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## AirBoone Named Brigade Rookie of the Year for 2006



Breaking news: Aaron Boone was selected as the 2006 Kansas City Brigade Rookie of the Year. Following is the complete article:

### **Brigade announce team award winners**

Courtesy: Kansas City

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After conducting a fan and media vote, the Brigade has tabulated its six individual award winners for the inaugural season. Fans were given one week to vote for their choices through a poll on the team website and the media delivered its ballots to the Brigade PR staff.

**Team MVP — Jerel Myers**

He started all 16 games as a rookie and finished sixth in the league in receiving and first among rookies. The opening-day OS, Myers became a two-way player midway through the season and recorded 13.5 tackles, including one tackle-for-loss and a fumble recovery.

**Offensive Player of the Year—Jerel Myers**

He led the team in receptions (122), receiving yards (1245), and all-purpose yards (1386) to go with 16 touchdown catches. He finished second on the team in scoring with 110 points.

**Defensive Player of the Year—Byron Douzart**

He appeared in 15 games as a rookie and started the last seven. Douzart totaled 42.5 tackles, one interception, three pass breakups, and two forced fumbles. He finished fifth in rushing among rookies, including third among rookie FB/LB. He finished third in touchdowns among rookies, including second among rookie FB/LB. Douzart also led the AFL with 18.0 special-teams tackles.

**Ironman of the Year—James Jordan**

He fought through injuries in his second year to start 13 games. Jordan finished second on the team in receptions (69) and yards (797) to go with 14 touchdowns. He was third on the team in scoring with 84 points. Jordan totaled 32.5 tackles, including 1.5 tackles-for-loss, and two pass breakups. He was named U.S. Army Ironman of the Game three times.

**Rookie of the Year—Aaron Boone**

**He started all seven games after being acquired from Philadelphia before the trade deadline. Boone was named to the AFL All-Rookie team at WR/LB but starred for the Brigade at OS. He finished third on the team in receptions (66) and yards (748) and led the team with 19 touchdowns and 118 points. Boone averaged nine receptions, 113 yards, and three touchdowns per game.**

**Lineman of the Year—B.J. Cohen**

The undisputed general of the Brigade, he led the team with 3.5 sacks and 4.5 tackles-for-loss, totaling 19.0 tackles. Cohen also had two pass breakups, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. He was also the only Brigade player with a blocked kick, recording four. A true two-way player, Cohen caught three passes for 33 yards.

**Aaron Boone One of Six AFL Players on the AFL  
Playoffs Player Prediction Team**

## 2006 Player Playoff Picks



Aaron Boone was asked to participate on a panel of six players whose teams did not make the playoffs to make picks for the AFL playoff games:

Postseason Predictions

Courtesy: Arena Football League

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Throughout the playoffs, six AFL stars will be making their picks on the outcomes of each playoff game. Check out this year's all-star predictions:

**Aaron Boone - Kansas City (WR/LB)** - Aaron is a member of the 2006 All-Rookie Team. He entered the AFL in 2006 after spending the previous season playing football for the NFL Europe's Berlin Thunder. Boone played in nine games and had 66 receptions for 748 yards and 19 TD's. He also had four kick returns and recorded six tackles.

Timon Marshall - Grand Rapids (WR/DB)


Kevin Ingram - Los Angeles (WR/DB)

Shane Stafford - Tampa Bay (QB)

Marcus Nash - Las Vegas (OS)

Jerald Brown - Columbus (DS)

Aaron's Predictions for the first week:

<p><b>Aaron Boone</b></p>  <p>Kansas City</p>	<p><b>Arizona: 56</b> <b>Utah: 49</b></p> <p>"Arizona beat Utah twice in the regular season. They also have the advantage being the home team."</p>	<p><b>Georgia: 52</b> <b>New York: 42</b></p> <p>"Georgia has the playoff experience. They have been through this before."</p>	<p><b>Nashville: 49</b> <b>Chicago: 42</b></p> <p>"Definitely a toss up. It will be a close game but the Kats will come out on top."</p>	<p><b>Philadelphia: 52</b> <b>Austin: 48</b></p> <p>"I like Philly's defense. They will be able to hold Fitzgerald and the Wranglers</p>
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Actuals:

Arizona 57, Utah 34  
 Georgia 72, New York 69  
 Chicago 55, Nashville 47  
 Philadelphia 52, Austin 35

**Aaron Boone to be an extra in upcoming movie**

I briefly mentioned last week that Aaron will be in Atlanta over the next couple weeks to participate as an extra in the filming of the movie "We Are Marshall", which stars Matthew McConaughey (People Magazine 2005 "Sexiest Man Alive") and Matthew Fox (from "Lost"). The movie is about a plane crash that claims the lives of members of the Marshall University football team and some of its fans. The team's new coach (McConaughey) and his surviving players try to keep the football program alive.



Aaron will be playing three or four different spots as a player on the opposing teams. He spent all of last week in Atlanta going through the various plays that will be filmed. Each player had specific plays that needed to be rehearsed over and over again in order to get it right for film. This week the actual filming will take place.

In one scene, Aaron has been "bulked up" with padding to play the role of a defensive linebacker. He will **REALLY** look much bigger on the screen than he is in real life!!

As more information on the movie comes out, the AirBoone Express will keep it posted!!

Finally, check Aaron's website soon for an updated journal entry and there may even be some movie clips from his games posted soon. The URL is at the top of this edition.