



Vol. 3, Issue 16 – Feb. 20, 2010

USU vs. Wichita State

ReSpectrum: 173-13

"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
3	Clevin Hannah	5-11	G	Sr.
23	Toure Murry	6-4	G	So.
14	Graham Hatch	6-4	G/F	Jr.
0	Aaron Ellis	6-9	F	Jr.
31	J.T. Durley	6-7	F/C	Jr.
2	Kenny Manigault	6-4	G	Fr.
4	Jerome Hamilton	6-7	F	Fr.
5	Demetric Williams	6-2	G	Fr.
11	Mason Felter	6-8	F	So.
22	Tyler Richardson	6-4	F	Fr.
24	David Kyles	6-4	G	So.
25	Derek Brown	6-5	G	Jr.
32	Gabe Blair	6-8	F	Jr.
33	Bryce Mayes	6-2	G	Fr.
41	Garrett Stutz	7-0	C	So.

Coach: Gregg Marshall

Staff of The Refraction tremendously excited about Wichita State issue

When ESPN announced the bracketbuster games back on Feb. 3, The Refraction staff got exactly what they had been hoping for. Refraction writer Matt Sonnenberg said, "Not only do the Aggies get a great match-up, but we also get a lay-up in terms of comedic value with Wichita State's nickname. This is a huge opportunity for us and we couldn't be more excited about receiving it".

The Wichita State issue comes at a great time for The Refraction's staff, who have been buried in a writing slump during the middle of conference season. "I'll be honest; we've had a couple of really crappy issues lately, and were in definite need of a big slumpbreaker," Refraction Co-founder Kraig Williams said. "The chance to play a team with such a funny nickname has given us a much-needed boost in terms of writing ideas. Really there is no limit to the jokes we can make. We can do high school humor, we can make fun of the hand signal; they sky is the limit with this one."

The visit from Wichita State represents a continuation of team's with funny names coming to play in the Spectrum, the first of which was BYU back in December.

"Cougar seems innocuous enough, but Cougar has taken on a whole new meaning in recent years" Williams said. "You hear the word 'cougar' around college-aged guys with college-aged maturity levels and I can tell you that those guys are definitely not thinking about large felines or college basketball teams that got their asses kicked in The Spectrum this year." The funny team name trend continued during the annual Gossner's holiday tournament, when Morehead State came to town, again giving The Refraction staff plenty of material to work with. "Morehead, haha... That still makes me laugh" Sonnenberg said. "Let's not forget the time we got matched up with Oral Roberts in a bracketbuster either. I wonder if the ESPN guys making these match-ups are pairing us with suggestively-named teams under the assumption that we wouldn't catch on to the hilarity of it because we're in Utah or something."

Although there is much work left to be done to put together a solid issue to break the recent writing slump, The Refraction staff is hopeful that readers will appreciate the irony of starting it off with an entire article based around excitement of playing Wichita State, while never actually mentioning their team name that makes the premise of the article relevant.

In All Honesty: A game preview

On paper, Wichita State looks like a very similar team to Utah State. They have balanced scoring, shoot the ball well, play great defense and have their starting point guard as the only senior on the team's roster. They currently are 11-5 in the Missouri Valley Conference, which is currently ranked one slot ahead of the WAC in conference RPI. If they get into their groove, they have proven to be difficult, as evidenced by an 11-point win over No. 22 Northern Iowa at home earlier this year. On the opposite end of that, they suffered a road loss at Evansville, who prior to their game had an 0-13 record in the MVC.

Their top-four scorers all average between 9.4 and 12.4 points per game, with the worst of those four shooting 35.6 percent from 3-point range. In a nutshell, they are all very capable scorers from all over the floor. The difference in the game will likely come down to who shoots the ball better as each team will play solid defense. The Shockers rank at No. 115 in the nation in both FG% and 3Pt%. USU is No. 10 and No. 1 respectively. Much depends on which Wichita State team shows up strong tonight.

Missed any issues of The Refraction?

Visit www.usustats.com/refraction for archived issues. Also, join our group & fan page on Facebook! Go to our blog at therefraction.wordpress.com

WSU radio guy makes HUGE mistake

According to a report on The Refraction's Facebook group, Wichita State's "voice of the Shockers" claimed that the Utah State crowd would have very little effect on their team because they play at loud places like Northern Iowa. He clearly has no frame of reference here since he seems oblivious to just how off the hook The Spectrum is. Something tells us that this guy and his team are in for a harsh reality check.

"I Believe" AND "Welcome to Hell"

So, the "I believe that we will win" thing is an apparent winner. Because we were all going too crazy we kind of missed out on the traditional "welcome to hell" chant right after the pre-game clock reaches zero. For this from now on, we're going to do the "welcome to hell" just a few more seconds after the pre-game buzzer, right before the visiting starting lineups are actually beginning, and then go straight from "welcome to hell" to turning our backs to the visiting team. Just keep a look out for the 1-2-3 count up front for the "welcome".

After the game, come eat at...



1633 N. Main Street

Come in to Village Inn after tonight's game and get 10% off your meal AGAIN! When every other restaurant in town is closed because of the late start to the game, Village Inn will be open late, with a discount, for you and your friends' post-game meal.

WAC Tournament Tickets

They cost \$55 for the whole tournament Order through Nevada's ticket office. 775-348-7225. Be there. Join the SOW.

The Petri Dish - Heheheh... Shockers.

- #0 **Aaron Ellis** – Originally committed to South Carolina. Decided life would be better as a Shocker than it would be as a Gamecock.
- #2 **Kenny Manigault** – Has gained 16 pounds since signing with Wichita State, which is slightly above and beyond the typical freshman-15 and also a very odd thing to put on a player's profile. According to his most recent Facebook status, his is "a big stupid head."
- #4 **Jerome Hamilton** – Has gained 30 pounds since joining Wichita State! F-you freshman-15.
- #14 **Graham Hatch** – Dad played at BYU for three years. Went on a Mormon mission, but did not have BYU on his short list of schools, presumably because he planned to actually be on his mission for a full two years.
- #23 **Toure Murry** – Is listed to have also been recruited by Fresno State.
- #24 **David Kyles** – There is a Facebook group that says if they get 700 members, David Kyles will dunk over a flat top mustang... The group only has 229 members.
- #32 **Gabe Blair** – Transfer from East Carolina University.

The Refraction is an independent and satirical publication run and paid for by students of Utah State University. For the sake of parody, satire, and laughter, the writings in this newsletter may not be entirely factual, and in some cases blatantly untrue. This publication is not associated with or authorized by Intercollegiate Athletics, Utah State University, the Western Athletic Conference, or the NCAA. The thoughts expressed in this publication do not reflect those of the entities aforementioned. All logos and trademarks in this newsletter are the property of their respective owner(s). If for any reason you are offended by what we write, please lighten up and realize that it is ok to laugh at, heckle, and emotionally psych out our competition through the same creative means that have been used for years. If lightening up is too much to ask, then please simply don't read what we publish. Please send comments, complaints, suggestions, or paypal donations to the_refraction@hotmail.com. Also visit us on Myspace and Facebook. Download at www.usustats.com/refraction