



Season Preview Edition
ReSpectrum: 142-12

"Everything you need to know going into the best time of the year in Logan, a.k.a. Basketball season"

The Roster

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
4	Clint Lee	6-5	F	Jr.
5	Pooh Williams	6-3	G/F	So.
11	Skyler Halford	6-1	G	Fr.
12	Deremy Geiger	5-10	G	Fr.
13	Rich Sirju	6-2	G	Jr.
14	Stavon Williams	6-3	G	Jr.
15	Modou Niang	6-10	C	So.
21	Jared Quayle	6-1	G	Jr.
22	Brady Jardine	6-7	G/F	Fr.
23	Dominique Cooks	6-3	G	Fr.
24	Tyler Newbold	6-4	G/F	So.
25	Jaxon Myaer	5-9	G	Fr.
42	Tai Wesley	6-7	F	So.
44	Matt Formisano	6-8	F	So.
55	Gary Wilkinson	6-9	F/C	Sr.

Coach: Stew Morrill

Just what exactly is this thing you're looking at?

"The Refraction" is a piece of paper that a couple of die-hard fans (with a little writing talent and tons of free time) make for every home game. It's intended to be both funny and informative for you to laugh at and learn from in order to make life difficult for visiting teams.

Normally in this spot you will see a parody news article pertaining to that night's game, and more often than not, you will laugh your ass off (assuming you have a sense of humor). At the bottom of the page, you will normally find whatever dirt we dig up on opposing players. Finally the box left of here will have the visiting team's roster for your own personal heckling purposes. "The Refraction" will serve as guide to the highest quality of heckling possible.

What you need to know about Utah State Basketball

In a nutshell... It is the best part about going to school here. USU has the fifth-best winning percentage of any team in the nation over the past nine years. In that same nine-year span, USU is one of only three teams in the country to win 23 games or more each season. Head coach Stew Morrill last year became the all-time winningest coach at Utah State. He can pretty much do no wrong. Oh, and there's that whole 142-12 record at home in the decade he's been here.

What you need to know about The Spectrum

This place is nutty. To put it plainly, Utah State does not lose at home. For opposing players and coaches, the Spectrum is the last place they ever want to play. This is because the Student Section is as loud, as mean, and as intimidating a crowd that there is in the entire West. Going to games just to watch is not an option. It is a team effort between the players, coaches, and crowd to kick the extravagant amounts of ass that we kick. There aren't many things better in life than the looks on opposing players and coaches faces' when they finally get the full wrath of the Spectrum. Last year in the first season we did The Refraction USU had an undefeated season (17-0) at home. We at the Refraction would prefer that we keep that streak going another year. Get loud, get crazy, wear blue, and keep the tradition going.

Want to read more of The Refraction?

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Top 8 - Spectrum "Do's"

1. Be LOUD!!! - Seriously, this is the biggest thing by far. Get loud and everybody wins (except for the other team). The louder you get, the more you can be the reason opposing players can't sleep at night. While USU is on DEFENSE, get especially loud. If we're not rattling opponents, we're not doing our job. If you're not losing your voice by halftime, you are not being a team player.
2. Wear Blue - This should be a no-brainer. Just wear a gameday shirt. Pretty much as long as it's blue and says "Utah State" on front you're wearing acceptable attire, but we still suggest the gameday shirt. Not wearing blue just kinda looks crappy, and everybody will hate you for it. No blue = no Refraction.
3. Don't just stand there - There's plenty of established tradition at games for certain things to do or chant in certain situations. If everyone is chanting "defense", you better chant it too. If people are chanting "Keep your pants on" to a certain player and you don't know why, chant it and ask questions later. If you think our fans are too mean to other teams, you are a boring minority with no perspective.
4. Get there early - Forget about decent seats if you show up past 6:30.
5. Leave past allegiances at the door - Neither BYU or Utah can even come close to what Utah State has for a basketball crowd. Not to mention, they offer classes at their schools that you could've gone to if you wanted to be a fan of them. You'll make a lot of enemies real fast if you try and break this rule.
6. Go to nearby road games - If it's less than a two-hour drive you should be there. It's a beautiful thing when USU brings more students than a home team does. It happens more often than not.
7. Keep being loud - See item No. 1. Your voice will recover later.
8. Read "The Refraction" - Seriously, you'd be crazy not to.

Top 8 - Spectrum "Do Not's"

1. Don't throw stuff on the floor - Certain lines can't be crossed. This is one of them. NEVER throw anything. Stew will get angry.
2. Don't cross the line - Keep the heckling respectable. Basically, nothing racial.
3. No "Overrated" chant - It's backfired before. It sucked. It's retired at the Spectrum.
4. Don't suck at having TEMPO!!! - For some reason people LOVE to speed up chants, which leaves everyone out of sync and out of breath. Chill out and take it slow.
5. Don't save seats - Nobody cares that your three friends will be there right after tip off when everybody else came early for a seat.
6. Don't be too cool for anything - Sing the fight song, do the Scotsman, chant the chants.
7. Don't do the wave - At least not often.
8. Don't stop believin' - Hold on to that feelin'.

Players you need to know (and our personal opinions on them)

- #55 Gary Wilkinson** - In a nutshell, Gary is the man this year. He will be the man this season. He'll get most of his buckets down in the post, but had the alley-oop play called for him a couple times last year (and it was glorious!)
- #42 Tai Wesley** - He'll pretty much score as many times as he shoots it from the post. He also got his fair share of blocks last year. Is believed to be able to kill a man just by making eye-contact (if he feels like it).
- #24 Tyler Newbold** - Does everything good, and everything else great. Should have major breakout year statistically this season. Leave him open for 3... see what happens.
- #5 Pooh Williams** - Is destined to one-day throw down what will likely be the greatest dunk anybody ever sees in The Spectrum. He's also a lockdown defender and a freak athletically. We just can't wait for that destiny to be fulfilled.
- #15 Modou Niang** - Is big, tall, and will likely block everything that comes his way. The rest of his game is still a work in progress, but if that comes around this season, he's likely to make a lot of opposing fans cry.
- #44 Matt Formisano** - Comes off the bench and gets the job done. Plain and simple.
- #21 Jared Quayle** - Is likely to see a lot of time at PG in his first year at USU. Ranked 5th in the nation in points per game at junior college last year. His other stats were pretty freaky good too. Has a good chance to be a star.
- #25 Jaxon Myaer** - Redshirted last season, and is likely to split PG duties with Quayle. Don't know much other than he looked pretty good in the blue and white game last year and should be able to light it up from 3-point land.
- #22 Brady Jardine** - Has a video on Youtube of himself playing in high school that is pretty entertaining (to say the least). Freshman are never a sure thing to make immediate impacts, but it's not out of the question either. Stay tuned
- #14 Stavon Williams** - Rumored that he can hit the hell out of a softball. We don't know much else just yet.

Section F (Behind the basket)

This is generally the nuttiest collection of fans in the building. It also is behind the basket where opposing teams shoot their free-throws in the second half of every game. There is a set of coordinated distractions (or plays as we call them) behind the basket that everyone needs to know. Just to give a heads up, there will be a kid on the front row that will yell out orders as the opposing player is lining up for his shot. We crunched numbers and found that opposing teams shoot about 7-8 percent below their season FT% when they play in the Spectrum. To put into context, an 8 percent drop would knock the No. 2 FT% team in the nation nearly out of the top-150. Just listen to the guy making an idiot of himself in front to yell out the play calls, and do what everyone else does. Or don't, and help the other team.