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**Aaron Boone coming home to Utah!!**

**Will sign with Utah Blaze later today!!**



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Aaron Boone, who was selected as the 2006 Kansas City Brigade Rookie of the Year, will sign with the Utah Blaze

Later today Aaron Boone will formally sign to play with the Utah Blaze of the Arena Football League (Press Conference will be at 1 PM MST). He has been busily engaged in negotiations with a few teams, including the Kansas City Brigade, for whom he starred last year.

When Aaron was playing in front of the more than 150 friends and family that showed up for the KC-Blaze game last season, Aaron knew at that time that if he had the opportunity to play in Utah he would love to grab it. He is now coming home!!



Aaron Boone will soon be wearing this helmet

In a further development, his brother Jesse, who starred as an Offensive Lineman for the University of Utah, is also considering the possibility of joining Aaron on the Blaze.

Aaron will not be wearing his traditional number 13 while with the Blaze. Instead, they have assigned him number 1, which is great for his fans since he is #1 in our hearts!!

Following are newspaper releases covering this story:

Deseret Morning News, Tuesday, October 10, 2006

# Blaze ready to bring Boone back home to Utah

**By Loren Jorgensen**

Deseret Morning News

Aaron Boone's large family will now have a much easier time watching him play professional football.

Boone, a wide receiver who came on strong at the end of the 2006 Arena Football League season after spending two years catching passes in NFL Europe, is expected to sign as a free agent with the Utah Blaze, a source close to the negotiations told the Deseret Morning News. A press conference announcing the signing is scheduled for today.

Boone grew up in Fillmore, where he led Millard High to a state title as an all-state quarterback. He then went to Snow College and on to the University of Kentucky, where he became a star receiver.

He's spent time in various NFL training camps the past three years and was a member of the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europe in 2004 and 2005 before returning to the States to play in the AFL last season.

After seeing limited playing time early with the Philadelphia Soul, Boone was traded to the Kansas City Brigade midseason. In just seven games for Kansas City, he caught 66 passes for 748 yards and 19 TDs. The 6-foot-3, 215-pounder had a huge game in the Delta Center, catching 13 passes for 147 yards and five TDs in a 55-54 loss to the Blaze. Obviously, that was enough to catch the attention of Blaze coach and general manager Danny White

"It was great playing here with all my family and friends here to support me," Boone said after that Delta Center game last May. "I wanted to put on a good show for them."

Now he'll be able to put on a local show more often.

Boone is one of 10 children in his family and is the brother of former Ute star offensive lineman Jesse Boone and current Ute lineman Jason Boone. Their father, Coley, played football for BYU.

Boone will be the second free agent to sign with Utah. The Blaze inked lineman Steve Konopka, formerly of the Las Vegas Gladiators, last week.

Salt Lake Tribune, Tuesday, October 10, 2006

**Native Utahn Boone will sign with Blaze**

By Jay Drew  
The Salt Lake Tribune

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When the Kansas City Brigade visited the Delta Center last May, Utah native Aaron Boone felt a twinge of regret every time he had success against the Blaze, which was often.

Playing in front of about 50 friends and family members for the first time in his professional football career, the former Millard High, Snow College and University of Kentucky standout caught 13 passes for 147 yards and five touchdowns in a 55-54 Utah win.

“I made the decision right then, right after that game, that I would like to play for the Blaze one day,” Boone said.

That day has come.

The Blaze will sign the free agent receiver/linebacker today, after having signed Las Vegas lineman Steve Konopka last week.

“There's nothing like coming home, I guess,” Boone said. “It's definitely a done deal, and I am way excited about it.”

Boone said his brother, former University of Utah lineman Jesse Boone, is also talking to the Blaze about a deal, after having been cut by the Cincinnati Bengals a few weeks ago.

Aaron Boone said he received a “good offer” from the Brigade to re-sign, but the desire to play in his home state was the determining factor. Terms of his new deal have not been disclosed.

Boone caught 66 passes for 748 yards and 19 touchdowns for the Brigade after being traded from the Philadelphia Soul midway through the season. He's listed as the fifth-best free agent available this off season by Arena Football League expert Nathan Boudreaux, and the second-best receiver/linebacker.

## **“We Are Marshall” Update**

Aaron has added more details about his upcoming role in the “We Are Marshall” movie, which opens nationwide in December. You can read these in his most recent journal entry on his website at [www.aaronrboone.com](http://www.aaronrboone.com). Boone

will playing as a Defensive End in the movie. Here is a picture of the big "D" man in the movie:



Aaron on the "We Are Marshall" movie set  
Morehead State Defensive End