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Aaron Boone goes home to Utah and scores for family and friends

AirBoone has 5 TDs on 13 catches and 147 yards

Aaron Boone played his first football game in Utah in more than 5 years as he joined the Brigade to play against the Utah Blaze in Salt Lake City. With over 100 family members and friends in attendance at the game, AirBoone had one of his best performances of the season, despite a disappointing last second loss as Utah slipped by Kansas City 55-54. Boone scored 5 touchdowns on 13 receptions for 147 yards and also had his first running play of the season, for 4 yards and was stopped just inches from the goal line on that play.



Aaron Boone catches a TD pass against the Utah Blaze
(photo courtesy of Wire Image)

With his 5 touchdowns, Boone became the Kansas City leader in total touchdowns with 19, just edging out AFL Rookie of the Year Candidate Jerel Myers, who had 18 coming into the game, but did not score in this game. This becomes a franchise single-season record for Kansas City. He also ended the season as the leading scorer for the Brigade with 118 points, and this in only 7 games. The 118 points also becomes a Kansas City franchise single-season scoring record. Myers was second with 110 points. Boone scored in every quarter and had had two TDs in the 4th quarter. He got his longest TD reception of the season with a 40 yarder in the 3rd quarter.

Boone tied his season highs for receptions (13), TDs (5) and longest reception (40 yards). He holds the KC record for TD receptions in a game with 5, which he has done twice this season. He also has the two highest games in receiving yards for the team with 157 and this game's 147 yards.



Aaron Boone grabs a pass against Utah's Thal Woods
(photo courtesy of Wire Image)

Aaron ends the season third on the team with receptions (66) and third in total receiving yards (748). He also ends the season with an average of 11.3 yards per reception and almost 107 yards per game on just over 9 receptions per game.

The radio commentators for the Utah Blaze were amazed by Boone's play, but were also quite impressed with his blocking, which has become an asset to the team over the last few games. On one occasion they called Boone "a beast" and on a kickoff Boone made a block on Justin Skaggs of the Blaze. The commentator said that "Aaron Boone rocked Skaggs." They also commented on his strength in knocking defenders out of the way to get open for passes. Finally, at the end of the game they noted that if Boone continues in this league he will be "destined to become one of the all-time great receivers in the league." Praiseworthy comments for Boone, who just 9 weeks ago wondered about his professional career as he struggled for playing time in Philadelphia.

Other items of note:

- Prior to the game, today's edition of the Kansas City Star had a special article about the Brigade's Season in Review. They considered the best play of the season for the Brigade to be AirBoone's Touchdown against Nashville on April 22:

Best play

Boone had a Tecmo Bowl-moment on a 9-yard pass-and-catch at Nashville. Boone was immediately wrapped up by a Kats defender, and officials ran over and appeared close to blowing the play dead. Boone, though, fought through that tackle and two others on his way to a 39-yard touchdown. Chris Sanders gets special mention for knocking Colorado defensive specialist Rashad Floyd back 5 yards on a touchdown run.

- The Deseret News and the Provo Daily Herald both picked up on Boone's homecoming to Utah by making some brief comments in their articles about the Brigade/Blaze Game:

Of Boone the Provo Daily Herald said:

Returning home: There will be a football homecoming for Kansas City offensive specialist Aaron Boone in tonight's game. Boone, who was born in Provo, will play football competitively in the Beehive State for the first time since playing for Snow College in 2000.

Boone, who played football at Millard High School in Fillmore, has played in NFL Europe and in a handful of NFL preseason games prior to joining the AFL. In 2005 while playing for the Berlin Thunder, he led NFL Europe in receptions and was second in receiving yards and touchdowns.

After competing collegiately for two seasons (2001-02) in the SEC at Kentucky, Boone signed with the Dallas Cowboys in April 2003. Since then, he has also signed with the NFL's Chicago and Carolina and made a TD reception in a preseason game for the Panthers last season.

Boone started this year's AFL season with Philadelphia, but was traded to Kansas City in March. He was named the league's Rookie of the Month for April, when he led all rookies with 13 touchdowns. He finished the month with 48 receptions for 550 yards, and he set franchise records for receptions (13), yards (157) and touchdowns (5) in an April 5 win over Los Angeles.

The Deseret News commented:

Former Millard High and Snow College football standout Aaron Boone will return to Utah to play in his first football game since leaving Snow to play at the University of Kentucky. Boone, who is the older brother of ex-University of Utah star center Jesse Boone and current Ute lineman Jason Boone, has been amassing yardage and touchdowns for the Brigade. Entering the league mid-season, Boone has played in six games for the Brigade as an offensive specialist, grabbing 14 touchdown passes on 53 catches.

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Boone enjoys return home to Utah

By [Jared Eborn](#)

Deseret Morning News

Had the Utah Blaze lost its regular-season finale, one of the biggest factors in the outcome of the game would have had some heavy Utah connections.

Aaron Boone, a former Millard High and Snow College player, was as good a receiver as there was on the field and he kept Kansas City alive with clutch receptions and five touchdowns.

"It was great playing here with all my family and friends here to support me," Boone said. "I wanted to put on a good show for them."

And what a show it was.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound AFL rookie grabbed 13 passes for 147 yards. With an entire Delta Center section cheering him on, Boone made sure he sent some of them home with souvenirs.

"I wanted to throw the first one up to my mom and she got it," Boone said. "I wanted to get some up there for everybody that came. But when you're one of 10 (children), it's hard to get that many."

Boone has enjoyed a solid season in the AFL after having bounced around NFL camps and NFL-Europe following his senior season at Kentucky. He started the season in Philadelphia but was traded to Kansas City in late March for former Utah State receiver Steve Smith.

Almost unused by the Soul, where he played only a little on special teams, Boone has blossomed with the Brigade.

In seven games, Boone caught 66 passes for 748 yards and a team-best 19 touchdowns.

"I've never had so much fun playing football as I have in this league," Boone said. "We struggled and didn't win much because this has been a pretty tough year. But I've had a lot of fun."

Boone helped the 3-13 Brigade win two of its final six games. The expansion team was at a severe handicap following Hurricane Katrina, when the team almost took the season off before relocating from New Orleans.

"We wanted to win this game, too," Boone said. "We wanted to establish ourselves in this league and prove something to ourselves. In the end, things just didn't work out for us."

The Boone-o-Meter Stats as of May 13, 2006 (final for 2006):

Touchdowns: 19 (Single Season record for Kansas City)

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

(5 TDs in one game is a KC Franchise Record)

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

TD 13: April 29, 2006 KC vs. Tampa Bay 4 yard pass from Chris Sanders

TD 14: May 6, 2006 Orlando vs. KC 2 yard pass from Raymond Philyaw

TD 15: May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 5 yard pass from Raymond Philyaw

TD 16: May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 5 yard pass from Raymond Philyaw

TD 17: May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 40 yard pass from Raymond Philyaw

TD 18: May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 12 yard pass from Raymond Philyaw

TD 19: May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 12 yard pass from Raymond Philyaw

(5 TDs in game ties Boone's KC Franchise Record)

Receiving: 66 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

April 29, 2006 KC vs. Tampa Bay 6 receptions

May 6, 2006 Orlando vs. KC 5 receptions

May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 13 receptions

Total Receiving Yards: 748 yards

April 1, 2006 Georgia vs. Kansas City 129 yards (KC team record)

April 9, 2006 Los Angeles vs. Kansas City 157 yards (New KC Team record)

April 16, 2006 Colorado vs. Kansas City 124 yards

April 22, 2006 KC vs. Nashville 90 yards

April 29, 2006 KC vs. Tampa Bay 50 yards

May 6, 2006 Orlando vs. KC 51 yards

May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 147 yards

Longest Reception: 40

April 1, 2006 34 yard pass reception from Chris Sanders

April 9, 2006 40 yard pass reception from Chris Sanders

May 12, 2006 40 yard pass reception from Raymond Philyaw (TD)

Total Points Scored on Season: 118 (KC Single Season Record)

Average yards per reception: 11.34

Catches for First Downs: 20

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

April 29, 2006 KC vs. Tampa Bay 3

May 6, 2006 Orlando vs. KC 3

May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 3

Rushing Yards: 4

May 12, 2006 KC vs. Utah 1 run for 4 yards

Kickoff Returns 4-52 yds (12.0 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)

April 29, 2006 21 yard KO return (3Q)

Special Teams and Defense:

4 solo tackles, 4 assists, 1 pass block

April 29, 2006 KC vs. Tampa Bay 2 point conversion in 4Q

May 6, 2006 Orlando vs. KC 2 point conversion in 4Q

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	L 42-58
15	Sat, May 6	ORLANDO PREDATORS		 7:00	L 69-42
16	Fri, May 12	at Utah Blaze		  8:00	L 54-55