



## Blaze still struggle... ...but AirBoone continues to shine!

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**Blaze lose two at home, but Boone has two more 100 yard games and continues to be Mr. TD**



AirBoone grabs a pass over a Chicago rush defender  
*(photo by Scott Klepper/SportsPageMagazine.com)*

The Utah Blaze have continued to tumble under their new coaching staff, but do appear to be making some improvements as they are playing close games. Miscues are

hampering the team. But, on a positive note, Aaron Boone continues to produce well for the team with 100+ yard games the last two despite the loss to Chicago 70-50 last week and the loss last night to Tampa Bay 65-40.

Prior to the Chicago game, Michael Affleck was released and Mark Thorson started at QB and was followed later in the game by QB Taylor Tharp, a recent addition. Last night Brett Elliott made his return to the team following a wrist injury and had a good game.



AirBoone gets ready to catch a pass against Chicago  
*(photo by Scott Klepper/SportsPageMagazine.com)*

## **Aaron Boone breaks 300 career receptions Also sets a personal single game tackle record**

AirBoone entered the home game against the Chicago Rush hoping to surpass the 300 reception mark as a receiver in the Arena Football League. He finally did that on a 6 yard reception in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and ended the night at 304. He came back last night to grab 10 more catches and may pursue the 400 catch mark before the season is complete.

As well, Aaron's last two games were both 100 yard efforts, with 103 yards on 9 receptions against Chicago and then 106 yards with 10 receptions against the Tampa Bay Storm. This was only his second game of the season with 10 receptions.

Aaron also set a personal single game record with 4 tackles during the game against the Tampa Bay Storm. Against Chicago he also grabbed a Blaze fumble and ran 18 yards. So, on all ends of the field AirBoone is having a great season.

## **AirBoone Continues to Build Career Season TD Mark**



Aaron Boone makes a grab against Chicago  
*(photo by Scott Klepper/SportsPageMagazine.com)*

Aaron Boone is living up to his nickname from his college days at the University of Kentucky (Mr. Touchdown) as he continues to find ways to score. Thus far this season AirBoone has had 9 games with 2 or more TDs (the only 1 TD game of the season was in Cleveland – I was there and must have been the curse!!). He now has a career best 28 touchdowns on the season and is 6<sup>th</sup> in the league in TD receptions (Ben Nelson of Cleveland leads the league with 39). He is also well on his way to another 1000 yard season in receiving yards and a 100 reception season.

## **Blaze travel to Iowa on June 26**

The Blaze will make their first ever trip to Iowa on June 26 to take on the Barnstorm. The game will be at 8 PM EST. **All games are broadcast LIVE on The Zone 1280 in Salt Lake City.**

### **Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2010:**

#### **After 10 games**

#### **Passes caught: 81**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane: 8
- Game 2 vs. Alabama: 8
- Game 3 at Chicago: 9
- Game 4 vs. Bossier-Shreveport: 8
- Game 5 at Milwaukee: 10
- Game 6 at Spokane: 6
- Game 7 vs. Arizona: 7
- Game 8 at Cleveland: 6
- Game 9 vs. Chicago: 9
- Game 10 vs. Tampa Bay: 10

#### **Total Yards: 886**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane: 90
- Game 2 vs. Alabama: 84
- Game 3 at Chicago: 78
- Game 4 vs. Bossier-Shreveport: 92
- Game 5 at Milwaukee: 80
- Game 6 at Spokane: 42
- Game 7 vs. Arizona: 161
- Game 8 at Cleveland: 50
- Game 9 vs. Chicago: 103
- Game 10 vs. Tampa Bay: 106

#### **Longest Reception: 42**

- Game 7 vs. Arizona: 42 yard TD reception in 1st Quarter

#### **Touchdowns: 28 (career season high)**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane 3Q: 3 yd TD pass from Bret Elliott
- Game 1 vs. Spokane 4Q: 9 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 3Q: 7 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 4Q: 13 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 3 at Chicago 1Q: 4 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 3 at Chicago 3Q: 10 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 3 at Chicago 4Q: 2 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 4 vs. Bossier-Shreveport 1Q: 16 yd TD pass from Elliott

- Game 4 vs. Bossier-Shreveport 2Q: 4 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 4 vs. Bossier-Shreveport 3Q: 6 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 5 at Milwaukee 1Q: 11 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 5 at Milwaukee 2Q: 1 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 5 at Milwaukee 2Q: 11 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 5 at Milwaukee 3Q: 12 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 5 at Milwaukee 3Q: 4 yd TD pass from Elliott
- Game 5 at Milwaukee 4Q: 3 yd TD pass from Elliott (career game record 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Game 5 at Milwaukee OT: 12 yd TD pass from Elliott (career game record 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Game 6 at Spokane 3Q: 1 yd TD pass from Michael Affleck
- Game 6 at Spokane 4Q: 1 yd TD pass from Michael Affleck
- Game 7 vs. Arizona 1Q: 32 yd TD pass from Michael Affleck
- Game 7 vs. Arizona 1Q: 42 yd TD pass from Michael Affleck (season longest)
- Game 7 vs. Arizona 2Q: 14 yd TD pass from Michael Affleck
- Game 7 vs. Arizona 4Q: 30 yd TD pass from Michael Affleck
- Game 8 at Cleveland 2Q: 7 yd pass from Michael Affleck (season career record)
- Game 9 vs. Chicago 1Q: 12 yd pass from Mark Thorson
- Game 9 vs. Chicago 4Q: 7 yd pass from Taylor Tharp
- Game 10 vs. Tampa Bay 2Q: 3 yd pass from Bret Elliott
- Game 10 vs. Tampa Bay 2Q: 20 yd pass from Bret Elliott

#### **Points After Touchdowns: 3**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane 4Q: PAT from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 3Q: PAT from Elliott
- Game 2 vs. Alabama 4Q: PAT from Elliott

#### **First Downs: 31**

- Game 1 vs. Spokane: 3
- Game 2 vs. Alabama: 3
- Game 3 at Chicago: 4
- Game 4 vs. Bossier-Shreveport: 4
- Game 5 at Milwaukee: 1
- Game 6 at Spokane: 2
- Game 7 vs. Arizona: 3
- Game 8 at Cleveland: 4
- Game 9 vs. Chicago: 3
- Game 10 vs. Tampa Bay: 4

#### **Returns: 1**

- Game 6 at Spokane: 1 kick return for 15 yards
- Game 9 vs. Chicago: Fumble recovery for 18 yards

#### **Tackles: 7**

- Game 2 vs. Alabama: 2

- Game 3 at Chicago: 1
- Game 4 vs. Bossier-Shreveport: 1
- Game 5 at Milwaukee: 1
- Game 8 at Cleveland: 2
- Game 9 vs. Chicago: 1
- Game 10 vs. Tampa Bay: 4

### AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru June 19, 2010

Passes caught: 314  
 Total Yards: 3582  
 Longest Reception: 45 yards  
 Receiving Touchdowns: 78  
 Points after Touchdown: 3  
 Rushes: 1  
 Rushing Yds.: 4  
 Kick returns: 6  
 Kick Return Yds: 76  
 Kick Return TDs: 1 ( 9 yds in 2007)  
 Tackles: 21

### Career Highs:

Receptions in a game: 14 Utah vs Georgia March 29, 2008  
 Total yards in a game: 170 Utah vs Georgia March 29, 2008  
 Longest reception in AFL: 45 yards in 3Q vs. Orlando March 14, 2008  
 First downs in a game: 10 Utah vs Georgia March 29, 2008  
 Touchdowns in a game: 7 Utah at Milwaukee, May 14, 2010  
 Tackles in a game: 4 Utah vs. Tampa Bay, June 19, 2010  
 Receptions in a season: 135 in 2008  
 Touchdowns in a season: 28 in 2010  
 Total Yards in a season: 1526 in 2008

### Items of note:

- In only his second game in the AFL, while with the Kansas City Brigade, AirBoone set franchise single-game records for receptions (13), yards (157) and touchdowns (5)
- Boone was one of three Blaze receivers to record 1,500-plus receiving yards, 100-plus receptions and 20-plus TD receptions in the regular season in 2008. It is the only time the feat has been done in AFL history.
- Selected to the AFL All-Rookie Team in 2006
- Selected as Kansas City Brigade Rookie of the Year in 2006
- Breaks the 3000 yard career receiving mark on April 30, 2010
- Breaks 300 career reception mark vs. Chicago on June 12, 2010 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Currently 15<sup>th</sup> all time in receptions in a season with 135 in 2008

**Following is the 2010 Utah Blaze Schedule.**

Date	Visitor	Home	Time	TV	Record
4/9	Spokane Shock - 68	Utah Blaze - 34	7 PM MST		0-1
4/17	Alabama Vipers - 63	Utah Blaze - 54	7 PM MST		0-2
4/23	Utah Blaze - 40	Chicago Rush - 63	7:30 PM CST	NFL	0-3
4/30	Boss/Shreveport - 46	Utah Blaze - 65	7 PM MST		1-3
5/14	Utah Blaze - 55	Mil. Iron - 56	7 PM CST	NFL	1-4
5/22	Utah Blaze - 28	Spok Shock - 77	7 PM PST		1-5
5/28	Arizona Rattlers - 83	Utah Blaze - 58	7 PM PST		1-6
6/4	Utah Blaze - 39	Clev. Gladiators - 78	7:30 PM EST		1-7
6/12	Chicago Rush - 70	Utah Blaze - 50	7 PM MST		1-8
6/19	Tampa Bay - 65	Utah Blaze - 40	7 PM MST		1-9
6/26	Utah Blaze	Iowa Barnstorm	7 PM CST		
7/2	Milwaukee Iron	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
7/9	Jacksonville Sharks	Utah Blaze	7 PM MST		
7/16	Utah Blaze	Arizona Rattlers	7 PM MST		
7/24	Utah Blaze	Dallas Vigilantes	7 PM CST		
7/31	Utah Blaze	Alabama Vipers	7 PM CST		