



## BLAZE EXTINGUISHED SO FAR THREE GAME SKID HAS FANS HOPING

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**\*\*Due to other work commitments and travel, this issue contains results from the first three games. I apologize for the tardiness.**

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## **The Blaze Fall Short in 1<sup>st</sup> Three Games Lose to Spokane, Alabama and Chicago**

The new rebirth of the AFL has been a tough challenge thus far for the Utah Blaze. In their first three games, the Blaze have lost to Spokane 68-34, Alabama 63-54 and Chicago 63-40. They started the season off badly with their first half against Spokane becoming a scoreless effort. But, the Blaze have improved, despite the current record. They appear to finally be gelling as a team and may have an opportunity to rebound this Friday against the Bossier-Shreveport Battle Wings, who will visit Utah from Louisiana with a 2-1 record after suffering a tough loss to Spokane 78-70.

Through all of the battling, the Blaze have replaced their original starting QB, Michael Affleck with 2<sup>nd</sup> year veteran Bret Elliott, from Lake Oswego, OR. They have also found a great second receiver in rookie Chris Francies, who was a standout receiver for the UTEP Miners and had a few catches in the NFL prior to joining the Blaze.



**Boone congratulated after a TD catch against Spokane**

## **AirBoone Remains Mr. Consistency Scores 7 TDs in three games**



Alabama Viper tries to pull down Boone after a catch

Despite the early losses, Aaron Boone has remained consistent to his previous seasons...catching passes and scoring touchdowns. Though the team got off to a slow start in the first game, Boone caught 8 passes and racked up 90 yards and 2 TDs, as well as catching a 2 point conversion. In game two he again led the team with 84 yards on 8 catches and 2 TDs. He had two 2 point conversion receptions in this game as well. In game three in Chicago, AirBoone had 9 receptions for 78 yards, but also scored three TDs. The Elliott-Boone combo is starting to pick up speed as they get used to each other.

Aaron has also shown consistent strength on defense with 3 tackles on kickoffs and after interceptions.

## **Bossier-Shreveport up next**

This Friday the Bossier-Shreveport Battle Wings will visit Salt Lake City to take on the Blaze. The 2-1 Battle Wings are coming off a high scoring loss to Spokane, so could be a formidable challenge to the youthful Blaze. But the Blaze toughness is beginning to

show and hopefully they can bounce back. Boone most likely will break the 3000 yard career mark during this game with only 48 yards left to that milestone.



Aaron Boone is tackled after a reception against Alabama in mid-April

### **Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2010:**

#### **After 3 games**

#### **Passes caught: 25**

-Game 1 vs. Spokane: 8

-Game 2 vs. Alabama: 8

-Game 3 at Chicago: 9

#### **Total Yards: 252**

-Game 1 vs. Spokane: 90

-Game 2 vs. Alabama: 84

-Game 3 at Chicago: 78

#### **Longest Reception: 32**

-Game 2 vs. Alabama: 32 yard reception in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

**Touchdowns: 7**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane 3Q: 3 yd TD pass from Bret Elliott
- Game 1 vs. Spokane 4Q: 9 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 3Q: 7 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 4Q: 13 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 3 at Chicago 1Q: 4 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 3 at Chicago 3Q: 10 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 3 at Chicago 4Q: 2 yd TD pass from Elliott

**Points After Touchdowns: 3**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane 4Q: PAT from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 3Q: PAT from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 4Q: PAT from Elliott

**First Downs: 3**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane: 3
- Game 2 vs. Alabama: 3
- Game 3 at Chicago: 4

**Tackles: 3**

- Game 2 vs. Alabama: 2
- Game 3 at Chicago: 1

**AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru 2010**

Passes caught: 258  
Total Yards: 2948  
Longest Reception: 45 yards  
Receiving Touchdowns: 57  
Points after Touchdown: 3  
Rushes: 1  
Rushing Yds.: 4  
Kick returns: 5  
Kick Return Yds: 61  
Kick Return TDs: 1 ( 9 yds in 2007)  
Tackles: 12

**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	Record
4/9	Spokane Shock - 68	Utah Blaze - 34	7 PM MST		0-1
4/17	Alabama Vipers - 63	Utah Blaze - 54	7 PM MST		0-2
4/23	Utah Blaze - 40	Chicago Rush - 40	7:30 PM CST	NFL	0-3
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		