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"Forcing the WAC to make new rules to try to keep us in line since 2008"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
22	Jonathan Gibson	6-2	G	Sr.
12	Fred Peete	6-4	G	Sr.
1	Justin Hawkins	6-7	F	Sr.
21	Wendell McKines	6-5	F	Fr.
32	Martin Iti	7-0	C	Sr.
0	Tray Britt	6-2	G	So.
2	JayDee Luster	5-9	G	Fr.
3	Jahmar Young	6-4	G	Fr.
5	DeAngelo Jones	6-3	G	Fr.
10	Paris Carter (susp.)	6-4	G	Jr.
11	Chris Cole	6-1	G	So.
15	Herb Pope (susp.)	6-8	F	Fr.
31	Hatila Passos (susp.)	6-9	C	Sr.
33	Jalen Dominguez	6-2	G	Sr.
34	Gordo Castillo	6-4	G	Fr.
55	Trei Steward	6-7	F	Sr.

Coach: Marvin Menzies

"Suck" officially banned by WAC in futile attempt to tame Spectrum

News broke late Friday afternoon that the Western Athletic Conference has enacted a new rule that will result in a technical foul called against the home team when the crowd chants anything that the WAC feels to be "inappropriate". While determining what qualifies as "inappropriate" is completely arbitrary, the WAC has decided to abuse their executive powers and implement this penalty that will tamper with some tradition in the Spectrum Student Section. The reason cited by one WAC board member is, "We feel that Utah State's home court advantage is so far and away the best in the league that it is no longer fair to opposing teams for the Spectrum crowd to operate with their full arsenal of heckling." The chant singled out by the WAC was the tradition usage of the word "Suck" when an opposing player commits a foul. The "you, you, you, you, you" part of the chant has been around for years, eventually earning the "suck" as the cherry on top.

"We keep seeing opposing athletes leaving the Spectrum in tears," said a WAC official. "Some people have a tough time accepting the harsh truths of their poor playing ability and we had to do something to try and bring back at least a little self-esteem to the players who have to visit Logan annually for a beatdown in the Spectrum." The "you still suck" following a made free throw by an opponent is apparently "inappropriate" as well in the eyes of the WAC, and will have to be retired as well. For the time it will be necessary to revert to just "you, you, you, you..." and leave out the "suck." While this obviously "sucks" for all of us students, go ahead and pat yourself and the person next to you on the back knowing that we all have just become one of the rare cases in sports history where one side had such a competitive advantage that the league itself felt the need to step in and try to even the playing field. What doesn't kill us only makes us stronger. The WAC clearly underestimates the power of the Spectrum.

In All Honesty: Reggie Nation is gone?

New Mexico State was picked to finish #1 in the WAC in the media preseason polls, but at 9-9 so far this season they have yet to meet those lofty expectations. A tough preseason schedule gave them losses to top 20 teams Duke and Texas, but NMSU also dropped games to the likes of UTEP, Ohio, and North Texas. Also contributing to their struggles has been total lack of chemistry on the roster as they have had 16 players appear in at least four games, and have more team suspensions than you can shake a stick at. NMSU is led by forward Justin Hawkins with 19 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Hawkins nullifies a lot of his scoring by averaging 2.4 turnovers for every assist. Jaycee Carroll lighting up NMSU has become about as certain as life, death, and taxes with his average of nearly 29 points per game against them including a career high 44 the last time these two teams met in the Spectrum. This conference season will be telling as to whether or not Reggie Theus really was that good a coach. It looks like he was.

Luetgnerodt still searching for pieces of shattered ego

Hawaii forward Riley Luetgnerodt was seen on the Spectrum floor late last Thursday trying to pick up the pieces of his ego. Luetgnerodt's ego was shattered on a layup attempt in which USU forward DeUndrae Spraggins swatted his him halfway up Sardine canyon. "I'm not sure what I've got left to play for from here on out," Luetgnerodt said. "That's one of those things that you never really can shake from your reputation. I've got that constant fear that it might happen again even when we're in the pre-game layup lines." Spraggins was surprised that Luetgnerodt even attempted the layup. Spraggins said, "What did he think I was going to do? NOT swat the hell out of him? Please..." Fortunately, no fans were injured by the blocked ball that came flying into the crowd at a dangerous speed.

Refraction Record Watch 2008

Career Scoring		Coaching Wins	
1. Greg Grant	2127	1. E. Romney	225
2. Jaycee Carroll	2082	2. S. Morrill	224

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The Petri Dish - Not to be confused with the Las Cruces police blotter.

Team - Picked by the media to finish 1st in the WAC preseason polls and has cruised to a miserable first half of the season with a losing record, a handful of arrests of team members, the subtraction of yet another member of the Theus family. A "Don't drop the soap" chant is due for a comeback.

Coach: Marvin Menzies - The heir to the throne of "Reggie Nation". Looks frighteningly similar to Al Roker.

#10 Paris Carter - Majoring in Criminal Justice. Learning the criminal justice system very well through his teammates. Has been suspended indefinitely due to violations of team rules.

#3 Jahmar Young - Arrested earlier this week for failure to appear in court regarding charges of indecent exposure in which he allegedly exposed himself to a woman and offered money in exchange for sexual acts. "Keep Your Pants On" chant is in order for him.

#11 Chris Cole - Arrested earlier this week for failing to appear in court for violations including allegedly driving without a license and driving without headlights.

#15 Herb Pope - Top 50 recruit was arrested two weeks ago for driving under the influence of alcohol. It was reported that he was stopped in traffic and passed out behind the wheel when police arrived on the scene. Pope finally awoke after numerous attempts by police to wake him, after which he lurched the car forward into a police car on scene. Police were forced to break the car window in order to remove Pope from the vehicle for arrest. Still hasn't played this season due to eligibility requirements.

#31 Hatila Passos - Played previously for the Dixie State Rebels. Recently was suspended indefinitely... apparently for being a rebel.

#22 Jonathan Gibson - To quote his Myspace profile... "The CrOwD yeLLs my namE For a Re@sOn. ThEY GoN RE@_ize..."

#32 Martin Iti - Helped lead Australia to a 17th place finish of the 2007 World University Games last summer. Had his best outing with four points, five rebounds and two blocks in an upset victory over Kazakhstan. Declared for NBA draft after 2005 season in which he averaged 5 points and 4 rebounds. The NBA was not at all interested.

#20 Londale Theus - Nephew of former NMSU head coach Reggie Theus. Quit the team in mid-December. Is rumored to be hanging out with Brayden Bell somewhere.

#1 Justin Hawkins - STILL a Utah reject.

#21 Wendell McKines - Does a happy-hands-esque bird motion after big plays. Don't count on seeing him do any of it tonight, but expect plenty from Section F.

Match Game Answers: 1.d 2.e 3.b 4.a 5.c

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A Refraction Salute to the five who drove to Reno

Last week five Aggie fans took the meaning of 'die-hard' to a whole new level. Even when the Aggies stayed behind for what should have been their road game against Nevada, five fans still made the trip to Reno, only to learn upon arrival that the game had been postponed. Basically, they all got screwed. It sucks, but it was as die-hard as die-hard gets, and for this reason the second ever Refraction Salute is dedicated to the five students who still made the trip to Reno. We're not sure who exactly it was, but you know who you are, and we salute you.

New Mexico State Match Game

Match the player to the allegations that they were arrested or suspended for this season. Answers in The Petri Dish.

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| 1. Paris Carter | — | a. Driving without a license or headlights. |
| 2. Hatila Passos | — | b. Driving under the influence of alcohol and hitting a police cruiser. |
| 3. Herb Pope | — | c. Indecent exposure and attempting to exchange money for sexual acts. |
| 4. Chris Cole | — | d. Suspended for violations of team rules. |
| 5. Jahmar Young | — | e. Suspended indefinitely, believed to be for academic reasons. |

Wesleyisms - What you might not already know.

- Tai Wesley was once convinced to try Ben and Jerry's ice cream... Instead he ate Ben and Jerry.
- The Devil went down to Georgia, but immediately turned back the way he came upon learning that Tai Wesley was there on vacation.
- Tai Wesley uses a 100-ounce soda mug for a shot glass.
- Johnny Knoxville's career was jumpstarted when Tai Wesley gave him the choice of living a career as a "Jackass" or dying by his hand.
- Statistically, more people now sell their souls to Tai Wesley than they do the Devil.
- Tai Wesley has never been arrested in Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- The character of Jack Bauer was inspired by Tai Wesley.
- Tai Wesley can beat every song on Guitar Hero by stepping on the guitar controller for a perfect score.

Gameday 2010 - Rules and Reminders

WEAR BLUE!!! -Anything else is unacceptable. Game-time is no time for fashion statements. New rule... No blue, no Refraction.

CHANTS - 1. Certain chants have been banned. "Overrated" and "Warm up the bus" are examples. They're banned for reasons most would rather not look back on. Also, the new WAC rule now limits what we can and can't chant. Anything with the word "suck" is apparently now too far over the line. (see article on front page) 2. TEMPO! The best way to kill a good chant is to speed it up and get everybody out of breath. Speeding up chants is evil!!! 3. Be creative. New things have to start somewhere. If you build it, they will come.

THROWING THINGS ON THE COURT - If you do it, Stew will kill you, and we will help him do so. Never under any circumstance throw anything onto the court. It only shows that you have no respect for the game being played.

VISITORS' SHOT CLOCK COUNTDOWNS - In the first half count down the visiting team's shot clock from "7" when the shot clock reaches "10" to cause them to rush a shot thinking they're out of time. In the second half, start counting at "10" when the clock reads "7" to cause a violation.

NOISE - BRING IT!!! There's no good reason for people to ever be able to hear themselves think in the Spectrum. If you have a voice at the end of the game, you're being too nice to the opposition. Bring the noise from start to finish.

Sacramento stamps Theus with "Return to Sender"

The Sacramento Kings recently tried to rectify their mistake in hiring head coach Reggie Theus by knocking him out and stamping him "Return to Sender" with the destination of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Unfortunately for both parties new head coach of New Mexico State Marvin Menzies intercepted the package containing Theus and foiled the entire plan. The Kings have a worse record than a year ago, and NMSU has already lost more games than last season's total.

Criminal justice major pulls out own hair over teammates' legal issues... then gets suspended

New Mexico State junior guard Paris Carter is familiar with the field of criminal justice as part of his college experience. The criminal justice major has unfortunately gotten way more than he bargained as the lines between criminal justice and college basketball have been repeatedly blurred by Carter's teammates. "I try like hell to help keep our guys out of trouble, but it seems like I've been completely ignored this season," said Carter. "Every arrest has been more and more frustrating, to the point where I've been pulling out my own hair out in frustration." The negative influence of Carter's teammates seems to have rubbed off on Carter himself over the course of the season. Carter was recently suspended indefinitely by head coach Marvin Menzies for violating team rules.

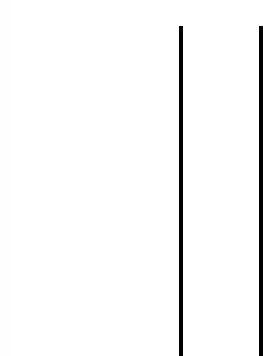
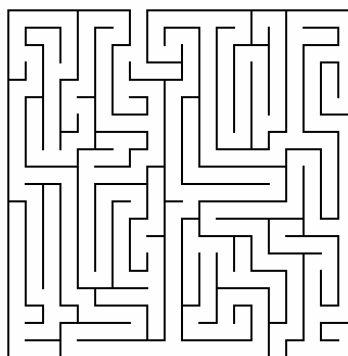
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