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Utah State vs. Wyoming

# The Bangarang

THE UNOFFICIAL GAME DAY NEWSLETTER OF THE SPECTRUM

## The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
14	Josh Adams	G	6'2	SO
13	Jack Bentz	G	6'1	JR
11	Derek Cooke Jr.	F	6'9	JR
2	Riley Grabau	G	6'2	JR
15	Jerron Granberry	G	6'4	SR
21	Austin Haldorson	F	6'8	SO
1	Charles Hankerson Jr.	G	6'4	JR
32	Alan Herndon	F	6'9	FR
23	Jason McManamen	G	6'5	SO
22	Larry Nance Jr.	F	6'8	JR
43	Matt Sellers	F	6'10	JR
20	Nathan Sobey	G	6'3	SR
3	Aaron Tyser	G	6'4	SO
24	Keonta Vernon	F	6'5	FR
5	Trey Washington III	G	5'11	FR

Coach: Larry Shyatt

## Second Star to the Right and Straight On till Morning

Funny how time flies.

It was seven months ago we sat as a group of Utah State fans trying to figure out some way to positively contribute to what we know to be a most eclectic home court advantage that we'd seen in the past. We arrived at the conclusion that the gameday newsletter needed to be brought back. We sought out the blessing of newsletters past and soldiered on. We named it the Bangarang, with the greatest reference to the cinematic phenomenon "Hook" (which we still assert to be Robin Williams' best film - suck it, "Awakenings".) Looking for a proper way to tie up our season of writing? The only proper way is to talk about that film a bit.

"Hook" is based around Peter Banning, a lawyer who just so happened to be Peter Pan. Upon the kidnapping of his children by Captain Hook, he returns to Neverland to get them back. While there, he meets the Lost Boys, relearns what it is to believe in himself and have happy thoughts, and regains the ability to fly, fight, and crow. With that, he confronts Captain Hook, an angry and bitter old man who spreads a message of sadness and despair; one of criticism and fear. Rallying the passion of his Lost Boy troops, Pan is able to defeat Hook, restore Neverland to its rightful state, and bring his children home again.

We hope you can see where we're going with this.

Listen, we get it when it comes to wanting to see our team succeed. We're right there. We get the frustrations at losses, the difficulty of watching players struggle individually, of the program straining under the load of a new conference. We get it. We do. But as the Bangarang - your voice of the voiceless for this honored fanbase - we exhort you to hear this final message before we go: Pan regained his powers once he got ahold of his happy thoughts. He remembered who he was and why he did what he did, and that was what allowed him to reclaim glory.

In direct defiance to some very loud and evidently convincing people, we raise a banner of hope. We've been told by others that our fans have no impact on games, and that we don't have a program that can ever compete in basketball, and we've proved them wrong every time. Now we have a lot of our own fans confusingly raking the same pile of muck, and it's time we prove them wrong too. We can't be on the court. We can't suit up and play. But if there's one thing that we know, it's that our support of this team matters.

We declare the Spectrum to be in it's Peter Banning phase. It's an American lawyer who's lost his way and needs to relearn what it is to be Pan. And there are already crews of "Lost Boys" who are starting to show up and support their team, win or lose, rain or shine. These are the times that try men's' souls, and we're seeing our fans remembering that it's not about blow-outs and undefeated records. It's about doing everything you can to support your team. And if there are those of you out there who think the best thing you can do to support this team is to sit on your hands and complain about it, we say this. All grownups are pirates. The rest of us are having fantastic meals of imagined food and kicking pirate a\*\* with crazy chicken guns.

So in short, thanks. Seriously. And in case you're asking, yes we're sure as Hell going to be back next year, and expect no signs of us ever going away.

Join us. Refound the Spectrum. Help us find our happiness again. For this game, and more importantly for the future, its time to learn again what it is to Fly, Fight, and Crow!

## In All Honesty: A game preview

Wyoming lost their best player to a torn ACL three games ago. Since then, the Pokes have lost three straight and aren't looking very good. That being said, they beat the Aggies by 17 in Laramie earlier this year.

This will not be a "gimme" game. We really don't have any of those in the Mountain West. Everything about this game says it will be close. Watch for Josh Adams, Riley Grabau and Derek Cooke Jr. to pick up the slack from Nance's injury. This is the "Big Three" of Wyoming at this point in the season.

It's Senior Night. It's The against Wyoming. It's the Spectrum.

OUR PREDICTION: Ags win a nail-biter by two.



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## THE ALL BANGARANG TEAM: THOSE WHO MOST FELT THE WRATH OF THE SPECTRUM

The Spectrum has a long standing tradition of being the worst game of the year for many opposing players, and this year was no exception. We've pieced together some of the greatest of the worst performances of the year and compiled them here. Its schadenfreude galore, people! Take pride in this!

**ABT #1: Pe'Shon Howard, Guard, USC:** Garnering our only multiple award winner, not only is Pe'shon one of the greatest names we've seen, he also had a horrible game here. 1-7 on shooting, including 0-5 from 3, for a total of 4 points in 25 minutes.

**ABT #2: Fred Thomas, Guard, Mississippi State:** Managed 2 points and 3 turnovers in 32 minutes of basketball. That means he managed 1 point in every 16 minutes of basketball he played. We've already got money riding that any of the Bangarang writers could manage that kind of output.

**ABT #3: Taran Brown, Forward, UC Santa Barbara:** 6'8 Forward, who managed 4 rebounds, but was also 1-7 shooting, 3 total points, and 5 fouls in 27 minutes.

**ABT #4: Thomas Bropleh, Guard, Boise State:** Bropleh also had 7 shots in the game in the Spectrum. Unlike Pe'Shon and Brown, he didn't make a single one of them. 25 minutes. 0 points. His efficiency rating for the game was actually negative! It would have been better for his team had he never seen the court! A wonderful contribution to Boise State STILL having never won here.

**ABT #5: Jeremy Evans, Guard, Nevada:** 2-11 shooting, and 1-6 from 3, no assists, and 3 fouls in 33 minutes. Always nice to wipe the floor with Nevada at home

### Special Awards:

**Bangarang Coach of the Year: Dick Hunsaker, UVU:** Dick has apparently been coaching for UVU for 13 years, which is just sad to say to begin with. Apparently 13 years of living in the armpit of Utah's crotch hasn't destroyed his spirit at all though. Flying all over, musing his well groomed hair, and for some reason fouling and calling timeouts in a hopeless double digit deficit to end the game, Dick earns our Dick of the Year!

**Douchebag Award: Tate Stensgaard, Western Illinois:** Tate played in the Gossner Tournament, some of The Bangarang staff's favorite games because it's our chance to really get to know other players. The more we got to know Tate Stensgaard, the more he just screamed giant a\*\* hole. Every game he played he progressively put on more and more external gear, from arm braces to knee braces to a mask, as if somehow equipping things was going to boost his stats somehow (Wristband of Missed Jumpshots +4 was a bad investment). Tate was every player we've ever hated in a pick-up game. You know the guy who shows up in 800 dollars worth of gear, calls out obscure plays that no one knows and then just gets pissed for no reason. We even met his dad, and totally got the vibe that even he knew his kid was a tool.

And last, but not least, our Bangarand POY!

**ABT MVP: Cezar Guerrero, Guard, Fresno State:** Cezar was a cross-eyed wonder, and we let him know it! His ability to actually have depth perception was admirable, but it didn't translate into results in the Spectrum. In 27 minutes, he was 1-9 shooting for a season low 2 points. He also garners the first time we at the Bangarang have been able to give our CLLB award, for Crying Like a Little B\*\*\*\* when he got pulled out of the game in the 2nd half. Seriously. He actually cried.

# The Back Page

MAN. WE ALREADY MISS YOU GUYS.

Hey: Just so everyone knows, this senior class has some of the all time record holders in Utah State History. We've got some fantastic players leaving us this season, so lets make sure we send them out the right way! Give them all the love you can!

## THE BANGARANG ALL NAME TEAM:

### BECAUSE SERIOUSLY? WE'VE SEEN SOME CRAZY STUFF THIS YEAR

Alright. First things first, lets get Wyoming's inductees out of the way. Laramie as a whole is pretty irrelevant of a city so it only makes sense to do it this quickly. Time to close out the Bangarang All-Name Team with the Wyoming Edition.

**Jason McManamen** - Look at it. It has Man and Men in it. Singular and plural. Almost an anomaly. But not quite. Because Wyoming.

**Riley Grabau** - If you need further assistance, just put an S or two at the end of his name. Trust us. You'll catch on.

And with that, it's time for the nomenclature-centered moment you've all been waiting for. Ladies and other less attractive ladies, your 2013-14 All-BANT Honors:  
2013-14 ALL-BANT 2ND TEAM -

**Duke DaRe** - UCSB  
**Michael Ochereobia** - WIU  
**Spencer Llewlyn** - Pacific  
**I.J. Ready** - Miss. St.  
**Jayson Cheesman** - SUU

2013-14 ALL-BANT 1ST TEAM -

**Emmanuel Owotoah** - *Fresno St.* - Highlights: Overtly religious and all dem Os doe.

**Edmunds Dukulis** - *Boise St.* - Highlights: being the dorky, badass "Game of Thrones" and "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" conglomerate that took over the sovereign royal lands of... Boise, Idaho.

**D'Erryl Williams** - *SDSU* - Highlights: Mustering the worst possible use of the double R in the history of words and word usage. Also, ya know, his absolutely dumbass spelling of an extremely normal name.

**Hobie Hughes** - *Troy* - Highlights: Making us think of Hogarth Hughes from "The Iron Giant," as well as snow angels, pecan pie, corn on the cob, puppies, summertime, snuggies, more puppies and... OH MY GOSH! HOBIE!!! YOU'RE SO EFFING ADORABLE!!!

**Pe'Shon Howard** - *USC* - Highlights: Taking a normal name, screwing that up royally somehow, then taking said normal name and creating an entirely fake name that nobody ever takes seriously in that it makes us think of a teddy bears, which again makes us think of Hobie. Oh, Hobie.

**2013-14 BANTer OF THE YEAR (B.O.Y.) -**

**Enrico Bueno** - *CSU* - As if there was any doubt. Fans in time may talk about the time they first watched Michael Jordan play basketball or Hank Aaron swing a bat. We the the Bangarang will sit on our wooden porches in rocking chairs telling our children, and our children's children and so on, with a gradual smile that we - yes, we - witnessed The Enrico Bueno, and his sultry eye-scar mole thing, on a bench, blessing us all, filling the world with everything that is or could ever be good. Love. Passion. Power. Bueno. This honor goes to you.

With that, wow. What a BANTerrific year it has been. As we close out the season and store our smack-talk minds into the vault for the next several months, let us never forget those things that simply don't change: pride, camaraderie, and balls-ridiculous names. Adieu, and may your offseason ever be Enrico Bueno.

## BOO BOX: Always remember how crappy of a state Wyoming is. Because seriously. That place sucks.

Coach Larry Shyatt: Has a name that sounds exactly like what a drunk cowboy would say in objection to some sort of horrible news. "You mean Jedidiah snuck into the sheep pen cuz he was lonely again?? Shyattttt now we gunna have to clean that up!" or "You mean cuz Barbara and I is cuzins we can't get married? Shyyaaatttt" If that doesn't translate into some sort of cheer or yell this game I don't know if anything ever will.

Derek Cooke Jr.- Constantly talks about not trusting anybody and how nobody likes him (or texts him or tweets him, etc.). Well guess what Derek, tonight that all comes true. Also, he freaked out when he found out chapstick contains fish scales.

Josh Adams- Wonders how to make puppy chow. (Seriously)

Nathan Sobey- Wears a "jumper" to bed. (Seriously)

Riley Grabau- He has a Peyton Manning poster that he "got for free" and thinks it's a sign of good things to come. Also believes water to be the most refreshing drink.

Trey Washington III- Quoted as saying, "There is one language that all people understand! That's billiards." (Also seriously)

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