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"Getting The Spectrum compared to Cameron Indoor Stadium since 2008"

USU vs. Idaho

ReSpectrum: 136-12

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
22	Mike Hall	6-0	G	Jr.
12	Michael Crowell	6-7	G/F	Sr.
32	Jordan Brooks	6-3	F	Jr.
1	Clyde Johnson	6-7	F	Sr.
50	Luis Augusto	6-8	F	Jr.
2	Barrett Brown	5-9	G	Fr.
5	Sterling Jackson	6-2	G	Fr.
11	Mac Hopson	6-2	G	Jr.
23	Brandon Brown	6-1	G	Jr.
24	Darin Nagle	6-10	F	Sr.
25	Terrence Simmons	6-3	G	Jr.
35	Trevor Morris	6-4	G	Jr.
45	Phillip Thomas	6-8	F	Fr.
54	Mike Kale	6-8	F	Jr.
55	Sebastien Taulbee	6-10	C	Jr.

Coach: George Pfeifer

WAC now accusing Utah State students of using performance enhancers during games

With the WAC's recent crackdown on "sportsmanship", a new measure is being taken by conference officials in what will be yet another futile attempt to tame The Spectrum. WAC commissioner Karl Benson issued a statement to the USU athletic department demanding that any students in the Spectrum Student Section suspected of using performance-enhancing supplements be removed from the stadium and suspended for the following two home games. The substances now banned by the WAC include cough syrup, throat lozenges, cough drops, and aspirin for headaches from yelling too loud. "We've been suspicious of how exactly it was humanly possible that a crowd makes that much noise," Benson said. "It finally came to a point where we felt like we needed to try and address the possibility that the USU students have been using performance enhancers to raise the volume of their crowd noise." To lead the WAC's investigation, Benson has sought out former United States Senator George Mitchell, who also was in charge of the investigation of Major League Baseball's performance enhancement scandal. Mitchell said, "I'm not sure how exactly Mr. Benson expects me to differentiate between situations where cough syrup is used to assist in ailing an illness or if it was to sooth the throat of a rabid superfan who's been yelling non-stop. I think Benson is just a little bitter that the Utah State fans rattled the kids from his alma mater Boise State, and is trying to punish them any way he can. I think Benson is soon going to realize that no matter how hard you try, you can never tame The Spectrum." George Mitchell knows his stuff.

Jim Rome bashes New Mexico State students on national TV

In his "Final Burn" segment on ESPN's Friday airing of "Jim Rome is Burning", Jim Rome bashed the students of New Mexico State for their "Nice shot @\$\$hole" chant. Exact quotes were not recorded, but in a nutshell Rome bashed on the NMSU fans for having the least clever chant in the history of sports. The chant is what pushed the WAC to address the issue of "sportsmanship" by banning certain chants. This mention on ESPN pushes New Mexico State to a 6-0 lead over Utah State in the number of national embarrassments this season.

Matt Nelson gets "Spragginsed"

Just about the time that the Spectrum crowd declared ownership of Boise State's Matt Nelson, Tai Wesley was treating Nelson about the same way that Deundrae Spraggins treated Hawaii's Riley Luetgerodt. Nelson attempted to quiet the Spectrum by forcing up a shot right after the crowd ganged up on him chanting his name. Nelson made a move to create separation from Aggie center Gary Wilkinson, only to be embarrassingly stuffed by Tai Wesley on the shot attempt. The Spraggins block has developed into it's own terminology as some students have referred to a player getting swatted THAT hard as "getting Spragginsed". Matt Nelson very much got Spragginsed by Tai Wesley on Thursday night. Nelson stayed rattled by both the crowd and Tai Wesley as he scored only 11 points, over five points below his average, and turned the ball over four times in the game.

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Carroll two points from the top

Jaycee Carroll teased us all on Thursday night by scoring 29 of the 31 points he needed to become the all-time scoring leader at Utah State. 19 of Carroll's 29 points came in the second half, including a three-pointer in the last minute that nearly shook the building down. He now stands two points from 2,128 points and first place all-time. Let him hear it tonight

In All Honesty: Idaho is still Idaho

Idaho brings a team to The Spectrum that might be able to give the back end of the Aggies' bench a decent game. Idaho is a team who last season won a total of four games, and in one matchup with Utah State had no answer for Aggie scoring machine Arvydas Vaitiekus. In fairness to Idaho, they have already equaled their win total from all of last season, even though that doesn't say much. The Vandals are led by Jordan Brooks, who averages 12.6 points, 5.7 rebounds, and 3.8 assists per game. Brooks also averages four turnovers per game. Michael Crowell shoots well from 3-point range (45.9%) and averages 9.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. If the Vandals couldn't contain Vaitiekus last year, imagine what Gary and Tai will do. And there's that Carroll kid too.

Idaho's Brandon Brown still not sure how he ended up at Idaho

Idaho junior guard Brandon Brown comes to The Spectrum on Saturday to be subjected to hellfire from fans that he never thought he'd have to face. Brown verbally committed to Utah State a year ago, but ended up signing with Idaho. "I'm still not sure how or why things ended up the way they did," said Brown. "I thought I was going to have the security blanket of never having to face that crowd in Logan, and maybe winning more than the four or five games a year Idaho wins." Idaho coach George Pfeifer has stated his joy that the Idaho program is now landing recruits that powerhouse schools like Utah State even considered.

The Petri Dish - The "you couldn't get in trouble in Moscow, Idaho if you tried" edition

- #2 Barrett Brown** - Has cousins playing football at UCLA, New Mexico, and Fresno State. Apparently got the smallest slice of his family's athletic ability pie.
- #23 Brandon Brown** - Verbally committed to play at Utah State last fall and somehow ended up at Idaho. Nobody is sure why.
- #24 Darin Nagle** - A very big fan of Jeff Gordon and is believed to have chosen the #24 because of Gordon.
- #45 Phillip Thomas** - Nickname on the team is "Tree" Not sure if that means he can't move very well, but it's a safe bet if he's playing for Idaho.
- #50 Luis Augusto** - Nickname is "Chevy". Unfortunately for him, this is OUR country.
- #55 Sebastien Taulbee** - According to his Myspace profile, his interests are "Being amazing." Sebastien apparently defines amazing pretty loosely as he has currently logged one minute of playing time, racking up one rebound and two personal fouls.

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