-classroom. We're pretty sure that's accurate because the zoob team website is so ashamed of him he doesn't even get his photo on the roster page. You'd be ashamed too if your one stat all year was averaging half of a rebound. Expect to see him all over the bench tonight, giving him the new name of Pingree, which we just made up while typing this sentence. This crap just writes itself.

Emeritus General Primary President **Frank Bartley IV** - Three points here. First: Frank? There is no way your name can be Frank and you're under 40 years old (and he's under 20) so we're not buying that, thus you being called "Francine" the rest of the night. Second: Bartley? We can't make out if you come from a family of low-brow attorneys or were simply trying to break some sort of record for Black Man with the Whitest Possible Name (seriously, my mind can't help but give you a wedgie right now). Finally: IV? You mean to tell us there are THREE MORE DUDES in the Louisiana area named FRANK BARTLEY!?! We thought we found gold, and then you fell into our lap. Well, Francine, you may live near the land of Mardi Gras, but we're here to introduce you to two sins you may not be familiar with: your piss-poor excuse for a namesake and the unleashed hell we're going to give you from the stands tonight. Welcome to winning without class.

The Back Page

WELL. THIS IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

WARNING: We had an issue with this at the last home game. Only one fortunately, but its still too many. If a single paper airplane hits the court it can be a technical foul on our Aggies. In games as close as this one could be, that could be the difference between being the winning team and the losing team. **DO NOT THROW THIS PAPER ON THE COURT FOR ANY REASON IN ANY FORM. BYU FANS DO THAT SORT OF NONSENSE.**

BOO BOX: WE MAY HAVE GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY

BYU Cougars: This team... Like, seriously, this team. Never has there been a more wretched hive of scum and villainy. We'll be counting how many of them end up writhing on the floor tonight due to soccer like contact. We'll also be counting how many elbows they'll be throwing into our players heads. Seriously, their entire program is built on running, flopping, and getting Tyler Haws to the free throw line. Its a joke. Also, they're all extraordinarily ugly.

Dave Rose: Has a horrible case of PTSD from his previous visits to the Spectrum, which is why he continues to insist that due to whatever bull crap reasons he cites this time that we owe them games in Provo, or should play them on a neutral court. This guy has wormed and faked his way (coaching a guard heavy, flopping contest of a team) to a decent amount of propped-up success. By appearance, Rose looks like a cross between a man-sized pig and batboy from the National Enquirer. Several eyewitness sources have reported that Rose makes recruiting trips to the Provo MTC to recruit players who have committed or signed to schools other than BYU. Overall a pretty poor human being. He deserves ZERO respect from anybody, let alone Aggie fans, for Dave Rose is not the least bit respectable. He deserves to be treated as if he's in Logan, which is to say with all the derision and spite we can muster tonight. Drew a technical foul last game. That shows weakness. Lets get him another.

Nate Austin: Twitter handle is @Rexasaurusrex. That is not an actual type of dinosaur. Moron. Drew 2 flagrant fouls and an ejection in BYU's last game against Wichita State. Apparently thinks its super cute to put a picture of him and his wife firmly grabbing each others butts for his facebook picture. Their fingers are really quite flexed in the picture. Like... uncomfortably hard. Goal for the evening? Get him mad enough to get ejected.

Frank Bartley IV: May or may not be a completely made up person. Just say his name to yourself. Does he sound real? Of course not. Following in the footsteps of Michael Lloyd III, a non LDS recruit that for some reason decided BYU was his best option. We're not sure what blackmail they had on him, but there had to be something. Now stands as the pinnacle of amazing recruiting and the fact that non-LDS kids of course want to play for BYU. We put the over/under on his DUI or drug related charges at 6 months.

Matt Carlino: Lip synched to "I Wish" for BYU's vomit inducing marketing campaign for basketball, saying he wishes he was a baller, was taller, and had a girl he could call. From what we can tell, has zero ability to judge whether or not a shot is makeable in a game, so might as well shoot them all. If his lip syncing abilities are any clear sign, he should be crying by the end of the game tonight.

Kyle Collinworth: Apparently took a 3 hour nap once. Once saw Matt Carlino at Panda express. Asked why girls can't take guys out instead. Basically, has the most absolutely boring and inane Twitter we've ever seen. Really don't know what dirt we have to throw at him. 'Cause he's stupid boring. That could be his greatest offense. He's not to be confused with former zoob Chris Collinworth, who was once stabbed on a mission in Australia, and though such an event would save his social media life, feel free to use your verbal knives to throw his groove and focus from an already abysmal 45% at the free throw line.

Chase Fischer: A steal of a transfer from Wake Forest, where he averaged a mind blowing 14.2 minutes, racking up an incredible 4.5 points per game. Not appreciating the lack of glory his talents brought him, transferred to BYU for his last 2 years. Doesn't play right now. Good choice, Chase.

Skyler Halford: Walked on at Utah State before his mission. Did not come back to Utah State. Currently shooting 18% from 3, 5.3 ppg, and 10 mpg for BYU. Its pretty clear why we didn't bring him back. From what we can tell, will grow up to be the toy repairing old man from "Geri's Game" and "Toy Story 2". Also, hates Pixar movies. All of them. Especially the Incredibles. Ya. What a douchebag, right? And just like most basketball douchebags Skyler loves to shoot three-pointers even though he's terrible at them. Like, really terrible. Like, has only made two all year terrible.

Tyler Haws: One of the biggest floppers in the existence of college basketball. Start the flopper chant everytime he gets the ball from the start of the game. EVERY TIME. Opened up the BYU marketing lip sync contest with an absolutely terrible cover of "You're the Inspiration" by Peter Cetera. Because you know, modern kids love that stuff. A smash faced, ugly as sin dude singing crappy power ballads from the 80s gets me all sorts of ready to support my local basketball team. Has a 7 page wikipedia page including a section titled "Legacy". We have a sneaking suspicion he wrote it all himself. Seriously, this guy is one of the biggest whining tools ever (think JD Falslev, only taller and looks a lot less like Mikey from the Goonies). Make his life hell tonight.

Andrew Johnston: From what we can tell, just sucks at basketball. Is playing complete garbage minutes, and isn't contributing in any way to the team. Why can we only tell that? Because googling the kid only brings up searches for any one of 500 other dudes who are not him. Seriously. He's a nobody.

Eric Mika: Freshman phenom who took a finger to the eye earlier in the ear, and is now sporting a terrible pair of Antion Carr like goggles to try to protect an "eye abrasion". Is hereby going to be referred to as BYU's "One-Eyed Monster." True freshman, meaning that he's primed to give in to the overwhelming pressure which we will put on him tonight. Multi-talented, though. His name easily proves he can be brown, he can be blue, he can be violet sky... he can also never have any defensive discipline. He's almost fouled out every game so far. Our goal tonight is to finish that goal off tonight with a fifth foul and "left, right" chant that he most certainly isn't going to "love today."

Graham Pingree: Has three siblings. Every single one of them has beat him up, including 11 year old "Jessica." Don't plan on seeing any of him tonight. His stat line tells us he's about their biggest bench-warmer and won't get put in before they let Taysom Hill run one last rushing play and injure his leg for the rest of the season. Wait? Wrong sport? Our mistake.

Josh Sharp: A former Utah Ute and garden-variety Utah County skeletor-like tall kid who most certainly looks like he had as many friends on the cross country team as the basketball team. By Utahn deductive logic this means he also had a strong LDS Seminary following, which follows that you probably sin worse than him. Sgt. McSkinny sure made out huge leaving the U of U averaging .8 points and 2.4 rebounds a game. Of course that's beneath him. After all, why focus on basketball when he has a bustling singles ward Elders Quorum to be second counselor over - when you see his beanpole self you'll know we're accurate.

Anson Winder: Is terrible, also possibly the secret identity for a comic book superhero who is half-boy-half-monarch-butterfly. As a junior he's never topped 20 minutes in a game, which, though it frees up all kinds of time for him to memorize scripture mastery, means he won't be much of a factor in tonight's contest.

Luke Worthington: In your spare time, go check out his roster picture on the official website. We didn't have room, but you'll know what we're talking about.

BYU Sports Marketing: Just a shoutout to the worst marketing program in the world, because in all honesty, the lip synching thing they've had going this year? Is absolutely horrible. Not only an embarrassment, but it spits in the face of the honor code. Nothing like a BYU athlete singing along to a song that includes the words "You wanna touch yourself when you see me" to make me just want to join up and support your squad. This is the same honor-wielding organization that also donned Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" as their spirit song - a ballad that glorifies at least EIGHT DIFFERENT SINS in the first verse lyrics alone - and following the whole Davies debacle with the totally coincidental motto "Rise Up." Oh yeah, and if you have any more of those "Quest for Perfection" shirts that only needed one football game to be an entire waste pass 'em by, we need extra dishrags. It never ends. To us you'll always be Chunk, cougars, the fat kid pitiful kid we'd much rather watch meltdown after being made fun of than ever witness succeeding.

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