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USU vs. Weber State

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The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
1	Damian Lillard	6-2	G	So.
23	Franklin Session	6-2	G/F	Jr.
12	Nick Hansen	6-4	G/F	Sr.
3	Kyle Bullinger	6-6	F	So.
45	Steve Panos	6-8	C	Sr.
11	Dee Crandall	6-2	G	Fr.
15	Lindsey Hughey	6-3	G	Jr.
20	Pablo Coro	6-3	G	Fr.
21	Josh Noble	6-2	G/F	Jr.
25	Byron Fulton	6-7	F	Fr.
30	Darin Mahoney	6-8	F	So.
33	Matt Washington	6-7	F	Jr.
40	Blake Davis	6-5	F	Fr.
55	Trevor Morris	6-9	C	Jr.

Coach: Randy Rahe

USU fans to celebrate Festivus holiday by airing grievances at Weber

In one of the most crucial elements of the Dec. 23 holiday of Festivus, Utah State students and alumni will air a year's worth of grievances on the Weber State Wildcats during tonight's game. The renegade holiday of Festivus, which consists of an aluminum pole rather than a Christmas tree, as well as the traditional practices of the feats of strength and the airing of grievances, is celebrated annually on what some know as Christmas Eve Eve.

"They wear purple, their home crowds suck and for the most part, all of their players are some pretty goofy looking dudes," said USU student Drew Hunter. "Is that enough grievance for ya? You want me to get started on the city of Ogden?"

Another fan chimed in voicing his frustration with top-seeded Weber State getting beaten in their first game of the 2009 Big Sky Conference tournament by a lowly six-seed.

"You go 15-1 in conference play, get a first-round bye in a conference tournament being played on your home court, and you blow it against Montana State to put one less team that USU beat into the NCAA tournament," said USU fan Mike Sheen. "Thanks for nothing."

In the spirit of the Festivus holiday, verbal assaults will be hurled towards Weber State throughout the evening, as well as the traditional feats of strength that will take place between the Utah State and Weber State basketball teams. In related news, Cosmo Kramer remains on a work strike from the bagel shop.

Bendall out for tonight's game

USU center Nate Bendall reportedly will miss tonight's game to have surgery on a minor heart condition. He is expected he will be out 7-10 days before he will be back and at full-strength. Obviously with the team being shorthanded, The Spectrum crowd will need to pick up a little slack on things and heckle a little bit more efficiently tonight, as well as Jardine, Formisano, and Modou tearing apart Weber's big men for what we hope will be career nights all-around.

In All Honesty: A game preview

In the first meeting of the season between these two teams Utah State overcame some poor shooting and a -6 turnover margin to pull off a six point victory over the Wildcats. Weber State almost overcame some even poorer shooting and -3 rebounding margin to nearly pull the upset on the Aggies. Both teams will be more experienced by this point in the year, but USU has the return of Pooh Williams to the lineup and the emergence of scoring from Preston Medlin off the bench to throw at the Wildcats. Regardless, WSU head coach Randy Rahe will have his team prepared to play, and just like they did to start the year, the Wildcats will lean on sophomore guard Damian Lillard. Lillard is averaging 18.8 points per game while chipping in just under four rebounds and assists each game. His 3-point shooting is a meager 31.7 percent, but he is as good as they come at finishing around the basket. As is the case with playing former assistants of Stew Morrill's, there's the evil twin brother effect, which means the Aggies will have their hands full tonight.

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Letters to Santa Clause

"Dear Santa, all I would like for Christmas is for Pooh Williams to stop posterizing my players."

-Dick Hunsaker (UVSC head coach)

"Dear Mr. Clause... I just want Preston Medlin's autograph. I promise I've been good this year."

-Jaycee Carroll

"Santa!! Thanks for the early present of magically making my players who didn't make grades last semester eligible. If it's not too much to ask, I'd appreciate it if you could keep the NCAA from investigating this whole thing."

-Marvin Menzies (New Mexico State coach)

"We would like just a little pass protection and occasionally a hole to run through."

-Diondre Borel and Robert Turbin

"A box of kleenex for the next time we cry during a game would be the perfect gift."

-Rory Fannon and Matt Hodgson

Athletic Director needs a favor

As many may remember, about two years ago the WAC began laying down the law on crowd behavior. In the case of Utah State, they singled out the "you suck" after an opposing player commits a foul. We here at The Refraction don't necessarily agree with this WAC rule, but due to an honest and sincere plea from our own athletic director Scott Barnes (who has been both great for USU athletics and a friend to The Refraction), we have come to the conclusion that it's about time we evolve on just this one thing. At last night's game a handful of us starting yelling the words "on you" in place of "you suck", as if to rub it in to a player that the foul is on him, rather than just remind him of the obvious. It was a temporary, on-the-spot chant, and if anybody can think of something better to throw in there, please e-mail that suggesting to the_refraction@hotmail.com and we'll try and implement it. As for now, "on you" seems to be the best bet until further notice.

The Petri Dish - Round 2

Head Coach: Randy Rahe – Rahe is a former long-time assistant coach to our very own Stew Morrill. Being a former Aggie (and possibly still one at heart) deserves our respect, but should also be made to wish he never left us for a couple hours tonight.

#1 Damian Lillard – Refers to himself as "Fly Guy" on his Myspace page. Also shares the same first name (Damien) as the son of the devil from the classic 1976 horror film, "The Omen"

#12 Nick Hansen – Nickname is "Tricky". Made his first 3-point attempt against USU on Nov. 13 this year to earn an "automatic" chant from Weber State students. He missed every one of his next seven shot attempts that game to an "automatic" chant from Utah State students.

#15 Lindsey Hughey – Nickname is "Lindzo" but either way his name still sounds like a girl's.

#20 Pablo Coro – We didn't do any research on this but is likely the first and last player from Chile to ever play in The Spectrum.

#23 Franklin Session – Nickname is "Frank Nitty".

#30 Darin Mahoney – Is second all-time in Utah high school basketball in blocks behind Shawn Bradley.

#40 Blake Davis – High school teammate of #25 Byron Fulton.

#45 Steve Panos – Majoring in "Technical Sales"

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