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Utah State vs. Troy

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## "A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

### The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
1	Will Weathers	6-0	G	So.
2	Vernon Taylor	6-3	G	Sr.
3	Levan Patsatsia	6-6	G/F	So.
23	Shawntez Patterson	6-7	F	Jr.
21	Bernard Toombs	6-10	C	Sr.
5	Regis Huddleston	6-0	G	Sr.
12	Dylan Smith	6-0	G	Fr.
13	DeAndrae Ross	6-2	G	Jr.
15	Travis Lee	5-9	G	Sr.
30	Nic Combs	5-9	G	So.
33	Flynn Clayman	6-8	F	Jr.
42	Tim Owens	6-8	C	Jr.
44	Steven Cunningham	6-3	G	Jr.
	Steven Goins	6-9	C	Jr.
	RJ Scott	6-3	G	So.

Head Coach: Don Maestri

### Trojans eager for the chance to also get posterized by Brady Jardine

Following back-to-back games in which Utah State forward Brady Jardine delivered thunderous dunks over opposing players, Troy University head coach Don Maestri is thrilled at the chance to see one of his player demoralized as well.

"It's a rare opportunity to even be playing Utah State, let alone when that Jardine kid is terrorizing people who make the mistake of camping out in the paint," Maestri said. "We saw what he did Tuesday and Wednesday, so I'd be lying to say my guys weren't a little geeked up to see who it'll be that gets dunked on tonight."

Trojans wingman Levan Patsatsia is one

player in particular who thinks he's got a chance to join Idaho State's Mike Lacey and Western Michigan's Nate Hutcheson as players Jardine has posterized during the past few games.

"I feel like it just makes sense for me to be the guy who gets dunked on," Patsatsia said. "I'm an awkward, naive foreign guy playing on a crappy team. Doesn't that just seem like a perfect storm of poterizing potential for me to be in the wrong place at the right time for him?"

Lacey and Hutcheson join the entire Utah Utes basketball team as players that Jardine has been particularly unkind to this season.

## POSTERIZED



Mike Lacey  
Idaho State



Nate Hutcheson  
Western Michigan



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Troy

### In All Honesty: A game preview

If there was one thing that showed strong in the first game of this tournament between Troy and Western Michigan, it is that the Trojans can score in bunches.

We also learned that they can go absolutely ice cold. Despite leading by as much as 25 points in the second half of the first game against the Broncos, Troy went cold and blew their lead to eventually go to overtime, where they pulled out a 102-99 victory.

The Trojans have a foursome of players who are averaging double-figures in scoring per game, led by guard Vernon Taylor's 15.3 point per game output. Swingman Levan Patsatsia and the post-duo of Shawntez Patterson and Bernard Toombs are the other Trojans scoring in double figures.

Toombs chips in with a solid 8.8 rebounds per game as well.

The star of game one though was backup guard Regis Huddleston, who scored 26 points behind 8-13 shooting from 3-point range.

The Trojans' weakness however appears to be their defense, as they are allowing more than 82 points per game. They have also been turning the ball over more than their opponents this year, which will mostly likely kill them when playing a team with as good of a defense as the Aggies have.

Just about the only thing that could give Troy a fighting chance is to get as hot from deep as they were in Tuesday's game. That kind of game was once in a lifetime though, so don't bank on it.

### Missed any issues of The Refraction???

Visit [www.usustats.com/refraction](http://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.

### The Petri Dish - These Trojans could use some protection (get it?!?)

- #1 Will Weathers - Transfer from Central Florida
- #3 Levan Patsatsia - From Georgia (the country, not the state). Originally played basketball at Arkansas
- #5 Regis Huddleston - Follow his twitter @Regis747 for updates like "Gotta make sure I have lotion in Utah. Skin gonna be super tough" and "bout to go to Utah and steal these next THREE"
- #13 DeAndrae Ross - Transfer from South Alabama

- #21 Bernard Toombs - Graduated from Troy last week.
- #23 Shawntez Patterson - Transfer from Duquesne. Follow his Twitter @ Tezz\_23
- #33 Flynn Clayman - Transfer from Colorado State
- #44 Steven Cunningham - Is a transfer from Southwest Baptist University, which we all know is not nearly as cool as Houston Baptist University when it comes to Baptist universities.

### Some love for our blog/writing friends

When you're not getting your laughs from us on game day, make sure to keep up on the Aggies and the rest of the college basketball world with all of our friends in the writing business. Mainly, Kyle Whelliston at midmajority.com, Tony Jones from the Salt Lake Tribune, Kraig Williams with the Deseret News, and the good people at parsingthewac.blogspot.com.

### Lost your voice after days one and two?

GOOD! Get it in shape for the WAC Tournament. Those will be the most important days of the season, and what better place to spend them than Las Vegas? This won't be the last mention encouraging you to make that road trip, but for the rare few of you who have been here every day so far and voices are feeling it, build off of this. Strengthen those vocal cords, because you will need them when March comes.

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

- Troy is more prone to dying by the 3-pointer than they are living by it. They shot 11-50 from behind the arch Wednesday... That's right, 50 shots from deep.
- Tyler Newbold has officially broken out of his annual early season slump (weird, what satirical game day publication predicted that would happen?). He is officially feeling it lately averaging 11.5 points per game over the last four while still racking up assists.
- If Brady Jardine wants to dunk the ball, seriously just get out of his way. Doing anything else will likely end badly for you.
- Catching a water bottle and then trying to use it as a baseball bat to hit the miniballs when they're tossed into the crowd is super fun!
- Western Michigan's Matt Stainbrook is, by definition, a whiney little b\*\*\*\*.
- The USU assistant coaches approve of Fafner's mad skills (and/or brute strength) in bungee basketball. That's 3-0 for his career in that game.
- Seriously.... FIFTY 3-point attempts... Good hell Troy.