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In this edition:

- Utah Blaze win on last second FG!!
- Aaron Boone does not play; Burley out as well
- AirBoone Express now available online at Blaze Nation!!

Blaze come back for second week in a row to defeat the Rattlers 75-71 with 13 seconds left!!!

AirBoone and Burley do not play; Bryant gets 6 TDs



Aaron Boone

The Utah Blaze began their first road trip with a visit to Phoenix to play the Arizona Rattlers. Throughout the entire week, both Aaron Boone and Siaha Burley were nursing injuries—Boone with a high ankle sprain and Burley with a bruised foot. At game time Burley was listed as probable to play and Boone was questionable. But, they were both held out of this game in hopes that they would heal well enough to play in Nashville on the 18th. Aaron has improved rapidly throughout the week, so things do look promising.

It was obvious in the first half that both Boone and Burley were missed as the Rattlers exploded for a 39-27 lead, though Ryan Dennard, last week's AFL Ironman of the Week, had 6 receptions for 59 yards and 3 TDs in that half. Dennard remained on fire in the second half with 4 more touchdowns, for a total of 7 TDs, 16 receptions and 181 yards. Tom Pace, joined the injury-plagued receivers with a sprained ankle near the end of the second quarter. Dennard and Orshawante Bryant each had over 150 yards in receiving as they had to do double duty to cover the absence of the AirBoone and Burley.

The Blaze flamed back in the second half and finally took the lead on a Germaine to Bryant TD pass with 13 seconds left. They then held the Rattlers at the 14 yard line with 2 seconds left to take the victory, the first ever over the Rattlers. Joe Germaine had 34 completions for 433 yards and 10 TD passes.

After the second week of play, Aaron Boone still has the longest reception of the season for the Blaze at 39 yards.

The Boone-o-Meter Stats as of March 11, 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

****Boone did not play on March 11. Out with a high ankle sprain.*

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 and March editions now at www.blazenation.com in the Newsletters section.

2007 UTAH BLAZE SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1	Sat, March 3	NEW ORLEANS VOODOO	UT 63 – NO 61
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.

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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
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