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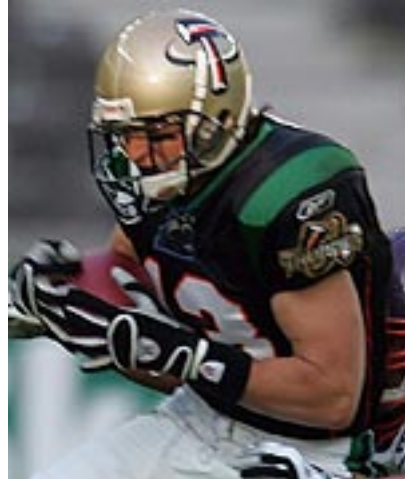
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Former Kentucky foes Ragone and Boone team up to extinguish the Fire 24-15

Former Kentucky Wildcat star wide receiver Aaron Boone (allocated to the Carolina Panthers) teamed up with former Louisville Cardinal standout QB Dave Ragone (allocated to the Houston Texans) to lead the Berlin Thunder to their 10th consecutive home win, a new NFL Europe record. As each game of the season progresses, it is becoming obvious that Boone is Ragone's favorite target. Aaron Boone was instrumental in the game today with a Boone-dazzling performance. Boone caught 8 passes for 112 yards, including a 5 yard TD catch in the 2nd Quarter, for the 1st TD of the game. He also had a 45 yard reception early in the game. Five of his receptions led to 1st downs for the Thunder.



Ragone to Boone combo proving lethal to NFL Europe foes

Saturday's TD catch leaves Aaron Boone only one TD reception away from tying the all-time Berlin career TD record. He led the league in this week's games in total reception yards and was second in the league with receptions.

Aaron's first catch came on the first play of the 1st Quarter with a 4 yard pass from Ragone. Later in the 1st Quarter Aaron had a 45 yard snag, and was finally pushed out of bounds on the Rhein 43. This play was instrumental in setting up the 5 yard TD pass to Boone at the beginning of the 2nd Quarter to give the Thunder the first TD strike in the game. Near the end of the 2nd Quarter Ragone again found Boone for a 10 yard catch. Two plays later Ragone again targeted Boone for another 10 yarder. With just 22 seconds left in the half, and in the same set of plays, Aaron was again hit by Ragone, this time for a 20 yard snag. This set up a FG for the Thunder to end the half.

Ragone started off the 3rd Quarter with yet another pass to Boone for 8 yards. The first play of the 4th Quarter was another Ragone/Boone combo, for another 10 yard play, which was the last of Aaron's catches for the day.



Aaron Boone working his magic against the Rhein Fire last Saturday

Next Sunday's game in Hamburg to be nationally televised in the US on Fox TV

Next week the Berlin Thunder will travel to Hamburg to take on the Sea Devils. This game will be televised live on Fox TV nationwide, beginning at 10 AM EST on May 22 (Sunday). Hamburg is tied for second in the league while Berlin is presently tied for first. This should prove to be an exciting ball game.

The Boone-o-Meter Stats after seven weeks:

Touchdowns:

Game 3: 4th Quarter catch - Ragone 5 yd pass to Boone in End Zone

Game 4: 4th Quarter catch - Ragone 12 yd pass to Boone.

Game 6: 2nd Quarter pass - Boone 51 yd pass to Jennings

Game 7: 2nd Quarter catch - Ragone 5 yd pass to Boone

Receiving:

26 receptions, 317 yards for 12.2 yds/catch

Punt returns:

1 return for 15 yards

Special Teams and Defense:

6 tackles, 1 assist, 1 tackle off of an interception