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## Boone catches 6 passes and 1 TD to help lead Berlin to a victory over Hamburg 27-17

Aaron Boone caught 6 passes for 81 yards and a touchdown in a nationally televised game in the US to help lead the Berlin Thunder to a 27-17 victory over the Hamburg Sea Devils



Aaron Boone after his 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter TD reception

Today's TD catch ties Aaron Boone for the all-time Berlin career TD record. If Amsterdam loses in the Monday game, Aaron will have three more games to break that record.

Aaron's first catch came on in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter on a 21 yard toss from Ragone. This catch was instrumental in leading to Berlin's first TD of the game two plays later. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, Bret Engemann threw a 32 yard zinger to Aaron, but it was called back after Aaron was called for pushing off. But, with 1:25 left to go in the first half, Dave Ragone found Aaron standing on the 1 yard line wide open and Aaron walked in for the score, his fourth touchdown of the season.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Ragone found Aaron for a 7 yard pass on a third down that led to another first down. Late into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ragone again found Boone on an 11 yard pass play. Aaron had two more receptions in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter for 7 and 13 yards, with the 13-yarder leading to yet another first down for Berlin.

Aaron also contributed on Special Teams this week with two tackles on kickoffs.

**'Air Boone Express' ties Berlin Thunder touchdown record - seeks strike (from a German article on the Berlin Thunder Web Site)**

In yesterday's game against the Hamburg Sea Devils Berlin Thunder receiver Aaron Boone scored his fourth touchdown in the 2005 NFLE season and at the same time his 8th career touchdown in the NFLE. The 'Air Boone Express' tied the record of Jorge Heckenback (8 touchdowns in 6 seasons) and now hopes to become the sole record holder in the game against Frankfurt Galaxy on Saturday.



The 27 year old visited a bowling alley today to aim for the 'strike' and the new Thunder record. The successful receiver on the team of head coach Rick Lantz proved a calm hand and knocked down the nine pins over and over again.

It comes as no surprise. Aaron Boone is a passionate bowler and one of the top scorers in the Berlin Thunder bracket. "Bowling is one of my hobbies. It is great to play with friends and teammates and I always have lots of fun. Skittles is actually easier. If I fill up the strike against Frankfurt I have to train bowling again. It has one more pin and I hope to catch the 10th touchdown against Cologne", Aaron commented on his special training with a twinkle in his eyes.

With 34 passes for 454 yards and 4 touchdowns, Aaron Boone is Berlin's most successful receiver of the current season. The World Bowl champion from 2004 has a total of 47 passes for 675 yards and 8 touchdowns in his Berlin Thunder career

## You can catch Berlin on TV the next 2 weeks

Next week the Berlin Thunder will travel to Frankfurt and the game will live on the NFL Network at 1 PM. On June 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), the Thunder will be on Fox TV again at 1 PM EST (delayed broadcast) in their home game against Cologne. This game could possibly be a precursor to the World Bowl on June 11.

### The Boone-o-Meter Stats after seven weeks:

#### Touchdowns:

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

Game 4: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter catch - Ragone 12 yd pass to Boone.

Game 6: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter pass - Boone 51 yd pass to Jennings

Game 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter catch - Ragone 5 yd pass to Boone

Game 8: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter catch - Ragone 17 yd pass to Boone

#### Receiving:

34 receptions, 454 yards for 13.4 yds/catch

#### Punt returns:

1 return for 15 yards

#### Special Teams and Defense:

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