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- Boone has 2 TDs and 8 catches;
- Burley and Germaine remain on fire

Arizona stings the Blaze 83-69

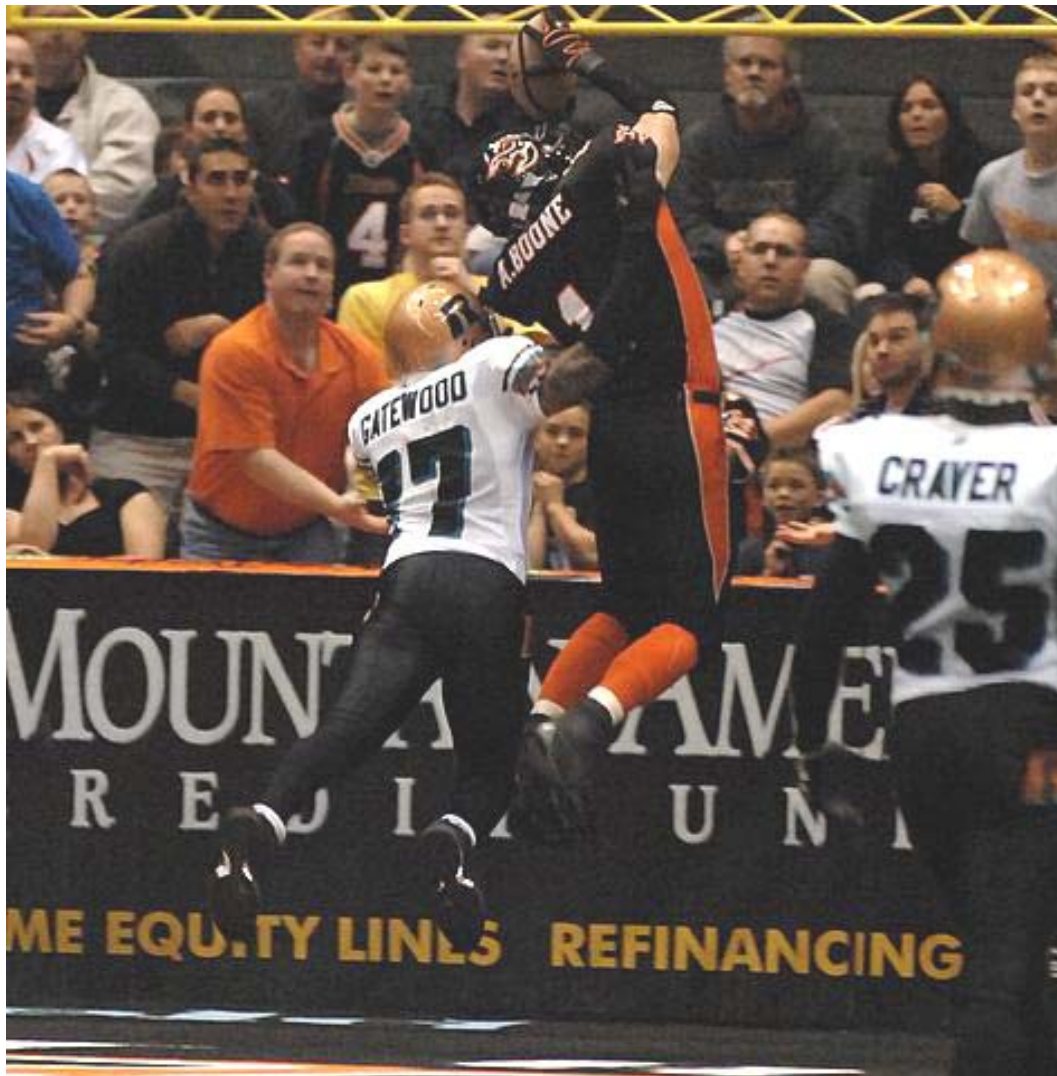
AirBoone has 8 receptions and 2 TDs

The Arizona Rattlers came out on top in a game that was almost completely free of defense throughout the first half and, indeed, throughout most of the game. A couple of stops by the Rattlers in the third and fourth quarters made the difference. A WILD 1st half at the Energy Solutions Arena in Salt Lake City saw the score tied at 48-48. In the 2nd quarter Joe Germaine surpassed 7000 career passing yards in the AFL and also surpassed 60 TD passes on the season. Siaha Burley had 16 receptions for 218 yards and 4 TDs in the game.



AirBoone flies into Blaze fans after TD catches

Aaron Boone had his 1st 100 yard game of the season and caught his 30th pass of the season as he had 8 catches and scored two touchdowns. Boone also made a number of key blocks during the game including one in the 1st quarter that allowed Kevin Clemens to get in for a touchdown. He has always been one that believes that a wide receiver needs to know how to block well.



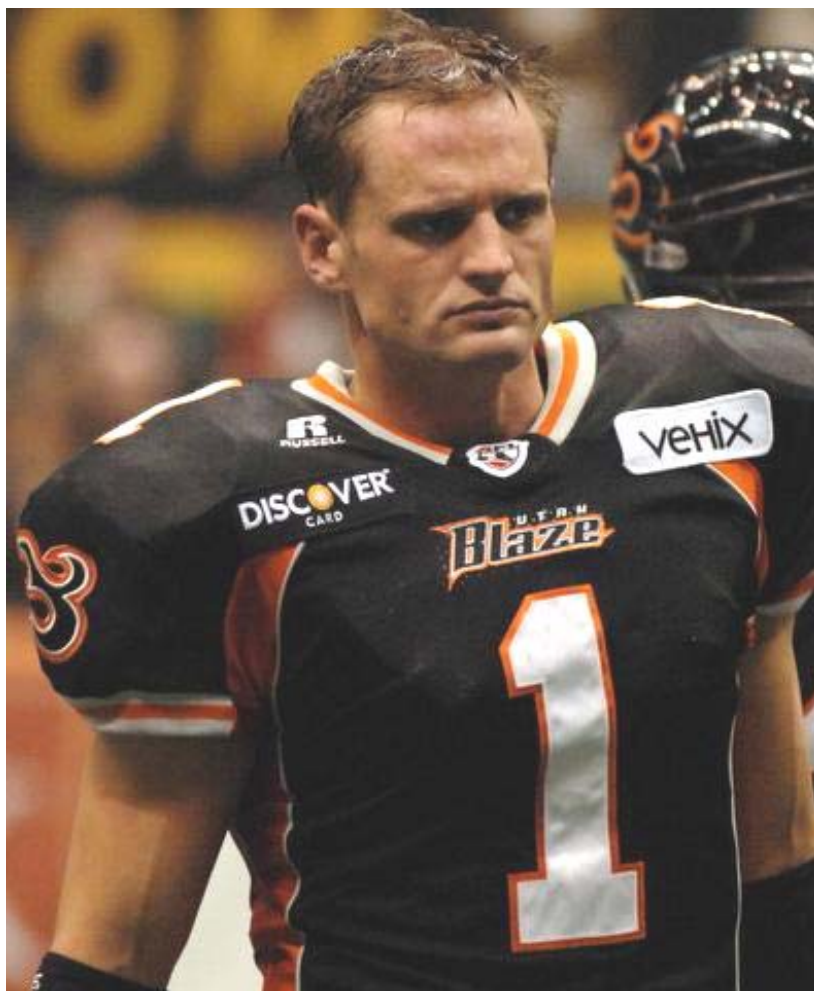
AirBoone makes the kind of leaping grab that he is well known for

Boone made a nice catch with 5:51 left in the 1st quarter, the longest TD catch of the season for the Blaze. It also ties Boone's longest reception of the season as well as that of his 2 year AFL career.



Boone fends off a Rattler after catching a pass

Things slowed down in the 3rd quarter as Arizona had 2 touchdowns and Utah had 1. At the end of the third quarter Boone made a spectacular 15 yard TD catch, but it was brought back on a holding call against Hans Olsen. But Siaha Burley scored on the first play of the 4th quarter to tie the game up at 62-62. Clarence Lawson had a kickoff return TD late in the quarter but it was not enough to stop the potent Rattler offense.



A dejected Aaron Boone after the Blaze lose to the Rattlers

The Blaze will play next Saturday, April 28, against the San Jose SaberCats. The game will begin at 8:30 PM MDT. You can listen to the game live on the internet by going to www.1280thezone and clicking on the Listen Online link. The game will also be shown on FSN-Utah and FSN-Bay Area.

The Boone-o-Meter Stats as of April 20, 2007:

Touchdowns: 9

- TD 1: March 3, 2007 New Orleans at Utah 39 yard pass from Joe Germaine
- TD 2: March 23, 2007 Grand Rapids at Utah 28 yard pass from J. Germaine
- TD 3: March 23, 2007 Grand Rapids at Utah 7 yard pass from J. Germaine
- TD 4: April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 21 yard pass from J. Germaine
- TD 5: April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 18 yard pass from J. Germaine
- TD 6: April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 9 yard kickoff return from onside kick
- TD 7: April 13, 2007 Los Angeles at Utah 12 yard pass from J. Germaine
- TD 8: April 20, 2007 Arizona at Utah 40 yard pass from J. Germaine
- TD 9: April 20, 2007 Arizona at Utah 25 yard pass from J. Germaine

Receiving: 30 receptions

- March 3, 2007 New Orleans at Utah 3 receptions
- March 23, 2007 Grand Rapids at Utah 5 receptions
- April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 9 receptions
- April 13, 2007 Los Angeles at Utah 5 receptions
- April 20, 2007 Arizona at Utah 8 receptions

Total Receiving Yards: 399 yards

- March 3, 2007 New Orleans at Utah 54 yards
- March 23, 2007 Grand Rapids at Utah 89 yards
- April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 99 yards
- April 13, 2007 Los Angeles at Utah 42 yards
- April 20, 2007 Arizona at Utah 115 yards

Longest Reception: 40

- April 20, 2007 40 yard pass reception from J. Germaine (TD)
- March 23, 2007 40 yard pass reception from Joe Germaine
- March 3, 2006 39 yard pass reception from Joe Germaine

Total Points Scored on Season: 54

Average yards per reception: 13.3 yards

Catches for First Downs: 10

March 23, 2007 Grand Rapids at Utah 2

April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 5

April 20, 2007 Arizona at Utah 3

Rushing Yards: 0

Kickoff Returns 1

April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 9 yards for TD

Kickoff Returns Yards 9

April 6, 2007 Utah at Austin 9 yards from onside kick

Special Teams and Defense:

1 assisted tackle

March 3, 2007 1 assisted tackle on kickoff

****Boone did not play on March 11 or March 19. Out with a high ankle sprain. He sat out on April 1 with a tweaked right ankle.*

2007 UTAH BLAZE SCHEDULE

| WEEK | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Sat, March 3 | NEW ORLEANS VOODOO | UT 63 – NO 61 1-0 |
| 2 | Sat, March 10 | at Arizona Rattlers | UT 75 – AZ 71 2-0 |
| 3 | Sun, March 18 | at Nashville Kats | NA 69 – UT 55 2-1 |
| 4 | Fri, March 23 | GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE | UT 83 – GR 42 3-1 |
| 5 | Sun, April 1 | at Las Vegas Gladiators | UT 57 – LV 47 4-1 |
| 6 | Fri, April 6 | at Austin Wranglers | AU 65 – UT 64 4-2 |
| 7 | Fri, April 13 | LOS ANGELES AVENGERS | UT 76 – LA 63 5-2 |
| 8 | Fri, April 20 | ARIZONA RATTLEERS | AZ 83 – UT 69 5-3 |
| 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. |

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| 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. |
| 16 | BYE | | |
| 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, April 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