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- Aaron Boone injured in 1st half
- AirBoone Express now available online at Blaze Nation!!
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Blaze hang on to defeat the Voodoo 63-61 with 3.4 seconds left AirBoone gets a minor injury



Aaron Boone

The Utah Blaze began their season yesterday at home against the New Orleans Voodoo in a wild back and forth game. The Blaze took off at the very beginning but the Voodoo always managed to come back and by half time the score was Utah 42, N.O. 34. Both teams battled back and forth, but Utah had the last reception and with 11 second left, the Blaze had the ball on the Voodoo 8 yard line. A missed pass play to Siaha Burley left 6.7 seconds. Then, on the next down there was another miscommunication between Germaine and Tom Pace. So, Steve Videtich came in with 3.4 seconds left to kick a 23 yard FG to win the game 63-61!!!

During the first half, Boone had three catches, including one for a 39 yard touchdown, his first for the Blaze and also first for the season. This is the second longest touchdown pass that Aaron has caught in his AFL career thus far. Last season he had 40 yard and 39 yard TD catches while at Kansas City. It was also the longest pass reception of the game for either team and was named the first half play of the game on 1280 The Zone.

Late in the first half Aaron was injured with a strained left calf muscle. Despite that, he came out and made a key catch with only 20 seconds left. However, he had scant playing time in the second half.

During the first half Boone also got a nice block that opened a door for Tom Pace to have a 30 yard kickoff return. He also assisted on a tackle on a second quarter kickoff.

The Boone-o-Meter Stats as of March 3, 2007:

Touchdowns: 1

TD 1: March 3, 2007 New Orleans at Utah 39 yard pass from Joe Germaine

Receiving: 3 receptions

March 3, 2007 New Orleans at Utah 3 receptions

Total Receiving Yards: 54 yards

March 3, 2007 New Orleans at Utah 54 yards

Longest Reception: 39

March 3, 2006 39 yard pass reception from Joe Germaine

Total Points Scored on Season: 6

Average yards per reception: 18

Catches for First Downs: 0

Rushing Yards: 0

Kickoff Returns 0

Special Teams and Defense:

1 assisted tackle

March 3, 2007 1 assisted tackle on kickoff

The AirBoone Express will be following the entire season and will keep you posted on Aaron Boone's stats throughout.

AirBoone Express now featured on BlazeNation.com!!

As of March 1, 2007, the Utah Blaze premiere fan site, Blaze Nation, has added the AirBoone Express as a featured Newsletter. It will be available for download from the site. I will be posting it to the site at the same time the newsletter is mailed out to all of the subscribers.

This is an exciting step for the AirBoone Express. The newsletter has been in distribution to mainly family and friends of Aaron Boone since about 2003. The subscriber base has continued to increase as Aaron has made his way into the NFL, NFL-E and now the AFL. More and more people have become fans of Aaron and his great personality and love of fans. Being asked to have the AirBoone Express added to the Blaze Nation is an honor to me and also to Aaron Boone.

You can see the February editions now at www.blazenation.com in the Newsletters section.

Jesse Boone leaves for NFL-Europa: From Blaze to Fire



Jesse Boone

Last week the Blaze announced that Jesse Boone was being released to play in the NFL-Europa for the Rhein Fire. Jesse, Aaron's younger brother, was a star center/lineman for the University of Utah the last three years and was all MWC last year. As an undrafted Free Agent, he had the opportunity to work with the Cincinnati Bengals, but was eventually cut. He then signed to play with the Blaze and join his brother Aaron.

Things took a positive turn for Jesse, however, when the Aaron's former head coach at the Berlin Thunder, Rick Lantz, took over as head coach of the Rhein Fire. Along with him came a former University of Utah coach. They asked Jesse to come on as a Free Agent. It will be an exciting move for Jesse as he will follow in Aaron's footsteps over in Europe.

So, Jesse will leave the Blaze and enter the Fire!!!

The AirBoone Express will keep tabs on Jesse's success in Europe!!

SkyBox presents Ask Coach Danny White

Every week the Utah Blaze web site has an "Ask Coach Danny White" update and the most recent one asked about Aaron Boone and Clarence Lawson. Boone, who played high school ball in Fillmore and then two seasons at Snow College, has finally returned to play in Utah. That was the focus of this week's question.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION (3/1/07):

Coach White,

First of all, congratulations on last year's success. I can't wait for this year to get started. I've noticed that during the free agency period that you brought in a few guys that played their college ball here in Utah, like Aaron Boone and Clarence Lawson. This might be a dumb question, but I was wondering, is there a reason behind this?

Best wishes for the upcoming season!
Trent

RESPONSE:

Trent,

We are excited about next year too. Free agency allows us to have an opportunity to get the best players we can to help fill our needs. **Signing players like Boone and Lawson is a double advantage because of the fact that they are from the area, but the most important aspect is that they are outstanding football players.**

Thanks for your support.
Coach White

2007 UTAH BLAZE SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1	Sat, March 3	NEW ORLEANS VOODOO	7 p.m.
2	Sat, March 10	at Arizona Rattlers	7 p.m.
3	Sun, March 18	at Nashville Kats	2 p.m.
4	Fri, March 23	GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE	7 p.m.
5	Sun, April 1	at Las Vegas Gladiators	4 p.m.
6	Fri, April 6	at Austin Wranglers	6:30 p.m.
7	Fri, April 13	LOS ANGELES AVENGERS	7 p.m.
8	Fri, April 20	ARIZONA RATTLEERS	7 p.m.
9	Sat, April 28	at San Jose SaberCats	8:30 p.m.
10	Fri, May 4	DALLAS DESPERADOS	7 p.m.
11	Sat, May 12	at Kansas City Brigade	6:30 p.m.
12	Fri, May 18	LAS VEGAS GLADIATORS	7 p.m.
13	Fri, May 25	at Orlando Predators	5:30 p.m.
14	Mon, June 4	COLORADO CRUSH	8:30 p.m.
15	Sat, June 9	SAN JOSE SABERCATS	7 p.m.
16	BYE		
17	Sat, June 23	at Los Angeles Avengers	8:30 p.m.

All times Mountain Time

2007 Arena Football League ESPN TV Schedule:

DATE		TIME	TELEVISION
Sun, March 4	Chicago at Kansas City	12:30 p.m.	ESPN on ABC
	Dallas at New York	12:30 p.m.	ESPN on ABC
Mon, March 12	Los Angeles at Orlando	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Thur, March 22	Colorado at Philadelphia	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, March 26	Dallas at Orlando	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sun, April 1	Los Angeles at Chicago	1:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, April 9	Georgia at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, March 16	Philadelphia at Dallas	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, April 23	Philadelphia at Columbus	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, April 30	Philadelphia at Chicago	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, May 7	Colorado at Chicago	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, May 14	New York at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, May 21	New Orleans at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, May 28	New York at New Orleans	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, June 4	Colorado at Utah	10:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, June 11	Los Angeles at Arizona	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, June 18	Chicago at Colorado	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, June 25	Dallas at Colorado	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
WILDCARD			
Fri, June 29	Wildcard	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat, June 30	Wildcard	12:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat, June 30	Wildcard	3:00 p.m.	ESPN
Mon, July 2	Wildcard	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
DIVISIONAL			
Sat, July 7	Divisional	3:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat, July 7	Divisional	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sun, July 8	Divisional	9:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, July 9	Divisional	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP			
Sat, July 14	Conference Championship	3:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sun, July 15	Conference Championship	12:30 p.m.	ESPN2
ARENABOWL XXI			
Sun, July 29	ArenaBowl XXI (New Orleans)	3:00 p.m.	ESPN on ABC

* ESPN will broadcast a minimum of three Wildcard games and three Divisional Playoff games listed above