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- Boone scores two TDs in Blaze's 7th loss
- 3rd Q woes continue for Blaze
- Boone stays #1 in AFL in receptions after wk 6



AirBoone catches 2 TDs in loss to LA

The Blaze extended their losing streak to 7 after a disappointing loss to the LA Avengers, the first regular season loss to this team. A look at the game stats is very deceiving as the Blaze won on everything but points.

Aaron Boone and the other receivers all did their part in the game as they racked up 362 yards on 28 catches. AirBoone had 8 receptions for 78 yards and scored 2 TDs. He continues his streak of games in a row with at least 1 TD catch to 7. The real star for the game on the Blaze side was JJ McKelvey who had a big night with 11 catches for 171 yards and 5 TDs. Huey Whittaker also played well with 8 catches for 94 yards.

With his 8 catches in this game, Boone has topped his career single season receptions record. He now has 67, bettering his 66 with Kansas City in the 2006 season. He is still shy of his career yardage at Kansas City, which was 748 for the season. Boone currently has 695 total yards for the 2008 season.

Up to the end of the first half the Blaze kept in the game until a strange set of circumstances caused the tables to turn at the last second. Steve Azar missed FG near the end of the half and the Blaze failed to run the clock down thus giving the Avengers one more try. With just one second left, LA Kicker David Davis missed a FG attempt and since it bounced off of the net it was technically a live ball. Avengers FB/DL picked up the net ball on the 3 yard line and ran it on for a TD with no time left. So, instead of a halftime score of 37-37 (had Azar made his FG), the Blaze were down 44-34 at the half.

Another poor third quarter showing, including two sets where the Avengers held the Blaze to 4 downs, pretty much left a dagger in the hearts of the Utah players.

The final score ended up at 79-62.

The Blaze will be at home this Friday to take on the San Jose SaberCats, who were the Arena Bowl champs last season.

Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2008 thru April 7:

After 6 games

Passes caught: 67 (currently #1 in AFL for 6th week) (Career Season High)

- 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
- Utah at Los Angeles 8

Total Yards: 695 (currently #6 in AFL for 3rd 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
- Utah at Los Angeles 78

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

-This is his longest AFL career reception

Touchdowns: 11

- 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)
- Utah at Los Angeles, Germaine 10 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Los Angeles, Germaine 8 yd pass to Boone (4Q)

First downs: 25

- 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
- Utah at Los Angeles 3

Tackles: 0

AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru April 7, 2008

Passes caught: 165
 Total Yards: 1864
 Longest Reception: 45 yards
 Receiving Touchdowns: 38
 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 -62	Los Angeles Avengers - 79			Blaze 0-7
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
6/9	Los Angeles Avengers	Utah Blaze	8:00	ESPN	1320 KFAN
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6/21	Utah Blaze	Arizona Rattlers	8:00	TBA	1320 KFAN

**All times Mountain Standard Time