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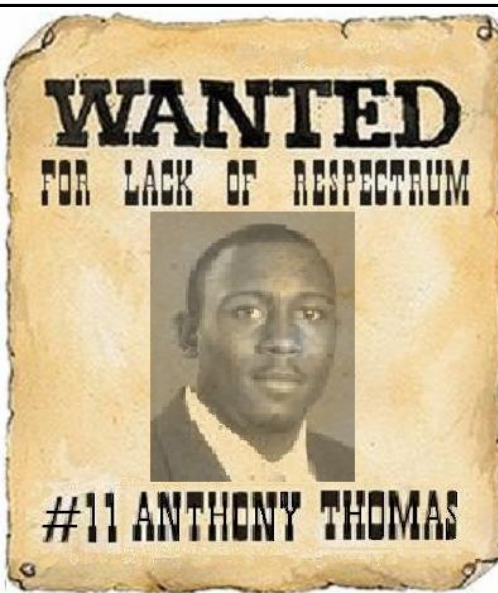
USU vs. Boise State ReSpectrum: 152-12

"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2009"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
11	Anthony Thomas	6-0	G	Jr.
12	Aaron Garner	6-3	G	Sr.
25	Paul Noonan	6-7	F	So.
43	Mark Sanchez	6-7	F	Sr.
50	Kurt Cunningham	6-9	C	Jr.
1	Shawn Rouse	6-6	F	So.
3	Ike Okoye	6-9	F	Jr.
4	Jamar Greene	6-0	G	Sr.
14	Nate Larsen	6-2	G	Jr.
20	Sean Imadiyi	6-7	F	Jr.
23	Justin Salzwedel	6-1	G	Jr.
24	La'Shard Anderson	6-0	G	So.
30	Tyler Young	6-8	F	Fr.
32	Zack Moritz	6-10	C	So.

Coach: Greg Graham



Boise plans blue basketball turf

Boise State took an unusual step to try and gain a home-court advantage in men's basketball this week by announcing plans to have their famous blue turf also installed over the hardwood at Taco Bell Arena. "We Wanted to do something that would give us an advantage that was uniquely Boise," Athletic Director Peter Buck said. "We think playing on fake blue grass will give us the edge we've been looking for and help get the basketball team to the level of the football team." NCAA president Miles Brand is looking into the issue with concern of how it may affect the first and second round games of the NCAA tournament being played in Boise. "We had to do something," Buck said. "It's not like we have any fans at the games and a gimmick like this has worked before. Plus, imagine watching visiting players try to dribble on field turf after our guys get used to it. We'll be killin' it man!"

In All Honesty: A game preview

Boise State is somewhat of a confusing team thus far this season. Despite losing four starters from their NCAA tournament team of a year ago they have appeared to exceed all expectations to return as a solid WAC contender again this year. Leading Boise State is the emergence of senior forward Mark Sanchez, who is averaging nearly five-times as many points per game this season as he did one year ago. Boise brings four legitimate threats from behind the 3-point line as well in Sanchez, Paul Noonan, Aaron Garner and USU's public enemy No. 1 for the evening, Anthony Thomas. The Broncos are currently the third highest scoring team in the WAC (behind only New Mexico State and Utah State). They also allow the second most points per game. Boise State also is out-rebounded by their opponents by an average of 2.1 rebounds per game while USU has out-rebounded opponents by an average 8.9 boards per game. Boise will need to make their shots to keep the game close because the Aggies are likely to rebound everything.

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Anthony Thomas - Profile of a marked man (edited for content)

Aside from loving to talk smack at any and every opportunity, Anthony Thomas also has no shame in making a complete ass of himself. Anthony pulled the most major of major-no-no's at last year's WAC Tournament by running his mouth and talking smack in the worst ways, at the worst of times, to a mass of Utah State Aggie basketball fans... the worst people any reasonable human being would want to anger.

In the closing seconds of Boise State's upset victory over top-seeded USU in the tournament semifinals, BSU superstar (and class act) Reggie Larry was waiting to be handed the ball after a late timeout right in front of the mass of USU students who had made the long trek to Las Cruces to cheer on the Aggies. Several students (including both writers of this very publication) yelled to Larry his well-deserved props on the victory, congratulated him, and wished him luck in the finals. Larry, being a quality human being, nodded back and offered his humble thanks...

This is where it gets ugly... Thomas comes flying out of left field gets right up to the USU students and proceeds to unleash an onslaught of curse words and smack that went something like this... "YEAH, What now? WHAT now?? F*** ya'll. Ya'll f***in go home. Ya'll go the f*** home." Keep in mind, this is while we were congratulating his teammate.

If that doesn't give you reason enough to hate him, he also made a backhanded jab at USU with a blatantly false statement in an interview earlier this year saying that the crowd at certain school about 150 miles south of Logan was better than USU.

So what now? For starters, any and all hateful chants directed his way are encouraged. Every time he touches the ball (which will be often) he deserves a downpour of merciless booing. Anything that could help make this the worst night of Anthony Thomas' life should be brought out. The Aggies play in Boise on Feb. 14. Heckling him in his home arena is also encouraged.

The Petri Dish - Because there's so much left to hate about Anthony Thomas

Team - Hyped up their senior night home game against USU last year as one of the biggest home basketball games in decades, generated tons of community excitement, and even with the assistance of hundreds of Aggie fans who made the long drive could only fill about 2/3rds of their arena. BSU had a chance to clinch an outright WAC regular season championship that night, but instead got dominated by the Aggies by a final score of 88-69. Twas a great triumph for the Spectrum on Wheels.

#4 Jamar Greene - Backed out of a verbal commitment to Seton Hall to go to Boise State. Didn't get the memo about which is the better basketball school

#11 Anthony Thomas - Besides being a world-class douchebag (as outlined above), here are a couple of other tidbits: Last year had a Myspace quote at around the time of the game in The Spectrum that required maybe the most censoring of any single Petri Dish item in the history of The Refraction. It read, "F*** these lien a** hoes, i could give a f*** about a b****." He apparently is still angry about something a whole year later as his Myspace quote now reads, "N***** Hate My Swag." Ironically his major is Communications. Has the Myspace name "Me against the world" which it will certainly feel like in The Spectrum. Lit up the Aggies for a total of 16 points last year all three games. He is to get more heat than anyone and will likely collapse more than anyone. **"Boo" the hell out of him every time he touches the ball tonight**

#14 Nate Larson - From Park City. Just transferred to Boise from Treasure Valley Community College where he averaged an incredible 3.2 points per game in leading Treasure Valley to a stellar 9-17 record. His points per game has dropped 3.2 points since joining Boise State and now just averages 0 a game.

#24 Paul Noonan - Isn't the guy from Caddyshack

#32 Zack Moritz - Isn't the guy from Saved By The Bell

#43 Mark Sanchez - Isn't the former USC Quarterback.

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