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Jesse Boone signs with Utah Blaze!! **Aaron's younger brother signs**



Jesse Boone during Cincinnati Bengals camp earlier this year

The Utah Blaze announced on October 18 that Jesse Boone, the younger brother of Aaron Boone and a former University of Utah standout lineman, has signed with them. Jesse is a 6'5", 305 pound Offensive Lineman who graduated from Utah earlier this year. He signed with the Cincinnati Bengals as a free-agent rookie, but was released during the pre-season. He had considered the possibility of playing in the NFL Europe, but instead opted to play at home with the Blaze and with his brother Aaron. Another brother, Jason, is currently a junior starting lineman for the University of Utah.

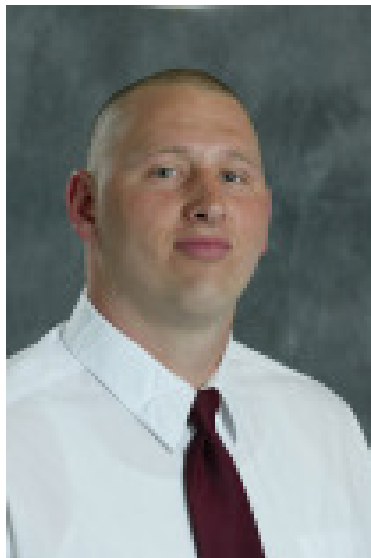


Jesse Boone at Center for the Utes

During his 2004 season at center, Jesse played 775 plays with 49 knockdowns. He was named Second Team All-Conference, Academic All-MWC and also made the Athletics Academic Honor Roll. In 2005, Jesse started at center once again collecting 45 knockdowns in 913 plays. The former Ute was named First-Team All-MWC and was chosen as the teams Most Valuable Offensive Lineman.



Brothers Aaron and Jesse Boone will soon be wearing the same helmet and playing on the same team together for the first time.



Jesse Boone

Following is a newspaper release covering this story:

Deseret Morning News, Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Blaze sign another Boone brother

By Loren Jorgensen

Deseret Morning News

Jesse Boone, the former University of Utah star offensive lineman, had several options to consider with offers from teams in both NFL Europe and in the Arena Football League.

In the end, he chose to stay close to home — and to play with his brother.

One week after the Utah Blaze signed wide receiver Aaron Boone, his younger brother, Jesse, agreed to terms with the team. Jesse Boone, a four-year starter for the Utes at various positions on the offensive line including center, will be on a team with Aaron for the first time ever. While they were both stars at Millard High in Fillmore before going to college, their four-year age difference made it so that they never played football on the same team together.

The signing of Boone continues the Blaze's busy offseason. Utah has been the most active team in the AFL during the free agency period which began Oct. 2. In addition to signing the Boone brothers, the Blaze have signed lineman Steve Konepka, ex-Ute defensive back Clarence Lawson, LB/FB Valentine Chude, defensive back Michael Davis Jr. and linemen Brandon Eaton, Chris Janek, Bruce Blue and John Culp. The Blaze also made a trade with the Nashville Kats for former All-AFL linebacker/fullback Frank Carter.

On a more personal note:

I would like to take editorial license here to thank Aaron Boone for kindly taking care of my son Seth as he left for his two year Mormon mission last week. Aaron was kind enough to go to the airport in Salt Lake and pick Seth up and then host him for a couple of days before Seth entered the Missionary Training Center in Provo. Ironically, Seth will be serving his two year mission in the Salt Lake City South mission.



Aaron Boone and Seth Kravetz at the Missionary Training Center

While Aaron was at the University of Kentucky, he was a youth leader in church here in Lexington and was not only a good example to my boys Seth and Solomon, but has continued to be almost like a big brother to them throughout the last few years, even from far away in Europe. Aaron was instrumental in getting Seth, who is 6'6" and 300 pounds, to play high school football his last two years of high school. Aaron has also been an inspiration to Solomon (6'4" 287 lbs), who is a Senior starting Offensive Lineman this year for the Lafayette Generals (www.lafayettegenerals.com) in Lexington. Solomon is currently a prospect for a number of schools, including the University of Utah, where he dreams of learning the college offensive line ropes with Aaron's younger brother Jason, who is currently a junior for the Utes.

I am grateful to Aaron for his great example, not only to my sons, but to youth wherever he goes. He loves working with youth as can be seen by his success in coaching at Timpanogos High School in Orem, Utah this year. In the last couple of weeks he has been given the reins on the Offense for the varsity there.