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### USU vs. UC Santa Barbara

#### ReSpectrum: 139-12

## "Terrifying the ESPNU TV crew since they opened the doors at 6"

#### The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
11	Justin Joyner	6-0	G	So.
42	James Powell	6-2	G	So.
12	Alex Harris	6-6	G	Sr.
14	Ivan Elliott	6-8	F	Sr.
10	Chris Devine	6-8	F	Jr.
2	Nick Quick	6-0	G	Jr.
3	Jordan Weiner	6-0	G	Fr.
4	Paul Roemer	6-0	G	So.
5	D.J. Posley	6-3	G	Jr.
15	Sam Phippen	6-9	F	Fr.
20	Beau Gibb	6-8	F	Jr.
21	George Murphy	6-4	G	Fr.
23	Spencer Ford	6-10	F	Fr.
33	Nedim Pajevic	6-9	F	Sr.
34	Peter Jordan	6-6	F	Fr.
44	Jesse Byrd	6-8	F	Jr.

Coach: Bob Williams

#### ESPN Networks forced to put USU game on ESPNU for safety concerns

Friday night marks the beginning of the ESPN's annual Bracketbuster weekend, which matches up mid-major teams against one another based on their performance throughout the first three months of the basketball season. The match-up between Utah State and UC Santa Barbara is one of only two Bracketbuster games taking place on Friday night along with Davidson vs. Winthrop. While Davidson-Winthrop will be shown on ESPN2, the USU-UCSB game will only be found on ESPNU. The reason for this, according to ESPN, is that a televised game at The Spectrum gets to be so loud and intense that small children are often frightened and in rare cases traumatized from seeing such madness on their television screen.

Mark Braddock, a spokesman for ESPN, commented on the matter saying, "We at ESPN fully realized that Utah State versus Santa Barbara is obviously the more intriguing game between our two televised Bracketbusters for Friday. The problem is that we have to consider the element of public safety for the youth of America."

Braddock also expressed concern for his fellow workers at ESPN of the potential dangers of coming to The Spectrum.

Braddock said, "We at ESPN still haven't forgotten about the last time we brought the ESPN2 crew up here for a game. The Aggies literally shot the lights out in the building. That, along with all the noise creates several safety concerns. We've still got a guy that has no hearing out of his right ear ever since that game."

The game Braddock refers to was the Aggies home game against Hawaii in 2006 when all the lights in The Spectrum shut off with 39 seconds left in the game. Neither ESPN nor ESPN2 have returned since then.

"We can handle going to places like Duke, Oregon, New Mexico... That gets loud and stuff, and it's all fun." Braddock said. "Coming to The Spectrum is just downright dangerous. If it's this bad for us as a TV crew, I can't imagine what happens to opposing teams."

#### In All Honesty:

##### Big West Play Revisited

Tonight the Aggies face former Big West rival UC-Santa Barbara. The Gauchos are led in their backcourt by leading scorer Alex Harris (20.2 Points Per Game, and a Jaycee-esque 46% from 3-point range) and sophomore James Powell (11.7 points per game). Santa Barbara as a team shoots 41.3% on 3-pointers, fourth in the nation, and force turnovers on 26% of their opponent's possessions, ranking second in the nation in that category. Incidentally, 3-point defense and turnovers might be the Aggies' two most glaring weaknesses. UCSB tends to rack up the fouls on opponents (18.8 per game) while the Aggies are second to none in free throw percentage in the nation. UCSB struggles even worse than the Aggies in rebounding despite still being in the Big West, which should give the Aggies a solid advantage on the boards. If the Aggies protect the ball and the big men take care of business down low, the crowd watching at home on ESPNU should be treated to a USU victory.

#### Aggies prove to be mortal on the court. Aggie FANS however....

For the first time since most of us students were in elementary school (and maybe some of us in junior high) the Aggies have lost three games in a row. This kind of once-in-a-generation type of losing streak is a time where the home fans on a home court NEED to pick the team back up. We've all seen the Aggies dominate on certain nights, and other times seen struggles that leave us scratching our heads. The home court is where teams get back on the winning track, especially OUR home court. The team needs us at our best. The nation is watching tonight... Lets remind everyone what The Spectrum is all about.

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#### The Petri Dish - The guys representing the noble Gaucho.

**#2 Nick Quick** - No jokes here, his name really is Nick Quick.

**#3 Jordan Weiner** - No jokes here... his name really is Weiner. He's a fan of the Oakland Raiders, so dealing with losing should come easy for him.

**#10 Chris Devine** - A rare sixth-year junior, which even the staff of The Refraction think is a little bit of a long time to be in school.

**#12 Alex Harris** - Lists his favorite novel as "The Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jr." Not sure if Alex realizes that a novel is a fictitious work of literature. We think he'd be thrilled to learn that King was a real person. Played in The Spectrum in 2005 shooting 3-11 for 9 points while turning the ball over three times.

**#14 Ivan Elliott** - Nickname is "ICE". Myspace headline reads, "I LoVe My N\*\*\*\*\* nO hOmO... I sWeAr i HoPe tHeY aLL gEt ChEeSe LiKe DiGiOrNo!!!!" If you can figure out what that is supposed to mean, we'd love to know.

**#20 Beau Gibb** - Competed in baseball as a pitcher, but quit after breaking his arm mid-pitch. Writes a blog for UCSB's official website... as you might guess, it s\*cks.

**#21 George Murphy** - Competed for his high school's Mock Trial Team and was named the city's Most Outstanding Advocate. His most memorable moment was playing in, and finishing as the runner-up, at the Pony League World Series when he was a 14-year old. That's right... his most memorable moment was a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish. He should take home some fond memories of The Spectrum if that's the case.

**#23 Spencer Ford** - 6-10, 225 pounds. Might be time to break out the steroids chant again.

**#33 Nedim Pajevic** - Transfer from Weber State University. Not sure if the "Weber Reject" chant has ever been used before, but it seems due for a debut.

**#42 James Powell** - Career goal is to be a "salesman." Normally one would go to CS Fullerton with such career ambitions, however James aspires to be a better salesman than most the lowly types that graduate from other Big West schools.

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