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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2009"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
1	Mac Hobson	6-2	G	Jr.
3	Terrence Simmons	6-3	G	Sr.
32	Kashif Watson	6-4	G	Jr.
11	Brandon Wiley	6-6	F	Jr.
53	Marvin Jefferson	6-10	C	Jr.
5	Steffan Johnson	6-1	G	Sr.
13	Luciano de Souza	6-7	F	Jr.
15	Trevor Morris	6-4	G	Sr.
20	Marcus Lawrence	5-10	G	Jr.
21	Drew Eisinger	6-3	G	So.
22	Brandon Brown	6-1	G	Sr.
23	Mark Mahaffy	6-6	F	So.
25	Kyle Barone	6-10	C	Fr.
34	Travis Blackstock	6-5	F	Jr.
42	Ryan Votaw	6-1	G	So.
44	Luis Augusto	6-8	F	Sr.
54	Luiz Toledo	6-7	F	So.

Coach: Don Verlin

Vandals offer basketball scholarship to Napoleon Dynamite

The University of Idaho men's basketball team has made a drastic move in an effort to add to the schools public image. Online recruiting service Rivals.com reports that Vandals head coach Don Verlin has offered an athletic scholarship to state of Idaho legend Napoleon Dynamite.

When asked why he wanted to attempt to bring a player on to his team who possesses no notable basketball ability, Verlin's simple answer was, "Star power."

"We're drawing less than 1,000 fans per game," Verlin said. "We've got to do something to get butts in the seats. I figure that if millions of people will go to theaters to watch a doofy kid from Idaho play the role of a doofy kid from Idaho, then you gotta think we could get a couple thousand people to come watch a doofy kid from Idaho try to play basketball."

While Dynamite's basketball resume is sparse, much more so than that of his tetherball accolades, he is confident that he'll bring more than just a familiar face to the Vandal's squad that has won just one more game in their three and a half seasons since joining the WAC than Utah State won during their first WAC season.

"I know I probably don't look like much with a basketball in my hands, but this face of mine will sell and you damn well know it," Dynamite said. "I couldn't possibly be much worse than the rest of these guys they've been bringing through the program the last few years."

Despite the added star power, the Vandals are still likely to suck... especially at football.

Idaho's state quarter devalued as Vandals losing tradition hits all-time low in 2008

As the U.S. dollar continues to fall in value among other international currencies, the state of Idaho has seen a hit of their own in recent months as the namesake university for the nation's 43rd state continues its staggeringly lackluster athletic tradition. In a surprising development, the state of Idaho's quarter was decreased by the U.S. Treasury office to just 22 cents in value as opposed to the traditional 25 cents of all other quarters. (Pictured below)



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While you were away... A Christmas break recap.

In a nutshell... We won a thriller versus Utah. The Spectrum got really loud. We beat the crap out of Howard (not one guy, but a whole team). We made friends with Houston Baptist, then hate to un-befriend them for a half while we won. Then Wyoming played a hell of a game and took us to the wire. It got loud. We still won. A guy that writes a lot about college basketball on the internet wrote a lot about Utah State. He also performed like a seasoned veteran in bringing the pain against Wyoming. We started getting votes for the Top 25, and we've earned it. Aggie basketball is in full gear. Plan a trip to Reno for the WAC Tournament.

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In All Honesty: A game preview

Idaho set their program on a path to respectability this past offseason with the hiring of Stew Morrill's longtime assistant coach Don Verlin. Verlin started making changes immediately. Idaho was set to return two of their top-returning scorers from a year ago, including second team all-WAC member Jordan Brooks. Neither of those two players returned, leaving what appeared to be a glaring hole for the Vandals. They were heavy favorites to be the WAC's worst team in the preseason polls, and have thus far appeared much better than expectations. Idaho opened their WAC season with a road win against WAC preseason favorite Nevada. They are led this year by Mac Hobson's 16.3 points, 5.1 rebounds and 6.1 assists per game. Kashif Watson offers an athletic compliment to Hobson to keep defenses honest. Idaho seems ready to shed their image as a perennial doormat of the league and start making things interesting under Verlin.

The Petri Dish - No potatoes were harmed in the digging of this dirt.

- Coach Don Verlin** - Verlin is a former long-time assistant coach to Stew Morrill and deserves the utmost respect... but he should also be made to wish he never left.
- #1 Mac Hobson** - Transfer from Washington State. Myspace quote is "N***** Is Not Ready For Me!!! Well S****, They Better Be, Cuz Its Almost Time!!!!REST IN PEACE, E WEBB(my guy)lol" Not sure what it's almost time for or why he laughed out loud at someone resting in peace, but whatever.
- #13 Luciano de Souza** - Originally from Brazil and has a phenomenal afro.
- #15 Trevor Morris** - According to his Myspace, he feels "empty and lost", which explains how a one ends up at the University of Idaho.
- #20 Marcus Lawrence** - Transfer from UNLV. According to his Myspace: "I know you hate to love me". Contrary to his belief, we love to hate him.
- #21 Drew Eisinger** - Looks like he's about 12 years old.
- #22 Brandon Brown** - Originally committed to Utah State before switching to Idaho for reasons unknown. Make sure he continues to regret that decision.
- #25 Kyle Barone** - Is "The Italian Stallion Protégé" and has this to say on his Myspace, "just like every blunt needs some green.every gun needs a beam.every thug needs a queen"
- #32 Kashif Watson** - Calls himself "The Black Jesus 32" on his Myspace and is "Born 2 Be Hated, Dying 2 Be Loved." More hate and less love expected in The Spectrum.
- #34 Travis Blackstock** - Doesn't have a profile on Idaho's official website, so if they don't care about him neither should you. His Myspace has the thought provoking question, "What kind of victory is it when someone is left defeated?" Answer: An Aggie victory.
- #44 Luis Augusto** - Nickname is Chevy. Native of Brazil
- #54 Luiz Toledo** - Another native of Brazil. Neither Luiz, Luis Augusto, nor Luciano de Souza are as cool as former Aggie player, current assistant coach, and native Brazilian Cass Matheus.

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