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USU vs. Utah

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The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
5	Luka Drca (Susp)	6-5	G	Jr.
11	Lawrence Borha	6-3	G	Sr.
15	Carlton Brown	6-5	G	So.
14	Kim Tillie	6-10	F	Jr.
50	Luke Nevill	7-2	C	Sr.
1	Jordan Cyphers	6-4	G/F	Fr.
2	Jace Tavita	6-4	G/F	Fr.
3	Chris Hines	6-1	G	Fr.
10	Tre Smith	5-10	G	So.
21	Shaun Green	6-8	F	Sr.
30	Josh Sharp	6-7	F	Fr.
31	Jonathan Downie	6-8	F	Sr.
32	Tyler Kepkay	6-0	G	Fr.
42	Jason Washburn	7-0	C	Fr.
45	Morgan Grim	6-8	F	So.

Coach: Jim Boylen

Boylen uses jet engines to simulate Spectrum noise

University of Utah coach Jim Boylen took an unusual step in preparing his team for tonight's game by running team practices last week in front of a jet engine. "Giacoletti practiced with loud noise coming from the speakers," Boylen said of the previous Ute head coach. "How well did that work for him, huh?" On top of being the inspiration for Boylen's idea, Giacoletti used his new connections as an employee at the Spirit of the Red Horse gift shop at SLC International to get the team some practice time out on the tarmac. "I just felt compelled to help Jim out," Giacoletti said. "I still have a ringing in my ears from the last time we played there. F***** Chaz Spicer... I gotta go though. These customers aren't going to help themselves." In a surprising turn, airport cargo loader, and former BYU center, Trent Plaisted assisted Boylen in running with the Utes' scout team during the week's practices.

With Apologies to Dick Harmon.

In last issue's Petri Dish, we referred to Dick Harmon as BYU's "resident douchebag media fanboy." While that statement still holds plenty of water, it seems as though Dick is flirting with the dark side all of the sudden. Harmon, who is generally the most shameless of BYU biased writers, gave the USU crowd our due credit following the game at the Energy Solutions Arena. Harmon said...

"The Aggie student section killed the BYU side. They arrived earlier and were louder. It was like USU students came wired for an organized, orchestrated cage fight with a script. BYU's side sounded like they were at family home evening without a lesson plan leader."

While we're not quite ready to totally give Harmon exemption from any possible future jabs, we figure that his excellent wording in describing our dominance of that day is good enough for us to officially rescind the previous jab. That said... Dick, we're sorry.

In All Honesty: A game preview

Utah's team so far this year could be best classified Jekyll and Hyde. They opened up their season at home with a loss to Division-II Southwest Baptist, then rattled off five straight wins against a couple decent teams, then lost three straight, one of which was to Idaho State. One thing the Utes have is height, and lots of it. The Aggies will have to work hard to get good shots off tonight, but as long as they hit those shots they should be in good shape. The turnover margin may be the determining factor in tonight's final score, also whether or not Utah big man Luke Nevill decides to actually play hard will be a big factor. Nevill can dominate the paint if he wants to, but he also is somewhat of a mental midget. Let him hear it.

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While we were away... A Spectrum on Wheels (SOW) recap

Dec 6. BYU - So the Aggies proved to be mortal. We were minus-8 in turnovers, shot 22% from deep and still only lost by five to a pretty good team. We also learned that BYU fans made a futile attempt at copying The Refraction called "The Counteraction". They used our same layout and same font, but were severely lacking our same wit, humor, and ability to not suck. It could only be described as an "Epic Fail", but then again nothing else could've been expected from them. Our crowd was nothing less than epic, and even the biggest of BYU homers knew it.

Dec 13. UVSC - Who doesn't love a good road blowout against an insignificant in-state team? Despite UVSC and their best efforts from their newly named student section "The MAWL" (Mighty Athletic Wolverine League for those of you scoring at home), the Aggies cruised in this one. The SOW rocked hard enough to force UVSC coach Dick Hunsaker to call a timeout to quiet the visiting crowd on three different occasions. UVSC fans also showed to have quite a knack for throwing up the double birds at USU fans... Haven't quite grasped the winning thing yet though.

Dec 17. Southern Utah - Somehow, despite a blizzard and a five-hour drive, the SOW brought as many students as SUU did. Also for some reason the big men were not allowed to defend that night. Aggies still win.

Dec 20. Idaho State - Memo to Idaho State: Your arena sucks. Your team wasn't too shabby, but you're still Idaho State, and the SOW outnumbered your home students. We were handed tin-foil wrapped potatoes by ISU's mascot at the game, which completely upheld every stereotype out there about the state of Idaho. In fairness, at least they realize what they do well. **We play good basketball. They grow good potatoes. Everybody wins! (Except the Bengals)**

The Petri Dish - Repeat business... we've been here before with these kids.

Team - Opened the regular season at home with a loss to Division-II Southwest Baptist

#5 Luka Drca - Suspended for tonight's game for intentionally tripping Oklahoma's Blake Griffin while running up the court next to him. Drca's actual quote to the media when asked about the suspension was, "I tripped a guy. I didn't mean to, but like, I just wanted to win the game." On Utah's official website profile of him, under the "Boylen's Take" section, Boylen said if Drca, "Luka has taken ownership of the seven pillars of our program and has become our leader on the floor. I expect he will make everyone around him better in 2008-09". Whether or not the team has become better at tripping opponents this season remains to be seen.

#11 Lawrence Borha - Really enjoyed his last trip to The Spectrum lighting everyone up for 2 points and 5 turnovers in 21 minutes of play two years ago.

#14 Kim Tillie - Is from France, which gives you all more than enough ammo with which to heckle him. Signs and taunts in French are highly encouraged.

#32 Tyler Kepkay - Is from Canada, which gives you all more than enough ammo with which to heckle him. A Junior College transfer from College of Eastern Utah. School choices came down to Utah State or Utah. Tyler chose wrong. Make sure he regrets his decision.

#42 Jason Washburn - Freshman from Battle Creek, Michigan lists his hometown on his Myspace as "Mormon F***** Central". Unconfirmed rumor suggests that he chose Utah because Luke Nevill might be the only big man in the country that looks goofier than Washburn, thus allowing Jason to feel a little bit better about his own personal appearance.

#45 Morgan Grim - Nickname is predictably "The Reaper".

#50 Luke Nevill - Best described as a homeless man's Andrew Bogut. Nickname is "Nifty". Makes Coby Karl look stunning in comparison. Look-a-likes include Lurch from The Addams Family, Skeletor from He-Man, and Beaker from The Muppets. Despite being 7'2 with good offensive skills, isn't considered as an NBA prospect at this time because he's as soft as a roll of Charmin toilet paper. Enough heat from the Spectrum and he should crumble under the pressure.

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