

There was only one No. 1 sports story in Wyoming in 2011

Brandon Nimmo being taken No. 13 overall in the first round of the MLB draft was it

It is sad commentary to believe that a mediocre record in a D-list football conference, then a drubbing in an inferior "Bowl" game, was the top sports story of the year. That's what your Wyoming Tribune-Eagle did.

Has the bar been lowered so far for the football program of the state's only four-year university that any "Bowl" game appearance is that big of a deal? Unfortunately, it has.

A head football coach at most D-1 programs who went 8-5, then was drubbed in a meaningless, no-name, first-in-the-nation "Bowl" game by a team most college football fans did not even know had a football team, after having "led" his team to a 3-9 record the year before and driven a highly touted quarterback out of the program, would be fired.

Do you know what a 8-5 record (two wins over smaller conference schools) would mean in Lincoln? That the team was rebuilding. Exit the coach. Here, it brings great jubilation and headstands. Of the eight UW wins this past season, only two were over teams that finished the season with a winning record - San Diego State and Air Force, both finished 7-6 and both were defeated in "Bowl" games, as was Wyoming. Three UW wins came against teams that had a collective record of 6-30 for the season and 3-18 in the MWC. One of UW's wins was a one-point win when the opponent had the tying PAT blocked as time expired.

The only way anyone knowing a lick about sports could consider anything having to do with UW football a "top story" is for that person to have an attention-span problem.

The story of the year - THE STORY OF THE YEAR - was the New York Mets drafting Cheyenne resident Brandon Nimmo in the first round of the MLB draft. FEW baseball players "from" Wyoming get a look-see in the big leagues. One with a connection is John Buck. He was born in Kemmerer but attended high school in Taylorsville, Utah. No college. Another player, Jeremy Horst, was born in Cheyenne, educated in North Dakota and went to college in Georgia. Air Force brat?

Brandon Nimmo is from Wyoming. He is from Cheyenne. He played American Legion baseball in Cheyenne. He is local.


There are hundreds, probably thousands, of very good baseball players eligible for the major league draft every year - some for the second time. To be drafted at all is quite an accomplishment. To be drafted in the first round is a great achievement. To be from Wyoming and drafted at all is huge. To be from Wyoming and be drafted in the first round is astounding. Incredible. Unimaginable. Unlikely to ever happen again. States without high school baseball don't produce major leaguers. Nimmo was the No. 1 sports story of 2011. No question.

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