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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
3	Chaiison Allen	6-4	G	Sr.
20	Joel Smith	6-4	G	So.
22	Alwayne Bigby	6-5	G/F	So.
10	Kauri Black	6-7	F	So.
30	Ryan Pierson	6-10	C	Fr.
1	Chris Avenant	6-4	G/F	Fr.
11	Vinny Lima	6-10	F	Sr.
14	Jonathan Lee	6-2	G	So.
15	Alex Harris	6-1	G	Fr.
21	Dinko Marshavevski	6-11	F/C	So.
25	Alex Bates	6-8	F	Fr.
33	Ben Felix	6-11	C	Jr.

Head Coach: Bill Coen

Foster and Washburn vs. the rim, Boylen vs. a lack of manhood, and more.

Admittedly, much of this section is being written both in spite of Utah getting rolled in their last visit to The Spectrum on Wednesday, but also because of a lack of interesting things to say about Northeastern. Really though, it would be a shame to not talk about the shenanigans that went down the other night.

First off is the bottom side of the rim at The Spectrum, which basically made 7'3 David Foster its bitch Wednesday. The dynamics of this are a little difficult to grasp, seeing as how a guy as tall as 7'3 really only needs to stand on the tips of his toes to dunk a ball, so for Foster to have been rejected by the bottom side of the rim like he was, it seems to reflect admirably on his basketball skill set.

Along those same lines, fellow seven-footer Jason Washburn also got thoroughly pwn3d by the rim on a dunk attempt. It wasn't quite the rejection that Foster had, but he tried throwing it down with authority, only to learn that he possessed no authority and the ball landed about 15 feet behind Washburn after he clanked it off the iron.

Don't worry, we're not done with the Foster/Washburn smack... The two guys on the court standing taller than seven feet, somehow managed to combine to play 40 minutes, yet pull down just three rebounds. All the while, the generously listed 6'1 Brian Green played only 28 minutes and had six rebounds. Double the output of Washburn



winning team



losing team

and Foster. Brian Green is a freaking man.

Speaking of being a man, Jim Boylen lacks that quality. Not sure if anybody remembers two years ago, but Boylen was fired up, passionate and inspired. He wanted to fire his team up and get a win. Obviously, being in The Spectrum, he didn't, but still you could tell he cared.

This time around, Boylen just looked like he wanted to duck his head and hide for a couple hours while he went through the motions so he could get the hell out of Logan one last time. He looked both scared and completely indifferent to his team getting stomped. The whole thing with them refusing to come here suddenly makes a lot more sense... But he's still a pansy.

In All Honesty: A game preview

Northeastern is a team that looks to be in rebuilding mode from a year ago after losing five of their six best scorers from a year ago. The only returning player in that mix is senior Chaiison Allen, who brings a balanced game to the Huskies' backcourt with his averages of 16.7 points, six rebounds and 3.7 assists per game. Allen also is shooting very well from the field this season, enough so that he will be a player that the Aggies will need to contain tonight.

After Allen, there is a major drop in production for the huskies.

Wingman Joel Smith is second on the team in scoring with 11 points per game, but his shooting numbers are far less than impressive.

Behind him is big man Kauri Black, who has put up some decent numbers in most areas except for field goal percentage and personal fouls, leading one to believe that he will likely have his hands full in dealing with the duo of Wesley and Jardine.

Along that same line, starting alongside Black this season has been Ryan Pierson, who is averaging a team-worst 1.7 points per game, despite being a starter. Pierson looks to be the guy matched up on Tai tonight, which could probably be a lot of fun to watch. If a 7'3 player with no talent could not slow down Wesley, chances are that a 6'10 player with no talent will struggle just as much.

One thing to Northeastern's credit is that they have shown an ability to win the close games this season, winning their opener against Boston University 66-64 and following that up with an overtime win on the road at Southern Illinois.

Given the lack of experience though on this team, particularly in the post, it seems highly doubtful that this one will ever be close for the Huskies.

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Northeastern's Pierson blaming poor play on severe case of Bieber Fever

After three dismal games to start the season, Northeastern starting center Ryan Pierson believes he has pinpointed the cause of his lackluster production.

"There's no two ways about it," Pierson said. "I have got a wicked case of Bieber Fever."

Northeastern assistant coach Jim McCarthy said that the detrimental effects of Bieber Fever on Pierson have been an increased body temperature, body fatigue and an overwhelming lack of manliness.

"Seriously, the guy tried cranking up that One Time song in the locker room all the time," McCarthy said. "It's really tough to take a guy seriously when he's pulling shenanigans like that."

Pierson, being just a freshman, is not far off from the demographic in which Bieber's music generally reaches, which coaches believe might be some of the cause for him playing as soft as he has. The 6'10 center is averaging team-worst 1.7 points per game to go along with just more than two rebounds per game while shooting 22 percent from the field.

"Seriously, I'm not sure why in the hell I've got this guy in the starting lineup," Huskies head coach Bill Coen said. "I've tried everything from having the other guys give him heat for the whole Bieber obsession all the time, to giving him plenty of tough love in practice, and even sabotaging his iPod with stuff like Metallica, Slayer and even some Dragonforce. Nothing gives though."

Pierson's situation is unlikely to improve any tonight as USU forward Tai Wesley will likely challenge Pierson's manhood more so than anybody else yet this season.

Just for the hell of it...

Let's heckle tonight in a Boston accent. References to clam chowder and tea parties would also be welcomed. It will be one of those games where the crowd won't be at full strength, so the opposing team's players and coaches will probably hear a lot of what we have to say, as much as they'd like to pretend they don't. Might as well make them feel a bit at home during the beatdown we'll give them.



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The Petri Dish - You know what's interesting about Northeastern???

- #11 Vinny Lima - Played for the Cape Verde national team in 2008, which after much googling appears to be an actual country.
- #14 Jonathan Lee - Likes drawing and is majoring in architecture.
- #20 Joel Smith - Is a "distant" relative of former NBA great Clyde Drexler.
- #21 Dinko Marshavevski - Yes, that really is his name (try and say that 10 times fast). From Bulgaria. Enjoys watching David Letterman.
- #22 Alwayne Bigby - In high school once outscored his opponent himself 35-34.

- #30 Ryan Pierson - Sister Rachel Pierson played basketball at Depaul and Iowa State. Averaged more points than the scintillating 1.7 a game little brother Ryan is putting up. Not sure whether or not he actually is a huge Justin Bieber fan as is implied above.
- #33 Ben Felix - From Canada, which makes our first Canadian visitor (not counting Laval, because calling them a basketball team is a bit too much credit).

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