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### In this edition:

- Boone catches his career season best 29<sup>th</sup> TD in Blaze victory
- Blaze defeat Avengers in shootout 65-56
- Boone stays #1 in the league in receptions and #5 in yards
- AirBoone #18 in AFL all-time season receptions



### **AirBoone scores his career best 20<sup>th</sup> TD in Blaze win**

The Utah Blaze pounded their way into very possible playoff contention on Monday evening in front of a national TV audience on ESPN2 as they avenged their earlier loss to the Los Angeles Avengers. Final score was 65-56. The game was a perfect example of why Arena Football can be so much fun. There were onside kicks, big TD passes, interceptions for TDs and everything else. Aaron was instrumental in the Blaze picking up one of their onside kicks as he jumped high and in basketball fashion tipped the ball over to Maurice Fountain who recovered it for the team.

Aaron Boone had 5 receptions and led the team in total yards for 78 yards, including a big 45 yard TD reception in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, which was also the AirBoone's career best 20<sup>th</sup> TD on the season. The 45 yard catch matched his career best when he caught a 45 yarder at Orlando earlier in the season.



AirBoone nabs a pass against the Rush  
(photo from Getty Images)

The other two of the "Big Three" also did well. J.J. McKelvey had 5 catches for 74 yards and a TD. Huey Whittaker was named Offensive Player of the Game with his 5 catches and 3 TDs. Rodney Filer had 3 runs and scored 2 TDs in the game to continue his literal march into the end zone over the last few games. He also played tough on defense and was named Ironman of the Game.

The real stars were the defense as they pounded the Avengers in the last few minutes of the game including two key fumble recoveries in the fourth quarter and one taken back for a TD.



### **AirBoone stays 1<sup>st</sup> in receptions and 5<sup>th</sup> in yardage**

Aaron Boone moved up in numbers again and remained 1<sup>st</sup> in the league with 128 catches. For the second week in a row he also remained 5<sup>th</sup> in total yards.

### **Boone now 18<sup>th</sup> on AFL All-Time Season Reception list**

With his 5 receptions in Monday's game, Aaron Boone has moved into the All-Time top 20 season receptions list. With 128 receptions he is currently 18<sup>th</sup>. He can move into the top 10 with only 7 receptions though there are a couple of other receivers in the league who are hot on his tail and with a bye next week, AirBoone will most likely drop in this season's ranks, but will be able to battle for the leader spot in the last game against the Arizona Rattlers in two weeks.

The Blaze travel to Arizona on June 21 for their final regular season game against the playoff qualified Rattlers. The game will be broadcast live at 10 PM EST on The FAN 1320 AM (or at [www.thefansports.com](http://www.thefansports.com)).

### **Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2008 thru June 9:**

#### **After 15 games**

**Passes caught:** 128 (currently #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
- Utah at Grand Rapids 9
- Los Angeles at Utah 5

**Total Yards:** 1424 (currently #5 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
- Utah at Grand Rapids 97
- Los Angeles at Utah 78

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

-This is his longest AFL career reception

June 9, 2008 45 yd reception in 3Q vs. Los Angeles

**Touchdowns:** 20 (Career Season best)

- 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)
- Los Angeles at Utah, Germaine 45 yd pass to Boone (3Q)

**First downs: 47**

- 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
- Utah at Grand Rapids 5

**Tackles: 3**

**AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru June 9, 2008**

Passes caught: 226  
 Total Yards: 2594  
 Longest Reception: 45 yards  
 Receiving Touchdowns: 47  
 Rushes: 1  
 Rushing Yds.: 4  
 Kick returns: 5  
 Kick Return Yds: 61

Kick Return TDs: 1 ( 9 yds in 2007)  
Tackles: 10

### Following is the 2008 Utah Blaze Schedule

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 - 63	Grand Rapids Rampage -56			Blaze 4-10
6/9	Los Angeles Avengers - 56	Utah Blaze - 65			Blaze 5-10
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6/21	Utah Blaze	Arizona Rattlers	8:00	TBA	1320 KFAN

\*\*All times Mountain Standard Time