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First Two Paragraphs of Story

Dewey Decimal System Working Quite Nicely for BYU Football

Derwin “Dewey” Gray was a star defensive back at BYU from 1989-1992. Originally out of the Texas High School ranks (Judson HS, San Antonio), he went on to play in the NFL after leaving Provo. He is now a well know pastor and Christian author based out of North Carolina.

He was brought back on campus by BYU after a long absence and featured on BYU’s football media day in late June. He was also invited to address the BYU football team before he returned home.

His remarks were memorable. If you haven’t heard or seen them, take a listen. [It’s worth your time.](#)

Many years ago as a sophomore in high school, I had a football coach who will remain anonymous. He used to say all the time, “Arnett, you got no guts. If you had enough guts, you could knock down that telephone pole.” I used to say (to myself and under my breath) “Coach, you’re crazy. I may not have guts, but you got no brains.” After listening to the passionate plea of Derwin Gray to the BYU football team, every morning I now get

up and go outside and hit the telephone pole in front of my house. Every morning my wife says out loud, “Arnett, you certainly got a gut, but no brain.”

Who knows how this new 2015 edition of BYU football will end. It may end in December or maybe in early January with a bowl game. But so far the first two chapters have been very entertaining and riveting. Here’s a peek at a few of the exclamation points made in BYU’s 35-24 win over Boise State last Saturday.

!!!!You can take the defensive coach out of New Mexico, but those roots will stay with him forever. The year was 1980. It was my first year of publishing this newsletter. I traveled with a friend to Albuquerque for the opening game of the season. BYU was coming off an 11-1 record in 1979 with the only loss at the hands of Indiana in the Holiday Bowl.

Plus BYU had Jim McMahon. The Cougars were going to kill the Lobos. Unfortunately UNM had a new head coach in Joe Morrison and a new defensive coordinator who had followed Morrison from their previous jobs at Tennessee-Chattanooga. His name was Joe Lee Dunn.

He blitzed every down and never had a defensive lineman with his hand on the ground at the line of scrimmage. The Lobos beat BYU 25-21. It was the Cougars’ only loss. They then ran the table and beat SMU in the Miracle Bowl to finish 12-1.

Broadcasters like to say JLD when mentioning Jherremya Leuta-Douyere, the very good BYU linebacker, as he is involved in a play. They should save the JLD (Joe Lee Dunn) for Bronco’s defense he unveiled in the second half against Boise State. Or they could call it NHD (No Hands Down). Hands down, it was the play of the BYU defense that gave the Cougars their second win of the season. Joe Lee Dunn would be proud.

Despite the significant contribution of MM (Mangum’s Magic) and the BYU offense, it was the Defensive MM (Managed Mayhem) in the game that made the difference. Mendenhall, in his first decade as the head coach of BYU, was satisfied with just a few sentences and slogans to define BYU football and himself to the public.

Now with his allowance of BYUtv to document what really happens behind closed doors with [“Inside BYU Football”](#) it lets BYU football tell their own story. It turns out that Mendenhall is not only an accomplished defensive coach, he actually can write a pretty convincing and good story about himself.

It doesn’t hurt, however, that he finally has a more athletic defensive backfield to protect his back and let him unleash the mayhem up front at the line of scrimmage. Despite what the average fan thinks, Mendenhall actually has his most athletic group of cornerbacks since coming to Provo. Just because he still has then play with a 10 yard cushion, trust him, he knows what he is doing. So does Kai Nacua.

!!! The junior safety's grammatical input to the BYU/BSU story included an ellipsis. Three dots. One for each interception he made in the game. His exclamation point came when his third pick was taken to the house and closed the gate on the Broncos. Speaking of grammar, Michael Wadsworth has emerged as a nice safety conjunction to Nacua. He led BYU in tackles with 11 against BSU. His story is a long time coming. He was turned down by BYU out of high school, signed with Hawaii, served an LDS mission and was denied a request from Hawaii to transfer to Provo. He came anyway and has paid his dues and own tuition and then some. His play against Nebraska in the second half earned him earned him some verbiage in this current defensive narrative.

!!!Last year and in fall camp the best way to describe Harvey Langi was "Big Hat, No Cattle." He certainly looked the part of a good middle linebacker, but his production didn't match his hype. Against Boise, he brought some sacks and steers to match his sombrero. His play was outstanding and he should only get better.

!!!Warning: Parental Guidance is advised for the following paragraph unless you are a Basque sheepherder or have worked at a squeeze chute in a feed lot.

Speaking of sacks and steers, Ului Lapuahō, BYU's offensive lineman, is now famous on [You Tube](#) for his tutorial on how to turn a BSU Bronco into a steer. Because "groin gate" is not yet universally accepted grammatically or on the gridiron, his sentence may ultimately have to be edited out of the current story. Look for Bronco to possibly punish Lapuahō by "sentencing" him to 150 hours of community chute service at a feed lot in Payson.

!!!Another Warning: The following sentence broadcast in the waning moments of ESPN's coverage of the BSU/BYU game could be hazardous to your health and promote addictive tendencies for BYU football fans.

"Pressure from behind... Mangum flips it into the end zone... We've seen this before. Touchdown BYU!" The following [video](#) illustrates just how addictive Mangum Mania can become.

!!!Mitchell Juergens wrote *his* story in the Boise game with absolute possessives. *His* late game catch was *his* big and game clinching moment. *His* 4 catches for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns was better than any of *his, hers, theirs or yours*. Devon Blackmon came in a close second however. The senior wide out's sentence was well written with 6 catches for 105 yards. It included a nice exclamation point with a 70-yard catch and run.

!!!Adam Hine rushed for 93 yards and one touchdown against Boise State. He didn't make his nice ground game showing until BYU got the horses in front of the ball carrying cart. The BYU rush game story Saturday night was penned jointly by Hine and the Cougar offensive line. Once the Cougars coaches got their blocking assignments corrected and coordinated with the offensive line, Hine hit high gear.

!!!And one more selfish sentence. I got no guts, I got no money, I got no talent, but I got the final score exactly right in last week's issue. BYU 35 BSU 24. As my good friend always says about marriage, "I'd rather be happy than right." Last week, BYU made me both happy and right.

Balanced Bruins More than Likely to Burst BYU's Balloon

It will take more than magic for BYU to come away from Pasadena and the Rose Bowl next Saturday against UCLA with a win.

It will take Bronco's best defensive game plan and Robert Anae's best offensive schemes, to stay competitive with the Bruins. This will be the most athletic and talented team the Cougars will face this season.

They are balanced on offense and averaging over 500 yards per game. They can throw it with true freshman Josh Rosen. They can run it with Paul Perkins averaging over 100 yards per game.

Defensively, they will make Boise State's corners look slow and ordinary. The Bruins are the real deal. They can play and want to show BYU their play making abilities on both sides of the ball.

Las Vegas odds makers agree. They have the Bruins established as a 16 ½ point favorite.

That said, I think BYU has a puncher's chance here. I expect the Cougars to be able to move the ball. I don't see a lot of touchdowns, but I expect at least 3-4 field goals from Trevor Samson.

Defensively, BYU will need their new pressure package to try and get in Rosen's face. They will have to, because you can be sure UCLA's defense will be in Tanner Mangum's face.

We are still two weeks away at least before we can really determine, which college teams are contenders and pretenders. Both teams are 2-0, but that means nothing until mid-season when we will really know how good or how bad Nebraska, Boise State, Virginia and UNLV really are.

I still think BYU is pretty good, but not quite good enough to beat UCLA. I call it UCLA 27 BYU 24

Names and Games

Remember Trent Hosick? He was the Missouri transfer who played last year at Arizona Western in Yuma. At one time he committed to BYU. He reneged on his commitment to shop around. He ended up at Yuma again and started the season at QB for the Matadors.

Last Saturday he was benched in favor of another QB as Snow College routed AWC 35-10. Jonah Trinnaman, the current BYU commit and wide receiver from Snow, had a big game. He ran it in from 9 yards out on a fly sweep and also caught a 58-yard touchdown bomb for his second score of the game.

BYU had a boatload of football and basketball recruits on campus for the Boise State game. Both programs came away with verbal commits. In football, Keaton Torre, the 6-3 quarterback from Bingham HS, committed to Bronco Mendenhall while 6-6 power forward, Yoeli Childs, also from Bingham HS, said that he would sign with the Cougars in November.

Torre played last season in Oklahoma and had committed to Louisville before his father was transferred to Utah for work earlier this year. He also had recruiting interest from the Oklahoma schools, Kansas, Purdue, Illinois and Colorado.

Other football recruits on campus for a visit last week were Troy Warner, the younger brother of Fred Warner. I stick to what I said last week. Next season will be a Warner Brothers production. He will sign with the Cougars.

Other underclassmen were also in for Dave Rose and took in the football game. They included Kolby Lee, a 6-8 post from Rocky Mountain HS in Meridian, ID; Jaxon Brenchley, a 6-4 guard from Mountain Crest HS in Utah and Trevor Knell, another 6-4 guard from Woods Cross HS.

The BYU women keep winning. In volleyball, the Lady Cougars took two matches from Oregon State this past week. BYU is currently ranked No. 9 in the nation. They are currently 8-1 on the year. Next up will be Utah on Thursday in Salt Lake

In soccer, BYU is now rated No. 5 in the national poll. They are currently 6-1 on the season. The only loss came at Stanford. It was a 1-0 loss to the No. 2 ranked Cardinal. Next up will be Oregon State in Provo this Thursday.

Television Timetable

BYU vs. Oregon State (Women's Soccer)

Thursday, September 10 at Provo

Start Time: 7:00 pm MDT

TV: BYUtv

BYU vs. UCLA (Football)

Saturday, September 19 at Pasadena

Kickoff: 8:30 pm MDT

TV: Fox Sports 1