



## AIRBOONE CONTINUES AS LEAGUE LEADER

Boone breaks another Blaze record – Blaze get a road win

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**APOLOGIES: Due to family issues, the last two games (Arizona and Georgia) are covered together in this edition.**

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- Boone breaks another Utah Blaze milestone
- Boone continues as League Leader in multiple categories
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League Leader Aaron Boone continues to power his way through the league

### *Blaze 4-3 after loss at Arizona and win at Georgia*

The Utah Blaze continued to play great football while on the road to Phoenix to take on the Rattlers and then continuing east to Georgia to shock the Force. In Phoenix, the Blaze took the undefeated Rattlers into overtime after Aaron Boone caught his first PAT of the season to tie the Rattlers at the buzzer. Arizona ended up winning 67-61 after intercepting a Tommy Grady pass in the end zone in overtime and then coming back to score a couple of plays later.

### *Blaze get highest score of the season so far against Georgia*

After a one week break, the Blaze travelled to Atlanta to take on the strong Georgia Force. It was a back and forth battle, but the game was finally won on a 2 yard pass to AirBoone with just four seconds left. The Blaze got their first road win of the season, and doing it in high fashion with 74 points, their highest score of the season.



Aaron Boone grabs one of his 18 passes against Georgia

### *AirBoone remains in league lead in several categories*

After 7 games Aaron Boone is still the league leader on a number of fronts. He is the only AFL receiver to break the 80 reception mark and he leads the league with 86 receptions and 12.29 receptions per game. He is second in the league in total yards with 970, though league leader Donovan Morgan of Philadelphia has played in 8 games. Boone leads the league in yards per game at 138.6. AirBoone is tied for third in TDs with 22.



### *Boone hits yet another milestone this season*

Aaron Boone continues to get to new milestones. Previous to this game he had set new all-time records for the Utah Blaze in receptions and yardage. He has had a career game high 226 yards in receiving and also got his 100<sup>th</sup> career TD back in Game 2. In the second quarter of the Georgia game Boone caught a 20 yard TD pass which put him over the 5000 yard career mark. He also set a career single game record for first downs with 11. His previous record was also against Georgia back in 2008, when he had 10 first downs



So far this season Boone has caught 10 or more passes in all 7 games he has played in and has 100 or more yards in 5 of his games, including a career high 226 yards against Dallas and his second highest of 196 against Georgia. He has also scored 3 or more TDs in five games this season.



This is why we call him AirBoone!!

Boone has now scored at least 1 TD in 28 straight games since the 2008 season, and has had at least 2 TDs per game for his last 9 games, including the last two games of 2010. In his career he now has 38 games with 2 or more TDs scored. He is also on his 8<sup>th</sup> straight game with 10 or more receptions since the 2010 season. He now has 21 career games with 10 or more receptions and also 20 with over 100 yards receiving.



Classic AirBoone Smile

## Boone-o-Meter Stats for 2011:

After 7 games as of May 6, 2011

### Passes caught: 86

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 11
- Game 2 at Orlando 12 (10<sup>th</sup> catch was 400<sup>th</sup> career reception)
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 13
- Game 4 at San Jose 11
- Game 5 vs. Spokane 10
- Game 6 at Arizona 11
- Game 7 at Georgia 18

### Total Yards: 970

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 135
- Game 2 at Orlando 91
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 226 (Career high and second highest in Blaze history)
- Game 4 at San Jose 147
- Game 5 vs. Spokane 100 (broke Utah all-time yardage record in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)
- Game 6 at Arizona 75
- Game 7 at Georgia 196 (breaks career 5000 yard mark)

### Longest Reception: 40

- Game 4 vs. San Jose 40 yard TD reception in 3rd Quarter

**Touchdowns: 22**

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 1Q: 21 yd TD pass from T. Grady
- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay 2Q: 13 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 1Q: 9 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 2Q: 2 yd TD pass from Grady (100<sup>th</sup> career TD)
- Game 2 at Orlando 3Q: 4 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 4Q: 9 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 4Q: 4 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 2 at Orlando 4Q: 6 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 3Q: 19 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 3 vs. Dallas 3Q: 35 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 4 at San Jose 2Q: 10 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 4 at San Jose 3Q: 40 yd TD pass from Grady (season's longest reception)
- Game 4 at San Jose 4Q: 10 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 5 vs. Spokane 1Q: 8 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 5 vs. Spokane 2Q: 5 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 5 vs. Spokane 3Q: 9 yd TD pass from Grady (ties all-time Utah Blaze record)
- Game 6 at Arizona 3Q: 6 yd TD pass from Grady (breaks all-time Utah Blaze record)
- Game 6 at Arizona 4Q: 4 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 6 at Arizona 4Q: 5 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 7 at Georgia 1Q: 16 yd TD pass from Grady
- Game 7 at Georgia 2Q: 20 yd TD pass from Grady (breaks the 5000 yard mark on this catch)
- Game 7 at Georgia 4Q: 2 yd TD pass from Grady

**Points After Touchdowns: 1**

- Game 6 at Arizona – pass from Grady to take game to overtime

**First Downs: 26**

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay: 6
- Game 2 at Orlando: 2
- Game 3 vs. Dallas: 6
- Game 4 at San Jose: 5
- Game 5 vs. Spokane: 4
- Game 6 at Arizona: 3
- Game 7 at Georgia: 11 (career single game high)

**Returns: 0****Tackles: 11**

- Game 1 vs. Tampa Bay: 1
- Game 3 vs. Dallas: 1
- Game 4 at San Jose: 4
- Game 5 vs. Spokane: 4
- Game 6 at Arizona: 1

**Passes: 0**

## *AirBoone's AFL Career Stats thru May 6, 2011*

Passes caught: 465  
Total Yards: 5114  
Longest Reception: 45 yards  
Receiving Touchdowns: 118  
Points after Touchdown: 4  
Rushes: 1  
Rushing Yds: 4  
Kick returns: 6  
Kick Return Yds: 76  
Kick Return TDs: 1 ( 9 yds in 2007)  
Tackles: 36  
Passes: 1  
Passing Yards: 26

### **Career AFL Stats by Season:**

2006: Philadelphia/Kansas City  
Receptions – 66 Yards – 748 TDs – 19 Rushes – 1 for 4 yds  
Tackles – 8 Returns – 4 for 52 yards

2007: Utah  
Receptions – 32 Yards – 422 TDs – 8 Tackles – 2  
Returns – 1 for 9 yards

2008: Utah  
Receptions – 135 Yards – 1526 TDs – 23 Tackles – 6

2009: AFL did not play

2010: Utah  
Receptions – 146 Yards – 1448 TDs – 46 Tackles – 16  
Passes – 1 Passing Yards – 26

### **AirBoone AFL Career Records:**

Receptions in a game: 18 Utah at Georgia May 6, 2011  
Total yards in a game: 226 Utah vs Dallas March 31, 2011  
Longest career reception in AFL: 45 yards in 3Q vs. Orlando March 14, 2008  
First downs in a game: 11 Utah at Georgia May 6, 2011  
Touchdowns in a game: 7 Utah at Milwaukee, May 14, 2010  
Tackles in a game: 4 Utah vs. Tampa Bay, June 19, 2010; Utah at San Jose, April 8 and  
Spokane, April 15, 2011  
Receptions in a season: 146 in 2010  
Touchdowns in a season: 46 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
- Selected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Arena Team in 2010
- 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
- Breaks the 4000 yard career receiving mark on July 24, 2010 at Dallas on a 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 14 yard TD reception
- July 24, 2010 at Dallas, Aaron Boone catches 5 TD passes and is named Russell Athletic Player of the Game for first time in his career
- July 24, 2010 at Dallas, Aaron Boone is awarded the Cutter's Catch of the Game on a 2 yard TD reception from Mark Thorson near the end of the first half
- Currently 6<sup>th</sup> all time in receptions in a season with 146 in 2010 and also at 19<sup>th</sup> for 2008 season
- Currently tied for 7<sup>th</sup> all time in receiving TDs in a season with 5 others for 46 in 2010
- Breaks the 100 career touchdown mark on March 26, 2011 at Orlando on a 2 yd TD pass from Tommy Grady in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Breaks 400 career reception mark at Orlando on March 26, 2011 on a 10 yard reception in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- Breaks the all-time Utah Blaze career yardage record formerly held by Siaha Burley, after a 14 yard catch in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter on April 15, 2011

- Breaks the all-time Utah Blaze career TD record with a 6yard 3rd Quarter TD reception against Arizona on April 23, 2011
- Breaks 5000 career receiving yards on May 6, 2011 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter at Georgia on a 20 yard TD reception

### **2011 Regular Season Schedule and scores**

3/17 Utah Blaze 72, Tampa Bay Storm 36 (1-0)

3/26 Orlando Predators 68, Utah Blaze 53 (1-1)

3/31 Utah Blaze 69, Dallas Vigilantes 40 (2-1)

4/ 8 San Jose SaberCats 75, Utah Blaze 55 (2-2)

4/15 Utah Blaze 69, Spokane Shock 62 (3-2)

4/23 Arizona Rattlers 67, Utah Blaze 61 in OT (3-3)

5/6 Utah Blaze 74, Georgia Force 71 (4-3)

5/14 Milwaukee Mustangs at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.

5/21 San Jose SaberCats at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.

5/27 Utah Blaze at Iowa Barnstormers 6:05 p.m.

6/4 Arizona Rattlers at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.

6/11 Utah Blaze at Tulsa Talons 6:00 p.m.

6/18 Pittsburg Power at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.

6/24 Kansas City Command at Utah Blaze 6:00 p.m.

7/1 Utah Blaze at Chicago Rush 6:30 p.m.

7/9 Utah Blaze at Spokane Shock 7:00 p.m.

7/16 New Orleans VooDoo at Utah Blaze 7:00 p.m.

7/22 Utah Blaze at Cleveland Gladiators 5:30 p.m.