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In this edition:

- Boone catches 3 TDs in Blaze victory, including 50th
- Blaze BBQ the Rattlers to qualify for home field playoff game
- Boone finishes regular season at #3 in the league in receptions and #7 in yards
- AirBoone breaks 1500 yards for season



Boone gets brought down after a catch against Arizona

AirBoone scores 3 TDs in Blaze victory

Aaron Boone had his best scoring game of the season with three touchdowns to help the Utah Blaze pull off a key win against the Arizona Rattlers on Saturday. The 62-45 Utah victory assured both a place in the playoffs for the Blaze as well as home field advantage in the first game, a first for the Utah Blaze. This victory was the 6th in the last 7 games.

The first TD was in the second quarter. Aaron caught the ball in the end zone knowing he would be smashing into the wall after catching it. His second TD came about with only a few seconds left in the half. Germaine tossed a pass with the intention of setting up a field goal, but Aaron saw an opening and pressed forward for 10 yards to pull off his second TD and left only 1 second on the clock, keeping Arizona from gaining any momentum into the half.

The third quarter was another Blaze third quarter shambles as they gave up some key turnovers and the Rattlers came to within 7 points. From then on it was a tight battle. In the 4th quarter, with a third down, Germaine threw a 24 yard pass to Aaron that he had to dive for. He caught the pass with one hand and wowed the crowd and the radio announcers. The KFAN 1320 announcers said this was the most amazing catch they had ever seen.

Utah Blaze get home field for the playoffs

With this victory, the Blaze qualified for the playoffs. Earlier in the day the Grand Rapids Rampage and the Colorado Crush both won their games making the Blaze-Rattlers game a do or die situation for the Blaze. They came through scoring 24 unanswered points and held the Rattlers scoreless. This was the first time in Blaze history that they kept a team scoreless in the first quarter of a game.

Boone hits two milestones during the game

With Aaron's 3rd TD catch in the 4th quarter, he caught the 50th TD of his AFL career. As well, he broke the 1500 yard mark on the season. Ironically, teammates Huey Whittaker and JJ McKelvey also broke the 1500 yard mark on the season, marking the first time in AFL history that three players on the same team had 1500 yards in the same season. For the Blaze, at the end of the season, AirBoone led the team in receptions, Whittaker led in yards and McKelvey led in TDs.

AirBoone drops to 3rd in receptions and 9th in yardage

After the bye weekend for the Blaze, Aaron Boone dropped to 3rd in the league in receptions with 128, only 4 behind league leader Derek Lee from Columbus. He still has an opportunity to catch them if he has a big night on Saturday. AirBoone also dropped to 9th in total yards. He only needs 72 more yards receiving to get to 1500 on the season. Teammate Huey Whittaker most likely will break the 1500 mark on the season. Huey has had a fabulous career season this year, setting all of his career marks with 122 receptions, 1485 yards and 39 TDs (31 receiving). The other member of the "Big Three" receivers, J.J. McKelvey, has also broken all of his career marks and has 110 catches for 1386 yards and 36 touchdowns. This threesome has been the most prolific group of receivers in AFL history.



Boone 14th on AFL All-Time Season Reception list

AirBoone moved up to 14th on the all-time season receptions list with his 7 receptions on the season. Former Blaze star Siaha Burley broke the all-time single season record last year with 166 catches.

The Blaze return home on June 28 for a first round playoff against the Colorado Crush. The game will be broadcast live at 4 PM EST on ESPN and also The FAN 1320 AM (or at www.thefansports.com).

Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2008 thru June 21:

After 16 games

Passes caught: 135 (currently #3 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

-Utah at Arizona 7

Total Yards: 1527 (currently #7 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
- Utah at Arizona 103

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: 23 (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)
- Utah at Arizona, Germaine 9 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Arizona, Germaine 19 yd pass to Boone (2Q)
- Utah at Arizona, Germaine 24 yd pass to Boone (4Q)

First downs: 52

- 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
- Utah at Arizona 5

Tackles: 5

AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru June 2, 2008

Passes caught: 233
 Total Yards: 2697
 Longest Reception: 45 yards
 Receiving Touchdowns: 50
 Rushes: 1
 Rushing Yds.: 4
 Kick returns: 5
 Kick Return Yds: 61
 Kick Return TDs: 1 (9 yds in 2007)
 Tackles: 13

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 - 62	Arizona Rattlers - 45	Blaze 6-10
6/28	Colorado Crush	Utah Blaze	2 PM ESPN KFAN 1320

***6/28 game is first round of AFL Playoffs**

****All times Mountain Standard Time**