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BYU Puts Hurt and Hearnisms on SCU

Hit and Miss: BYU Beats Santa Clara 91-81

Anson Winder, the junior guard from Las Vegas, came off the bench and couldn't miss. He got his Chick Hearn anti-pea in the ocean moment because Tyler Haws did miss...almost the entire first half when he picked up two fouls in the first 44 seconds of the game.

The bottom line was a much needed 91-81 road win over Santa Clara and the continuance of a current 5-game winning streak.

While Haws was on hiatus on the bench in the first half, Winder was having a *Hoosiers*, the movie, re-run. He Jimmy Chitwooded Santa Clara to the tune of 16 first half points. Winder made his first five shots he took.

Winder's performance was so good he had Santa Clara's coach, Kerry Keating pulling papers out of his pocket in the first half trying to find out who this guy Winder was.

If you're still reading and still wondering what an anti-pea in the ocean moment is, it is obvious that you are not a Lakers fan.

Chick Hearn, the legendary broadcaster for the Lakers, coined several phrases and words that that are now common-place in today's basketball language and lexicon.

His phrase can't throw a pea in the ocean referred to a team or player having a horrible shooting night. Hence, Winder's anti-pea in the sea performance. Here is a list of other terms that originated with Hearn: Slam dunk; Air Ball, Dribble-drive; No-look pass; Give and go; Ticky-tack foul; Throws up a "brick"; Picked his pocket; Frozen rope; Popcorn Machine; Pressure Cooker; Mustard's off the hot dog; No harm, no foul; Finger-roll and Yo-yoing up and down.

I can't stand the Lakers, but I loved Chick Hearn, who died at the age of 85 in 2002. Here are a couple more of his calls that became legendary: Building a House (When a player tosses up a series of "bricks" during the course of a game); Caught with his hand in the cookie jar (Reaching in, got called for a foul); They couldn't beat the Sisters of Mercy (The Lakers are playing terribly) and The game's in the refrigerator, the door's closed, the light's out, the eggs are cooling, the butter's getting hard and the jello's jiggling.

When BYU's refrigerator door finally closed against Santa Clara Saturday night, here is what was inside cooling, jelling and getting hard. Haws finished with 16 points in just a half of play. Winder also had 16 in basically just first half play. Kyle Collinsworth was good for 18 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Matt Carlino, again came off the bench and finished with 15 points, nine assists, two rebounds, a block and a steal in 24 minutes of play. Skyler Halford added 10 points and Eric Mika was good for another 10.

BYU is now 13-7 on the year and 5-2 in WCC play with another two-game road swing coming up this week at Portland and Gonzaga.

Based on Gonzaga's home court record, BYU's chance of winning in Spokane is "Slim and None and Slim's already left the building." That's another Chick Hearn phrase. Click here and scroll down to "Chickisms" to see a good list of basketball terms we now take for granted that were coined by Hearn.

You (Tube) Be the Judge

Remember Austin Collie and his famous "Magic Happens" quote?

A week from now we will know if something magical is happening again, only this time with BYU basketball.

What looked like a Cougar catastrophe a few weeks back when BYU was on a dismal 4-game losing streak could be turning into a magical moment for Dave Rose and his Cougars. In less than 7 days we will know if it is really magic or just mediocre teams that BYU has been beating up on in WCC conference play.

In case you haven't noticed, BYU is on a 5-game winning streak and all alone in second place in league standings right on the heels of Gonzaga. And, all this after a disastrous 0-2 start on the road at LMU and Pepperdine.

Collie's magic moment was improbable. Remember. It was 4th and 18 and looked for sure that Utah was taking down the Cougars in LaVell Edwards Stadium. In case you forgot, BYU magically beat the Utes in the waning moments of that game.

This week is Dave Rose's 4th and 18 moment when he travels to Portland on Thursday to take on a much improved Pilots team. Then comes Gonzaga on Saturday on national TV.

Portland is possible, even if the Pilots are vastly improved. Remember, they handed Gonzaga their only league loss of the year in Portland two weeks ago.

Beating Gonzaga at home, however, will require some serious magic. That translates into made free throws when the game is on the line. It will also require Eric Mika staying on the court and not getting into foul trouble.

And last, but not least, BYU will have to shoot the ball from the field at a .500 clip or better for BYU to keep the magic going for this season.

Who knows if it will happen? What I do know is that there have been magical moments before with BYU basketball. In an effort to promote a magical milieu and mojo for BYU this coming weekend, you will find some You Tube Magical moments below. You be the judge on which ones you like best and then we will all hope for the best this week.

Danny Ainge Coast to Coast

Fredette Deep Fries San Diego State in Provo

Fredette was also Very Special in Viejas

Haws a Hero

Nixon's half court shot

Brazilians and BYU

It wasn't too long ago that BYU was in the Brazilian basketball player market. It was during the Walter Roese tenure as a coach and colleague with Steve Cleveland.

In case you forgot, here are the Brazilians that played for BYU just a few years back: Luiz Lemes, 6-3, guard who signed out of Eastern Oklahoma JC; Fernando Malaman, 6-8 forward from Arizona Western JC; Rafael Araujo, 6-11, center also from Arizona Western and Jonathan Tavernari, by way of Timpview HS and Bishop Gorman HS in Las Vegas.

BYU also signed Luiz de Toledo out of Modesto Christian HS in California, but the 6-8 forward, never got in school in Provo. BYU also made a run at JP Bautista, a 6-8 power forward out of Western Nebraska JC and could have signed him, but the Cougars already had Jared Jensen on the roster and passed on a scholarship offer to Bautista.

Bautista went on to sign with Gonzaga where he earned All American honors. Toledo eventually ended up at St. Francis Xavier in Nova Scotia where he played a year then went juco and ended up signing with the Idaho Vandals. He is now hanging around Los Angeles and trying to catch on with the Lakers or at least get a look by the NBA team.

Tavernari and Araujo both are playing on the same professional team in Brazil, Paulista Stage Two. Lemes is also playing for a team in a lower division in Brazil. Roese, who when he left BYU, had coaching stints at Hawaii with Gib Arnold and at Nebraska with Doc Sadler, is now the South American sales manager for Action Targets, a Provo based company that sells and sets up gun ranges world wide. He also coaches voluntarily part time in a league in Brazil. Lemes is on that team.

The BYU basketball Brazilian background sets up what I really wanted to bring up. Dave Rose and his staff are going to make another run at a native Brazilian basketball player.

The Cougars are looking at and interested in Lucas Siewert, a 6-11, 220 pound high school sophomore out of Cathedral HS in Los Angeles.

He already has an offer from Mike Montgomery and Cal. He is still raw, but has some basketball skills for a big man. He is not LDS so BYU's chances are just like every other school.

Since he plays in the Los Angeles area, if he develops into a legitimate prospect after two more years of high school, he will not be under the radar because all Pac 12 schools will be well aware of him.

Anyway, I thought it interesting that at least BYU is back looking at Brazilian prospects.

Pipeline Possibles

Is Dave Rose on the coaching hot seat? Absolutely not. When it comes to basketball credentials and accomplishment, Rose can coach at BYU for as long as he wants. That's what you deserve when you are the winningest coach in BYU history. Even better, when you are the best liked coach at BYU by Cougar fans, your time and tenure are secure.

Still, time and history are a different story. Here are the years coached by the previous 4 BYU basketball coaches before Rose was given the job. Also included are their records and winning percentages.

Frank Arnold, 1975-83; 137-94; .593

LaDell Andersen, 1983-89; 114-71; .616 Roger Reid, 1989-96; 152-77; .664 Tony Ingle, interim coach less than a season Steve Cleveland, 1997-2005; 138-108; .560 Dave Rose; 2005-present, 222-73 (includes this season); .752

Recent history shows that BYU basketball coaches last from 6-9 years. Rose is now in his ninth season. If his health stays good, he could be here another nine.

Still, the future is fickle. Nobody knows how it will all play out. That is why Athletic Directors and guys like me have a list of potential coaches to replace Rose if he ever decides to quit.

I don't have Tom Holmoe's list and he not sharing. Here's my list for what it is worth in no particular order. Remember, the head coach has to be LDS and in good standing with the Church to be hired. That limits the list considerably.

Let's start with the current staff of assistant coaches.

Mark Pope, Terry Nashif and Tim Lacomb. Pope has the strongest resume. He has actually coached, worked and played somewhere besides BYU.

The Judkins brothers. Jeff, the current BYU women's coach, won't be on my list until he can figure out a way to get the ball into the low post to Jennifer Hamson. She is the biggest weapon in the WCC and BYU can't get the ball to her. Jon, the current coach at Dixie State, is a Roger Reid clone. He is the best x's and o's guy in the bunch. He can do more with less that anybody I have seen since Reid. Of course that leads us to recruiting. That is an unknown.

Nick Robinson is at Southern Utah after playing at Stanford, coaching at Stanford and LSU. Unless he starts winning, his prospects in the pipeline are dimming. He was 11-20 in his first season last year and currently 0-14 this season.

Speaking of Stanford, Mark Madsen was an assistant coach at Stanford and is now the player development coach for the LA Lakers. BYU basketball head coaches have to be married. The last report on Madsen was that he is still single.

Gib Arnold is currently the head coach of Hawaii. He has coached as an assistant at USC, LMU, Pepperdine, Utah Valley and Provo HS. He was also the head coach at College of Southern Idaho.

Dick Hunsaker is currently the head coach at Utah Valley. His time at Utah and his Ball State NCAA baggage may be a hindrance. That is my opinion.

Bill Evans coached for over a decade at Southern Utah, then was canned and spent four years as an assistant at Montana. He is now in his second year as the head coach at Idaho State.

There are two LDS coaches at Indian Hills JC in Iowa. Berrett Peery coached at College of Southern Idaho and then with Jim Boylen at Utah. He is the head guy at Indian Hills. John Wardenburg, a former BYU assistant is now an assistant at the same school after a brief stint at BYU-Hawaii after leaving BYU. Indian Hills is currently the top-ranked juco in the country.

Here's my top contender for the pipeline possibles. The timing could be perfect and this guy certainly has BYU connections and juice. It doesn't hurt that he also has juice with the Boston Celtics.

I am referring to Austin Ainge. After leaving BYU he coached one year at Southern Utah than went back to Boston. He was the head coach for 2 seasons with the Boston Celtics' affiliate, the Main Red Claws of the NBA D-League. He now is in the front office with his dad, Danny, as the Director of Player Personnel for the Celtics.

As mentioned, he has juice with the Celtics and he has juice with BYU. When Rose finally does hang it up and depending on the timing of that retirement, my money is on Ainge.

BYU Television Timetable

BYU vs. Portland

Thursday, Jan 23 at Portland

Tipoff: 8:00 pm MST

TV: TWC, Root, CSN Calif and the W.tv BYU vs. San Francisco (Women's BB)

Thursday, Jan 23 at Provo Tipoff: 7:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. Stanford (Men's VB)

Friday, Jan 24 at Provo Start: 7:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. Gonzaga

Saturday, Jan 25 at Spokane

Tipoff: 8:00 pm MST

TV: ESPN2

BYU vs. Santa Clara (Women's BB)

Saturday, Jan 25 at Provo Tipoff: 2:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. Pacific (Men's VB)

Saturday, Jan 25 at Provo

Start: 7:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. Pacific

Thursday, Jan 30 at Provo Tipoff: 7:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. St. Mary's

Saturday, Feb 1 at Provo Tipoff: 9:00 pm MST

TV: ESPN2

BYU vs. Santa Clara

Thursday, Feb 6 at Provo Tipoff: 9:00 pm MST

TV: ESPNU

BYU vs. San Francisco

Saturday, Feb 8 at Provo Tipoff: 7:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv