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"Refining the Neutral-Court Advantage since 2008"

The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
32	Jimmer Fredette	6-2	G	So.
4	Jackson Emery	6-3	G	So.
30	Lee Cumnard	6-7	F	Sr.
45	Jonathan Tavernari	6-6	F	Jr.
54	Chris Miles	6-11	C	Jr.
1	Charles Abouo	6-5	G/F	Fr.
2	Lamont Morgan Jr.	5-10	G	Jr.
5	Archie Rose	6-5	G/F	Sr.
10	Michael Loyd Jr.	6-1	G	So.
15	James Anderson	6-10	F/C	Fr.
20	Matt Pinegar	6-0	G	Fr.
34	Noah Hartsock	6-8	F	Fr.
35	Michael Boswell	6-9	F	Fr.
53	Gavin MacGregor	6-10	F/C	Sr.

Coach: Dave Rose

Cosmo Cougar finally comes out of the closet

A three-week standoff between harsh reality and Brigham Young University's beloved mascot Cosmo finally came to an end late Friday night. Cosmo, whose last public appearance was his departure from the BYU football game versus Utah shortly following Max Hall's fifth interception, reportedly told the head cheer-coach that "he can't take it anymore." Cosmo retreated home where he ran into his closet carrying only a single DVD and a miniDVD player. For 21-days the only noises that could be heard coming from Cosmo's closet were ear-piercing wails, moans, and regular cries of, "Why god? Not Heath Ledger..." Throughout the three-week whine fest, Cosmo heard dozens of demands from his mother for him to come out of the closet, everyone of which was ignored until Friday.

Cosmo surrendered to his mother's requests and emerged sporting a beard that would make Tom Hanks' character from "Castaway" envious. Shaking with nervousness, Cosmo showed his face for the first time in well over a fortnight with a trembling fear and a white-knuckle grip of the previously unknown DVD he had taken into the closet with him, which turned out to be none other than the 2005 award-winning classic, "Brokeback Mountain".

A single tear rolled down Cosmo's face as he broke down with the reality that he had just come out of the closet. Cosmo buried his tear-soaked face into his mother's shoulder while his father turned away in disgust at the sight of seeing his only son turned to a lifestyle so widely frowned up at BYU. Cosmo has been suspended from all University activities at BYU for the facial hair he grew before coming out of the closet. A spokesman from BYU's Honor Code committee stated that Cosmo was not suspended on the grounds of homosexuality because of new policy that discourages such a suspension.

"While we don't condone the actions and lifestyle that Cosmo has chosen," the spokesman said, "we also choose not to take action against him, for we would then be obligated to take such action against the entire BYU student body for their similar lifestyle choices."

In All Honesty: This is the big one

Tonight's match-up is without a doubt the toughest game yet on the schedules of both teams. Utah State brings one of the nation's elite post duos in Tai Wesley and Gary Wilkinson, both of whom are in the top-5 in the country in FG%, and scoring a combined 29 points per game. BYU brings a big time player in Lee Cumnard who is averaging over 20 points and six rebounds per game. The outcome could very well hinge on which team neutralizes the other team's primary scoring threats. The game's key match-up is at the power forward position between Wesley and Jonathan Tavernari. Wesley has the size advantage over Tavernari, which should present problems down low for BYU. Tavernari loves to shoot from outside, and could pose a problem if he is constantly on the run and able to get open. Cumnard, BYU's top scorer, happens to be in the same position to be guarded by arguably USU's top-two defenders in Tyler Newbold and Pooh Williams. If the Aggies control the tempo of the game, as well as limit turnovers, Dave Rose should be crying his way home.

Rose's wife furious with bed-wetting

The wife of BYU head coach Dave Rose recently expressed her frustration over her husband's nightly wetting of the bed.

"Ever since the basketball schedule came out and Dave realized he'd have to deal with a ton of pissed off USU fan's, well... let's just say he knows it was a big mistake," said Mrs. Rose. Mrs. Rose's biggest frustration is that Dave refuses to go to bed these days without wearing his favorite pajamas; a 4XL-sized Stew Morrill footed pajama onesie.

"He cries like a little girl unless he gets his Stew pajamas on, and then he just pisses himself in them every night," Mrs. Rose said. "This daily laundry of pajamas and sheets is killing me. It's to the point where I can't even let him have a cup of water past dinner-time."

Top 8 reasons thou shalt thank the lord you do NOT go to BYU

(Thanks to all who submitted online)

8. We can drink a Mountain Dew without having our friends, family, and church leaders hold an intervention for us over it.
7. Our mascot isn't Cosmo
6. Our version of fun doesn't have to include an opening prayer
5. Members of the opposite sex are not only allowed past 10 p.m., but encouraged
4. Marriage is not a USU graduation requirement
3. Provo
2. Facial hair - Sending you to hell since 1875
1. You'd be one of **THEM**

"Give them nothing, but take from them... EVERYTHING"

How Aggie fans shall reign supreme over the Energy Solutions Arena

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.

Dave Rose - If the mention of his name during introductions had better be the loudest and angriest showing of boeing 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.

Starting lineups - These will likely be handled by alternating introducing players from the two teams. This is a gimme... when they announce a cougar, boo the hell out of them. An Aggie, go crazy!

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

Fight songs - Another shower of boeing 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"

Dance teams - If the 'cougarettes' perform, a chant of "Ours are hotter" should overpower the music

Lee Cumnard - The "ugly duckling" chant is due to come off the shelf tonight. A "Five month mission" chant also seems nothing short of fitting since months 6-24 were too much to ask.

Jimmer Fredette - Every once in a while parents will try and do something cute with their kids' names. This is an epic fail of that. Pretty sure "Jimmy" was the right choice, not Jimmer. Let him know.

"Best Two Years" sequel announced

BYU films has announced a sequel to the 2003 hit movie "The Best Two Years". The movie will focus on several people's experiences in going to college at a place like BYU. The anticipated sequel will be titled, "The Worst Four Years."

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Sure this is by far our most irreverent issue ever... but you know you love it

Dying BYU fan regrets entire life of never being liked by anybody

An 86-year old man came clean just before his passing that his entire life was nothing but unsatisfactory to look back upon. Elroy Barker of Lehi, Utah was a lifelong BYU fan, who in his last moments, realized how little redeeming value BYU brings a person. "I just went an entire lifetime of not being liked by a single person of any worth," Barker said frustratingly. "I mean, other BYU fans liked me I think, but seriously... other BYU fans??? What the hell do they really bring to the table?

Barker continued, "I'll tell you what they bring; NOTHING! They're just as big of douchebags as I always was cheering for the Cougs. Another thing, "Barker said," it's really really gay when people call them just the 'cougs'. That kind of fruity B.S. is so unbelievably BYU it sickens me. I just wasted a lifetime on that crap."

Barker was a near-lifelong member of BYU's highest organization of athletic supporters, the Fanatics Associated Guild (FAG). Barker joined the guild the day he arrived on BYU's campus after years of cheering for BYU in his youth. "Throughout all my college years, my only other friends were FAGs," Barker said. "And in more ways than one, if you know what I mean. My college years and the memories of it are all crappy at best. I see on TV and movies of people in college hanging out, not having honor codes, not associating with FAGs and it looks like the most fun ever! I'd change it all if I could..."

Barker passed away shortly after his rant feeling both disgusted at the life he'd lived, but also content to have at least realized his error.

Barker is survived by nobody in particular, for reasons obvious to the previously stated. A viewing in honor of Barker will be held at the Creekside North Chapel from 2:00 to 2:05 p.m. on Monday.

Separated at birth???

Dave Rose

Bat-Boy



Quickies – Newsworthy headlines that didn't make the cut

- Former cougar Plaisted tells all... "Getting drafted, cut, and failing miserably in Europe was worth it to not have to get embarrassed by Wilkinson."
- BYU swim team officially as crappy at crime as New Mexico State B-ball team.
- High school senior gets rejected from BYU ending parents' hope he'd go there. "Happiest day of my life," he says.
- 24-year old BYU sophomore cited for driving with open container of Coca-cola.
- Study finds that it wasn't popcorn, but apricots all along. BYU fans still in denial.

The Petri Dish – "Waste of Tithing"

Team – Well, do they need any introduction? They are BYU... They, along with their fans, are the most annoying, uneducated, elitist sports organization on the face of the earth. After losing so many recent games to Utah State it is easy to understand them having a little-brother complex in basketball towards us. Nearly every player profile on their team's website lists them having been recruited by Utah State in what is clearly an effort to make them appear dominant in those battles. We can see why they'd be upset after stud players from their own backyard (see Wesley and Newbold) chose to play at the state of Utah's premier basketball university. Also about 8 years ago they got tired of their shade of blue and decided to adapt a new shade of blue. Their choice was Aggie blue. The Aggies have dominated BYU ever since then (karma). Their players all look pretty much like a your standard, cookie-cutter, BYU player. Not that we condone violence in any matter other than vocally here at The Refraction, but just about everyone on their team has a face that you kinda would like to slap the grin off of. Cummard might knock you over with his ears if he turns his head to dodge though.

Coach: Dave Rose – Rose is personally responsible for one of the most bush-league, pussy-ass, and unethical moves in the history of collegiate athletics, which should really come as no surprise since he represents BYU. Around the time of the USU/BYU game in the 2006-2007 season, just before the Cougars fluke victory in Provo to bump their record in the last five games of the series to 1-4, information became public that Rose was refusing to continue the near century-long series between Utah State and BYU in an effort to avoid losing in the Spectrum just like every visiting team does. Rose pissed and moaned that USU play BYU on a "neutral" court before Rose would return to Logan to get his \$\$\$ kicked again. He also tried to make the terms of the deal that the year following the "neutral" court game, the series would return to Provo before coming back to Logan. Rose's initial reasoning was claiming that him and his players weren't treated very well the last time they came here (as evidenced by the beatdown administered by the Aggies that night). Rose apparently believes he is too big time to deserve heckling. Rose later shifted his argument for a neutral court to that of wanting to add a different competitive edge to the USU/BYU series... Funny how we don't see him trying to do that with Weber State, SUU, UVSC, or Utah.

By appearance, Rose looks like a cross between a man-sized pig and batboy from the National Enquirer. Several 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.

#1 Charles Abouo – Went to Logan High School. Rumor was that he wanted to go to USU but USU wasn't very interested, and ended up not offering him a scholarship.

Naturally BYU's website, as well as resident douchebag media fanboy Dick Harmon, painted a picture that Abouo chose BYU over USU. "Aggie reject" chant?? Yep.

#30 Lee Cummard – Quite possibly the biggest goober ever. His wing-span isn't much wider than his ear-span, so he's likely to hear EVERYTHING heckled his way, which had damn well better be A LOT. Only lasted five months of his mission before coming back and immediately playing for BYU again. Speculation is that he missed his girlfriend too much while gone. His name on Facebook reads, Lee "Deezalty" Cummard. Childhood nickname is Leethopia. Idolizes Jaycee Carroll.

#34 Noah Hartsock – Says on his Facebook, "weLL, If i don't know you, or like you, i probably won't add you to my friend list." For us to have seen this, he clearly added someone he didn't know to his friend list. Very quick to sellout on his beliefs of online social networking... Or he's just a big fan of The Refraction.

#5 Archie Rose – Averaged .9 points per game last year while playing in 20 games. Lit up Southern Utah for a season high of THREE POINTS!!!

#45 Jonathan Tavernari – Originally from Brazil. Chants in Portuguese are encouraged. Is the definition of a "chucker" as he averages EIGHT 3-point attempts per game while only shooting 29 percent. Has a Facebook group dedicated to him called "Tavernari = Awesomeness". BYU fans apparently loosely define "awesomeness". Group description refers to him as "Taver-nasty" and uses the adjectives "butt-busting" (honor code violation?) and "hyper-hustle", reaffirming that BYU fans are stuck sometime in the late 70's or early 80's as far as lingo is concerned.

#54 Chris Miles – Represents a rare case of a BYU basketball player actually serving two years of a church mission. Profile says he finished second in career blocks in Utah high school basketball behind only Shawn Bradley, which isn't saying much considering who the record holder is, and what he amounted to. Did not participate in the 4A state championship game during his senior year of high school while current Aggies Tai Wesley and Tyler Newbold did. Apparently takes hair advice from Matt Gibson.

#32 Jimmer Fredette – Screwing up his birth certificate was just step one in a life screw-ups that explain how he ended up at BYU. We're pretty sure "Jimmy" was the name his parents were going for there. He also has not gone on a mission, which only makes sense for someone who plays for BYU. They apparently don't believe in that.

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