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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2009"

The Hit List Ht Pos Yr # Name Justin Graham So. 2 Adrian Oliver G So. Tim Pierce Sr. 22 C.J. Webster Jr. 30 Chris Oakes 6-10 C Jr. 4 DaShawn Wright 6-4 G Sr. 6-10 F 15 Clint Amberry Fr. 20 Lance Oliver So. 5-2 G 21 DeVonte Thomas 6-4 Sr. 6-3 G 23 Robert Owens Jr. 32 John Williams 6-3 G Jr. 33 Mac Peterson 6-3 Jr. 40 Oliver Caballero So. 50 Garrett Ton 6-8

In All Honesty: A game preview

Coach: Dave Rose

San Jose State is a team who started the season with high expectations as they returned pretty much their entire squad from a year ago and appeared littered with experience, not to mention the addition of a high-profile transfer in guard Adrian Oliver. The expectations weren't exactly met as expected, but this is not to say San Jose isn't still a good team. They boast an excellent scoring duo on the wings in Oliver and senior Tim Pierce. Those two have combined to score 31.1 points per game this season. Balancing out per game and pull down 13.9 rebounds. The Spartans weakness is in the number of turnovers the give up per game. Oliver and point guard Justin Graham combine to average an awful 7.9 turnovers per game. Spectrum and Oliver wasn't on the team, leading us to believe this could be a rough first go-around for these two when it comes to handling the ball.

Top 8 reasons why this Aggie basketball season was amazing

- 8. Bill Sproat's free-throw distractions.
- 7. "Winning Team, losing team, winning team, losing team, winning team, losing team!!!"
- New York Times, Sports Illustrated, ESPN.com and MidMajority.com all giving the Aggies a whole lot of love on the national scene
- 5. Pretty much everything Jared Quayle related
- 4. The Spectrum on Wheels (S.O.W.) showing up other teams' fans at every stop we made.
- 3. Aggies in the Top-25!
- 2. Getting so loud it made Stavon Williams dizzy and forget where he was against Nevada.
- 1. Cutting down the nets and storming the court for an outright WAC Championship.

The 2009 All-Refraction Team

Honoring this year's players who were most rattled by The Spectrum, the Aggies, and the SOW

All-Refraction First Team

Dwight O'Neil – Fresno State – 2-6 FG, 0-3 3-pt, 3 TO, 4 pts, 1 PF

O'Neil could technically be considered a repeat member of the team as he would have been an absolute LOCK to make the team a year ago, but he was lucky enough to have his choke job on the day the team was released. He didn't disappoint in year two putting together an awful performance, including some less than friendly four-letter words directed at Aggie students. Lyndale Burleson - Nevada – 1-3 FG, 1-3 3-pt, 3pts, 2 PF

Burleson's stats don't exactly standout as devastatingly horrible, but his place on the first team is because he was dumb enough to make motion to "shush" the Aggie crowd after making a 3-pointer in the game's opening minutes. He might as well have painted a target on his chest, because he didn't score again and the crowd got a little noisy during that game.

<u>Lee Cummard – BYU – 2-9 FG, 4 TO, 6pts – fouled out</u>

The only thing keeping Cummard from Player of the Year honors was the fact that his team did manage to pull the upset on that given day. Regardless, the discomfort and terror on Cummard's face was obvious when the Aggie crowd chanted cracks about his lengthy fivementh mission during warm-ups. He also was so distraught that he felt the need to try and smack talk Aggie fans in post-game interviews. He was 0-1 in his career in The Spectrum.

Troy Gillenwater - New Mexico State - 1-3 FG, 4 TO, 4 pts, 4 PF

Gillenwater is another player who has a less than impressive stat-line from his game, although the four turnovers do stand out. The real difference maker for Troy was that he was so broken down emotionally by the Spectrum crowd that he got in a heated argument with his head coach Marvin Menzies, resulting in a temporary suspension from the team.

Paul Campbell - Hawaii - 0-0 FG, 0-2 FT, 2 TO, 0 pts, 3 PF

Campbell seemingly had his place on the team locked up less than ten minutes into Hawaii's drubbing in Logan. Rarely will fans get the opportunity to see a player get abused in the post as badly as Campbell did in this game. We're still a bit confused as to how Hawaii entered The Spectrum with a 13-13 record with this guy as their starting center. It was THAT ugly.

2009 Refraction Player of the Year

Anthony Thomas - Boise State - 1-6 FG, 1-3 3-pt, 2 TO, 5 pts, 2PF

and senior Tim Pierce. Those two have combined to score 31.1 points per game this season. Balancing out the offense on the inside are big men C.J. Webster and Chris Oakes, who combine to score 19.8 points per game and pull down 13.9 rebounds. The Spartans weakness is in the number of turnovers the give up per game. Oliver and point guard Justin Graham combine to average an awful 7.9 turnovers per game. Graham didn't play in last year's game in The

2009 Coach of the Year - Mark Fox - Nevada

Considering his history of violence, we would've tabbed Mark Fox as a favorite for Coach of the Year honors based on something he had done rather than something he said, and despite Utah head coach Jim Boylen's assault on The Spectrum's possession arrow, Fox is this year's winner. When asked about how his team would handle the hostile crowd at Utah State, Fox replied by saying he doesn't believe crowds are a factor. Fox was stuck eating his words in the worst of ways after Stavon Williams, with a little help from Brady Jardine, caused what is arguably the loudest sequence in the history of The Spectrum. Just like the Refraction Player of the Year, Fox learned the hard way about picking one's battles. He picked the wrong battle.

All-Refraction Second Team

Kyle Bullenger – Weber State – 1-5 FG, 1 TO, 2 pts, 4 PF

Freshman standout for Weber State only stood out for bad reasons in first Spectrum visit.

Kareem Nitoto - Hawaii - 0-5 FG, 0-1 3-pt, 4 TO, 0 pts, 1 PF

Was the guy who missed the two free throws under the wrath of Bill.

Jamel Guyton – La Tech – <u>3-15 FG, 0-7 3-pt, 1 TO, 6 pts, 3 PF</u>

Jamel pretty much secured his spot on the team with his 0-7 performance from 3-point land.

<u> Jace Tavita – Utah</u> – <u>0-3 FG, 2 TO, 0 pts, 0 PF</u>

Another in-state freshman who learned the hard way about playing in The Spectrum

<u>Trevor Morris – Idaho</u> – <u>1-7, FG, 0-4 3-pt, 2 pts, 3 PF</u>

Idaho was actually close in their game in Logan this year... no thanks to this guy.

Honorable Mentions

Hamidu Rahman and Hernst Laroche from New Mexico State for getting thoroughly eaten alive by the crowd; Howard University's entire team; Boise State's Mark Sanchez for his successful attempt to step on a USU cameraman and injure himself in the process; UVSC's Rory Fannon for expressing his disliking of Aggie fans' heckling by crying on the bench.

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The bigger the game, the bigger The Refraction

This is not the greatest page in the world... this is just a tribute

<u>Gary Wilkinson senior night tribute</u>

Simply put, Gary Wilkinson IS Aggie basketball. Hard work, dedication and passion sum up both Aggie basketball and the lone member of this year's senior class. Gary stepped in given much thought to USU basketball, but after a few from day 1 in an Aggie uniform and did whatever he needed to do to help the team win, and games in the Spectrum it immediately became my #1 he did it well. Gary has started every game he's played in during his USU career and hobby. Overtime I made my way from getting to the compiled a stellar 50-15 record thus far.

Wilkinson currently ranks at No. 5 in USU history for FG% converting on 58.6 percent of his shots. He ranks No. 7 in school history in FT% hitting 83.1 percent of his foul shots. He also and downs in my life during that time I've always been has a chance to crack the top-30 scorers in school history despite playing just two seasons. No statistics could measure the quality of person Gary is or the leadership he's brought to Utah State basketball in his two years in Logan. Not to mention the obvious enjoyment and appreciation that Gary has had for playing in The Spectrum in front of USU fans during his time here. Make his last night here a memorable one.

Staff Picks: Our favorite Gary Wilkinson moments

Kraig – For me, my favorite part about Gary wasn't his probably WAC POY award he will be receiving very soon. It isn't even the back-to-back WAC titles Gary helped lead us to. I loved that anytime the crowd needed a little bit of coaxing, Gary was the first guy to start pumping his arms in an attempt to get the crowd into it. Gary was just one of us on the court. Except much better at basketball.

Fafner - I don't mean to brag here, but the nets were cut down against Hawaii, I is undoubtedly my favorite moment.

Two seasons in the books... Refraction Staff still not getting any

With their second season of production at an end, the two staff members of semi-popular Kirk and Darla Williams. John, Dave, and Dan parody newsletter The Refraction are mildly frustrated with the amount of attention they have received from their female peers at Utah State University.

'We figured we'd have chicks all over us when we started this thing," said Refraction co founder Matt Sonnenberg. "Totally not the case."

Fellow co-founder Kraig Williams said, "When we're walking up and down the aisle: handing out copies before the game, we pretty much have girls throwing elbows and Huskies. The girls at the TSC copy center. Everyone that pulling hair to get our attention. We're like every girl's knight in shining armor when we've got a couple hundred pieces of copied paper in our hands. If we go up to those same girls know us from handing out copies that say "Ĥi" that we after the game and ask them if they want to hang out sometime, suddenly everybody is way don't know as well as we should. And lastly, The Aggies!!! too busy to give us the time of day.

While the two staff members have been plenty rejected by their female counterparts in the Aggie fans, don't forget to fall in love with... Aggie Student Section (A.S.S.), they have been equally as frustrated with the lack of love coming their direction from members of the Utah State Spirit Squad.

'You'd think cheerleaders and Aggiettes would be all about us," Sonnenberg said. "I mean, we practically do their job for them with all the chants we start. They just get to hang out right next to the action on the court and enjoy the show. They don't even have to show up to open an excellent new ice cream/hangout place here eight-hours early to get in the front row. Not to mention some of those chants we start are in Logan. Come to Tummi Yummi's after tonight's game to freakin hilarious. Girls like guys that are funny right?"

Williams argued the point that he and his newsletter co-founder do the Spirit Squad's job fo them saying, "Their job is pretty much to just look really good and chant along with us, and bring everyone! It is located in the back corner of the they do pretty fantastic at that first part. Basically, girls like that don't go for nerds like us." Sonnenberg begrudgingly agreed.

Refraction Graduation: One final rant

"When I first started at Utah State University I'd never game at 7 p.m. and sitting in the back row to getting at the game at 7 a.m. and sitting on the front row. For all the ups able to count on Aggie basketball during the winters to get me through and I can't even begin to say how much it's meant to me. So as I prepare to begrudgingly move on in life before next season (Don't worry The Refraction will still be around) I'd just like to thank all of you for making this building the best place on earth for me and remind you how great we have it up here. No other team in the state, conference, or maybe even the country has when the students stormed the court after such a dedicated and great student fan base. It's up to you guys to keep this tradition going. So next year when was the first person in there with a the season comes around I'd encourage any of you to victorious chest bump with Gary. That come early, wear blue, and support the team to the best entire celebration, from cutting down the of your ability. It's a decision you'll never regret making. nets, to the chest bump, capped off with Who knows maybe you can be the next lunatic that does Gary being hoisted high to raise up the net something as asinine as putting together a satirical gameday newsletter." - Kraig Williams

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TUMMI YUMMI'S

101 East, 1400 North

A couple former Aggie basketball stars have teamed up mingle with current Aggies, recent graduates, and even a couple USU legends. Bring a date, bring your friends, strip mall (just a little ways farther back from Little Caeser's Pizza). This place is an Aggie fan's dream.

The Petri Dish - The last pile of dirt dug by Petri Dish founder Kraig Williams... who is graduating, not dying.

#1 Tim Pierce – Transfer from Arizona State University. Has been in and out of the lineup this year for what is believed to be academic problems. Nickname is "T-Time". #2 Adrian Oliver – Transfer from University of Washington.

#4 DaShawn Wright – Sociology major with an interest in the nursing field.

#5 Justin Graham - Looks a lot like "Sunshine" from the movie Remember the Titans. Also would likely be a prime candidate for All-Refraction honors if it weren't for the fact that his team is playing here on the night the team is named.

#15 Clint Amberry – Grandfather Dr. Tom Amberry holds the record for most consecutive free throws made with 2,750.

#20 Lance Olivier - Is listed at 5'2 130lbs making him the smallest basketball player in the country. Height listed last year was 5'3 so apparently he shrunk since last season #21 DeVonte Thomas - Hopes to play for SJSU's football team in 2009

#22 C.J. Webster - Collects sports card memorabilia. From Houston, Texas but wasn't cool enough to play for our friends at Houston Baptist.

#23 Robert Owens - Nickname is "Choo"

#30 Chris Oakes - Transfer from Pepperdine, a very rare case of transferring to a slightly better team rather than a huge downgrade (see Pierce, Tim and Oliver, Adrian) #33 Mac Peterson - Loves the movie Pulp Fiction, but is not a "BMF".

#40 Oliver Caballero - From Caboroca, Mexico. The first time this year we've had a visitor from south of the border, however results for his game are expected to be the same as that of all the Canadian players. Has a head that resembles the 'goombas' from the Super Mario Bros. Movie.

#50 Garrett Ton - Hopes to work for a professional sports franchise someday. At .8 points per game we can pretty much guarantee it wont be by playing basketball

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