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The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	Pos	YR
1	Coleman, Marqueeze	6'3	G	SO
2	Evans, Jr., Jerry	6'8	G	SR
3	West, AJ	6'9	C	JR
4	Brown, Chris	6'11	C	JR
10	Papafloratos, Stelios	6'4	G	FR
11	Conroy, Patrick	6'2	G	FR
13	Huff, Cole	6'8	F	SO
15	Fenner, D.J.	6'6	G	FR
21	Fall, Cheikh Alioune	6'9	F	SR
23	Perez, Michael	6'3	G	JR
24	Burton, Deonte	6'1	G	SR
33	Stevens, Jr., Ronnie	6'8	F/C	JR
34	Stivrins, Lucas	6'11	F/C	SO
41	Bell, Richard	6'9	F	SO

Head Coach: David Carter

Spectrum History 2014: Prof. Lance Rasmussen

Most of the students here aren't won't be old enough to remember this, so I've decided to take you on a little history trip for tonight's game.

In 2009, when Nevada and Utah State were still in the WAC, we had a pretty bitter rivalry going with them for dominance of that conference. It went back and forth pretty hard on occasion, but never was it more evident than the 2009 game in the Spectrum. To set the scene, then Nevada coach Mark Fox made a very public statement the week before the game that crowd noise has no effect on the outcome of a game in any way. Yup. The week before coming to the Spectrum, an opposing coach literally dared our students to prove their metal here.

What happened was one of the most unforgettable moments of my life.

The game was insane. Being personally told "you don't have an impact" made a whole lot of students pretty pissed off. And it showed. Go check out the youtube video and you'll see.

The game was close, even though Nevada was supposed to beat us based on superior talent and bigger names. Stew coached a marvelous game, and with the crowd still in it we were all tied up at 45. Then amazing happened. Stavon Williams, drove the paint, made a layup, and people started getting loud. Nevada took the ball down, missed a three, and we pulled in a rebound. Brady Jar-

dine grabbed the rebound, brought it down court, and Gary Wilkinson ended up passing out of the post to Williams again, who drained a 3, putting us up by 5. In one of the most blatant shows of pride we've ever seen, Mark Fox did not call a timeout, but gave the ball to his star player, Luke Babbit, to try and settle the crowd down. Rather than that, he got swatted soundly by a flying Brady Jardine. Ball to USU, and they drive down, running a brilliant set to Williams again, who drains ANOTHER 3, lead to 8, and something happened that I still can't really understand. My ears quit working. I knew I was yelling as loud as I could, and I looked around and all my friends and the crowd had their mouths open, but I couldn't hear them. My ears decided "NOPE" and just quit working with the amount of sound that hit them. Players later said it was so loud they got dizzy. And yes, we won that game. And part of the reason why? Because crowd noise and homecourt advantage have a HUGE impact on games.

I know that the rivalry isn't as strong as it has been, and I know that our team has hit some major struggles in the past games, but if there is one thing that USU basketball has taught me, is that a season can turn around at home. That's our job. Lets make sure that we give our guys every possible advantage we can. Show that Scotsman.

In All Honesty: A game preview

So here is how we are looking at the game tonight. The Aggies have had some struggles lately. We're currently on a 5-game skid. However, this is Nevada. We don't mess around when the Wolfpack come to town.

The key to this victory is going to come by shutting down Deonte Burton. Everything about the Wolfpack's offense and defense goes through this guy. Burton averages 21 points per game and rarely even comes out of the game. Stop Burton and you stop Nevada.

Our prediction: Utah State finally rights the ship and puts Nevada in their place. The Aggies snag a much-needed 7-point win and our domination of the Wolfpack in the Spectrum continues.



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Whenever Nevada comes to town **"THE BANT"** - The "Any city anywhere is better than Reno" Edition with freaking periods or not. One or the other, not both, ya nincompoops).

We generally think of two things: the fact we own them on this court, and professional wrestling. The latter may come off confusing, allow us to explain. The late 90's era of wrestling gave home to the NWO Wolfpac, whom former WCW fans know as a fake fighting faction that shares a name - along with several goofy, cartoonish personality characteristics - with Nevada's mascot. But where they are alike in pitifulness they are very different with namesakes. You see, the NWO was lead by the likes of Scott Hall and Kevin Nash, some nomenclature-de-badassery one could set their watch to. But these Reno-dwelling fools? Just take a look:

HONORABLE MENTION:

Marqueeze Coleman (the resounding answer to the oft-tossed around question "what would it look like if we took the name Marcus and make it a cracker topping?"), **Lucas Stivrins** (if you look fast enough you'll think his name doesn't have vowels. Go ahead, try, we won't judge), **AJ West AND D.J. Fenner** (because these pipsqueaks need to have a sit-down and figure out if they're going to abbreviate

BANT INDUCTEES

Stelios Papafloratos - If you care to back track and fact check you'd earn our respect but we're pretty sure this beauty breaks the record for BANT Inductee with the most syllables. It almost doesn't seem possible. The most striking travesty in this case is this obviously Greek name belongs to a 6-4, 170-pound guard, meaning he has that monstrosity of a last name and can't even take on the "Big Papa" nickname that would so traditionally be his if he could manage to grow three inches. This is the only time we'll say this to a male of any breed, but heels dude. Take advantage. You'll thank us later.

Cheikh Alioune Fall - Nothing. We have absolutely nothing. We can't pronounce it, we can't surmise it's roots or purposes, and we certainly can't figure out why in the hell "Fall" is randomly in there. There just isn't anything coming here. Which is why this name is a deadlock. Heaven help us.

The Boo Box - We still haven't forgot when your Coach told us we don't impact games.

#24 **Deonte Burton** - Deonte actually is a really good player. Why he's playing for the Wolfpack, we don't quite know. All of that aside, we hear he is a huge fan of Vanessa Carlton, bluetooth devices and chick-o-stick. Please oh please let us hear a "chick-o-stick" chant when he's at the freethrow line.

#23 **Michael Perez** - Tweets pictures of him looking like a zombie. Also follows @abikini-aday whatever that is. Let's hope his girlfriend Ally doesn't find out about that. Yes... you read that right. His girlfriend's name is Ally. Use that against him.

#2 **Jerry Evans Jr.** - This dude has a problem with traffic tickets. He hates the fact that he got one so much, that he decided to not appear in court and was arrested for it. He was released

on \$595 bail. "Jailbird" would be a fitting chant at any point of focus on Jerry.

#3 **AJ West** - From what we've heard, this guy loves to talk trash and it's easy to get in his head. Wyoming had this guy going and you probably saw how weak (silent) their fanbase is. Never let him be near you without giving him an earful. Oh, and his twitter handle is @Access-DeniedNYC... we just... we'll just leave that there.

#Bench **Richard Bell** - This guy plays for Nevada. We think. I guess we'll use the word "plays" in a very loose sense. He averages 4.6 minutes per game. He's a "pre-journalism" major, so he never quite thinks he'll get to actual "journalism." Bell is from Sussex, England. (insert childish giggles at the word "Sussex")

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