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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2009"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
25	James Loe	5-11	G	Sr.
3	Jamel Guyton	6-3	G	Jr.
22	Kyle Gibson	6-5	G	Jr.
4	Adrian Rogers	6-6	F	Sr.
15	Magnum Rolle	6-11	F/C	Jr.
2	Brandon Gibson	6-5	G	Fr.
5	Olu Ashaolu	6-7	G	Fr.
10	Yonas Berhe	6-0	G	Fr.
30	David Jackson	6-8	F	Jr.
33	Anson Bartlett	6-3	G	Fr.
45	Shawn Oliverson	6-10	F/C	So.

Coach: Kerry Rupp

In All Honesty: A game preview

Louisiana Tech is another one of the underachieving WAC teams with excellent athleticism and a sub-par sense of team play. La Tech however, is far from the cupcake they were a year ago and have shown the ability to hang with the best in the WAC if they play up to their potential. This was best displayed on Thursday night when La Tech upset 2nd place Nevada in Reno. In the first meeting between USU and La Tech, the Bulldogs gave the Aggies fits for 35 of the game's 40 minutes before USU finally pulled away for a 13-point victory, holding La Tech to just 37 points in the game. The Bulldogs have a three-headed scoring trio of Jamel Guyton, Kyle Gibson and Magnum Rolle. The three of them average a combined 38.4 points per game on the season, but combined for just 21 in their first meeting against USU. La Tech's defense also gave the Aggies their fair share of fits in the first meeting of the year, limiting USU to a season-low 50 points. The Bulldogs have talent that should put them in the upper-half of the WAC, and are better than their 3-7 conference record indicates. Rebounding and turnovers should be key factors for each team tonight.

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Refraction staff reflects on their worst issue ever from a year ago.

Louisiana Tech's visit to The Spectrum tonight will be their second visit ever in The Refraction era, however it will be their first visit that does not accompany the crappiest issue ever printed in Refraction history. "There's no two ways about it," said Refraction co-founder Kraig Williams. "Last year's issue totally blew. We had some cheesy Home Depot article, a mock box score thingy, and some train wreck of a Karl Malone slam that was sadly the best part." Fellow co-founder Matt Sonnenberg echoed Williams' feelings. Sonnenberg said, "Hey, it was our first season doing this and we were due for a slump at some point, right? There aren't many issues that we look back on with regret, but I'll be honest... We never really had a good feeling about that one. In fairness to us though, what exactly can you ever say about La Tech that is even semi-interesting?" The issue that the staff wishes they could forget is still floating around the internet somewhere, but the staff encourages readers to not relive the staff's lowest point in their young satirical newsletter writing careers.

Quickies - Short and sweet news.

- Refraction staff still apologetic for how bad last year's La Tech issue sucked. Vow that this year's issue will suck slightly less.
- Dom Cooks beats the piss out of a drunken and angry Luke Nevill outside SLC restaurant. Claims victory in the name of Australia.
- WAC executives constantly slapping foreheads at irony of having La Tech, a team barely West of the Mississippi River, included in the WESTERN Athletic Conference.
- USU Athletic department to install electric currents in all non-student seats to rile up older fans during exciting moments in games when noise is expected.

Game notes, callouts, pleas, etc.

- We're still wondering why it isn't getting loud enough to force opposing teams into timeouts lately. That used to be standard procedure.
- As for the top 15 rows or so of the entire Student Section, we'd sincerely like to know what we have to do to get you guys to be loud at games. You complete us. The crowd needs you. We'll bribe if we have to. The Spectrum is borderline tame without you getting loud.
- Memo to all... We get to watch a top-25 team right in front of us. The vast majority of USU students never got it this good. Put pride on the shelf and go ape-s*** crazy at these games.
- Lastly, if you feel the need to blow bubbles at games, you're nothing short of a total moron. The bubbles pop on the court. Not to mention there's a game going on. Entertaining toddlers: Bubbles are ok... At college basketball games: Bubble are NOT OK. Knock it the hell off idiot!!!

Petri Dish EXTRA: Terrance Joyner

It only seems fitting that during a season in which New Mexico State's basketball team keeps their names out of the police bookings in ways never previously seen, that news of legal issues from one of their players breaks the very night that we've just wrapped up production and printing on the New Mexico State issue making jokes about their lack of legal troubles this year. Isn't it ironic? Don't ya think? Anyway, we don't want New Mexico State's Terrance Joyner going without a little love from us. After all, he certainly has earned it. Joyner was arrested on Wednesday at the El Paso International Airport for possession of marijuana. Poor bag packing on his part. An initial news report states that Joyner was, "suspended indefinitely pending an investigation of a violation of team rules." Aside from our shock of NMSU coach Marvin Menzies actually suspending a player, we find it odd that they need to investigate whether or not marijuana possession is against team rules.

The Petri Dish - The, "Sure, it's been beaten into the ground, but we're still going to chant 'Lady Techsters'" Edition

Team - Home court has painted in huge letters, "Lady Techsters" in salute to Louisiana Tech's women's basketball team, which La Tech fans have grown much more endeared to over the years as evidenced by women's games consistently drawing many more fans than the men. It is believed that La Tech took on the name Lady Techsters for their women's team because Bulldogs could be interpreted as demeaning towards women. That being the case, we can't figure out how calling the La Tech men the Bulldogs isn't demeaning towards bulldogs.

Coach: Kerry Rupp - Was a player at Utah State from 1972-1974 but transferred to Southern Utah. He was interim head coach at the University of Utah in 2004.

#5 Olu Ashaolu - Participated with the Aggie crowd last year as he clapped along during the "up by twenty" chant. Video evidence is on Youtube. He also keeps up with the recent trend of Canadian born players to play in The Spectrum. Olu originally hails from Toronto.

#10 Yonas Berhe - Also from Toronto, Canada. And no, that is not a misprint. His name actually is Yonas.

#15 Magnum Rolle - Transfer from LSU. Despite being a highly touted five-star recruit out of high school, Rolle averaged just 2.8 points and 3.2 rebounds per game over two seasons at LSU. And no, that is not a misprint. His name actually is Magnum

#24 Kyle Gibson - A Petri Dish all-star in many people's minds. His Myspace quote reads, "CIRCLE OF SUCCESS....U STUPID B****!!!" Not sure what exactly this circle of success is, but at 9-14 on the season, we're pretty sure Kyle is NOT in that circle. He also claims to not watch anything but basketball and reality shows. Nothing has changed much since he apparently doesn't much care to update his Myspace.

#33 Anson Bartlett - Has "Master Chief" from the Halo video game series as his profile picture on Myspace.

#45 Shawn Oliverson - Born in Logan, Utah and grew up in Preston, Idaho. He should know quite well how bad he and his teammates have got it coming tonight. Transferred to La Tech from Cornell because apparently he got sick of going to a good school.

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