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"Impeaching High Ranking Politicians since Tip-Off"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
2	Drake Reed	6-5	F	Jr.
3	Caleb Brown	6-0	G	Fr.
4	Marcel Williams	6-7	F	Fr.
10	Ernest Fields	6-6	F	So.
11	Brandon Harriford	6-1	G	Sr.
15	Fernandez Lockett	6-5	F	Sr.
20	Derek Wright	5-10	G	Sr.
21	John Fraley	6-8	C	Fr.
22	Wes Channels	6-3	G	So.
24	Kyle Duncan	6-5	G/F	Jr.
32	Todd Babington	6-6	G	Sr.
41	Tomas Janusauskas	7-0	C	Sr.
42	Duran Roberson	6-8	F/C	So.

Coach: Dave Loos

Aggies below .500, coat and jacket sales up 168% in Hell

For the first time in Stew Morrill's tenure as the head coach of Utah State basketball a team of his has a win percentage below .500 five games into a season. Following an 0-2 road trip the team has dropped to 2-3 on the season, marking just the second time a Coach Morrill Aggie team has been as bad 2-2. As expected, in correlation with the slow start to the basketball season that began with high expectations, the temperature in Hell has been dropping. Mark Corey, a spokesman for the National Weather Service, was asked to comment on the situation of the sudden temperature drop, Corey said, "The temperature had been following its normal patters for this time of year until last Thursday evening when the temperature took a dramatic plunge downward. Another dip in temperature occurred on Saturday evening as well, causing many Hell occupants to grow concerned enough to purchase winter apparel in fear of the trend continuing."

The temperature in Hell is commonly, and accurately, portrayed to be a very intense heat, which usually lasts year round. This results in a very sparse market for winter apparel.

"Many people in that area don't even own any winter wear for how rare an occurrence such as this temperature drop tends to be," Corey said. "The only other time that winter clothing sales saw an upswing even close to this one was in the fall of 2005."

The event that is believed to have caused the increased sales in 2005 was the last, and only other time that a Stew Morrill coached Aggie team started a season at 2-2 or worse in 2005-2006. That season the Aggies went on to win 21 of their next 26 games after the 2-2 start en route to an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

When asked about the supposed relationship between Aggie basketball and weather patters Corey said, "I feel there are several certainties in the world... Britney Spears making terrible records, the Chicago Cubs not winning the World Series, and Utah State winning a lot of basketball games are a couple of examples. If the temperature in Hell drops at around the same time that one of those other things fails to happen, it makes it tough to not assume there is some kind of correlation."

Despite the slow start, the Aggies still have the sixth highest overall win percentage in the nation over the last eight seasons, and are one of just four teams to have won at least 23 games in each of the last eight seasons.

The Next Two Weeks in Aggie Basketball

Friday night the Aggies will play at South Padre Island in Texas against the Vanderbilt Commodores. Vanderbilt is coming off a Sweet Sixteen appearance in last year's NCAA tournament, including a one-point loss in their final game against eventual Final Four participant Georgetown. Two of their top three scorers graduated from last year's team, but they are still left with some solid production and experience to work with.

Saturday the Aggies will play either Bradley or Iowa depending on the outcome of the games between USU/Vanderbilt and Bradley/Iowa played on Friday. After South Padre Island the Aggies will have a much-needed week off between games. The Aggies have played twice as many games at this point in the season as they had last year, meaning less practice and preparation time between games.

USU will return to action on December 1st against Santa Clara in the Spectrum. Santa Clara won 77-75 in overtime on their home court over the Aggies last season. They are led by 6-10, 300 lb. center John Bryant, who is averaging 25 points and 9.7 rebounds per game so far this season.

December 5th the Aggies travel south to face the University of Utah. Aggie fans need to travel in full force to Salt Lake for the game. It's on a Wednesday, so cancel your study groups, get work off, and forget about class Thursday morning.... Be there!!!

In All Honesty: Tough one on our hands

The Austin Peay Governors bring a team loaded with experience to the Spectrum Tuesday night. Much like last year's Aggies, Austin Peay finished just one basket shy of winning their conference championship and advancing to the NCAA tournament. The difference between the two teams is that while the Aggies are loaded with talented newcomers who are still adjusting to Division-1 basketball, Austin Peay returns all five starters from a year ago as well as one of the two regular contributors off of the bench. Their top returner is junior forward Drake Reed. Reed returns as the reigning Player of the Year in the Ohio Valley Conference after averaging 15.8 points, and six rebounds per game. Reed may have his hands full while battling the height advantages of USU's big men, but his experience should help him still find ways to score down low. If the Aggies are able to contain Reed down low, the Governors have three other players in Fernandez Lockett, Wes Channels and Todd Babington who have each averaged over 13.5 points through Austin Peay's first two games this season. While the front five for Austin Peay are very strong and experienced, the reserves saw little time last year as they ran mostly a six-man rotation last season. The most important thing for the Aggies tonight will be to minimize turnovers, and for USU's bench to be productive in order to get the more experienced member's of Austin Peay's squad tired as the game progresses.

The Petri Dish - The "Everybody laugh at Caleb Brown" edition.

School: was originally named "Austin Peay State Normal School for Rural White Teachers"... No joke. Named after former Tennessee Governor Austin Peay.

Coach Dave Loos: Has released three DVD's on basketball fundamentals, one of which is titled "30 Competitive Shooting Drills." Coach Loos' team shot 44.4% overall, 34.9% from 3-point range, and 68.2% on free throws last season. Coach Morrill's Utah State team shot 46.7% overall, 37.3% from 3-point and 78% on free throws. Coach Loos' DVD's, which clearly don't work given his lower ranking in every statistical category to Morrill, currently ranks at #105,564 in DVD sales on Amazon.com

#15 Fernandez Lockett: Describes himself as "The Real Estate Man"... Not sure if that is his career choice or a just nickname.

#10 Ernest Fields: AKA "E-Rabbit" AKA "Stylistic". Claims "E-Rabbit" as his basketball nickname, "Stylistic" as his rap name. Debut album "Eat Da Mike" due out soon in stores nowhere.

#3 Caleb Brown: Has a video tribute to Steve Francis on his Myspace page and likes "Through The Fire: The Sebastain Telfair documentary"... apparently not a fan of good point guard play. A few survey answers from his Myspace read: *First crush?* "My second grade teacher...she was 2 fine" *The worst feeling in the world?* "Blowin an important basketball game." *Do you get nervous before a game?* "Yea before every game, but i aint never scared".... Caleb ain't never played in the Spectrum.

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