



THE BLAZE ARE BACK! BOONE IS BACK!! TIME FOR ARENA FOOTBALL!!

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- What has AirBoone been up to?
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AirBoone prepares for return to Arena Ball **Game 1-April 9th vs. Spokane Shock in SLC**

The last time Aaron Boone was in a Blaze uniform was in June 2008. Soon after the playoffs the AFL was on its way down with bankruptcy and other troubles. The Blaze folded and Boone was looking for work. He had just come off of an amazing season with teammates Huey Whittaker, J.J. McKelvey and Joe Germaine. Boone completed his second year with the Blaze finishing third in the entire AFL with 135 receptions and eighth in the AFL in yards with 1,527. He also added 23 touchdowns during 16 games. Overall, Aaron comes into the 2010 Arena season with 233 receptions, 50 touchdowns and 2696 total receiving yards. He also an additional TD off of a kickoff return.

Tomorrow ushers in a new season... a long awaited and hoped for season for a football starved Aaron Boone. This season, he is the veteran, having played four years in Arena Football. He is also the teams' elder statesman. But age has only strengthened him. He is ready and so are we.



Showing why he is called AirBoone

This year the Arena Football League returns as a new entity, with new leadership, new owners and some new teams:

Alabama Vipers Arizona Rattlers Bossier-Shreveport Battle Wings
Chicago Rush Cleveland Gladiators Dallas Vigilantes Iowa Barnstormers
Jacksonville Sharks Milwaukee Iron Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz Orlando Predators
Spokane Shock Tampa Bay Storm Tulsa Talons Utah Blaze



Boone hanging with the "Fire Pit" in 2008 after a TD Catch

What has AirBoone been up to during AFL hiatus?

Since the demise of the AFL in 2008, Aaron has gotten married, has had a baby girl, has traveled to South America, Europe and the Philippines. He has been quite busy. Yet, throughout all of this he has stayed focused on his hopes to continue his football career. AirBoone has stayed in shape and has worked hard. Of his break from football, Boone said “I was a little worried – 2009 was a tough year. It was the first time in a lot of years I was without football.”



AirBoone flies high over the Rockies and over Peru, near Macchu Picchu



AirBoone and new daughter, Sept. 2009

Blaze events in 2010



New Billboards in SLC advertising 2010 Blaze Season feature Aaron Boone



Aaron Boone with Parker and Colton at Utah Blaze Open House, March 2010
(photo courtesy of Justin Gray)



Boone signs autographs and meets with fans at Open House, March 2010
(photos courtesy of Lance Afleck)

Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2010:

After 0 games

Passes caught: 00

Total Yards: 00

Touchdowns: 00

First downs: 00

Tackles: 00

AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru 2008

Passes caught: 233

Total Yards: 2696

Longest Reception: 45 yards

Receiving Touchdowns: 50

Rushes: 1

Rushing Yds.: 4

Kick returns: 5

Kick Return Yds: 61

Kick Return TDs: 1 (9 yds in 2007)

Tackles: 9

Career Highs:

Receptions in a game: 14 Utah vs Georgia March 29, 2008

Total yards in a game: 170 Utah vs Georgia March 29, 2008

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: 5 (twice in 2006 with KC Brigade)

Receptions in a season: 135 in 2008
Touchdowns in a season: 23 in 2008
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 touchdowns 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

Following is the 2010 Utah Blaze Schedule. Note that the April 23 and May 14 games will be televised nationally on the NFL Channel.

Date	Visitor	Home	Time	TV	Radio
4/9	Spokane Shock	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
4/17	Alabama Vipers	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
4/23	Utah Blaze	Chicago Rush	7:30 PM CST	NFL	
4/30	Boss/Shreveport	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
5/14	Utah Blaze	Milwaukee Iron	7 PM CST	NFL	
5/22	Utah Blaze	Spokane Shock	7 PM PST		
5/28	Arizona Rattlers	Utah Blaze	7 PM PST		
6/4	Utah Blaze	Clev. Gladiators	7:30 PM EST		
6/12	Chicago Rush	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
6/19	Tampa Bay Storm	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
6/26	Utah Blaze	Iowa Barnstorm	7 PM CST		
7/2	Milwaukee Iron	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
7/9	Jacksonville Sharks	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
7/16	Utah Blaze	Arizona Rattlers	7 PM MST		
7/24	Utah Blaze	Dallas Vigilantes	7 PM CST		
7/31	Utah Blaze	Alabama Vipers	7 PM CST		