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The Brigade travel to Tampa Bay for a 7:30 game on April 29. There is no TV coverage, but you can follow the game stats live at [www.arenafootball.com](http://www.arenafootball.com)

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**AirBoone moving up the ranks in rookie stats**



## Boone gets tackled against the wall by Nashville's Reggie Stephens

(Photo courtesy of Wire Image)

Aaron Boone continues to impress after four weeks on the job in Kansas City. He has zoomed up the rankings against other Rookies in the league. According to this week's Kansas City Brigade mid-week press release, AirBoone is in the following places among other AFL rookies, regardless of position:

### **OS Aaron Boone ( 4 games )**

- **Fourth in touchdown receptions**
- **Fifth in scoring for non-kickers**
- **Sixth in receptions**
- **Sixth in first downs**
- **Sixth in third down receptions**

In comparison, fellow teammate and rookie Jerel Myers has the following standings with 13 games behind him:

### **WR/LB Jerel Myers ( 13 games )**

- **Tied for first in receptions**
- **Third in touchdown receptions**
- **Third in receiving yards**
- **Third in first downs**
- **Third in yards from scrimmage**
- **Third in scoring for non-kickers**
- **Fifth in all-purpose yards**
- **Seventh in third down receptions**

Boone will be working towards improving his numbers as the Brigade travel to Tampa Bay this Saturday to take on the Storm at the St. Pete Times Forum.

There has not been a great deal of press coverage on Aaron this week, though some of the Kansas City fans did make comments about his amazing touchdown reception last Saturday (which can be seen in an online video of the game at by going to the following link):

[http://www.arenafootball.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=35551&SPID=2797&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=3500&ATCLID=270467](http://www.arenafootball.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=35551&SPID=2797&DB_OEM_ID=3500&ATCLID=270467)

Comments made on the Kansas City Brigade Fan Site ([www.kcflightcrew.com](http://www.kcflightcrew.com)) under the heading of "The Beast":

Apr. 23 Brigade Commander said:

**Did you all see that run by Aaron Boone? He had 3 guys on him and he still broke the tackles and ran it in for the TD.**

**We need to do something about this guy and soon. I want him tied into a long term contract. I would hate to see us lose him.**

Apr. 23 AllThingsKC said in response:

**I don't think that Brigade will let him go. If we see what an awesome job he did, I am sure the Brigade staff will do whatever they can to keep him.**

Apr. 23 beetle62 said in response:

**I agree wholeheartedly, Boone and Jordan made an awesome combo last night. We have the nucleus of a great team especially when all players are again health.**



(Photo courtesy of Wire Image)

**In the highlight of the year, Sanders hit Aaron Boone on a 20-yard comeback route and he was immediately wrapped up by a Kats defender. Boone kept his legs churning, though, and broke that tackle as well as the arm tackle of another defender, and ran past two more Kats on his way to a 39-yard highlight-reel touchdown.**

## Boone gets involved in the Community

Aaron Boone loves to get involved in the communities where he plays football. In college he was very involved with various youth groups (including my 2 sons' Scout Troop as a Scout Leader). While in Berlin he was involved with English reading courses and other community activities. In Kansas City he continues to be involved. Three weeks ago he joined with a number of other Brigade team members in a Habitat for humanity project. Last weekend he participated with a three other team members in an American Red Cross Blood Drive. However, Aaron's real love in the U.S. is working with youth and with the local Hispanic Community. Aaron was interviewed last week by the local Spanish language newspaper "Dos Mundos" about his desire to work with the Hispanic Community in Kansas City. Here is the English version of the complete article (from Apr. 20-26 edition, Sec. D, Pg. 1):

## Brigade player wants to help KC'S Hispanic community

**Brigade Wide Receiver/Linebacker Aaron Boone knows how to catch a football. Now, he wants to latch on to Kansas City's Hispanic community. Boone, who has only been in Kansas City about a month, said he has already asked Brigade officials to find him opportunities to get involved.**

**"The main reason is that it's part of who I am," Boone said. "You know, obviously I'm not Hispanic if you follow my bloodlines."**

**The 6-foot 2-inch, 200-pound Boone said when he was 19, he went to Peru for two years on a Christian mission. It changed his life. "During my two years there, not only did I learn to speak the language, but I also fell in love with the culture, with the Latin people," Boone explained. "Just the way they celebrate life, the way they try to live."**

**Boone said the hardest part about living in Peru for two years was coming back. "I'll be honest with you," Boone said. "I loved it. You know, for the last how many years I've been back [in the United States], I searched for opportunities. I want to speak Spanish, I embrace the culture, and a lot of my really good friends are from different Latin backgrounds. I just loved the culture."**

Boone said he would love to go into the schools in Kansas City's Hispanic community and help coach a team or go into a classroom to read to the students. He said he knows what it is like to live in a different culture and can relate the experience to others.

"I know firsthand myself," Boone said. "I know the struggles I went through learning Spanish and living in another country and I know many people go through those same things when they come here."

"If there is any way I can make them feel more comfortable or ease the transition ... those are things I like doing," he said.

What he also likes doing is playing football, and he's made quite an impact since the Brigade acquired him in a trade with Philadelphia March 20. In only his second game with Kansas City, April 9 against the Los Angeles Avengers, Boone set team single-game records for receptions (13), receiving yards (157) and touchdowns (5). In his first two games in a Brigade uniform, Boone caught 24 passes, seven for touchdowns.

Boone is making the most of his opportunity in Kansas City.

"It has definitely been a transition for me," Boone said. "This is my first year in arena football and I kind of shopped around. I've been bouncing around with three different NFL [National Football League] teams, two teams in NFL Europe, and you know, I

had a great career over there. When I decided to do arena [football], I kind of shopped around and chose the team I wanted to play for, and that was Philadelphia. "The last thing I expected was a mid-season trade,"

Boone continued. "Do I have any regrets whatsoever – absolutely not! Everything has been great for me and hopefully, so far it has been great for the Brigade as well."

**Thus far, Boone has been a difference maker for the Brigade. Now, he wants to be a difference maker in the Hispanic community.**

## The Boone-o-Meter Stats as of April 22, 2006:

**Touchdowns:** 12

TD 1: April 1, 2006 Georgia vs. KC 11 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 2: April 1, 2006 Georgia vs. KC 9 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 3: April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. KC 7 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 4: April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. KC 25 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 5: April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. KC 6 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 6: April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. KC 1 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 7: April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. KC 4 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 8: April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. KC 19 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 9: April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. KC 4 yard pass from Chris Sanders  
TD 10: April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. KC 5 yard pass from Chris Sanders  
TD 11: April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. KC 8 yard pass from Chris Sanders  
TD 12: April 22, 2006 KC vs. Nashville 39 yard pass from Chris Sanders

**Receiving:** 42 receptions

April 1, 2006 Georgia vs. Kansas City 11 receptions  
April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. Kansas City 13 receptions  
April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. Kansas City 12 receptions  
April 22, 2006 KC vs. Nashville 6 receptions

**Total Receiving Yards:** 500 yards

April 1, 2006 Georgia vs. Kansas City 129 yards (new team record)  
April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. Kansas City 157 yards (new team record)  
April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. Kansas City 124 yards  
April 22, 2006 KC vs. Nashville 90 yards

**Longest Reception:** 40

April 1, 2006 34 yard pass reception from Chris Sanders  
April 9, 2006 40 yard pass reception from Chris Sanders

**Average yards per reception:** 11.90

**Catches for First Downs:** 11

April 1, 2006 Georgia vs. Kansas City 4  
April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. Kansas City 5  
April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. Kansas City 5  
April 22, 2006 KC vs. Nashville 2

**Kickoff Returns** 3-31 yds (10.3 avg)

April 9, 2006 5 yard KO return (1Q)  
April 9, 2006 7 yard KO return (2Q)  
April 9, 2006 19 yard KO return (2Q)
















**Special Teams and Defense:**

3 solo tackles, 4 assists, 1 pass block

**Kansas City Brigade Schedule below:**

\*all games CDT P.M.

Week	Date	Opponent	Time	Score
01	Sun, Jan 29	at Dallas Desperados 	 2:00	L 58-44
02	Fri, Feb 3	at Orlando Predators 	 6:30	L 48-41
03	Sun, Feb 12	AUSTIN WRANGLERS 	 1:00	L 37-33
04	Sun, Feb 19	COLUMBUS DESTROYERS 	 1:00	W 45-24
05	Fri, Feb 24	at Georgia Force 	 6:30	L 55-19
06	Sun, Mar 5	TAMPA BAY STORM 	 3:00	L 69-59
07	Mon, Mar 13	PHILADELPHIA SOUL 	 7:00	L 54-24
08	Sat, Mar 18	at Austin Wranglers 	 7:00	L 37-64
09	Fri, Mar 24	at New York Dragons 	 6:30	L 48-54
10	Sat, Apr 1	GEORGIA FORCE 	 7:00	L 55-47

11	Sun, Apr 9	LOS ANGELES AVENGERS 	 12:00	W 45-62
12	Sun, Apr 16	COLORADO CRUSH 	 12:00	L 55-49
13	Fri, Apr 21	at Nashville Kats 	  7:00	W 58-52
14	Sat, Apr 29	at Tampa Bay Storm 	  6:30	--
15	Sat, May 6	ORLANDO PREDATORS 	 7:00	--
16	Fri, May 12	at Utah Blaze 	  8:00	--