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- Blaze slow the Rush 51-48
- AirBoone continues his TD streak (now at 13 games)
- Boone moves back to #1 in receptions, #6 in yards
- Jason Boone photo update

AirBoone has 2 TDs with 10 catches as Blaze defeat Chicago Rush 51-48

Last night the Utah Blaze quieted the pundits while quieting the Rush on a last second FG by Steve Videtich. Chicago, considered by many AFL experts to be the best team in the league, were stifled from the very beginning as the Blaze sizzled with a 21-0 lead at the beginning of the 1st quarter, including a quick TD pass to Aaron Boone to start off all of the first quarter fireworks. This was AirBoone's 13th game in a row with at least 1 TD catch. The Blaze then recovered the kickoff from the net and scored again immediately. Three plays after the kickoff the Blaze intercepted a Chicago pass and soon scored again. Chicago did come back to score a TD on the next set of plays and then a missed field goal by Videtich allowed the Rush to score again.



AirBoone grabs one of his 10 receptions against the Rush
(photo by Rick Egan, Salt Lake Tribune)

In the second quarter the Blaze came right back and Germaine again connected with Boone for his second TD catch of the game. By halftime, the Blaze led 34-24.

The remainder of the game proved to be a defensive and special teams' game. By the end of the 4th quarter both coaches were playing strategies of

onside kicks and using the clock. With the score tied at 48-48, Coach Danny White's ploys got the Blaze with the ball in the last 41 seconds and they ran the ball down to the Rush 13 yard line with 2 seconds left leaving enough time for Videtich to strike a FG and seal the deal.



AirBoone celebrates the Blaze upset of the Rush
(photo by Rick Egan, Salt Lake Tribune)

Aaron Boone led all Blaze receivers with 10 catches for 88 yards and also got two TDs. He now has 19 TDs on the season and is only one away from tying his career season record of 20.

AirBoone back in 1st in receptions

After last night's game, Boone moved back into 1st place in the AFL in receptions. He is actually now in a tie for first with teammate Huey Whittaker. Both have 114 catches on the season. Whittaker had a quiet night with 6 catches for 58 yards and 1 TD. The third member of the receiving triumvirate, JJ McKelvey, continued to produce well with 9 catches for 70 yards and 2 TDs.



AirBoone signals to fans...
he is again #1 in receptions
(photo by Rick Egan, Salt Lake Tribune)

Blaze receivers and QB rocking AFL stats

All three of the Blaze receivers are in the top ten in the AFL. As noted above, Boone and Whittaker lead the league in receptions and McKelvey is 9th. All three receivers have 100 or more receptions...and there are only 10 in the league with 100 or more.

In total yardage, Whittaker is in 3rd with 1367, Boone is 6th with 1249 and McKelvey is 8th with 1166. McKelvey is also 3rd in the league in receiving TDs with 33 and Whittaker is 8th with 26. Boone has 19 TDs.

Obviously, QB Joe Germaine leads the league in pass completions with 352, in yards with 3995, and in TD passes with 81.

The Blaze travel to Grand Rapids, MI next Sunday, June 1, to take on the Rampage at 2 PM Eastern Time. The game will be broadcast live on The FAN 1320 AM (or at www.thefansports.com). This game will be a battle for a playoff position.

Saints add Jason Boone photo to their website



Jason Boone as featured on the New Orleans Saints website
He is listed as a Center for the Saints and wears #79

Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2008 thru May 24:

After 13 games

Passes caught: 114 (currently tied #1 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
- Chicago at Utah 10

Total Yards: 1249 (currently #6 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
- Chicago at Utah 88

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

-This is his longest AFL career reception

Touchdowns: 19

- 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)
- Chicago at Utah, Germaine 9 yd pass to Boone (1Q)
- Chicago at Utah, Germaine 15 yd pass to Boone (2Q)

First downs: 42

- 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
- Chicago at Utah 3

Tackles: 2

AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru May 17, 2008

Passes caught: 212
 Total Yards: 2418
 Longest Reception: 45 yards
 Receiving Touchdowns: 46
 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 - 48	Utah Blaze -51			Blaze 3-10

6/1	Utah Blaze	Grand Rapids Rampage	12:00	TBA	1320	KFAN
6/9	Los Angeles Avengers	Utah Blaze	8:00	ESPN	1320	KFAN
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6/21	Utah Blaze	Arizona Rattlers	8:00	TBA	1320	KFAN

**All times Mountain Standard Time