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The Hit List

| # | Name | Ht | Pos | Yr |
|----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 11 | Josh Olsen | 6-1 | G | Jr. |
| 10 | Ryan Toolson | 6-4 | G | Jr. |
| 12 | Richard Troyer | 6-5 | F | Sr. |
| 32 | Jordan Brady | 6-6 | F | Sr. |
| 23 | Joe Walker | 6-8 | C | Sr. |
| 3 | Jabir Jinna | 6-0 | G | Jr. |
| 5 | Kevin Woods II | 6-1 | G | Fr. |
| 22 | Jordan Swarbrick | 6-6 | G | So. |
| 20 | Matt Komenda | 6-5 | F | Fr. |
| 30 | Brian Anderson | 6-8 | F | Fr. |
| 35 | Paul Rinehart | 6-7 | F | So. |
| 42 | Rory Fannon | 6-9 | C | Fr. |
| 50 | Brett Ravenberg | 6-8 | C | Jr. |

Coach: Dick Hunsaker

Hunsaker fires both assistant coaches at Christmas party.

The UVSC men's basketball team will part ways for the Christmas holiday following the Gossner Foods Classic this week. Because of the game schedule coming so close to the Christmas, coach Dick Hunsaker and his assistants opted to hold their annual team Christmas party on Monday evening before making the trip to Logan. A favorite tradition against players and coaches is the exchange of gag gifts between each person and their roommate on road trips. Past gifts have included super glue to a turnover prone member of the team, spring-loaded sneakers to a big guy who couldn't jump high, and a set of hearing aid batteries to a player who had been labeled "uncoachable". All of the gifts had been received with a chuckle and a smile of holiday spirit in the past until the most recent Christmas party when UVSC coach Dick Hunsaker felt the lines of humor and insult were crossed. Assistant coaches Jared Barrett and Issac Turley teamed up for Hunsaker's gag gift, which was intended to be a wise crack at their head coach's frequent tempter tantrums during basketball games. Coach Hunsaker opened up a large box from coach Turley to find several pacifiers, an assortment of colored bibs, a wholesale sized cases of Gerber's baby food and toddler sized pull up diapers. "We thought coach would love it," said assistant coach Issac Turley. "Without the pressures and tension of a game situation we figured everybody would get a kick out of it." The team responded with unanimous laughter. Coach Hunsaker was not as impressed, and fired coach Turley on the spot.

"I couldn't believe the way he reacted to it all," said assistant Jared Barrett. "After he fired Issac like that I was terrified of what would be coming to me because of my half of the present to Coach."

It wouldn't be long before Hunsaker found Barrett's contribution to the Christmas gag gift as it was waiting for him at the Hunsaker home. Coach Barrett had organized with Dick's son to sneak into the house and replace coach Hunsaker's king size bed with an oversized crib.

Hunsaker said, "I was already furious at the time when I arrived home. I was hoping to relieve some of the tension by curling up in my own bed only to find that my assistants had put a baby crib in it's place. You'd be pissed off too."

Hunsaker informed Barrett that he would be relieved of his assistant coaching duties by phone. "In a way I'm not all too surprised that Coach was upset about the presents we got him," said Turley. "We all though coach would be able to laugh along with everyone during a Christmas party of all things, especially since everyone received gag gifts that poked fun at something. I didn't think it'd go quite this far though."

Hunsaker realized his mistake 12 minutes into Tuesday's team practice that he couldn't manage an entire team on his own and promptly called both of his assistants to re-hire them. Barrett was quick to return to his post as assistant coach and arrived before the end of Tuesday's practice. Coach Turley did not return immediately, but instead held out on Hunsaker to test how desperate the head coach was to get back his assistants. Turley managed to negotiate a pay raise, as well as the crib that was given to Hunsaker by Barrett.

In All Honesty: They're ok, but they're still UVSC.

The only knock on UVSC's impressive 22-7 campaign of last season was the fact that they played next to nobody of any significance outside of Utah State and the University of California. All three of those games were losses for the Wolverines. While only one starter from last season returns in Jordan Brady, the Wolverines return their leading scorer from last season in guard Ryan Toolson. Toolson did not start a single game last season, but averaged the second most minutes per game on the team while leading in scoring with 15.5 PPG. This season he has increased his output to an impressive 21.7 PPG and is a far and away the biggest threat for UVSC. Despite the increased production from their returning players, the Wolverines have already matched their loss total from last season, mostly because they have played seven games against teams from the likes of the Big Sky, WCC, Big West, WAC, Big East power Marquette. They are 0-7 in those games with two of those losses coming in a home and home set with fellow WAC member Boise St. UVSC has enough talent to make for an interesting matchup, but if the Aggies execute properly and keep from turning the ball over, the final score shouldn't be very close.

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Record Watch

Career Points

| | |
|------------|------|
| 1. Grant | 2127 |
| 2. Estes | 2001 |
| 3. Carroll | 1977 |

The Petri Dish - They're all BYU rejects at heart.

#32 Jordan Brady - Playing for his 3rd community college after previous stints at Dawson and Salt Lake Community College. Playing mediocre basketball apparently runs in the family with his two brothers playing ball at Western Montana CC and Snow College.

#42 Rory Fannon - From New Zealand. Played high school volleyball, water polo, and waka-ama (dragon boating). Dragon Boating is apparently another name for canoeing. Fannon and the rest of New Zealand seem to have missed the memo that everybody else calls it either "canoeing" or "rowing".

#11 Josh Olsen - Played his freshman year at the University of Utah (Utah reject). Scored a personal season high nine points last year against the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Has had a knack to disappear against even semi-decent college basketball teams this season, posting and average points per game mark of 1.3 against the likes of Boise St and UC Santa Barbara. Also loves to turn the ball over.

#10 Ryan Toolson - Wants to major in Zoology. Chucked two airballs against Utah State in last year's game in Orem. Is fully deserving of an "airball" chant from tip-off.

#23 Joe Walker III - Straight outta Compton (Community College). Clearly wanted to go to a place as unlike Compton as he could by choosing UVSC. Also made a name for himself in the Spectrum last season when after scoring a basket, pointed to and hyped up the school name on the front of uniform to the Spectrum Student Section as if playing for UVSC was big time and something to NOT be embarrassed about. He went on to sit the entire 2nd half on the bench.

Coach Dick Hunsaker - Has shown a very toddlersque ability to throw temper tantrums when he doesn't agree with a call. Deserves no mercy from the student section.

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