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In this edition:

- Boone breaks 100 receptions on season in Blaze loss
- SabreCats bite the Blaze 74-64
- AirBoone continues his TD streak (now at 12 games)
- Boone breaks 200 receptions for career
- Boone moves to #2 in receptions, #6 in yards after wk 12

## AirBoone has 1 TD and breaks 100 receptions on season as Blaze lose to the SabreCats 74-64

Once again, errors and miscues led to a disappointing Blaze loss. Throughout the first three quarters, the Utah Blaze played on an even keel with the San Jose SabreCats, only to blow things near the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and into the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when the offensive line broke down and allowed a safety and then on their next set of downs allowed a sack of Germaine that resulted in fumble and then a turnaround TD for San Jose. Yet, the Blaze fought back only to have the game ended by a San Jose interception in the waning minutes of the game.

On a bright note, Aaron Boone, whose brother Jesse (from the Oakland Raiders) and his wife, as well as Aaron's wife's family were all in attendance, had his second best game of the season. For the fifth time this season he caught more than 10 passes and had over 100 yards in receptions. Boone led all receivers at the end of the game with 13 receptions for 143 yards and one touchdown. This game also led to his 12<sup>th</sup> game in a row with at least one touchdown reception. Boone's second quarter TD catch was a leaping grab over Omar Smith of San Jose. And this is why we call him AirBoone!



AirBoone leaps over Omar Smith for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter TD

Blaze QB Joe Germaine had another good night with 27 completions for 325 yards. This was only the second time all season that a QB has thrown over 300 yards against the tough San Jose defense. Nevertheless, the offensive line was torn apart in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The SabreCats kept check on league receptions leader Huey Whittaker, who only managed 5 receptions for 51 yards and 2 TDs. He did, however, also force in two rushing TDs for four scores on the night. JJ McKelvey also had a good night with 9 catches for 131 yards and 3 TDs. But all of this and some sparkling defensive play could not make up for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter mistakes.

## Boone breaks the 100 reception mark; He also breaks the 200 career mark

Aaron Boone broke the 100 reception mark on the season for the first time in his AFL career last night. His 100<sup>th</sup> catch came on an 11 yard catch in the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. On the next play Huey Whittaker nabbed a 10 yard TD to put the Blaze ahead 49-48. That would be the last lead of the game for the Blaze.



Boone drags down Clevan Thomas after an interception

Boone also broke the 200 career reception mark this game with a 10 yard grab for a first down midway in the fourth quarter.

The Blaze will host the Chicago Rush next Friday night in Salt Lake City. Game time will be at 9:00 ET and can be heard live on 1320 AM The Fan or on the web at <http://www.thefansports.com>. The game will also be shown live on AFLNet on the internet.



**Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2008 thru May 17:**

**After 12 games**

**Passes caught:** 104 (currently #3 in AFL) (Career Season High)

- Arizona at Utah 7
- Utah at Cleveland 10
- Utah at Orlando 12
- Columbus at Utah 10
- Georgia at Utah 14\* (AFL Career High)
- Utah at Philadelphia 6
- Utah at Los Angeles 8
- San Jose at Utah 8
- Utah at New Orleans 5
- Kansas City at Utah 5
- Colorado at Utah 6
- Utah at San Jose 13

**Total Yards:** 1161 (currently #7 in AFL) (Career Season High)

- Arizona at Utah 50
- Utah at Cleveland 127
- Utah at Orlando 117
- Columbus at Utah 77
- Georgia at Utah 170\* (AFL Career High)
- Utah at Philadelphia 75
- Utah at Los Angeles 78
- San Jose at Utah 55

- Utah at New Orleans 79
- Kansas City at Utah 110
- Colorado at Utah 79
- Utah at San Jose 143

**Longest reception:** Mar. 15, 2008 45 yd reception in 3Q vs. Orlando\*

-This is his longest AFL career reception

**Touchdowns:** 17

- Arizona at Utah, Germaine 8 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Cleveland, Germaine 14 yd pass to Boone (1Q)
- Utah at Cleveland, Germaine 26 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Orlando, Germaine 45 yd pass to Boone (3Q)
- Utah at Orlando, Germaine 5 yd pass to Boone (4Q)
- Columbus at Utah, Germaine 7 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Georgia at Utah, Germaine 9 yd pass to Boone (1Q)
- Georgia at Utah, Germaine 11 yd pass to Boone (4Q)
- Utah at Philadelphia, Germaine 20 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Los Angeles, Germaine 10 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Los Angeles, Germaine 8 yd pass to Boone (4Q)
- San Jose at Utah, Germaine 8 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at New Orleans, Germaine 37 yd pass to Boone (3Q)
- Utah at New Orleans, Germaine 26 yd pass to Boone (4Q)
- Kansas City at Utah, Germaine 29 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Colorado at Utah, Germaine 9 yd pass to Boone (4Q)
- Utah at San Jose, Germaine 26 yd pass to Boone (2Q)

**First downs:** 39

- Arizona at Utah 1
- Utah at Cleveland 2
- Utah at Orlando 5
- Columbus at Utah 2
- Georgia at Utah 10\* (AFL Career High)
- Utah at Philadelphia 2
- Utah at Los Angeles 3
- San Jose at Utah 2
- Utah at New Orleans 1
- Kansas City at Utah 3
- Colorado at Utah 2
- Utah at San Jose 6

**Tackles:** 2

**AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru May 17, 2008**

Passes caught: 202  
 Total Yards: 2330  
 Longest Reception: 45 yards  
 Receiving Touchdowns: 44  
 Rushes: 1  
 Rushing Yds.: 4  
 Kick returns: 5  
 Kick Return Yds: 61  
 Kick Return TDs: 1 ( 9 yds in 2007)  
 Tackles: 9

**Following is the 2008 Utah Blaze Schedule. Note that the June 9 game will be televised nationally on ESPN.**

Date	Visitor	Home	Time	TV	Radio
3/1	Arizona Rattlers - 63	Utah Blaze - 62			Blaze 0-1
3/9	Utah Blaze - 63	Cleveland Gladiators - 66			Blaze 0-2
3/14	Utah Blaze - 61	Orlando Predators - 69			Blaze 0-3
3/21	Columbus Destroyers - 52	Utah Blaze - 49			Blaze 0-4
3/29	Georgia Force -70	Utah Blaze - 49			Blaze 0-5
4/5	Utah Blaze - 56	Philadelphia Soul - 64			Blaze 0-6
4/12	Utah Blaze -62	Los Angeles Avengers - 79			Blaze 0-7
4/18	San Jose SaberCats - 61	Utah Blaze - 40			Blaze 0-8
4/25	Utah Blaze - 56	New Orleans VooDoo -70			Blaze 0-9
5/3	Kansas City Brigade - 50	Utah Blaze - 67			Blaze 1-9
5/10	Colorado Crush - 36	Utah Blaze - 71			Blaze 2-9
5/17	Utah Blaze - 64	San Jose SaberCats - 74			Blaze 2-10
5/24	Chicago Rush	Utah Blaze	7:00	TBA	1320 KFAN
6/1	Utah Blaze	Grand Rapids Rampage	12:00	TBA	1320 KFAN
<b>6/9</b>	<b>Los Angeles Avengers</b>	<b>Utah Blaze</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>ESPN</b>	<b>1320 KFAN</b>
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6/21	Utah Blaze	Arizona Rattlers	8:00	TBA	1320 KFAN

\*\*All times Mountain Standard Time