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The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	Pos	YR
1	Nick Livi	6-1	G	Jr.
3	Orlando Griego	6-6	F	Sr.
4	Nurudeen Adepoju	6-5	G/F	Sr.
5	Sam Hoopes	6-5	F	Fr.
10	David Marek	6-2	G	So.
12	Mike Josserand	5-11	G	Fr.
15	Damar Wilson	6-4	G	Fr.
23	Tate Sorenson	6-7	F/C	Jr.
25	Davis Baker	6-4	G	So.
31	Rick Roberts	6-4	F	So.
32	Cris Hoopes	6-7	F	Jr.
34	Geoff Payne	6-7	F	Jr.
44	John Clifford	6-10	C	Jr.
50	Tyler Quinney	6-7	F	Jr.

Ainge returns to Spectrum despite kicking, screaming and claw marks on team bus.

Southern Utah assistant coach Danny Ainge Jr returns to The Spectrum tonight for the first time since the 2005-2006 basketball season. Many remember Ainge's last trip when he gathered the attention of all of Section F to whiningly insist his name was Austin, amidst chanting of the name "Danny". Over the next 40 minutes of terror, courtesy of the Spectrum crowd, Danny Jr proceeded to light up the stat sheets for two points in leading the BYU Cougars to a 91-80 loss against the Aggies. Ainge, BYU coach Dave Rose, and the rest of that losing Cougar squad declared that evening on the bus ride home to never again return to play in the Spectrum without kicking, screaming, or any other traditional form of hissy-fit. It is a declaration upon which Coach Rose has already stood firm with his refusal to come to Logan in 2007-2008, and although Ainge is no longer with BYU and Coach Rose, he appears to still be holding onto that declaration as well.

Ainge, who graduated last spring, tragically overlooked the scheduling agreement between Utah State and Southern Utah to play one another this season when he agreed to work as an assistant under SUU coach Roger Reid. Coach Reid told The Refraction that he assured Danny Jr upon release of the Southern Utah schedule that the Utah State game was a scheduling misprint, and that the Aggies would be playing in Cedar City this season. When asked how he planned to get Danny Jr to Friday's game at the Spectrum, Coach Reid reacted with frustration at having to recount the events that took place.

"We had told Danny Jr that we were going to St. George for a team dinner, but when he saw the team uniforms being loaded onto the bus he asked why we would bring those to dinner," said Reid. "One of the freshman who was unaware of the secret we had kept, spilled the beans of where we were really traveling, and Danny Jr just plain lost it."

Coach Reid offered few specifics about the tantrum, only saying that there were claw marks on the bus seats from holding back Danny Jr on his escape attempt, and that he owed the bus driver a new roll of duct tape.

This will be Ainge's fourth ever visit to the Spectrum. He has yet to leave without a loss.

In All Honesty... (A team preview)

SUU lost their top two leading scorers from a team who last season finished in the bottom half of the Mid-Continent Conference (now Summit League). Utah State was 3-0 against teams from that conference last season, including a win on the road against eventual Summit League champion Oral Roberts in the ESPN Bracketbuster game. SUU has a new head coach in Roger Reid, who comes from Snow College, and conveniently brought nearly half his team with him to SUU. One of those players he brought is Geoff Payne, who was a Junior College All-American last season, and could step in to be the leader of Coach Reid's SUU team. At worst Payne should be their third leading scorer, but has the potential to easily be #1. The top returning scorers from last year's SUU team are Nurudeen Adepoju (9.6 ppg) and Orlando Griego (8 ppg). Freshman Mike Josserand is expected to replace last year's leading scorer Steve Barnes at the starting point guard position.

Standards and Practices – Gameday 1010. (For all the rookies)

WEAR BLUE!!! – Anything else would be sacrilege. Current gameday shirt is preferred.

Visitor's Starting Lineups – Turn completely around. They don't deserve our attention.

Aggies Starting Lineups – Slow clap in unison, Go Crazy after that.

Chants – Chant them. Don't be afraid to start them either, just make them good.

"You, you, you..." and "Stupid" – To be used when visiting team commits a foul or turnover respectively. Easy to pick up on. Follow the lead of the veterans.

Defense – When Aggies are on defense, BE LOUD!!! "OOHHHHH" is a yell that never fails.

Bouncing – Jumping up and down while yelling. Makes for a hellacious backdrop for visitors in the 2nd half, also if enough participate, will cause playing floor to rumble and shake.

Optional, but encouraged by some.

Free Throws – Follow the leaders behind the basket. Opponents shoot nearly 10% below their averages in the Spectrum. Section F is the reason. Everyone else be loud.

The Petri Dish. – What you should know, that they wish you didn't.

Coach: Roger Reid: BYU coach from 1989-1996. California prep star Chris Burgess, an LDS church member told Reid that he was going to play for Duke, upon hearing this, Reid told him "he had let down all 9 million members of the LDS church". Also had two of his own sons play for his BYU teams, one of whom transferred to Michigan in search of a successful college playing career. **Assistant Coach: Danny Ainge Jr:** BYU player from 03-07. Never won a game @ Utah State during BYU career. Dad piloted Boston Celtics to worst record in Eastern Conference last year. Danny Jr has lived off his father's name for many years, despite repeatedly insisting his name is "Austin". **#1 Nick Livi:** Transfer from Northern Idaho CC, looked at by USU, but coaches opted to offer to Desmond Stephens instead. You'll see why. Freshman Josserand started over him in exhibition games **#4 Nurudeen Adepoju:** Lettered in table tennis in high school. Should be a fun night for Ducharme against him.

#12 Mike Josserand: Freshman point guard. Should crumble under the heat of the Spectrum after struggling against D-II Mesa State in exhibition play. Makes Coby Karl look like Brad Pitt. **#25 Davis Baker:** Played here before with UC Irvine in 2005. Had as many points as he had turnovers. Trend expected to continue...

#10 Dave Marek: Scored career high 16 points against TAMUI last year. We're not sure who TAMUI is either, which begs the question... If someone scores 16 in a game, and nobody knows if the opposing team really exists, did it actually happen? We say no. Has matched his actual career high of five points on several occasions.

#23 Tate Sorenson: Potential star of the team, which still isn't saying much. Once scored 38 points in a high school game, one point shy of Jaycee Carroll's average scoring output his senior year of high school. Advantage: Aggies **#5 Sam Hoopes:** Recruited by several Pac-10 and Big-12 football programs to play tight end, instead decided to play basketball at SUU. Clearly just does not "get it". **#31 Rick Roberts, #32 Cris Hoopes, #34 Geoff Payne, #44 John Clifford, #50 Tyler Quinney:** All played for Reid at Snow college. All but Payne are excess baggage.

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