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In this edition:

- AirBoone scores another TD in Blaze loss
- Blaze continue losing streak to Philadelphia 64-58
- Boone remains #1 in AFL in passes caught after wk 6
- Special visitors to the game
- Boone has fun in Philly with Sumoflam
- Boone getting some press buzz

## AirBoone plays well in loss to Philly

Aaron Boone continued his scoring streak as he caught a TD pass in the second quarter against his former team the Philadelphia Soul. The game had some interesting twists, including 3 touchdown runs by fullback Rodney Filer, who had 6 runs for 49 yards. Though the Blaze traded touchdowns throughout the first half, they were hobbled by a fumble and a safety. Though the Blaze improved their third quarter play scoring on their first drive to pull within one point of the Soul, they still struggled to hold on to the ball losing two fumbles, one of which was returned for a touchdown by the Soul.



Boone talks with teammates after a reception  
(photo by Sumoflam Productions)

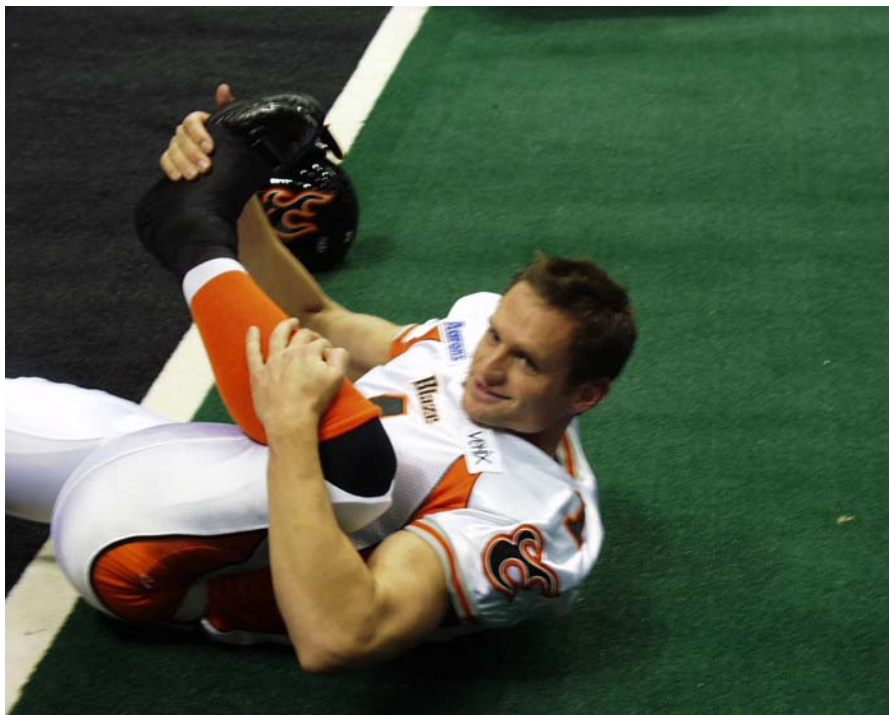
For the night, AirBoone caught 6 passes for 75 yards. JJ McKelvey, formerly of the Soul, led the Blaze with 7 receptions and 93 yards. Huey Whittaker continued to score well with three receiving TDs. He is currently second in the league in total yards.



Boone joins McKelvey to run a route  
(photo by Sumoflam Productions)

### **Boone remains #1 in AFL in receptions after 6 weeks**

AirBoone remains number one in the league with receptions with 59 catches. His game average went down this week against Philadelphia, but he still held on. He remained number 6 in the league in total yards for the second week.



Aaron Boone stretches before the game at Philadelphia  
(photo by Sumoflam Productions)

## Boone gets some special visitors

Aaron Boone's sister Becky came to the game with her husband Sam and their daughter Sammie to cheer Aaron on. Unknown to Aaron was that his TD catch was in the corner of the end zone just below where they were sitting. His niece paid him a visit after the game.



AirBoone with his niece Sammie, sister Becky and brother-in-law Sam  
(photos by Sumoflam Productions)

I was also in attendance at the game after driving down from Ontario, Canada to see the game. While there, I got to meet and talk with AFL Commissioner David Baker. Mr. Baker was very friendly and very pro Arena Football. It was a pleasant experience. By the way, Mr. Baker is 6'9" and 400+ pounds.



AirBoone Express editor David Kravetz with AFL Commissioner David Baker

### Boone and Kravetz go Philly Steak hunting after the game

On a final note, Aaron and I left the arena in search of Philadelphia's famous cuisine...the Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich. We made our way downtown and found Geno's Steaks and Pat's King of Steaks. Both have been made world famous, but Pat's may be the winner...Rocky (Sylvester Stallone) ate there in Rocky I.



Aaron Boone at Geno's and with Pat's Crew



AirBoone and Sumoflam with their steak sandwiches

## Boone getting some press attention

Aaron Boone had a great month of March, accomplishing some personal bests while also spending three weeks as the AFL receptions leader.

As a result, AirBoone is getting some attention. He was nominated as one of 14 Offensive Players of the Month for the AFL (one of 7 Wide Receivers). Philadelphia WR Chris Jackson was named the AFL's Offensive Player of the Month for March.



Aaron Boone has led the AFL in receptions for 6 straight weeks

As well, [Arenafootballonline.com](http://Arenafootballonline.com) commented on Boone a couple of times:

- He was ranked as the number 6 receiver by the weekly online newsletter and he was number 7 in the Football Fantasy Player top 50..
- In the Stud and Duds Section he was mentioned along with Huey Whittaker as follows: *Another monster outing from Huey, with 11 grabs for 161 yards and 4 TDs. Aaron Boone also upped his workload with 170 yards and 2 TDs.*
- In the Player Updates section the newsletter commented:  
*Aaron Boone continued his impressive season with 14 catches for 170 yards and 2 TDs against Georgia. Boone was a big disappointment in 2007 but has already surpassed last season's numbers with 53 total catches for 541 yards and 8 scores.*

## Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2008 thru April 6:

### After 6 games

**Passes caught:** 59 (currently #1 in AFL for 6<sup>th</sup> week)

- Arizona at Utah 7
- Utah at Cleveland 10
- Utah at Orlando 12
- Columbus at Utah 10
- Georgia at Utah 14\* (AFL Career High)
- Utah at Philadelphia 6

**Total Yards:** 621 (currently #6 in AFL for 2nd week)

- Arizona at Utah 50
- Utah at Cleveland 127
- Utah at Orlando 117
- Columbus at Utah 77
- Georgia at Utah 170\* (AFL Career High)
- Utah at Philadelphia 75

**Longest reception:** Mar. 15, 2008 45 yd reception in 3Q vs. Orlando\*

-This is his longest AFL career reception

**Touchdowns:** 9

- Arizona at Utah, Germaine 8 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Cleveland, Germaine 14 yd pass to Boone (1Q)
- Utah at Cleveland, Germaine 26 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Orlando, Germaine 45 yd pass to Boone (3Q)
- Utah at Orlando, Germaine 5 yd pass to Boone (4Q)
- Columbus at Utah, Germaine 7 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Georgia at Utah, Germaine 9 yd pass to Boone (1Q)
- Georgia at Utah, Germaine 11 yd pass to Boone (4Q)
- Utah at Philadelphia, Germaine 20 yd pass to Boone (2Q)

**First downs:** 22

- Arizona at Utah 1
- Utah at Cleveland 2
- Utah at Orlando 5
- Columbus at Utah 2
- Georgia at Utah 10\* (AFL Career High)
- Utah at Philadelphia 2

**Tackles:** 0

**AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru March 21, 2008**

Passes caught: 157  
 Total Yards: 1786  
 Longest Reception: 45 yards  
 Receiving Touchdowns: 36  
 Rushes: 1  
 Rushing Yds.: 4  
 Kick returns: 5  
 Kick Return Yds: 61  
 Kick Return TDs: 1 ( 9 yds in 2007)  
 Tackles: 7

**Following is the 2008 Utah Blaze Schedule. Note that the June 9 game will be televised nationally on ESPN.**

Date	Visitor	Home	Time	TV	Radio
3/1	Arizona Rattlers - 63	Utah Blaze - 62			Blaze 0-1
3/9	Utah Blaze - 63	Cleveland Gladiators - 66			Blaze 0-2
3/14	Utah Blaze - 61	Orlando Predators - 69			Blaze 0-3
3/21	Columbus Destroyers - 52	Utah Blaze - 49			Blaze 0-4
3/29	Georgia Force -70	Utah Blaze - 49			Blaze 0-5
4/5	Utah Blaze - 56	Philadelphia Soul - 64			Blaze 0-6
4/12	Utah Blaze	Los Angeles Avengers	8:30	TBA	1320 KFAN
4/18	San Jose SaberCats	Utah Blaze	7:00	TBA	1320 KFAN
4/25	Utah Blaze	New Orleans VooDoo	6:30	TBA	1320 KFAN
5/3	Kansas City Brigade	Utah Blaze	7:00	TBA	1320 KFAN
5/10	Colorado Crush	Utah Blaze	7:00	TBA	1320 KFAN
5/17	Utah Blaze	San Jose SaberCats	8:30	TBA	1320 KFAN
5/24	Chicago Rush	Utah Blaze	7:00	TBA	1320 KFAN
6/1	Utah Blaze	Grand Rapids Rampage	12:00	TBA	1320 KFAN
<b>6/9</b>	<b>Los Angeles Avengers</b>	<b>Utah Blaze</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>ESPN</b>	<b>1320 KFAN</b>
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6/21	Utah Blaze	Arizona Rattlers	8:00	TBA	1320 KFAN