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In this edition:

- Boone scores one TD in Blaze's 8th loss
- Errors continue to plague the Blaze
- Boone stays #1 in AFL receptions after wk 8

## AirBoone catches 1 TD in loss to San Jose

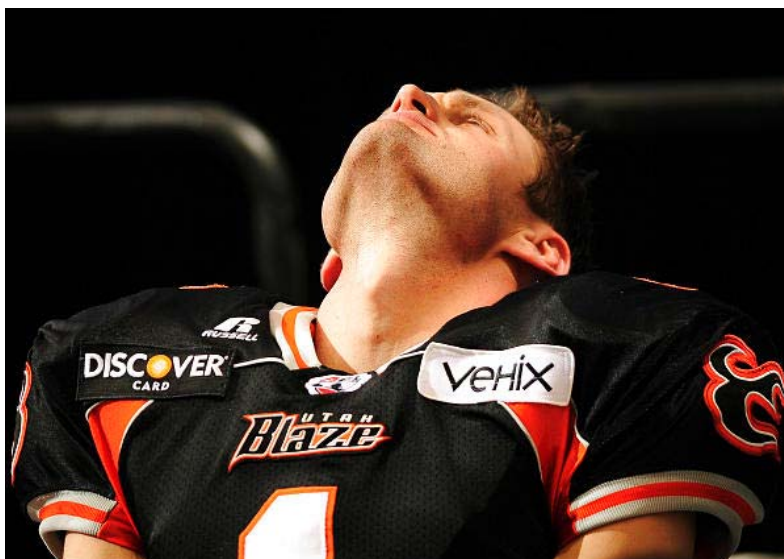


AirBoone lives up to his name leaping high for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Q TD reception  
(photo by Salt Lake Tribune)

The Blaze fumbled their way to yet another loss on Friday night as the San Jose SaberCats took advantage of every turnover and left the Blaze seeking again for their first win. San Jose held the Blaze to their worst scoring output of the season with only 40 points. The final score was 61-40.

There were very few shining moments for the Blaze, though in the first half they kept things fairly close. As well, for the first time all season, the Blaze outscored their opponents in the 3<sup>rd</sup> after a touchdown by J.J. McKelvey, while San Jose had to settle for a field goal.

The Blaze receivers continued to show consistency in their play. Aaron Boone chalked up another TD to make it 8 straight games that he has scored in this season. He had 8 catches for 55 yards which pushed him to a career season high 750 total yards, besting his 748 yards while at Kansas City. His 8 catches were enough to keep in the league lead for receptions for a 7<sup>th</sup> straight week with a career season high 75 total receptions on the season. J.J. McKelvey had a strong game for the second week in a row catching 8 passes for 94 yards and 3 TDs. Huey Whittaker had 6 catches for 49 yards. Despite all of these catches, the Blaze were held to a season low 212 total yards offense.



Aaron Boone shows his frustration in the Blaze's 8<sup>th</sup> loss in a row  
(photo by Deseret News)

Despite this loss, the Blaze still have a chance at making the playoffs if they can win the rest of their games and there is a combination of some losses by San Jose, Arizona or LA, all of whom the Blaze will face again later on in the season.

The Blaze will travel to New Orleans this Friday in hopes of hexing the New Orleans VooDoo. Game time will be at 8:30 ET and can be heard live on 1320 AM The Fan or on the web at <http://www.thefansports.com>.

### Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2008 thru April 18:

#### After 8 games

**Passes caught:** 75 (currently #1 in AFL for 7<sup>th</sup> 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
- San Jose at Utah 8

**Total Yards:** 750 (currently #9 in AFL) (Career Season High)

- 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
- San Jose at Utah 55

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

-This is his longest AFL career reception

**Touchdowns:** 12

- 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)
- San Jose at Utah, Germaine 8 yd pass to Boone (2Q)

**First downs:** 27

- 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
- San Jose at Utah 2

**Tackles:** 0

**AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru April 18, 2008**

Passes caught: 173  
 Total Yards: 1919  
 Longest Reception: 45 yards  
 Receiving Touchdowns: 39  
 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 - 61	Utah Blaze - 40			Blaze 0-8
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

\*\*All times Mountain Standard Time