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### The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
2	Hiram Thompson	6-2	G	Jr.
5	Dwain Williams	6-0	G	Jr.
23	Roderick Flemings	6-7	G	Sr.
1	Petras Balocka	6-8	F/C	Sr.
21	Paul Campbell	6-10	C	Sr.
3	Zane Johnson	6-6	G	Jr.
12	Rykin Enos	5-11	G	So.
15	Beau Albrechtson	6-4	G	So.
20	Jeremy Lay	6-0	G	Jr.
22	Leroy Lutu	6-3	G	So.
24	Adhar Mayen	6-8	F	Sr.
25	Ji Xiang	6-10	F	So.
32	Brandon Adams	6-7	F	Sr.
33	Aleksandar Milovic	6-7	F	So.
34	Douglas Kurtz	7-0	C	Jr.
41	Bill Amis	6-9	F	Sr.

Coach: Bob Nash

### Explorers locate end of rainbow, find only untalented basketball team

A team of explorers and researchers on the Hawaiian island of Oahu recently fulfilled a long sought-out goal of finding the end of the rainbow, but were horribly underwhelmed with what their findings revealed.

"It turns out that there despite the long-time belief of finding a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is an absolute sham," researcher Charlie Dempster said. "After years of very precise scientific research and seemingly endless hours of exploration, we've come to find that the end of the rainbow offers nothing more than a crappy Division-1 basketball team with a horrible coach and less than mediocre talent."

The findings end years of speculation spread across generations of folklore that suggested that the end of a rainbow was home to a pot of gold guarded by a small, green-clad leprechaun.

"The end of the rainbow is home to a green-clad Hawaii basketball team capable of guarding nobody," Dempster said. "If this isn't the disappointment of the century I don't know what is."

While the discovery was disappointing to the research team, they have taken a new interest in the unusual warmth in the seat the basketball team's head coach, Bob Nash. The researchers have noticed that the amount of warmth tends to increase after each game that the Hawaii men's basketball team loses.

Dempster said, "We're still looking deeper into the matter, but I think we've determined that the temperature of Nash's seat appears to be directly related to the Rainbow Warriors' win-loss record. At this point we are pretty sure it's safe to say that coach Nash is sitting on the hot seat after failing to meet even the lowest of expectations set for him as the Hawaii head coach."

Nash acknowledged the anomaly of his seat's temperature fluctuation saying, "I'm the coach at freaking Hawaii for hell's sake. There's incredible weather, lots of beaches, beautiful women in very little clothing everywhere, and I can't even convince high school boys to come and play basketball here. Damn right I'm on the hot seat."

Nash now has a career record of 32-44, and things look to get worse before they get better.

### \*\*The crackdown on "You Suck"\*\*

As many may remember, about two years ago the WAC began laying down the law on crowd behavior. In the case of Utah State, they singled out the "you suck" after an opposing player commits a foul. We here at The Refraction don't necessarily agree with this WAC rule and frankly we think it sucks, but due to an honest and sincere plea from our very own athletic director and friend to The Refraction Scott Barnes, we have come to the conclusion that it's about time we compromise and essentially evolve our heckling arsenal on just this one thing. Two alternatives have been tried thus far. The first was "on you" and the second was "you fail". Essentially "you fail" simply replaces "suck" with "fail". While we're still open to other suggestions, but for now we're suggesting a change to "YOU FAIL". It's different and it's sort of nerdy, but so it this newsletter, and this thing isn't so bad, right? Think of it in the context of something like Failblog, and if you aren't savvy to what Failblog is, go ahead and Google it to get with the times. While the word "fail" doesn't necessary pertain to every foul of a college basketball game, it works for now, and just might end up with a video of it going viral, which would make our crowd into even more of an internet sensation than it already is.

### In All Honesty: A game preview

The Hawaii Warriors come to The Spectrum for what will be just their third road game of the season. Despite having a tremendous geographical advantage for their home games, they have only managed a record of 8-8 on the season against less than stellar competition. Leading the way for them is the duo of Roderick Flemings and Dwain Williams. The two of them combine to score 29.1 points per game. Despite their firepower on the wings, USU has two of the WAC's top defensive players to counter Hawaii's attack, while Hawaii has traditionally had no answer for Tai Wesley, who has averaged 21.5 points in two career games versus Hawaii in The Spectrum.

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### The Petri Dish - The guys disgracing the rainbow.

**#1 Petras Balocka** - From Lithuania. Reportedly by one source from Hawaii to be "the biggest baby in the world."

**#2 Hiram Thompson** - Was named Hawaii's most inspirational player last year after inspiring them to 13 wins and an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in the WAC. Also is reportedly dating a girl, and former USU student that one of the Refraction writers may or may not have been mildly crushing on for a little while. Expected to pay dearly for that.

**#3 Zane Johnson** - Sitting out this year after transferring from Arizona

**#5 Dwain Williams** - Played two years at Providence College, then as far as we can tell he committed to play for Long Beach State before deciding to change his commitment to Oregon State (leading a group of Long Beach State fans to create a Facebook group called "Dwain Williams is a b\*\*\*\*"). He then switched from Oregon State to Hawaii. Was suspended earlier this season after he had a bad game and decided to stop going to class after that. Has 26 tattoos, the latest of which is a basketball with a knife in it with the inscription "killer instinct".

**#12 Rykin Enos** - Redshirted with both the football and basketball teams last year. Has three total points for his career, all of them coming from free throws.

**#15 Beau Albrechtson** - Would like to be a professional musician after school. Has a Facebook picture of him dunking in a lay-up line, which is a surefire sign of a player that doesn't get into the game very much.

**#20 Jeremy Lay** - From his Facebook page... "BASKETBALL IS MY LIFE AND I HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY GOD WITH AN AMAZING TALENT AND IF YOU DONT THINK SO THAN THAT IS GOO CUZ I DONT NEED ANY MOTIVATION."

**#21 Paul Campbell** - Canadian was First Team All-Refracton last year after putting up an incredible stat-line of 0-0 FG, 0-2 FT, 2 TO, 0 points, and 3 PF in nine minutes of play as Hawaii's starting center. Amazingly, his horrendous stat-line does not do justice as to how badly he was abused by Tai Wesley and Gary Wilkinson down low.

**#23 Roderick Flemings** - Pretty much the only good player on his team.

**#25 Ji Xiang** - From China

**#32 Brandon Adams** - Is majoring in creative media

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