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Helter Skelter

Utah Puts 81-64 Whipping on BYU

Nolan Richardson, while coaching at Arkansas a few years ago, took the Razorbacks to 3 Final Fours and captured one national championship. His teams typically played an up tempo game with intense pressure defense - a style that was known as "40 Minutes of Hell."

Dave Rose and his Cougar basketball team also like to play up tempo basketball, but don't have the athleticism to play pressure defense. They did get to experience the "40 Minutes of Hell" however, last Saturday night in Salt Lake City when Utah put an 81-64 devil of a defeat on BYU.

It wasn't pretty. BYU put on an offensive (as in stinky) showing of flailing and failing to make baskets and free throws. When it comes to BYU athletic offenses, Robert Anae has his go fast, go hard approach and Dave Rose has his "Helter Skelter" approach to offense. That consists of constantly being on attack even when the attack offense doesn't work. The best video description of this failing offensive attack scenario against Utah last Saturday is this [video](#). Dave Rose is the stubborn Black Knight, never adjusting on offense and Utah is King Krystkowiak on defense taking BYU apart piece by piece.

When players are making baskets, Rose's Helter Skelter offense looks magical. When players aren't making baskets, it looks more Merriam...as in the Merriam-Webster definition of Helter Skelter which says: in a confused and careless way; in no particular order; in undue haste, confusion, or disorder.

Yep, that pretty much sums up the Cougars' offense against Utah. These stats also sum up BYU's Monty Python misses from the field and foul line:

Tyler Haws: Field Goals – 3-11; 3pt – 1-4

Matt Carlino: Field Goals – 3-15; 3pt – 1-5

Kyle Collinworth: Field Goals – 3-11; 3pt – 0-2

Frank Bartley IV: Field Goals – 0-5; 3pt – 0-2

As a team, from the free throw line, BYU shot a pathetic 54.8 percent.

When you don't have enough team athleticism to play pressure defense like Arkansas did or offensively throw the ball up on the rim and go get it and convert with offensive rebounds, the only option left is shooting.

BYU has to shoot the ball better than they did against Utah if they expect to win any games against decent opponents. It's still too early to know for sure if Utah is a decent team, but BYU certainly made them look that way.

With the loss, the Cougars are currently 8-4 and soon to be 8-5 with a matchup against Oregon next Saturday in Eugene.

Jamal Aytes Transfer

BYU Guilty of Aytesing and Abetting its Front Line

Okay. The headline is hokey, but the addition of Jamal Aytes to the BYU front court is hard core help for next season.

In case you were singing Christmas carols 24/7 and missed it, Jamal Aytes announced last week that he was leaving UNLV and transferring to BYU. He will enroll in school in January and can immediately begin practicing with the Cougars.

He can't play a game for Dave Rose, however, until late in December. It is a situation very similar to the Matt Carlino transfer.

Aytes is a 6-6, 230 pound power forward. He signed late in August with the Rebels and only lasted 7 games before deciding to leave Las Vegas. Aytes played in four games, with averages of 9.3 minutes, 2.8 points and 0.8 rebounds. He mentioned in his transfer announcement that playing time, or lack of it in Las Vegas, was his principal reason for moving on.

Aytes was a late qualifier academically, which worked to suppress his recruitment coming out of JSerra HS in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. He performed well with the

Dream Vision AAU team over the summer, playing next to Class of 2015 prospect Stephen Zimmerman and frequently posting huge numbers. In high school Aytes averaged 15.4 points per game and 8.8 rebounds per contest.

BYU thought they were in good shape with Aytes last summer, but UNLV came in late and got his signature on the dotted line. During the summer, BYU, Gonzaga, Boston College, West Virginia and Miami were all involved and actively pursuing until UNLV signed him late in the process.

ADDITION BY SUBTRACTION

In all the excitement of Jamal Aytes' transfer from UNLV to BYU, somebody forgot to do the math. In pro sports, players are constantly being waived by one team and being picked up by another.

It's not quite the same at the college level when it comes to the waiver wire, but close. When a player transfers to another school and hopes to be on scholarship, it is assumed that the school to where he is transferring has a scholarship available for said player.

In Aytes case, there is absolutely no problem with his transfer to Provo for the winter semester which starts Jan. 6, 2014. There are currently two grants in aids available.

It becomes a little tricky, however, for the fall and beyond. Based on what the current roster looks like now and what it is projected to look like in the fall, somebody has to go with the addition of Aytes.

That means somebody will have to be waived by Dave Rose or voluntarily wave good by to the program.

Actually both actions are one and the same. Rose has pulled scholarships from players before and in each case the public relations mill generates a nice piece about how the player let go came to the decision on his own.

Here is the current BYU Basketball Scholarship Roster as of Jan. 2014

Nate Austin, 6-11, 230, Junior
Jamal Aytes, 6-6, 230, Freshman
Frank Bartley IV, 6-3, 200, Freshman
Matt Carlino, 6-2, 175, Junior
Kyle Collinsworth, 6-6, 215, Sophomore
Chase Fischer, 6-3, 195, Redshirt Junior
Skyler Halford, 6-1, 180, Junior
Tyler Haws, 6-5, 200, Junior
Eric Mika, 6-10, 230, Freshman
Josh Sharp, 6-7, 185, Junior
Anson Winder, 6-3, 195, Junior

Luke Worthington, 6-10, 245, Freshman

That's 12 spots taken of the NCAA allotted 13 scholarships so there is no problem adding Aytes in January.

Without any future adjustment for announced missionary service and with the addition of players slotted to get scholarships in the fall, here is how the roster will look then.

Ryan Andrus, 6-11, 215, Freshman

Nate Austin, 6-11, 230, Senior

Jamal Aytes, 6-6, 240, Sophomore

Frank Bartley IV, 6-3, 200, Sophomore

Matt Carlino, 6-2, 175, Senior

Jordan Chatman, 6-5, 200, Freshman

Kyle Collinsworth, 6-6, 215, Junior

Chase Fischer, 6-3, 195, Junior

Skyler Halford, 6-1, 180, Senior

Tyler Haws, 6-5, 200, Senior

Issac Neilson, 6-11, 215, Freshman

Josh Sharp, 6-7, 185, Senior

Anson Winder, 6-3, 195, Senior

Luke Worthington, 6-10, 245, Sophomore

Oops, that's 14 guys for only 13 scholarship slots. Something has to give or somebody has to go and it won't be Aytes.

BYU has proven that they are lacking depth with big men this season. That is why Rose and his staff are so excited about Aytes, He can play and score down low. It remains to be seen if he will be the next Keena Young, but BYU needs all the big men they can get next fall.

At a glance, it looks to me like the two most likely guys to get juggled or jettied would be Josh Sharp or Anson Winder. Winder has had four years in the program. What might save him, however, is his demographic profile. With the addition of Aytes and Chatman and with the return of Bartley and Winder, BYU's demographic makeup on the bench and on the floor, would be at its all time diversified best.

Sharp also has had four years of higher education. His first was at Utah, but he has had an additional three in Provo. He and Aytes are both the same with height, but Aytes has 50 pounds on Sharp that could be used where BYU is now currently the weakest. That would be in defending the basket down low.

Rose has plenty of months to figure this out, but the numbers don't lie. Somebody has to move on and make room for Aytes. The wild card in this mathematical equation is missionary work. Luke Worthington could decide that he will serve a mission. He has been adamant that he is going to play four years, but things and times change. Ryan

Andrus, who with Rose's persuasion, is planning on playing this fall and then following the footsteps of Mika and leaving for a mission after his freshman season.

We will wait and see how this mathematical conundrum plays out before the start of school next fall.

Top Ten in Taxis and Talent

Who doesn't love a top ten list? [Click here](#) for the top ten taxi drivers in New York City. If you don't like the fare, literally or photographically, of NYC taxi drivers, how about the fare of football's top ten recruits when it comes to Cougar football?

Letter of intent day is just 2 days away for junior college football recruits and 2 months away for high school signees.

Here is my top ten list of football recruits that are currently committed to BYU.

1. Nick Kurtz, WR, 6-6, 215, Grossmont JC, Calif. [Video](#)
2. Fred Warner, LB, 6-3, 215, Mission Hills HS, Calif. [Video](#)
3. Kavika Fonua, DB, 6-0, 200, Syracuse, HS, UT [Video](#)
4. Trey Dye, WR/DB, 5-10, 175, Abilene Cooper HS, TX [Video](#)
5. Teancum Fuga, DL, 6-1, 315, Edison HS, Calif. [Video](#)
6. Tejan Koroma, OL, 6-1, 255, Allen HS, TX [Video](#)
7. Sione Takitaki, LB/DL, 6-2, 240, Heritage HS, Calif. [Video](#)
8. Earl Mariner, DL, 6-4, 300, Washburn HS, KS [Video](#)
9. Matt Bushman, TE/LB? 6-5, 220, Sabino HS, AZ [Video](#)
10. Tyler Cook, LB, 6-3, 220, Vista Murrieta HS, Calif. [Video](#)

Plus 5 More Commits

11. Neal Pauu, QB/WR/DB, 6-4, 200, Servite HS, Calif. [Video](#)
12. Cedric Dale, WR/DB, 5-10, 185, Hebron HS, TX [Video](#)
13. Michael Shelton, DB, 5-10, 165, Wakefield HS, NC [Video](#)
14. Zac Dawe, DL, 6-4, 285, Pleasant Grove HS, UT [Video](#)
15. Austin Chambers, OL, 6-5, 285, Shawnee Mission West HS, KS [Video](#)
16. Chandon Herring, OL, 6-7, 265, Perry HS, AZ [Video](#)

BYU Television Timetable

BYU vs. Oregon

Saturday, Dec 21 at Eugene

Tipoff: 8:30 pm MST

TV: Pac 12 Network

BYU vs. Utah State (Women's BB)

Saturday, Dec 21 at Provo

Tipoff: 2 pm MST

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. Loyola Marymount

Saturday, Dec 28 at Los Angeles

Tipoff: 2:00 pm MST

TV: Time Warner Cable and Root

BYU vs. Loyola Marymount (Women's BB)

Saturday, Dec 21 at Provo

Tipoff: 2:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. Pepperdine

Monday, Dec 30, at Malibu

Tipoff: 8:00 pm MST

TV: Time Warner Cable

BYU vs. Pepperdine (Women's BB)

Monday, Dec 30 at Provo

Tipoff: 5:00 pm MST

TV: BYUtv