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Aaron Boone, son of Sherry and Frank Peterson of Flowell and C.F. Boone of Provo will be playing in the 2nd Annual Paradise Bowl. The All-Star Senior Bowl will be held in St. George on Saturday, January 25th at 11am. He will be joined by two of his teammates from the University of Kentucky, Otis Grigsby and Chase Harp.

"It should be a lot of fun for all of us," Boone said. Boone hopes he can match what he did in a junior college (Snow vs. Dixie) game on the same field where the Paradise Bowl will be played. I had nine catches for about 270 yards and five touchdowns," Boone said. "That's another reason I'm excited about going back to that field."

Aaron played from 1992-95 at Millard High School. He led his team to a 10-2 record and Class 2A State Championship during his senior season as quarterback. He was first-team All-State as well as All-State Honoree in three sports, including baseball and basketball. Aaron was President of the Student Body and Vice-President of his sophomore and junior classes.

After red-shirting one year at Snow College and serving a two-year mission in Peru, Aaron returned to Snow for the next two seasons. Aaron snagged 33 passes for 645 yards, a 19.5-yard average per reception, and six TDs in his first season as a receiver after having played quarterback during high school. He caught 81 passes for 1,505 yards, an 18.6-yard average per catch, and 19 touchdowns as a sophomore. He was first-team All-America by the JC Gridwire, second-team All-America by the National Junior College Athletic Association, as well as one of the nation's top 75 JUCO prospects as chosen by Super Prep. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of the Dairy Bowl in Pocatello, Idaho. He was also Snow College Male Athletic of the Year 2000-2001. He picked University of Kentucky over Brigham Young, Colorado, Kansas State, Iowa, NC State and Louisville.

In his Junior year at the University of Kentucky Aaron emerged as an outstanding receiver in the second half of the season. He caught 18 passes for 268 yards and six touchdowns. He caught a 28-yard TD pass at South Carolina, beginning a string of four consecutive games with at least one

scoring reception. His best game was five catches for 94 yards and two TDs at Georgia.

As a Senior at UK, Aaron led his team with 10 receiving touchdowns. His good hands and an ability to break tackles after the catch are what helped him make big plays. His size makes him an inviting target around the goal line. In the 2002 season, Kentucky went 7-5, but did not attend a bowl game due to an NCAA probation. Aaron had 41 receptions for 706 yards for an average of 17.2. In a game against LSU, Aaron scored 3 touchdowns with only 3 receptions. In fact in 2002, Aaron scored on every third reception.

Aaron is currently working with a personal trainer in San Diego to enhance his chances in the NFL tryouts. He plans to graduate from University of Kentucky with degrees in Business Management, Spanish and International Business.

If anyone wishes to watch Aaron play in the Paradise Bowl, ticket information can be found on www.paradisebowl.com. Tickets are \$30 for reserved, \$20 unreserved and \$10 for standing. They can be purchased at the gate or in advance at the Dixie State box office. It will be held in St. George at Hansen Stadium on Saturday, January 25 at 11am. There will be a big fan section for Aaron's friends and family.

Aaron's website is now official. Check out www.aaronrboone.com for a bio, articles and a photo gallery.