

Sam's comment re: Vandals dissing Vandal Nation:

Tonight, the Vandals saw both a win and a loss. Mike Lupati is an amazing athlete and a mature young adult who deserves the accolades and should be a standard bearer for what it means to be a respectful college athlete that kids can look up to.

But also tonight, the Vandal athletics department showed up petty and unprofessional they can be by denying an interview with coach Robb Akey to Vandal Nation, the blog run by Travis Mason-Bushman, a University of Idaho Argonaut reporter who also happens to have nearly 5,000 (you read that right) people following his coverage of all things Vandal Sports at any given time.

And so what did those unprofessional goons at the UI athletics department do to Vandal Nation when they were giving interviews to KREM2 85 miles away? They told Travis to wait for a press release.

That's pathetic and disrespectful to the best Vandals athletic coverage out there, and, frankly, I'm going to do everything I can as a professional journalist to ensure it doesn't happen again.

I also decided to tear up the donation check I had written after Mike Lupati's draft due to this incident, and, frankly, I'd encourage others to do the same. Donate when they decide to respect the very people that are the point of why they're there.

The students.

And, to be clear, Travis and Vandal Nation reach a much more immense audience than just students.

I'm disgusted.
