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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
15	Josh Watkins	6-0	G	Jr.
32	Shawn Glover	6-7	G/F	So.
21	Will Clyburn	6-7	F	Jr.
1	Jay Watkins	6-8	F	Sr.
42	Jason Washburn	7-0	C	So.
0	Chris Hines	6-1	G	So.
2	Chris Kupets	6-0	G	Jr.
3	Preston Guiot	6-0	G	Fr.
5	Jace Tavita	6-4	G	Jr.
10	Antonio DiMaria	6-6	G/F	Jr.
11	Dominique Lee	6-4	G	Fr.
13	Michael Hodgman	6-1	G	Fr.
20	J.J. O'Brien	6-7	G/F	Fr.
25	Josh Fuller	6-7	G/F	Fr.
40	Seth Tippetts	6-8	F	Fr.
41	Neal Monson	6-10	C	Fr.
51	David Foster	7-3	C	Jr.

Head Coach: Jim Boylen

Utes pulling a BYU. Refusing to continue playing USU to avoid biennial beatdown

Just when we thought Utah still had a pair, they go and pull this crap...

News broke yesterday that tonight will be the last time that we'll be seeing the Utes in The Spectrum for quite some time as Utah, coming off that stellar 14-17 season from a year ago, apparently now feel like they are too big time for things like 100+ years of basketball tradition against Utah State. In other words, the Utes want to avoid two things.

1) They don't want to get smacked around in The Spectrum every other year.

2) They're sick of their own fans looking like the embarrassment of a college basketball crowd in their own building when The Spectrum on Wheels rolls into town.

This is especially weak sauce of Jim Boylen, seeing as how tonight will be just his second visit to The Spectrum, both of which occurred during the holidays, so he hasn't even experienced our full wrath.

This only leaves us Aggies to wonder...What should we do? Should we not have smacked the

crap out of Andrew Bogut and the rest of your 2005 Sweet Sixteen team by 26 points when they came to Logan? Should we not still beaten you with our most undersized team ever in 2007 when our starting center was eight inches shorter than yours? Should we not have ripped away any hopes and dreams that your last NCAA Tournament-worthy team had of winning in The Spectrum? What should we do?

The reality is that the USU-Utah series has been pretty evenly-matched over the past ten years, with USU holding just a 6-4 edge over the Utes, which means this probably just comes down to egos... And Jim Boylen being a huge freaking pansy.

So for tonight, make this one count. Every harsh word you have for Boylen, let it rip. This will be the last chance you get. Remind him how much of a man he isn't for refusing to continue more than 100 years of tradition. If nothing else, give him hell in defense of our possession arrow that he assaulted two years ago.

Updated hierarchy of manliness (abridged version)



Chuck Norris



Richard Simmons



Jim Boylen



Dave Rose

In All Honesty: A game preview

Tonight, Utah is making its first road trip of the season, and to The Spectrum of all places in one of those "God must really hate you" moments to break them away from home for the first time. Along those same lines, in a "God does indeed have mercy" moment, the Utes will only have to face Spectrum crowd that is greatly depleted due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Regardless of crowds, Utah brings a team with some excellent size to make things difficult for the Aggies tonight, but seeing as how seemingly none of these players were relevant to the team a year ago, it's tough to have much to say.

Jay Watkins is Utah's top returning scorer from a year ago, and has an excellent combination of size and athleticism. Leading the way this year is wingman Will Clyburn, who is tearing it up so far this year, despite nobody having ever really heard of him before this year.

The Aggies and Utes have both squared off with Weber State this year, and both beat the Wildcats by double digits. Damian Lillard went all Damian Lillard on the Utes, just like he did USU, only he went off for 28 points against Utah without shooting lights out from deep like he did in Logan.

Basically, Utah is a wildcard. They'll probably be a tough match up because of their size, but who knows.

Missed any issues of The Refraction???

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Some words on BYU's scoreboard message

For those who got bent out of shape over it, take a step back and realize that we dish out plenty of sticking it to other teams, so we'd best be able to take it too. If nothing else, that's what injects the passion and hate into a college rivalry.

We should be taking this as a compliment that they're really that afraid of us. We've basically owned them in about every way over the past year. They finally got one win over us, and it was THAT close despite us missing an all-WAC center. Plus, we still win the game of life.

iCafe Sabor!

Complimentary warm spinach artichoke dip with entree purchase

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The Petri Dish - They're going to do the whole BYU thing and refuse to keep playing us... Really manly on that one Utah.

Head coach Jim Boylen - Is straight up bat-**** crazy. Assaulted the possession arrow in his last appearance in the Spectrum. Shockingly is trying to end the 102-year rivalry between Utah and Utah State, presumably because he is tired of getting beat in Logan. You can hit him up on twitter to tell him he is a pansy for not wanting to play at USU if you want @JimBoylen.

#2 Chris Kupets - sisters Ashley and Courtney were on a NCAA championship gymnastic team at the University of Georgia and Courtney even won an Olympic bronze medal in 2004.

#3 Preston Guiot - So boring that a google search for his name brings up no results.

#5 Jace Tavita - Almost decided to come to Utah State. Never let him forget the mistake he made by choosing Utah.

#11 Dominique Lee - Despite the name, there is not truth to the rumor that Dominique is actually on the lady Runnin' Utes team.

#13 Michael Hodgman - Was MVP at Los Gatos High School his junior and senior years. In Spanish Los Gatos translates to "The Gatos".

#21 Will Clyburn - Is one of the 22 people who belong in the Will Clyburn fan club on facebook. His facebook profile picture is him dunking in an empty Huntsman Center. This picture was taken during an actual game.

#25 Josh Fuller - Hometown is Rexburg, Idaho

#32 Shawn Glover - His favorite activity on facebook is "getting paid" hopefully not by the University of Utah because that would be a violation. He also lists his favorite books as "Who Cares about books, who needs them, get money

#51 David Foster - Shares a name with a Canadian singer and record producer.

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