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Utah State vs. Western Michigan

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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
5	Mike Douglas	6-0	G	Jr.
1	Demetrius Ward	6-3	G	Sr.
11	Nate Hutcheson	6-7	F	So.
33	Flenard Whitfield	6-7	F	Jr.
40	Matt Stainbrook	6-9	C	Fr.
5	Juwan Howard Jr.	6-6	F	Fr.
10	Brandon Pokley	6-4	G	So.
12	Ed Thomas	5-9	G	Jr.
15	Alex Wolf	6-0	G	Sr.
21	Shayne Whittington	6-10	C	So.
25	David Brown	6-3	G	So.
30	Caleb Dean	6-9	C	Jr.
32	Muhammed Conteh	6-7	F/C	Jr.
42	Dan Loney	6-4	F	So.
52	Nick Stapert	6-8	C	Fr.

Head Coach: Steve Hawkins

In All Honesty: A game preview

On paper, Western Michigan's numbers look strikingly similar to those of Utah State teams of the past few years. Balanced and distributed scoring, solid rebounding, and sharing the ball. There is just more than a four points difference in scoring per game between their leading scorer and their fifth highest scorer.

Leading the way for the Broncos is the duo down low of Flenard Whitfield and Matt Stainbrook. Those two are both in the top three in scoring on the team and are No. 1 and No. 2 in rebounds per game. Their combined averages are 22.2 points and 10.7 rebounds per game.

Those number, while solid, seem to pale in comparison to the combine numbers of Tai Wesley and Brady Jardine, who 23.5 points and 17.2 rebounds per game to the table.

That's not factoring in the recent play of Nate Bendall, who has been straight killing it lately with 12.5 points and 11 rebounds per game over the past two contests.

Outside of Stainbrook, nobody on the Broncos has been much of a standout shooter from the field so far this year. They have two players shooting above 35 percent from deep on the season, but not by much.

If Tai, Nate and Brady can control the paint like they so often do, Western Michigan's biggest strength will be taken away and Utah State should be able to control every other aspect of the game.

Missed any issues of The Refraction???

Visit www.usustats.com/refraction and get caught up on what you've been missing (that means you freshmen). Also join our group on Facebook for all our updates and info on coordinating the chaos that we so often coordinate.

That ok schedule strength was sure fun while it lasted...

It definitely wasn't too shabby to see solid programs like Weber State, BYU, Georgetown, and even Utah boosting up the Aggies strength of schedule (SOS) rating. Even teams like Long Beach State, Cal State Bakersfield and UVU even have decent records going for themselves.

Then came the Gossners, and along with it the current combined record of 10-21 to shoot the Aggies' SOS right in @\$\$.

And don't count on things getting much better once WAC play starts either because the conference this year is baaaaaaad!!!

At least someone left flowers at the gravesite though...That was very kind of them.



Mike Douglas won't shut up about teaching girls how to Dougie

Mike Douglas' teammates are officially sick of the Dougie.

"It's seriously everywhere we go, Mike is hollering at random girls telling them he'll teach them how to Dougie," teammate Demetrius Ward said. "It's like, we freaking get it man. You're last name is Douglas. Doesn't mean you need to advertise that 24/7."

This all comes on the heels of the popularity of the song "Teach me how to Dougie" by Cali Swag District, but the rampant overuse of references to the song by the junior guard have not

only gotten annoying to teammates, but have also seemed to become somewhat of a cockblock.

"Seriously, we chillin in downtown Kalamazoo and ran into this group of girls," Ward said. "So we're talkin to them, they seem chill or whatever, then Mike comes back from the bathroom and gets all up in their business asking if they know how to Dougie...Sure enough, those girls were gone in no time."

When asked to comment on the situation, Douglas simply responded saying, "Do you know how to Dougie?"

Things we learned and saw at day one of this year's Gossners tournament

- Troy can get seriously hot from outside, as evidenced by their 11-14 shooting from behind the 3-point line in the first half.

- Juwan Howard Jr. is ridiculously clutch, as evidenced by the 11 straight points he scored during Western Michigan's comeback from 25 down.

- Troy can get seriously cold from outside, as evidenced by their 2-9 shooting from behind the 3-point line in the second half.

- Pretty much everybody is going home from those games with a miniball or five.

- Both Western Michigan and Troy appear to really suck at defense.

- Western Michigan's Matt Stainbrook is, by definition, overweight

- Brian Green is still Brian Green, and leaving him open is a really bad idea for an opposing team.

- Holy effing shiz Brady Jardine!!!

- Different referees talk to each other and apparently are all well aware of the "Frisby incident."

WAC Standings

Team	W-L	RPI	SOS
Boise State	7-4	242	339
Fresno State	4-6	205	102
Hawaii	7-2	237	342
Idaho	6-5	251	310
Louisiana Tech	9-5	159	298
Nevada	3-8	295	175
New Mexico State	6-7	195	85
San Jose State	7-3	155	306
Utah State	9-2	54	174

Western Michigan meets Karma

It's not secret that a handful of us students like to befriend certain other teams that come during the Gossners tournament every year (especially Houston Baptist, go Huskies). Such was the case with Western Michigan yesterday as well. The Broncos however acted like they wanted nothing to do everyone in section F.

Weird how they were totally rude and unfriendly and then they got beat by a Troy team that hadn't beat a division-1 team all year... Karma pwn3d, k thx!!!

The Petri Dish - They have two coaches who seem to both get really pissed off a lot... This should be fun.

#1 Demetrius Ward - According to the team's website he is still undecided on his major. No reason to rush, he's only a junior.

#2 Juwan Howard Jr. - Believe it or not he is the son of NBA player Juwan Howard.

#30 Caleb Dean - Was a junior college teammate of Brockeith Pane.

#32 Muhammed Conteh - Originally from Gambia. According to a newspa-

per article he has an "intimidating stare" and might be crazy. In high school once attacked the opposing teams bench because of a foul.

#33 Flenard Whitfield - Name is Flenard and that is ridiculous.

#40 Matt Stainbrook - Brother plays basketball at Air Force.

#52 Nick Stapert - Member of drum line in high school ells his name.