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AirBoone One of Many Free Agents **Free Agency Signings begin October 2**



Aaron Boone, who was selected as the 2006 Kansas City Brigade Rookie of the Year, is up for Free Agency this fall.

After a few months break, it is time to once again kick in the AirBoone Express and begin reporting on AirBoone. Beginning tomorrow, the Arena Football League will open up free agency signings. Aaron is one of those

available for free agency. He has the option of staying on with the Kansas City Brigade, where he had a glowingly successful rookie year...he was named Kansas City Brigade Rookie of the Year and was also named to the AFL's All-Rookie Team.

Since the season ended, Aaron has been busy on many fronts. He spent the first few weeks working as a budding actor as an extra in an upcoming film called 'We Are Marshall'. He has also assisted his older brother Jonathan on the road. Jonathan is a musical performer/entertainer for Mary Kay Conventions throughout the country (see www.pinktwist.com). As high school began, Aaron signed on to work as an assistant football coach for the Timpanogos Timberwolves from Orem, Utah. He has been enjoying his work as a Quarterback and Wide Receiver Coach. He is now getting geared up for the Free Agency negotiating season in the Arena Football League and hopes to have some decisions some time this month. The AirBoone Express will keep on top of these movements and will pass on information as it becomes available.

Following is an article about the Free Agents in the AFL. I have only included the comments on the Wide Receivers.

Free Agency Analysis

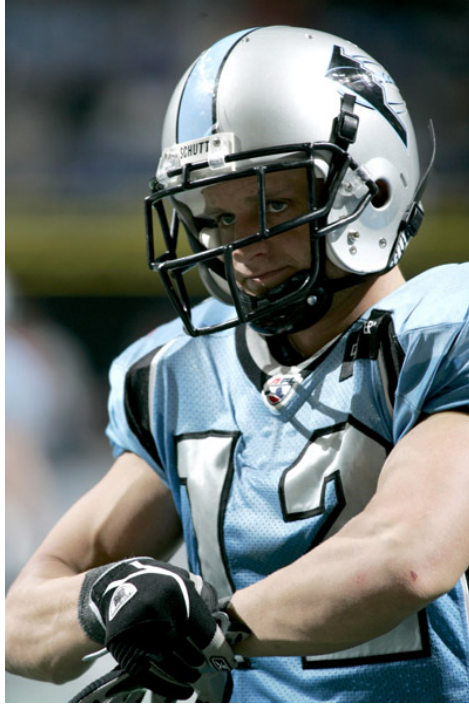
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Although the ArenaBowl will not be won this Fall, the groundwork will be laid when teams can finally sign free agents. This year's crop of free agents is a very impressive group. Whether teams are looking to improve on the offensive side of the ball or looking to make strides on defense, there are plenty of options available.

This year's free agent crop includes three Offensive Player of the Year award winners (Marcus Nash 2005, Mark Grieb 2002, and Calvin Schexnayder 1998), two Ironman of the Year award winners (Greg Hopkins 2002 and Chad Dukes 1998) and one Linemen of the Year award winner (Tom Briggs 2003).

Receivers: In a league where the majority of the offense comes through the air, many teams will be looking to upgrade at the receiver position in the offseason. Two of the players that many people will be fighting over are OS Terrill Shaw and OS Marcus Nash. Shaw, who struggled in his last two seasons with the Philadelphia Soul, was signed by the Dallas Desperados. In his 2006 season, he was reunited with QB Clint Dolezel and returned to the form that led to him being named ArenaBowl XV MVP. Shaw concluded the season with 111 receptions and 37 touchdowns. Marcus Nash, who is a four-year veteran of the Arena Football League, has already surpassed 130 touchdowns. In his last three seasons, Nash has caught at least 120 passes and was the Offensive Player of the Year in 2004 in which he set the league mark of 154 catches in a season.

Teams that are not able to land either of these players can still upgrade their receiving corps by landing Joe Douglass, Anthony Hines, Freddie Solomon, Steve Smith, Damian Groce, Cornelius Bonner, **Aaron Boone** or Josh Bush. In just his third season in the AFL, Anthony Hines, has turned into one of the premier receivers. His best season by far was 2006 when he finished with 124 receptions and 28 touchdowns. Freddie Solomon finished the season with over 1,000 yards for the third season in his four-year career. Solomon's best season came in 2003 when he recorded Tampa Bay Storm franchise records with 1,553 yards on 106 receptions. Steve Smith is a double threat, as a solid kick returner/offensive specialist. Smith finished last season with 953 receiving yards and 974 kick return yards. Groce, Bonner, **Boone**, Douglass, and Bush each finished the 2006 season with at least 650 yards receiving and 13 touchdowns.



Aaron Boone to be an extra in upcoming movie

I mentioned in earlier editions that Aaron was in Atlanta over summer to participate as an extra in the filming of the movie "We Are Marshall", which stars Matthew McConaughey (People Magazine 2005 "Sexiest Man Alive") and Matthew Fox (from "Lost"). The movie is about a plane crash that claims the lives of members of the Marshall University football team and some of its fans. The team's new coach (McConaughey) and his surviving players try to keep the football program alive. The movie will open on December 22, 2006 nationwide. Visit the Official Website for more information about the movie: <http://wearemarshall-themovie.warnerbros.com/>