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USU vs. BYU

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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine Since 2009"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
32	Jimmer Fredette	6-2	G	Jr.
4	Jackson Emery	6-3	G	Jr.
23	Tyler Haws	6-5	G	Fr.
24	Jonathan Tavernari	6-6	F	Sr.
54	Chris Miles	6-11	C	Sr.
0	Brandon Davies	6-9	F	Fr.
1	Charles Abouo	6-5	G/F	So.
2	Lamont Morgan Jr.	5-10	G	Sr.
10	Michael Loyd Jr.	6-1	G	So.
12	Logan Magnusson	6-6	F	Jr.
13	Brock Zylstra	6-6	G/F	Fr.
15	James Anderson	6-10	F/C	So.
34	Noah Hartsock	6-8	F	So.

Coach: Dave Rose

Scientists finally uncover initial cause of swine flu virus

Local and national health officials and researchers finally put many months of speculation to rest this week when they pinpointed Brigham Young University head basketball coach Dave Rose as the original host of the global swine flu pandemic. The virus, which has infected more than 500,000 people and killed nearly 9,000 worldwide, is similar in its genetic makeup to the flu virus carried by pigs, which humans have not traditionally carried the antibodies to combat.

"A lot of people have been wondering how exactly a pig virus started infecting humans," said Kathy Hurley, who is a spokesperson for the World Health Organization. "We had the same questions until we found out there was an actual human sized pig living among the residents of Provo, Utah."

Hurley was referring to none other than Rose, the current BYU coach, who while similar in stature to an actual human being, has the genetic makeup of a pig.

"I can see where people might mistake him for being human," Hurley said. "But really looking at him at all closely, it becomes pretty obvious that Rose is most definitely not that."

The first cases of the swine flu virus manifesting itself in humans was recognized in late March of this past year while Rose was vacationing in Veracruz, Mexico shortly after BYU's basketball team had their asses thoroughly handed to them by Texas A&M in the NCAA Tournament's first round for the second straight year.

"It's a truly astounding case of seeing a half-man, half-pig contribute to the evolution of an entirely new virus strain," said Dr. Jeremiah Durrant. "It even kind of reminds me of the movie Blade, where the guy was half-human and half-vampire, only a lot less cool than that, because Rose is half-pig. Really the coolest thing about that is imagining the amount of bacon we could get from the guy."

In All Honesty: A game preview

BYU enters the Spectrum sporting an impressive 5-0 record, beating opponents by an average of 27 points per game. The Cougars are lead offensively by junior guard Jimmer Fredette, who is averaging 20.4 points and 6.2 assists per game. Along with Fredette in the backcourt is guard Jackson Emery chipping in 13.2 points and five rebounds per game to go along with being an excellent defender. Fredette and Emery both shoot very well from behind the 3-point line also. Forward Jonathan Tavernari chips in nightly with 12.4 points and 5.2 rebounds, but can often be more of a liability from deep than the Cougars' starting backcourt. While Tavernari can be a threat if he gets hot from deep, he is only shooting 30 percent from beyond the arc this season and also faces a potential defensive mismatch against the Aggies' Tai Wesley down low. BYU as a team is shooting 43 percent from 3-point land this season, which is 17th best in the nation. The Cougars aren't great inside so look for the Cougars to run double teams into the post to try and contain Wesley and Bendall down low. Last year this game was decided in the last minute and both teams are probably even better this year. USU shot just 5-22 on 3-pointers in last year's game versus BYU while the Cougars hit on 8 of 19 attempts in a five-point win. If the Aggies can disrupt BYU's three point shooting, hit some shots of their own from deep, and keep the turnover margin close, The Spectrum should be able to take care of the rest.

The Backstory: 2005-2009

After BYU lost four straight games to Utah State from the 03-04 season to the 05-06 season, Cougar head coach Dave Rose dropped the news that his team would not be honoring 100 years of tradition in their refusal to play in Logan in the 07-08 season. Rose waseled his way into last year's neutral court game to avoid coming here even longer. Essentially, it was the BYU elitism of no longer wanting to lose to another in-state school again. They basically said that they are better than us, and for that they don't need to come to The Spectrum to get beat down like every other team. They think we are too mean of fans for them to want to come. They think they are above tradition. They also are dumb enough to agree to something like the honor code. Today should be the worst day of every one of their lives....

Dave Rose found to be 0% ashamed of being caught looking like a total moron



A Refraction Salute

New Mexico soccer's Elizabeth Lambert

For the first time in a long time, we here at The Refraction are offering out a formal salute. There are no official qualifications to be saluted by us, just mainly us feeling like it. Today's goes out to University of New Mexico's Elizabeth Lambert. Lambert put Mountain West Conference women's soccer on the map this fall in the best of ways as she ran up and down the field pwning the hell out of BYU players left and right. Sure, her methods may have been frowned upon by some, but to be fair the BYU girl threw the first blow when she elbowed Lambert in the sternum. Lambert could merely have been defending herself, or maybe just fired up enough to play with as much reckless abandon as she did. Either way, it was bad-ass, and if Liz ever wants to kick it sometime, we're totally down.

The Refraction e-mail inbox

We checked it for once. Found these

"Tell coach Rose the only way to get away from playing there is to move far far away."
- Mark Fox

"Dear USU Students,
Thanks in advance for the business."
- Cache Valley Hearing Loss Clinic

"I immediately regret this decision"
- Dave Rose

"Could you check on how those BYU guys' mission papers are coming along? We're still waiting on almost all of them"
- The LDS Church

"How's that plan of mine going for those guys? The Honor Code? Or whatever they call it?"
- Satan

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Quickies - Short, and in no way sweet

- Study finds no cougars at all down at BYU, reports suggest that they were all married by age 19.
- Dee Glen Smith and John Marriott cross paths in dark alley. Hotel guy leaves bloodied up.
- Roger Reid dramatically flees Logan via sewer-hole cover. Remains at-large.
- Max Hall found to feel the exact same way about Utah as the entire rest of the world feels about BYU.

THE BACK PAGE

The bigger the game, the bigger The Refraction

*The biggest douche and the biggest Petri Dish
Both on the same back page together!*

Former Cougar Cummard chosen No. 5 overall in annual grocery baggers draft

The Midvale, Utah Harmon's Neighborhood Grocer bolstered its already stacked roster of grocery baggers by taking former BYU basketball star Lee Cummard with their 1st round pick (No. 5 overall) in the annual grocery baggers draft, which took place over the weekend in Fullerton, California. Despite coming off an already solid bagging season, The Midvale store acquired the fifth overall pick by trading away another state of Utah product in former BYU center Rafael Araujo, and a second round pick in next year's draft. "I'm really excited for this tremendous opportunity," Cummard said in a phone interview shortly after being chosen. "It's a little disappointing that I didn't end up in the NBA like everyone in Provo thought I would, but I guess I did melt down in every big game we had last year. I'm glad somebody is at still willing to take a chance on me." Harmon's General Manager Roberto Garcia, optimistic of the pick, said, "We really think Lee has tremendous upside in the grocery world. His long, gangly arms should be able to easily reach all the way down the conveyer belt, and with those giant ears he should be able to hear a customer say paper or plastic even if they whisper!" While acquiring Cummard required trading away a fellow BYU graduate, Garcia is confident that Cummard will fit right in alongside former BYU quarterback and NFL failure John Beck over on checkstand No. 7.



Tavernari



Relative

Blood relation found between BYU's Tavernari & this douche bag

SUU's Hodgson first opposing player to cry in a game in 09-10 season

This is an official tribute to Southern Utah's Matt Hodgson, who Saturday night became the first opposing player to be driven to tears by the heckling of USU fans. The freshman center from Booval, Australia was caught in tears shortly after fouling out against the Aggies in his team's 89-49 loss in The Spectrum. A stellar night of just one rebound for the 6'11 player, to go along with two turnovers to bring his season assist-to-TO ratio to 1/9.5, was an effort worth crying over. He joins UVU's Rory Fannon as the second player we've made cry (that we know about).

The Petri Dish - Dirt on the guys who have been keeping ugly girls out of Utah State since 1888.

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. Despite their elitist attitude, and even a decent basketball program recently, they have quite the case of little-brother syndrome, evidenced by their refusal to play in Logan last time around in the rotation. 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 recruiting battles, even though most players listed by them were never seriously recruited by USU. 10 years ago they got tired of their shade of blue and decided to go with new shade of blue. Their choice was Aggie blue. See what we mean about the little-brother syndrome? Last year a couple of their students made an epic fail of an attempt to produce a gameday newsletter for the USU-BYU game called "The Counteraction". It was laughably bad. Did we mention their little-brother syndrome yet?

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. Long story short; Rose was tired of getting his ass kicked in Logan, refused to play here in the 2007-2008 season, and cried about it until the schools agreed to a neutral-court game. Rose's initial reasoning for this whole fiasco was based on claims 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 and his players are too big time to deserve heckling. Rose later shifted his argument to wanting a neutral court game for the purpose of adding 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 where you don't find elite home-court advantages like at Utah State.

By appearance, Rose looks like a cross between a man-sized pig and batboy from the National Enquirer. Several very credible 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 no respect from anybody, let alone Aggie fans, for Dave Rose is not the least bit respectable. Every visit to Logan for him should be the worst day of his life.

#1 Charles Abouo - Logan native getting first chance to play in The Spectrum. Favorite movie is "Blue Streak". He also is rumored to have said to somebody via Myspace that he's not worried about playing in The Spectrum because he doesn't think crowds make a difference in the games. Very Mark Fox of him to say. We all remember how saying those kind of things worked out for Fox, don't we?

#34 Noah Hartsock - Facebook picture is of him blocking teammate Jonathan Tavernari during a scrimmage. Is also looking for tips on how to win a pie eating contest.

#45 Jonathan Tavernari - Originally from Brazil. Chants in Portuguese are encouraged. Is mostly a total chucker. While last year we profiled Facebook groups praising him, this year we found one called "Jonathan Tavernari needs to learn how to play some Defense!!" He also became the first player to physically retaliate on Fafner's heckling last year when he stumbled into the USU crowd after chasing a loose ball. USU fans, Fafner included, respectfully tried to catch him and break his fall. Tavernari however threw an extra push at the fans he stumbled into. A very BYU move of him that has left one Refraction writer forever regretting not putting an elbow to his face.

#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 - Memo to Mr. and Mrs. Fredette: The correct answer in naming your son would have been "Jimmy". You're about 20 years too late to get it right, but thanks for playing anyway. 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. He enjoys computer games, claims to be "not too bad at mini-golf," and his favorite nicknames are "Clemenza" and "Cheeks". Also is a grown man named Jimmer.

#4 Jackson Emery - Was on the last BYU team to play in The Spectrum before coach Rose got scared and ran away. Another rarity in that he served a full mission. Also had a pretty weak cheap shot on USU's Durrall Peterson in that last USU-BYU Spectrum game where he wrapped his legs around Peterson's after the two dove after a loose ball and Peterson was the first one up. Also enjoys reading Harry Potter

#15 James Anderson - According to BYU's page, he enjoys March Madness. Wonder if he still enjoys it after the day one when BYU takes a beating from Texas A&M.

#23 Tyler Haws - Interests are art, golf, and fishing. Also looks like a total tool.

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