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USU vs. Fresno State

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The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
1	Kevin Bell	5-10	G	Sr.
12	Eddie Miller	6-3	G	Sr.
5	Dwight O'Neil	6-3	G	Jr.
21	Hector Hernandez	6-9	F	Sr.
15	Nedeljko Golubovic	6-8	F	Fr.
2	Shawn Taylor	6-11	C	Sr.
3	Jordan Ambers	5-11	G	Fr.
11	Myles Green	5-10	G	Fr.
22	Tyson Parker	6-3	G	Sr.
23	Bryan Harvey	6-5	G	So.
32	James Tchana	6-8	F	Jr.
33	Alex Blair	6-8	F	Sr.
42	Brandon Webster	6-10	C	Fr.

Coach: Steve Cleveland

The 2008 All-Refractation Team

Honoring the players who were the most rattled by The Spectrum this basketball season

All-Refractation First Team

Josh Olsen – Utah Valley State – 0-2 FG, 3 reb, 3 ast, 0 pts, 0 TO

Olsen's first shot of the game was an airball, which he obviously heard from the crowd. Less than one minute later, Olsen attempted to silence the crowd by pulling up for a 3-pointer only to airball that shot as well, sealing his spot on the first team.

Calvin Johnson – Santa Clara – 0-2 FG, 2 reb, 1 ast, 0 pts, 0 TO – fouled out

Johnson came into the Spectrum averaging 12.8 ppg on the season before putting up a goose egg in Logan. He never recovered from the shame of the "airball" and "right, left, right, left" chants of The Spectrum, averaging just 3.4 points per game in 20 games since then.

Justin Hawkins – New Mexico State – 3-12 FG, 4 reb, 2 ast, 7 pts, 1 TO – fouled out

The Utah reject and All-WAC first teamer showed just how mentally tough he is by putting up 10 points and 3 rebounds LESS than his season averages before fouling out to cap of his night.

Chris Devine – UC Santa Barbara – 1-8 FG, 1 reg, 1 ast, 2 pts, 3 TO

Devine's performance may be the most under-the-radar performance on the first team, mostly because we never noticed him out there. Devine averages a very solid 12.4 points and 5.1 rebounds per game while shooting over 50 percent from the field... Numbers that he wasn't even close to in The Spectrum.

Matt Nelson – Boise State – 5-9 FG, 6 reb, 4 ast, 11 pts, 4 TO

Nelson is statistically the worst player on the first team, but much like fellow first-teamer Josh Olsen, Nelson tried to prove his worthiness when The Spectrum crowd was picking on him. Nelson tried to score making a move around Gary Wilkinson, only to be rudely introduced to, mercilessly swatted, and emotionally destroyed by Tai Wesley. Look it up on Youtube.

2008 Refraction Player of the Year

Jahmar Young – New Mexico State – 2-12 FG, 0-5 3PT, 2 reb, 1 ast, 4 pts, 1 TO

New Mexico State freshman Jahmar Young came to The Spectrum this year fresh off of both a 33-point performance two nights prior at Boise State and an arrest for exposing himself to a woman and offering money for sex earlier that week. Facing hostility worse than anything he could have ever imagined, including the now infamous "keep your pants on" chant, Young dropped an impressive four points on the night. Not only did Young airball his second shot of the game, but he kept shooting all night long, and he kept on missing... all night long. His combination of outstanding performance and legal troubles to make fun of make Jahmar Young your 2008 Refraction Player of the Year!!!

In All Honesty: Last year = total fluke

Fresno State is a pretty good team... at home where they are 10-5 but unfortunately for them they don't play at The Spectrum and their road record is an appalling 2-11 with victories over cupcakes Winston-Salem and Louisiana Tech and loses at powerhouses like Idaho and Sam Houston State. Fresno is lead by their guard play with senior Kevin Bell leading the team with 18 points and six assists per game. Senior Eddie Miller also chips in with 15 points a game. The Bulldogs live and die (more often they die) at the 3-point line and could make things interesting if they get hot from back there. Don't hold your breath though. Expect the Aggies to send the seniors out on top with an undefeated home season.

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All-Refractation Second Team

<u>Mike Hall</u>	<u>Idaho</u>	<u>0-3 FG, 0 reb, 1 ast, 0 pts, 1 TO</u>
<u>Mike Josseland</u>	<u>Southern Utah</u>	<u>1-4 FG, 2 reb, 0 ast, 3 pts, 5 TO</u>
<u>Robert Jarvis</u>	<u>Oral Roberts</u>	<u>3-11 FG, 0 reb, 1 ast, 9 pts, 4 TO</u>
<u>Derek Wright</u>	<u>Austin Peay</u>	<u>2-9 FG, 0 reb, 2 ast, 4 pts, 2 TO</u>
<u>Riley Luettgerodt</u>	<u>Hawaii</u>	<u>6-13 FG, 6 reb, 4 ast, 16 pts, 4 TO. (Block of the year)</u>

All-Refractation Coach of the Year

Roger Reid – Southern Utah - With the well-mannered behavior (in comparison obviously) of preseason favorites Dick Hunsaker and Mark Fox, Reid was the head coach that most crumbled this year as evidenced by his inability to keep from shouting back towards his hecklers.

The Petri Dish – The "last year was a fluke and you know it" edition.

Team – The official team website lists five of their players as having been recruited by likes of UCLA, USC, Florida, etc. Interesting that a team of so many big time players who stuck to their love for Fresno State haven't been able to keep their record over .500. Also, in what can only be assumed to be out of fear of our heckling, not a single player on Fresno State has a Myspace page. Top recruit Rekalin Sims, a transfer from Kentucky, quit the team. It is a move that we can only conclude to be an act of desperation to avoid playing in The Spectrum

Coach Steve Cleveland - Coached BYU from 1997 to 2005 with minimal success. Also said he'd come to a post-game party in Logan after the game last year but flaked

#1 Kevin Bell - Says he chose Fresno State because of its fans, and we can only assume regrets that decision after coming to the Spectrum.

#22 Tyson Parker - Uncle is coach Steve Cleveland.

#33 Alex Blair - Started college career at Dixie State, where he averaged a staggering 5.8 points and 3.5 boards per game, which apparently is enough to get you to Fresno.

#21 Hector Hernandez - Ok seriously... this isn't a joke... He claims his favorite athlete to be Eduardo Najera.

#32 James Tchana - No dirt him, but instead a pretty incredible story worth mentioning about one of the most hardcore and heroic things you'll ever hear... see below.

On Dec. 31, 2003, Tchana was a passenger in a 15-person van that flipped over on a rural North Carolina highway. En route to Charlotte, the crash occurred and Tchana suffered eight broken ribs, a cracked sternum, a broken clavicle and two collapsed lungs. Induced into a medical coma, he was hospitalized for four weeks before returning for the final four games. Moments after the crash, Tchana pulled three injured passengers from wreck before collapsing.

THE BACK PAGE

The bigger the game, the bigger The Refraction

This is not the greatest page in the world... this is just a tribute

Tributes to the Seniors

Kris Clark – Kris Clark was signed on to play for the Aggies late in the spring of 2006. He came in as one of two junior college transfer point guards competing for the starting spot. Fellow JUCO transfer Mikel Watson started the opening game before Clark took over pretty much for good. When Watson went down with an injury, Clark not only shouldered the load of being the only actual point guard on the roster, but also elevated his play to a whole new level. Clark finished the 2007 season with the best assist to turnover ratio in the WAC with an assist total of 146, 13th best season assist total in school history.

Clark continued to create scoring opportunities this season averaging 6.6 assists per game so far this season, which ranks as #3 in school history. His 190 assists this season is a single season school record at Utah State. In just two seasons Clark has racked up 336 assists, #6 in school history, with the #5 spot within reach. His career average of 5.3 assists per game rank #2 in school history behind only Oscar Williams' (1975-78) 6.0 assists per game.

To top it off, Clark has nearly doubled his point per game output from his junior year, while continuing to dish out the assists in ways few other Aggies ever have.

Steve Ducharme – Nate Harris is the only player in the history of USU to be named a first-team all-conference player three times, the only player to appear in three NCAA Tournaments with the Aggies, and the all-time leader at USU in career field goal percentage.

Steve Ducharme came to USU with the task of having to fill those shoes. He didn't waste much time before making his impact felt after going a combined 17-17 from the field for a total of 38 points in just his third and fourth games as an Aggie. For the entire 2007 season, Ducharme was forced to match-up against every opponent's center, leaving Ducharme on the short end of the height comparison in nearly every game. Ducharme handled the challenge and was crucial in several big wins during the 2007 season. In 2008 Ducharme has stepped up as a road warrior logging 20-point or more in three different games away from the Spectrum.

Jaycee Carroll – To mention everything Jaycee Carroll has done in his college career would result in an endless list. While he still may move up certain lists before season's end, his current career rankings in each major statistical category go like this...

#1 in career points, #15 in career rebounds, #18 in career assists, #8 in career steals, #1 in 3PT %, #3 in FT%, #1 in career 10-point games, #1 in games played and started... And the list goes on...

Carroll is currently the #3 scorer in the history of the state of Utah, and rising. He is on pace to become only the second player in the history of the NCAA to shoot over 50 percent from both the field and the 3-point line while shooting over 90 percent from the free throw line. Twice he was named "National Player of the Week" by ESPN's Dick Vitale.

Accolades aside, Jaycee Carroll has been a player who left everything he's had out on the floor every night at The Spectrum and given every single Aggie fan countless thrills over the last four years. He's played the game the right way while always striving to be better. As a sports fan, you can't ask for anything more out of a person and a player than what you've been given by Jaycee Carroll. We're not sure anything else we try to say about him could fully do justice other than stating that tonight we bid farewell to one of the all-time greatest Aggies, and a living legend.

In Closing – All three of these players practiced and played their butts off and entertained the hell out of all of us for the last couple years. Tonight let's bring our best to send them off with one hell of a last home game at The Spectrum. We owe them at least that.

Public Service Announcement - Tonight is Autism Awareness Night sponsored by the USU chapter of HOSA (health occupation students of America) and Autism Speaks. Autism is a debilitating disorder with 24,000 new cases per year in the U.S. alone. Autism Speaks is an organization dedicated to raising money to find a cure for autism. There will be a booth set up in the concourse for anyone who wants to donate money or just to find out more info about Autism. Please come learn more if you want to and help fight Autism.

Staff Picks: Favorite Moment for Seniors

Kris Clark

Kraig - For Clark my favorite moment happens almost every game, its the look on his face when he has the ball in his hands on a fast break and you know the defender has no chance and is just going to end up looking foolish

Faf -The steal on the inbound and dunk vs. Hawaii in The Spectrum in 2007. The game was closer than it should have been with the Aggies only up six in the last minute, but Clark stole an inbounds pass in the last 30 seconds, took it to the rack, and threw it down to ice another Aggie victory.

Steve Ducharme

Kraig - It has to go down as the biggest "no, no, no... YES!" moment of all time, when with 2:48 left in OT against #9 Nevada and the Aggies down 3, Ducharme (who has 4 career 3 pointers in his 2 years at USU) hit a game tying triple to help the Aggies win.

Faf - No doubter on this one... the 3-pointer in overtime vs. #9 Nevada. The Aggies were down by 3 with Nevada looking like they might escape with a win when Steve took one of the most ballsy shots of all time and NAILED IT!!! Aggies win, students storm the court, Steve gets hoisted...

Jaycee Carroll

Kraig - So many favorites to choose from, I give an honorable mention to his MVP performance in the Big West Tourney his freshman year, and too many big shots in close games to count but I'm going with the easy one, the 3 pointer against Idaho to become the all time leading scorer. That one shot is a tribute to just how great a player he was and 50 years from now when my grandchildren are going to USU its the one moment I will point back to and tell how I was there when #20 became the greatest.

Faf - For me, it's the entire 44-point game vs. New Mexico State in 2007. The day before that I watched from a bar in Chicago as my beloved Chicago Bears lost the Super Bowl, leaving my emotions as a sports fan in shambles. Five hours of flight delays the next morning didn't help much either, and an Aggie loss to New Mexico State might've been the end of me. That performance in that game couldn't have come at a better time for me, and was the ultimate post-Super Bowl loss pick-me-up.

The story of "The Refraction" – How this all came to be...

This whole thing started because two dudes by the names of Kraig Williams and Matt Sonnenberg (better known as Fafner) had a random conversation on MSN messenger about how to try and get The Spectrum rocking harder. Motivated by both our love for Aggie Basketball and our spite towards all the dorks who keep writing letters to the editor in The Statesman about how evil our student section is, we got to work on this random idea thinking that maybe 30 or 40 people would be into it. Without ever really stopping to doubt if we should do it, we just did it. A couple days later the issue for the first home game was ready to print. All we really wanted to do was coordinate the chaos of The Spectrum, give people something to read and laugh at before games, and get a one-up on all the people who naysay the greatness of The Spectrum. We feel like we've taken care of business.

A thanks to everyone from Fafner and Kraig

Season one in the books... It's been an absolute blast! It's been a lot of hard work and long hours spent trying to make each issue the best it can be, but it's all been worth it. The only glory we want to reap from all of this is to see The Spectrum at it's absolute best for EVERY game, and the only place we can go from here is up. The most important thing now is that we don't try to just sit on our hands and enjoy what we have going for us. If we as a crowd keep trying to get better, louder, meaner, and more clever, The Spectrum will be untouchable!!! You might sweat and you should lose your voice with regularity, but there's nothing like seeing the looks of fear on opposing players' faces when The Spectrum gets rocking, and as long as that happens, the Aggies will never lose here. We'll see you all next season!!!

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Really people, if you haven't yet, get with the times. It's only the second biggest USU-related Facebook group behind the "Aggie Basketball Fans" group. Join the revolution!

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