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The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
0	Trae Clark	5-11	G	Sr.
12	Lorenzo Keeler	6-2	G	Jr.
23	Shawn Lewis	6-4	G	So.
24	Wes Dipprey	6-8	F	So.
35	Titus Shelton	6-7	F/C	Sr.
2	Justin Brown	5-11	G	Fr.
5	Jordan Lewis	6-5	F	Fr.
10	Chaz Thomas	6-1	G	Sr.
13	Dylan Royer	6-2	G	Fr.
14	Bo Henning	6-3	G	Fr.
15	Matt Titchenal	6-3	G	Fr.
21	Charles Anderson	6-6	G	Jr.
31	Jonathan Gunderson	6-4	G	Jr.
34	David Hanson	6-5	F	Fr.
41	Ryan Darline	6-7	F	Fr.
43	John Manley	6-8	F	Sr.

Coach: Kevin Bromley

Tai Wesley encounters grizzly bear... Bear plays dead.

Utah State forward Tai Wesley got a hefty dose of irony Tuesday night following the Aggies' merciless beatdown of Weber State. Wesley, who finished the game one assist shy of recording just the fourth triple-double in school history, spent the remainder of his Tuesday evening at a bonfire up Green Canyon where near tragedy turned into total parody.

Wesley ventured away briefly from the crowd around the bonfire to make a phone call when he wandered into 3 grizzly cubs and a mother bear that was nothing short of totally pissed off. "I just turned around after I hung up the phone and there's this grizzly bear on all fours getting all up in my business," Wesley said. "This thing was looking like it wanted to tear me to shreds."

Knowing that running was not an option Wesley was prepared to resort to the only defense he knew of for encountering a bear when the tables were suddenly turned on the entire confrontation.

"I was getting ready to play dead like they say you're supposed to, then the bear got this look on its face like it had just had an epiphany," Wesley said. "Next thing I know the bear hits the ground, body goes limp, mouth open and tongue hanging out like it was dead."

The bear was unable to be reached for comment, however it is assumed that the bear realized whom it was messing with and wanted no piece of that, especially after how badly Tai had carved up every other thing that stood in his way that night. Wesley also said he thinks the bear pissed itself in fear, but isn't totally sure how that all works since the bear was already undressed and outdoors.

The Refraction e-mail inbox

What people are writing in to say to us

Ok, I get that I never should have left... what's it gonna take for you guys to take me back?

- Randy Rahe

Dear Refraction,

If you guys get a chance, could you please pass it along to Weber State's dance team that we would like our outfits back?

- Northern Exposure Gentleman's Club

How the hell do Ramon Session and JaVale McGee make it in the NBA and not us? They weren't even that good in college. Screw those guys...

- Nick Fazekas and Marcellus Kemp

Hey Aggie fans, any chance we could hire a couple hundred of you to make our student section at least respectable? We'll pay cash.

- Weber State Athletic Department

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Fun fact about how much we rule

Tuesday night's second half against Weber State has made its way into the NCAA record books. The Aggies' defense held the Wildcats without a field goal over the last 16:20 of Tuesday's game, which is the second longest span of time that a team has been held without a field goal in NCAA history.

The really fun fact is that the previous holder of that No. 2 spot on this list was none other than the 2006 Utah State Aggies, who abused the Idaho Vandals for 16:01 of basketball without a field goal, and on the road no less.

Somehow the history books managed to miss a 2004 run where the Aggies held Pacific without a field goal for the first 16:47 of a game, which should be the real No. 2 on that list. Not too shabby of USU to have three of the top four streaks in NCAA history.

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In All Honesty: A game preview

Cal Poly comes in without much of a chance. The Mustangs were picked to finish No. 6 and No. 8 in the Big West coaches and media polls. The Aggies have already knocked off the preseason No. 2 Big West team in UC Santa Barbara on the road.

The Mustangs have limped to a 1-3 start this season, getting blown out by Arkansas-Little Rock, losing at home to Conference USA cupcake Rice, and logging their only victory over a North Florida team that is very new to Division-1 basketball.

Center Titus Shelton leads the Mustangs with 15.8 points and 3.3 rebounds per game. Cal Poly has been out-rebounded by their opponents this season by just less than 10 rebounds per game. The Aggies on the other hand out-rebounded opponents by an average of 10.6 rebounds per game so far this season.

The Mustangs' are unlikely to have any answer for Wesley or Wilkinson down low, not like anybody does. Over the last two games nobody has had an answer for Myaer or Quayle either, which means Newbold is bound to bust out for a huge game any day now. This one shouldn't be close.

The Petri Dish - The "unsolicited relationship advice" edition.

Head Coach: Kevin Bromley - Looks like a totally pissed off and unpleasant person in his picture on Cal Poly's website. Unlikely to be much happier in the Spectrum.

#0 Trae Clark - Was an honorable mention All-Big West selection last year but is struggling mightily this year averaging only 3 points per game and shooting 18 percent for the field. Trend is expected to continue. Trae also advises people on his Myspace saying, "You lose money chasin women, but you'll never lose women chasin money."

#2 Justin Brown - According to his Myspace, his favorite phrase is "dumbass". Likes Scooby-Doo. Most of the posted comments on his Myspace deal with pills related to male enhancement.

#5 Jordan Lewis - Goes by "J-Lew". Favorite books are "Sparknotes". Dressed up for Halloween as the "Girls Gone Wild film crew" along with the rest of the Cal Poly team.

#21 Charles Anderson - Myspace name is "Mr. Fitch" and would like to advise everyone, "Don't trust them hoes.. There's a drought out there for good girls so when u find one keep her." He also feels adored... Clearly hasn't been to the Spectrum, and we're interested to see how he feels after the game.

#35 Titus Shelton - Scored his career high of 19 points against Utah State last year. Comes from an athletic background. His dad played in the NBA, brother plays in the NFL, another brother plays basketball at San Diego State.... Titus apparently got the short end of the athletic stick.

#43 John Manley - Is from Lake Minnetonka. Also seems doomed to be heckled based on his last name being "Manley." We feel like his Manliness should be questioned throughout the duration of the game.

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