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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
11	Jacques Streeter	6-0	G	So.
0	Aaron Thompson	6-4	F	Sr.
12	Jer'Vaughn Johnson	6-6	F	Jr.
5	Gerard Anderson	6-6	F	Sr.
13	Bryce Webster	6-10	C	Jr.
3	Devon Peltier	5-11	G	Jr.
14	Jamel McGuire	6-5	G	Jr.
15	Orane Chin	6-7	F	So.
21	Robbie Robinson	6-5	G	Jr.
22	Frank Granados	5-8	G	Sr.
24	Eric Williams	6-3	G	Jr.
33	Ray Miller	6-8	F	Sr.
42	Papa Guisse	6-8	F	Sr.
	Sean Williams	6-11	C	Jr.
	Andre Hardy	6-6	F	Jr.
	D.J. Shelton	6-9	F	Fr.

Coach: Bob Burton

Titans senior plays a five-letter word in Scrabble, sets Fullerton record

A week ago, Cal State Fullerton forward Ray Miller's reputation on his school's campus was about as big-time as the 3.2 points per game he contributes to his basketball team. That all changed this past weekend when Miller and some friends sat down for a game of Scrabble that would go down in Fullerton lore.

Despite widespread national popularity, Scrabble has struggled to catch on at the academic and intellectual doldrums of Cal State Fullerton due to the board game's lofty requirements of participants needing to be able to read. On top of generic literacy, Scrabble also demands that players unscramble and formulate words on to a board while intersecting and building off of previously played words, a task far beyond the mental capability of nearly all Fullerton students and alumni. The university has seen its handful of three-letter words and even several four-letter words laid down by students and graduates over the years, but never anything more than that on a single turn. That all changed last Friday when Miller, a senior from Des Moines, Iowa, laid down the word "drink", forever etching his place in the academic history of Fullerton. It is the first known instance in school history of a five-letter word ever being played by somebody either enrolled at or graduated from the university.

The word netted Miller another school record of 24 points in a single turn with the letter "D" landing on a double-letter score tile and the entire word crossing a double-word score space. The score quickly became irrelevant to Miller and company, as they all found inspiration in Miller's word, and began drinking heavily to celebrate the accomplishment.

University officials have already begun planning a special video tribute to Miller's academic achievements for the basketball team's senior night this year based around the Scrabble word.

In All Honesty: A game preview

Cal State Fullerton, a former Big West foe of USU, was picked to finish No. 7 in the Big West this season. Early on they exceeded expectations by starting the year 3-0 including wins against UCLA and New Mexico State. However, they are just 1-4 since that hot start. The Titans boast a trio of double-digit scorers in Aaron Thompson, Jacques Streeter and Jer'Vaughn Johnson. Anchoring their middle is a one-time USU recruit in Bryce Webster, who provides a big body down low to help clog the paint for Fullerton. They shoot a solid 37.4 percent from deep as a team and have two guys coming off their bench who each add more than eight points per game this year to balance out their scoring. Weber State runs a similar system to Utah State's and was able to score plenty of points with their solid shooting yesterday against Fullerton. The real kicker was that the Titans were out-rebounded by Weber by 18. Not good for them considering USU is just as strong a rebounding team.

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A few blog shout-outs for our friends in the business of college hoops

For those of you out there looking to get a little bit more of a fix on Utah State athletics, but don't know where to look, you can thank us here at The Refraction yet again for having your back. Every one of these blogs are quality outlets of information along with having some good stuff to just enjoy reading most of the time. For once we'll stop plugging our own blog at therefraction.wordpress.com and throw out some love for the real USU bloggers out there.

"Aggieville: USU Sports" - blogs.sltrib.com/usu/index.php

Tony Jones over at the Salt Lake Tribune has taken USU coverage to a whole new level in the past couple months breaking just about every story big or small on about Utah State football and basketball. No offense to the others, but as of late, Jones has been the ace of this rotation.

"USU Aggies blog" - www.deseretnews.com/blog/25/USU-Aggies-blog.html

Jared Eborn of the Deseret News has been tearing up the USU blog scene for a while now. If news is breaking, chances are Eborn will have details and analysis.

"Utah State Insider" - utahstateinsider.blogspot.com

Not sure who it even is that writes it or if they want their identity revealed, but they've been on fire lately breaking news of football recruits and commitments. Definitely worth checking out.

"Parsing the WAC" - parsingthewac.blogspot.com

On top some pretty funny speculations about what we here at The Refraction do in our personal lives, Kevin McCarthy covers WAC basketball as well as anyone on the internet. If there's a link out there to a story on a WAC team, he'll have it on there, probably with his take on it too.

"The Mid-Majority" - www.midmajority.com

When it comes to national college basketball websites, this is as good as it gets. Accidental sportswriter Kyle Whelliston, also a friend of The Refraction, travels the country covering only the schools that really matter in the NCAA. Don't look for anything on the Duke's, Kentucky's, or Uconn's of the world, because at The Mid-Majority, they are the teams who don't matter.

The Petri Dish - This headline = our chance to shout-out to Fullerton's greatest alumnus, Jason Stewart, a.k.a. "J-Stew"

#15 Orane Chin - Is from Jamaica. Played AAU ball for the Miami Tropics, which is NOT the team from Semi-Pro starring Will Ferrell.

#22 Frank Granados - Wants to be a fire fighter after graduating.

#42 Papa Guisse - From Senegal. Backed up Nate Bendall during their time at Salt Lake Community College.

#12 Jer'Vaughn Johnson - Transfer from San Diego State. Also wants to be a fireman after graduating. Got mentally dominated by Weber and USU fans yesterday.

#14 Jamel McGuire - Didn't play basketball in high school. Brother is Dominic McGuire who played for Fresno State a few years ago. While his brother played his way into the NBA, Jamel isn't looking quite as promising with his 2.1 points per game average.

#3 Devon Peltier - Is from the Virgin Islands and his nickname is V.I.

#21 Robbie Robinson - Name is redundant.

#13 Bryce Webster - Originally committed to Minnesota, played one season there, then transferred to Irvine Valley Community College, then committed to Utah State before he decided he didn't feel like playing basketball anymore and didn't come here. Then he magically was interested in playing at a place where hard work and quality academics would not be expected of him. Expected to regret his decision very soon.

#24 Eric Williams - Chose Fullerton because "it's a good business school," which is true... as long as the business is delivering pizzas.

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