



## AIRBOONE IS SIZZLING!!

**Boone has 6 TDs in one game, over 200 yards in next**

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**APOLOGIES: Due to a death in the family last week's game info was not sent out. Both the Orlando and Dallas games are covered in this edition.**

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In this edition:

- Blaze lose to Orlando but get 2<sup>nd</sup> Victory in Dallas
- Boone hits some new career milestones
- Boone sizzles as league leader in yards
- AirBoone also near the top in other categories

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### *Blaze go to 2-1 after loss at Orlando and win against Dallas*

The Utah Blaze travelled to Orlando on March 26 to take on the Predators. It was a hard fought game, but the Blaze came out on the losing end 68-53. They came back 5 days later at home to knock off the unbeaten Dallas Desperados 69-40. Aaron Boone had strong showings in both games as he scored 6 TDs on 12 catches against Orlando and had 2 TDs and a career high 226 receiving yards at home against Dallas on March 31.



Aaron Boone tackled after a reception against Orlando. He scored 6 TDs in this game.

### *AirBoone sets some career milestones in past two weeks*

The last two games have been memorable for Aaron Boone and his fans as the AirBoone set a number of career milestones. In the March 26 game against Orlando, Boone scored 6 TDs, including his 100<sup>th</sup> career AFL TD on a 2 yard reception from Tommy Grady in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. (See article below for a detailed writeup on AirBoone's 100 TDs). In the same game Boone caught his 400<sup>th</sup> career reception on a 10 yard play for a first down in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.



Boone eludes two Dallas defenders as he chalks up a career high 226 yards

Then, at home against Dallas on Thursday, after only 5 days rest, Aaron Boone caught 13 passes and had a career game high 226 yards receiving, this was the second highest single game yardage in Utah Blaze history. As a result, Aaron was named the Russell Athletics Offensive Player of the game. His 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter touchdown, a spectacular diving catch with a little over 5 minutes remaining in the quarter, was named the Spalding Highlight of the game, his second such award in three weeks.

### *After 3 weeks Boone league leader in total yards, 2<sup>nd</sup> in TDs*

Currently AirBoone leads the league in total yards with 452 (only one of two with over 400 yards so far) and is second in the league in yards per game at 150.7. Boone is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league with total receptions at 36, behind Rodney Wright of San Jose, who has 38. He is 7<sup>th</sup> in the league with all-purpose yardage. In scoring, Boone is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in TDs with 10 (2 are tied in 1<sup>st</sup> with 11) and is tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Points per game with 20. He is tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in total points with 60 on the season so far.



Boone gets sandwiched by two Dallas Desperados after one of his 13 receptions.

## **BLAZE STAT GUY EXAMINES 100 TOUCHDOWNS**

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By: Josh Fisher  
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Last Saturday, Utah Blaze wide receiver Aaron Boone scored his 100th career receiving touchdown with a 2-yard reception from Tommy Grady in the second quarter of the matchup in Orlando against the Predators. He finished the night with six touchdowns and now has 104 in his 5-year career.

Boone broke into the league in 2006 with Philadelphia Soul. Boone made no receptions, but had five tackles and four kick returns with the Soul. He was then sent to the Kansas City Brigade. He made his first Brigade appearance during a week 10 game against the Georgia Force where he grabbed 11 balls for 129 yards and two touchdowns. He played in seven games during the 2006 season and earned a spot on the All-Rookie Team with his 66 receptions for 748 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Boone scored five touchdowns with 157 yards in his second career game against the Los Angeles Avengers in Week 11. The next week he scored four touchdowns with 124 yards versus the Colorado Crush. After just one touchdown in three consecutive games, Boone had 13 catches for 147 yards and five TDs against the Blaze in the 2006 finale.

Boone joined Utah for the 2007 season. He played in just six regular season games and the one playoff game due to injury. He ran his consecutive games with a touchdown streak to seven before getting injured in a Week 9 game with San Jose. He came back to grab seven balls for 97 yards and two scores in a playoff game with Los Angeles.



Through his first two seasons, Boone had scored 27 touchdowns on just 98 receptions. He scored multiple TDs in eight games and five times went for 100-plus yards.

He would explode in the 2008 season for the Blaze. Boone finished that year with 135 receptions for 1,526 yards and 23 touchdowns. He scored a touchdown in 16 of the teams 17 games including the playoffs. He had a 13-game touchdown streak snapped by the Grand Rapids Rampage in Week 14. During the run, he scored multiple TDs on seven occasions. Boone added a season-high three scores in a Week 17 game against the Arizona Rattlers.

When the league returned in 2010, Boone again was a member of the Blaze. He finished fourth in the AFL in scoring with a career-best 46 touchdowns. His 146 receptions were also a career-best to go with 1,448 yards. His 46 scores are tied for the 11th-most in a season in AFL history and are the second most in team history.

Playing in all 16 games, Boone scored at least one touchdown in each contest. Only twice, Week 10 versus Cleveland and Week 16 against Arizona, did he score just one time. He matched a Blaze record with seven touchdowns in an overtime game with the Milwaukee Iron in Week 7. He added four scores against Arizona in Week 9 and in Week 14 in the second Milwaukee game. He also scored five times in a Week 17 game with the Dallas Vigilantes.

With eight touchdowns in the two games this year, Boone has now scored at least one touchdown in 21 consecutive games. During that stretch he has totaled 59 of his 104 career scores. His eight TDs this season rank fourth in the AFL, and first among players that have only played two games. Boone averages a league-best 24 points per game.

Looking at his touchdown per game average over the past two games, Boone is on pace to finish this year with 152 career scores. That total would rank 20th in league history for career receiving touchdowns. He is currently fourth among active players with his 104 scores. Damian Harrell from Milwaukee has scored a league-record 351 receiving touchdowns. Two Orlando receivers, Bobby Sippio and TT Toliver, have scored 160 and 147 career touchdowns respectively to rank 19th and 21st all-time.

Boone has scored a touchdown on 25.9% of his career receptions. That currently ranks eighth among active receiver with at least 200 career receptions. He is scoring on 34.8% of his total receptions this season. He had a career-best TD percentage of 31.5% last season. George LaFrance set the league record for a single season with 35 TDs on 65 catches for Tampa Bay in 1998. Sippio is the career leader by scoring on 39.2% of his career receptions.

Boone also surpassed the 400 reception mark with his 12 catches last week. He now has 402 career catches and ranks fourth among active receivers. From his last two seasons, Boone is on pace to finished the year with 552 career receptions. That number would rank 26th in AFL history. Harrell has made 1,107 career receptions to lead all AFL receivers.

## **Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2011:**

After 3 games

**Passes caught: 36**

-Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 11

- Game 2 at Orlando 12 (10<sup>th</sup> catch was 400<sup>th</sup> career reception)
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 13

**Total Yards: 452**

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 135
- Game 2 at Orlando 91
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 226 (Career high and second highest in Blaze history)

**Longest Reception: 35**

- Game 3 vs. Dallas 35 yard TD reception in 3rd Quarter

**Touchdowns: 10**

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 1Q: 21 yd TD pass from T. Grady
- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 2Q: 13 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 1Q: 9 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 2Q: 2 yd TD pass from Grady (100<sup>th</sup> career TD)
- Game 2 at Orlando 3Q: 4 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 4Q: 9 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 4Q: 4 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 4Q: 6 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 3Q: 19 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 3Q: 35 yd TD pass from Grady

**Points After Touchdowns: 0**

**First Downs: 14**

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay: 6
- Game 2 at Orlando: 2
- Game 3 vs. Dallas: 6

**Returns: 0**

**Tackles: 2**

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay: 1
- Game 3 vs. Dallas: 1

**Passes: 0**

**AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru March 31, 2011**

Passes caught: 415  
Total Yards: 4596  
Longest Reception: 45 yards  
Receiving Touchdowns: 106  
Points after Touchdown: 3  
Rushes: 1  
Rushing Yds: 4  
Kick returns: 6  
Kick Return Yds: 76

Kick Return TDs: 1 ( 9 yds in 2007)  
Tackles: 27  
Passes: 1  
Passing Yards: 26

### **Career AFL Stats by Season:**

2006: Philadelphia/Kansas City  
Receptions – 66 Yards – 748 TDs – 19 Rushes – 1 for 4 yds  
Tackles – 8 Returns – 4 for 52 yards

2007: Utah  
Receptions – 32 Yards – 422 TDs – 8 Tackles – 2  
Returns – 1 for 9 yards

2008: Utah  
Receptions – 135 Yards – 1526 TDs – 23 Tackles – 6

2009: AFL did not play this year

2010: Utah  
Receptions – 146 Yards – 1448 TDs – 46 Tackles – 16  
Passes – 1 Passing Yards – 26

### **AirBoone AFL Career Highlights:**

Receptions in a game: 16 Utah vs Milwaukee July 2, 2010  
Total yards in a game: 226 Utah vs Dallas March 31, 2011  
Longest reception in AFL: 45 yards in 3Q vs. Orlando March 14, 2008  
First downs in a game: 10 Utah vs Georgia March 29, 2008  
Touchdowns in a game: 7 Utah at Milwaukee, May 14, 2010  
Tackles in a game: 4 Utah vs. Tampa Bay, June 19, 2010  
Receptions in a season: 146 in 2010  
Touchdowns in a season: 46 in 2010  
Total Yards in a season: 1526 in 2008

### **Items of note:**

- In only his second game in the AFL, while with the Kansas City Brigade, AirBoone set franchise single-game records for receptions (13), yards (157) and touchdowns (5)
- Boone was one of three Blaze receivers to record 1,500-plus receiving yards, 100-plus receptions and 20-plus TD receptions in the regular season in 2008. It is the only time the feat has been done in AFL history.
- Selected to the AFL All-Rookie Team in 2006
- Selected as Kansas City Brigade Rookie of the Year in 2006
- Selected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Arena Team in 2010
- Breaks the 3000 yard career receiving mark on April 30, 2010
- Breaks 300 career reception mark vs. Chicago on June 12, 2010 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

- Breaks the 4000 yard career receiving mark on July 24, 2010 at Dallas on a 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 14 yard TD reception
- Breaks the 100 career touchdown mark on March 26, 2011 at Orlando on a 2 yd TD pass from Tommy Grady in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**
- Breaks 400 career reception mark at Orlando on March 26, 2011 on a 10 yard reception in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**
- July 24, 2010 at Dallas, Aaron Boone catches 5 TD passes and is named Russell Athletic Player of the Game for first time in his career
- July 24, 2010 at Dallas, Aaron Boone is awarded the Cutter's Catch of the Game on a 2 yard TD reception from Mark Thorson near the end of the first half
- Currently 6<sup>th</sup> all time in receptions in a season with 146 in 2010 and also at 19<sup>th</sup> for 2008 season
- Currently tied for 7<sup>th</sup> all time in receiving TDs in a season with 5 others for 46 in 2010

#### **2011 Regular Season Schedule and scores**

- 3/17 Utah Blaze 72, Tampa Bay Storm 36 (1-0)
- 3/26 Orlando Predators 68, Utah Blaze 53 (1-1)
- 3/31 Utah Blaze 69, Dallas Vigilantes 40 (2-1)
- 4/ 8 Utah Blaze at San Jose SaberCats 8:30 p.m.
- 4/15 Spokane Shock at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.
- 4/23 Utah Blaze at Arizona Rattlers 5:30 p.m.
- 5/6 Utah Blaze at Georgia Force 6:00 p.m.
- 5/14 Milwaukee Mustangs at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.
- 5/21 San Jose SaberCats at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.
- 5/27 Utah Blaze at Iowa Barnstormers 6:05 p.m.
- 6/4 Arizona Rattlers at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.
- 6/11 Utah Blaze at Tulsa Talons 6:00 p.m.
- 6/18 Pittsburg Power at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.
- 6/24 Kansas City Command at Utah Blaze 6:00 p.m.
- 7/1 Utah Blaze at Chicago Rush 6:30 p.m.
- 7/9 Utah Blaze at Spokane Shock 7:00 p.m.
- 7/16 New Orleans VooDoo at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.
- 7/22 Utah Blaze at Cleveland Gladiators 5:30 p.m.