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USU vs. New Mexico State
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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2009"

The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
13	Hernst Laroche	6-1	G	Fr.
22	Jonathan Gibson	6-2	G	Jr.
1	Jahmar Young	6-4	G	So.
31	Wendell McKines	6-6	F	So.
32	Hamidu Rahman	7-0	C	Fr.
0	Tray Britt	6-3	G	Jr.
15	Kelly Merker	6-4	F	Sr.
21	Makhtar Diop	6-0	G	Fr.
23	Terrance Joyner	6-2	G	Fr.
24	Robert Lumpkins	6-6	F	So.
33	Troy Gillenwater	6-8	F	Fr.
34	Aaron Castillo	6-4	G	So.
50	Chris Gabriel	6-11	C	Fr.

Coach: Marvin Menzies

In All Honesty: A game preview

In a nutshell, New Mexico State is a super-talented group of basketball players that in no way, shape or form resemble an actual basketball TEAM. They possess the WAC's leading scorer and 3-point shooter in Jahmar Young, as well as top rebounder Wendell McKines yet stand at just 5-4 thus far in conference play and 11-11 on the season. Utah State won the first match-up of these two teams weeks ago in Las Cruces by a score of 77-67; USU's first win at New Mexico State since joining the WAC. Despite poor coaching and teamwork, New Mexico State can manage to hang in games based on the natural talent of athleticism of their players. In the first meeting Utah State simple beat them with true team basketball, using just about every element of teamwork to pull out the win. New Mexico State would have to suddenly gel together in a way not previously seen by them to win tonight. Such a thing is very unlikely to happen in the toughest arena any of their players will ever play in.

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President Obama in negotiations to sell New Mexico back to Mexico

President Barack Obama has made no secret about taking steps towards his promise for change in unusual and unprecedented ways early in his presidency. Perhaps the most drastic change came about when Obama announced that the United States was offering to sell the state of New Mexico back to Mexico to ease economic woes and help fund finance bailouts.

Press secretary Robert Gibbs rhetorically asked, "Would anyone really miss it?" After not a single hand was raised in the packed White House press room, Gibbs continued by saying that the President is looking to be innovative with new sources of revenue for the country without increasing taxes for the middle class.

"We figure we can balance out the number of 50 states by just adding Puerto Rico to the mix," Obama said. "How many times have you ever had one of your friends say they were going to New Mexico when you asked where they were going on their vacation? I've heard Puerto Rico as an answer plenty of times. Hell, people even go to the old Mexico over the new one."

Furious over the news of his state being put up for sale, New Mexico governor Bill Richardson plead his case to Obama in an emotional video conference between the two. "You can't just offer up our entire state and the near two million residents to Mexico like we're nothing," Richardson said. Obama replied to Richardson's plea with an emphatic, "YES WE CAN!!!"

Recently talks have stalled as it appears that nation of Mexico doesn't really want New Mexico either. "We've made our final offer," said Mexican President Felipe Calderon. "If President Obama doesn't take 500 pesos, some illegal fireworks and a donkey show for that land, he's a fool!" Amazingly, Calderon's final offer is worth far more than the state of New Mexico's total appraised value. No word yet on how this could affect New Mexico State University's future status in the Western Athletic Conference, not that they've been very impressive anyway.

The Refraction e-mail inbox What people are writing in to say

Dear Refraction,
Huh? What?? Seriously I can't hear a damn word you're saying. My ears are still ringing.
- Every person at last Thursday's game.

I don't care what anyone says, the crowd was not a factor. Sure my team crumbled as soon as it got a little rowdy. It was just coincidence though. The crowd had nothing to do with it.
- Mark Fox

Somebody please remind New Mexico State that they are WAY behind their yearly quota for sending customers our way.
- Las Cruces County Jail

Rest assured Logan citizens, we are doing everything we can to assure that Mr. Young's pants are in fact kept on at all times.
- State of New Mexico Probation Board

Tribute to greatness: Jahmar Young 2008 Refraction Player of the Year

Tonight's guest of honor at The Spectrum will be none other than the player who was voted on by the staff of The Refraction as the most rattled opponent to grace the Logan hardwood over the entire 2007-2008 season. Our primary focus here at The Refraction is to inspire the Aggie student section towards mentally destroying opponents in the same ways that have been done for years, as well as new and innovative ways of emotional domination. For this reason, we take pride in seeing players crumble under the heat of a hostile crowd. That player last season was New Mexico State's Jahmar Young. Young came to Logan fresh off the best game of his life and proceeded to have the worst game of his life. Young was the recipient of the now legendary "Keep your pants on" chant and should receive more of the same in tonight's game.

The Petri Dish - The, "Wait, why the hell haven't any of these guys been arrested yet this year" Edition

Coach: Marvin Menzies - Multiple sources reported that after his first ever game against USU in The Spectrum last year, Menzies said that The Spectrum was every bit as tough of a place to play as Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium, only that Aggie fans were way more clever than Duke fans. Menzies also had little problem last year with letting some of his players play despite some serious pending criminal charges. He bears a freakishly similar resemblance to morning TV show weatherman Al Roaker. He is hailed as an excellent recruiter of talent, and in his career at New Mexico State has shown this to be very true. He also has shown a staggering inability to coach his players into playing anything that even closely resembles team basketball.

#0 Tray Britt - Myspace headline reads, "WHAT DON'T BREAK A N****, MAKE A N****!!!" Tray is expected to break.

#1 Jahmar Young - Young may have a new number this year (#3 last year) but we still remember him for his performance in last year's game in The Spectrum that earned him the honor of Refraction Player of the Year. After scoring 33 points on Boise State two nights earlier, Young came into The Spectrum and shot a miserable 2-12 from the field for a total of FOUR points, crumbling under the pressure of a "keep your pants on" chant. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Let's give him the chant again. Also, in case anyone was wondering, Jahmar accepted a plea deal to his indecent exposure charge last summer. Part of his probation is a court order to refrain from partaking in alcoholic beverages. Any and all spiteful invites to parties or bars offered to Jahmar are encouraged. Possibly a "On Probation" chant, just to keep with the times.

#23 Terrance Joyner - Myspace headline reads, "Staring at Life through my rear view" which is ironic considering Utah State is doing the same thing to the rest of the WAC right now. Terrance is also friends with most of the UCLA team on Myspace, unfortunately for him he wasn't good enough to play for the Bruins.

#24 Robert Lumpkins - Claims to be the "one and only" on Myspace... There are three other registered Myspace users with the name "Robert Lumpkins".

#34 Aaron "Gordo" Castillo - The two time high school player of the year in New Mexico decided to say in Las Cruces for reasons nobody can quite understand.

#50 Chris Gabriel - Is majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. Is getting a very good example of what NOT to do by living in Las Cruces.

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