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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

USU vs. Nevada

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The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
23	Armon Johnson	6-3	G	Jr.
0	Brandon Fields	6-4	G	Sr.
3	Joey Shaw	6-6	F	Sr.
5	Luke Babbitt	6-9	F	So.
44	Dario Hunt	6-8	F	So.
1	Patrick Nyeko	6-6	G	Fr.
11	London Giles	6-3	G	So.
12	Keith Fuetsch	5-11	G	Fr.
14	Marko Cukic	6-9	F	Fr.
20	Ray Kraemer	6-4	G	Sr.
21	Malik Story	6-5	G	So.
31	Olek Czyz	6-7	F	So.
33	Adam Carp	6-7	F	Jr.
43	Keith Olson	6-9	F	So.

Coach: David Carter

Pau Gasol hoping Babbitt soon claims crown as NBA's ugliest person

University of Nevada forward Luke Babbitt continues to light up stat-sheets at the college level with his 21.4 points 9.9 rebounds per game this season. Given Babbitt's height, athleticism and overall softness in the clutch of big games, the NBA appears to be the next logical step for him. "We're always on the look out for tall, lumpy white guys who can shoot pretty well and are capable of playing zero defense whatsoever," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "Babbitt fits that bill to perfection."

While executives and scouts are tracking Babbitt's progress through college, no person is following the Wolf Pack sophomore more closely Los Angeles Lakers big man Pau Gasol, who is widely considered to be the ugliest person in the NBA.

"This kid has real potential," Gasol said. "I'm not sure how he projects as a basketball player in this league, but with that new shaggy hair-do of his, he's got some serious potential to finally unseat me as the ugliest S.O.B. in this entire NBA."

Although Babbitt seems like a pretty sure-fire candidate to take Gasol's ugly duckling crown, Gasol is trying to keep his expectations at bay. "I'm just hoping he actually comes out of school to the NBA this year instead of keeping me waiting," Gasol said. "About this time last year I was pretty sure that Nevill kid from Utah was gonna get an ugliness award named after him. Turns out he sucked too bad for the NBA. And what is up with all these ugly guys named Luke?"

While Gasol has played with notoriously unattractive players such as Coby Karl and Adam Morrison, neither of them have played enough to take attention away from Gasol's lack of aesthetic value. "I'm just hoping Babbitt can do something in the league," Gasol said. "All I really see of him on tape is Tai Wesley abusing him left and right. It's a bit discouraging, but at the same time I kinda just want to see how badly Dwight Howard would abuse him."

In All Honesty: A game preview

On paper, Nevada looks like they should be nearly unstoppable with three superstar caliber players in Luke Babbitt, Armon Johnson and Brandon Fields, as each of them average more than 15 points per game. Despite the star-power, the Wolf Pack haven't measured up to be what one would expect. Their past three games have included victories over Hawaii and Boise State by just six points, and a loss on the road to Fresno State. In comparison, USU beat those teams by an average of more than 30 points. Nevada is a team who likes to run, but they seem to sacrifice defense in that exchange. USU is a team that has controlled the tempo against every team they've played, including their 79-72 win at Nevada three weeks ago. The Aggies are on fire in every way whereas the Wolf Pack seem to be off their game. Don't doubt though that Nevada won't be fired up and seeking revenge in a place where it would sting USU the most.

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R.I.P Mark Fox (2006-2009)



Utah State University students lost a very dear friend on April 3, 2009 when beloved University of Nevada head coach Mark Fox accepted the head coach position at the University of Georgia. Mark was a beloved member of The Refraction family from the first day one of his top-ten ranked teams lost to Utah State. He solidified his place in all our hearts when tried fighting a referee following a WAC Tournament semifinal loss to the Aggies, also with a top-ten team.

Mark ascended to legendary status just one year ago when he said that he didn't believe crowds were a factor in the outcome of games. Then Stavon Williams scored a layup and made a 3-pointer to cause a Spectrum ruckus that 99.999% of head coaches would call a timeout to diffuse. The ever-diligent Nevada coach persisted in trying to prove crowds weren't a factor, which led to Brady Jardine swatting the hell out of Luke Babbitt. Stavon Williams hit one more 3-pointer to nearly shake The Spectrum to the ground and forever remind Mark that crowds are indeed a factor... Especially in Reno for the WAC Tournament Championship game. Mark will forever be loved and remembered for everything mentioned above, as well as for being the 2009 Refraction Coach of the Year. May he rest in peace in that Southern hell-hole.

The Petri Dish – Hoping that new head coach David Carter is as much of a mental midget as Mark Fox was

#1 Patrick Nyeko – Is from London, England. (Cheerio!) Lists helping his team to a fourth place finish in a 2009 tournament in prep school as his most exciting moment. In a related story, he is currently helping Nevada to a fourth place finish in the WAC this year. All chants his direction encouraged to be done in a British accent.

#3 Joey Shaw – Spent two years at Indiana University before transferring to Southern Idaho and then transferring to Nevada.

#5 Luke Babbitt – Won the 2009 WAC Newcomer of the Year award and was named the 2010 WAC Preseason Player of the Year. Has traditionally come up very small against Utah State, including being the victim of Brady Jardine's ear-splitting block in The Spectrum last season, getting shut down for most of the WAC Championship game last year, and lastly being abused by Tai Wesley down the stretch of the last USU-Nevada game earlier this season in Reno. Was compared by one writer to Larry Bird, which is about as accurate as saying The Refraction is like Shakespeare.

#11 London Giles – Was arrested and charged for petty larceny at a Reno area sporting goods store prior to last season. He was fined \$417.

#14 Marko Cukic – Is from Belgrade, Serbia

#20 Ray Kraemer – An incredible 82 of his 100 shots so far this season have been from behind the arc. Say it with us now... "CHUCKER!!!"

#21 Malik Story – Redshirting this season after transferring from Indiana

#23 Armon Johnson – 1st team All-WAC last year. Is shooting 15 percent from behind the 3-point line in WAC play, which is only 58 percent worse than Brian Green.

#31 Olek Czyz – Not sure if he will be on the bench, but transferred to Nevada from Duke just a few weeks ago.

#33 Adam Carp – At only .7 points per game is more like Adam Crap!!! (Get it?)

#43 Keith Olson – Transfer from Northern Arizona

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