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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
11	Anthony Thomas	6-0	G	Sr.
24	La'Shard Anderson	6-1	G	Jr.
21	Robert Arnold	6-6	F	Jr.
3	Ike Okoye	6-9	F	Sr.
50	Kurt Cunningham	6-9	C	Sr.
1	Westly Perryman	6-3	G	Jr.
2	Daequon Montreal	6-7	F	Jr.
4	Justin Salzwedel	6-2	G	Jr.
14	Nate Larsen	6-2	G	Sr.
20	Sean Imadiyi	6-7	F	Sr.
23	G.A. Hill	5-8	G	Fr.
25	Paul Noonan	6-7	F	Jr.
30	Tyler Young	6-8	F	Fr.
32	Zack Moritz	6-11	C	Jr.
42	Sam Hicks	6-9	F	Fr.

Coach: Greg Graham

Boise State's Thomas determined to defend his Refraction POY crown

Boise State senior point guard Anthony Thomas enters tonight's game at The Spectrum with a rare chance at defending his title of Refraction Player of the Year. The annual senior night award is given to the opposing player who is deemed to have performed the poorest of any opposing player to visit The Spectrum throughout the college basketball season.

"It's an exciting opportunity," Thomas said. "I know Jahmar Young from New Mexico State had the chance to defend it last year, but he decided to light it up for 15 points and blow the rare opportunity."

Even though poor play has been anything but a rarity this season for Thomas, he is skeptical of his chances to repeat as Player of the Year because of one player who has already put up a Refraction All-Century team performance at The Spectrum this year.

Thomas said, "I know a 1-6 shooting performance for five points did the trick last year for me, but this year is a whole new animal with how badly that douche from BYU played this year."

Thomas was referring to none-other than BYU forward Jonathan Tavernari, who came into The Spectrum this year and shot just 1-11 from the field for four points as the Aggies took Cougars to the woodshed on Dec. 2.

"My biggest concern going into this game is that if I start just mindlessly chucking shots like Tavernari did, one of two might even go in," Thomas said. "If that happens, my chances are out the window. Also if I'm not even close on the attempts, coach might bench me. It's a delicate balance of how to play that poorly and get away with. I'm confident I can pull it off though."

In All Honesty: A game preview

Boise State has opened the WAC season with a dismal 0-5 start, including a loss to Hawaii, who the Aggies dismantled by 44 points less than a week ago. Leading the way for the Broncos is senior forward Ike Okoye with 13.4 points nine rebounds per game. Guard La'Shard Anderson and forward Robert Arnold also score in double-figures for Boise State. As a team the Broncos struggle mightily from 3-point range, shooting just 31.1 percent as a team. While the Broncos look to be way down from most years, they tend to always give the Aggies a challenge as they are typically well coached. They are also typically out-coached by Stew, and given Boise's apparent lack of talent, expect a lopsided Aggie victory.

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The Anthony Thomas Timeline

The ups and downs of a marked man

March 4, 2007 - Thomas is named the WAC's Freshman of the Year, mostly by default as his numbers were much less than impressive.

March 6, 2008 - Thomas and teammates fail miserably to lock up an outright WAC Championship at home against Utah State as the Aggies storm into Boise and win by 19.

March 14, 2008 - Thomas' teammates step up huge to bail him out of his terrible performance in beating USU in the WAC Semis. Thomas yelled a storm of smack-talk to the SOW. Vendetta issued.

January 17, 2009 - Thomas lights up The Spectrum for five points on 1-6 shooting. Earns Refraction Player of the Year honors.

March 12, 2009 - Boise State loses to New Mexico State in the WAC Tournament's first round. Spectrum on Wheels gets heckling revenge.

March 12, 2009 - Shortly after losing, Thomas sits a section over from the SOW and was seen crying.

Start bribing your teachers now

The WAC Tournament first round will start on March 11 this year. Spring break is the following week, meaning you'll need to miss two days of class. Make arrangements now to leave for Reno Wednesday and be there when it all starts on Thursday the 11th. Get teachers to let you take your any tests early if you've got them. The Aggies and the Spectrum on Wheels have a title to defend and a court to storm. Don't miss it for anything.

Gameday reminders...

Could not help but notice that the amount of "You sæk fail" and "stupid" chants at Monday's game were lacking. These need to stay fresh and loud for the onslaught of home games on ESPN we having coming up in February, as well as for the sake of emotionally wrecking visiting teams.

The Petri Dish - One last jab at our friend Anthony, and some more fun with the guys who actually lost to Hawaii

#3 Ike Okoye - Transfer Wyoming

#11 Anthony Thomas - Besides being a world-class douchebag, has had rather angry messages on his Myspace page just prior to coming to The Spectrum each of the past two years. In 2008 it read, "F*** these lien a** hoes, i could give a F*** about a b****." Last year it read, "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. Committed career suicide in 2008 when he cursed out the small Spectrum on Wheels crew, including The Refraction staff, during the WAC Tournament semifinals while they were congratulating one of Thomas' teammates. We've been bothered by that ever since. Was the 2007 WAC Freshman of the Year when he averaged 5.4 points per game. Now a senior, he is averaging just 6.9 points per game while shooting significantly worse from the field than his freshman campaign. He is currently the reigning Refraction Player of the Year after last year's dismal game where he shot 1-6 from the field and had two turnovers in his first Spectrum game since the 2008 WAC Tournament fiasco. Probably the least liked player in Refraction history.

#14 Nate Larson - From Park City. 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. He has averaged 1.3 minutes played in four games this season. He's rocking zeroes across the board in the categories of points, rebounds, steals, assists and blocks. He does have a missed FG attempt and one personal foul however, both of which appear to be tremendous compliments by his standards.

#20 Sean Imadiyi - Transfer from New Mexico. Still has 67 members in "Sean Imadiyi's Lovable Band of Fans" group on Facebook. Group description is: "Don't you just love the way Sean reminds you of a black napolean dynamite and how his legs are 85% of his body? Well this is the group for you."

#23 G.A. Hill - Is listed at 5'8, 140 pounds. Expect a Gary Coleman chant if he makes it onto the court.

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

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

#42 Sam Hicks - Wants to kill "World of Warcraft" according to his Twitter and complains about how naps are cutting into his video game time.

#50 Kurt Cunningham - Has somehow managed to escape All-Refraction honors each of the past two years. Is typically brutally abused by USU's big men down low.

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