

Thursday, September 28, 2017

## **Red, Blue And Pigskin**

Four letter word #1, four letter word #2, four letter word #3, four letter word #1 again preceded by a six letter word.

I hate playing Arizona more than any team out there right now. Since joining the Pac-12, and since they hired Rich Rod to be their coach, the Arizona wildcats are the thorn in the paw for the Utes. Even when Utah wins, Arizona screws them up. I am so glad to be done with that game. Litmus Test Results

I said last week that this Arizona game was going to be a Litmus test for the kind of year Utah would end up. Well the results are in. Utah is a very talented, very undisciplined team. It's going to cost them in a few games.

If Huntley is out long term, they might struggle to win 7 games. There is just a huge difference in the offense with Huntley back there, versus when Williams is back there.

Huntley is just quicker on his reads, and is more dynamic of a playmaker. Williams may have a better arm, but he's takes too long to make a decision and get it out. Plus with Williams back there, the Utes lose 1/4 of their gameplan because the zone read just isn't a threat.

Also can someone please tell me why Arizona is such a troublesome foe for the Utes. Look at the history

2012 - Eliminated from bowl contention

2013 - Eliminated from bowl contention

2014 - Eliminated from Pac-12 south contention.

2015 - Devontae Booker injures meniscus and is done for the season.

2016 - Utes win, but 11 first half penalties. Armand Shyne and Jordan Howard both injure there knees done for the year.

2017 - Utes win, but Tyler Huntley, Kylie Fitts, Bradlee Anae, and Kavika Luafatasanga all suffer injuries.

Seriously I hate playing Arizona.

Thankfully the Utes have a bye week this week, so they can either heal up, or give Troy Taylor a week to tailor an offense to Troy Williams' strengths.

### A Conference Rivalry Showdown

Okay so it's not a conference game, but it is Conference weekend, which means it's time for the Friday night rivalry game between Byu and Utah State.

Only issue is, neither team is any good.

For Byu this is a nice change of pace, as prior to last week's bye, they had spent the previous 3 weeks getting beat up.

Byu ranks near the bottom in the country in most offensive categories, while Utah state is 103rd in the nation in scoring defense.

Utah state did manage 10 points against Wisconsin versus only 6 for Byu. Conversely Byu held Wisconsin to only 40 points compared the 59 they put up on the Aggies.

This is a match up of the movable object against a resistible force.

### Short One This Week

Sorry don't have more to say this week, but With Utah on bye, and the matchup to not be the worst team in the state. I just don't have it this week.

### Kickoffs and Tv Time

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The kickoff for Utah's game against Stanford on October has been announced. It will be an 8:15 kick.

This week's game Between Byu and Utah State kicks off at 6:00 p.m. and will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

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