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**USU vs. Cal State Bakersfield**  
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## "A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2009"

### The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
3	Alex Johnson	5-10	G	So.
24	Bryan Emanuel	6-2	G	Fr.
12	Trent Blakely	6-4	F	Jr.
42	Santwon Latunde	6-6	F	Jr.
52	Cory Brown	6-10	C	So.
33	James Albright	6-6	F	Fr.
11	Donavan Bragg	6-3	G	So.
23	Ryan Brown	6-4	G/F	Jr.
5	Justin Dennis	6-1	G	Jr.
22	Terrence Johns	6-3	G	Sr.
40	Jose Lara	6-8	C	Jr.
55	Donald Lee	6-6	F	Sr.
10	Jonathan Machado	5-10	G	Jr.
4	Jeff Osborne	5-10	G	Fr.

Coach: Keith Brown

### Feel-good story of the year centers around former Bakersfield star Brushes off how much of a cliché that his story is in jokes about other schools

Former Cal State Bakersfield basketball star, and 2007 graduate Dwuan Rice recently catapulted himself from the standing of former star basketball player to being among the most respected and accomplished alumni in the history of the University.

Rice -- who led the Roadrunners in scoring during the 2007 season, their first as a transitional division-1 university -- recently made the most of his Bakersfield degree when he was promoted from delivery coordinator to assistant manager of the City of Bakersfield's local Pizza Hut restaurant. The hourly wage of \$10.25 with a possibility for monthly incentives that Rice could earn as assistant manager is the first hourly rate to reach double-digits of any Bakersfield graduate since the university opened in 1970.

"It's not such a bad gig," Rice said of his new position. "I mean sure, I've got a little bit more responsibility than before. I've got to watch over all the idiot high school kids to make sure they don't screw up at the register, lock the store at night, and of course deal with the occasional robbery from a New Mexico State basketball player, but all in all it's a pretty simple thing. I know my business degree will be put to the test, but I feel ready for the challenge."

Cal State Bakersfield University president Michael Truelson voiced his excitement over Rice's accomplishment by saying, "We here at CSB are extremely proud of Dwuan for what he's been able to achieve in such a short time with his degree, especially in such difficult economic times."

Truelson continued by saying, "There's that old joke that goes, 'how do you get a -- insert rival college or university -- grad off your porch?... Pay him for the pizza!' Well, that one still gets us slapping our knees every time we hear it up here in Bakersfield because we're thrilled at any and all accomplishments of our graduates, even if they're just delivering pizzas after graduation, as is often the case. We're at least happy to lend some truth to the age-old cliché."

### In All Honesty: A game preview

Cal State Bakersfield is in its third year as a transitional division-1 school and the results have been mixed at best. This year they have beaten WAC school San Jose State and given scares to good teams like St. Mary's, Portland and Air Force. Despite all that, the team has lost an awful lot more than they have won, including getting waxed on its home floor by fellow D-1 transitional member Seattle University. On the court, CSB has 8 junior college transfers and are lead by forward Trent Blakely with just over 13 points per game. As a team the Roadrunners don't do a lot well and are one of the worst shooting teams in the nation at less than 40% from the floor. Add that to Utah State's WAC-best defensive FG % and you could have the makings for an ugly game.

### A Shout-out to the Spectrum on Wheels

Losses happen, though this year much less frequently than normal. Regardless, the maddest of props go out to everyone who came to Boise Saturday. There had to have been 200+ of us, and there are few things more gratifying than outnumbering, outshining and out-yelling a home-crowd's students as badly as we did.

### Missed any issues of The Refraction?

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### A word on the athletics fee raise

Rest assured that you are NOT paying Brent Guy's salary. Outside donations settled that issue. Now that your main concern is resolved, we here at The Refraction strongly urge everyone to get out to vote, and to vote "Yes" on the referendum to raise USU's student athletics fee. Sure it sucks to have to pay more, but it also sucks that our athletic department is constantly hanging by a thread financially. USU gives us (the students) a higher percentage of seats at basketball games than ANY other school in the nation. For football we are right near the top as well. Nobody wants that to change, but at some point the student body has to step up and do their part towards athletic funding. Now is the time for USU to finally take that huge step forward that we've been on the verge of for forever it seems. If passed, USU would finally no longer be the lowest funded athletic department in the WAC. If we're doing this well with this low of funding, imagine what USU could do with an ample budget. We can make it happen. Do it!!!

### Winning Team/Losing Team

The last few games there has been a new chant going on in the final minute or so of games, where the outcome is no longer in any doubt (anything else risks jinx, and that is not cool). Plenty of people have asked what exactly is being yelled throughout this chant, so here is a step by step rundown of how it goes, indicated by what the people in front (F) yell and what the rest of the crowd (C) yells... Pointing is mandatory.

F: "Is that not a scoreboard?"  
C: "YES that is a scoreboard!"  
F: "Is that not a 'XX' (# of USU's point total)"  
C: "YES that is a 'XX' (see above)"  
F: "Is that not a 'XX' (# of visitor's points)"  
C: "YES that is a 'XX' (see above... again)"  
F: "Is that not the winning team?"  
C: "YES that is the winning team!"  
F: "Is that not the losing team?"  
C: "YES that is the losing team!"  
Everyone: "Winning team, Losing team"  
(Back and forth, pointing to each bench)

### The Petri Dish - One of these players could one day be delivering the Pizzas for the Domino's frisbee toss in The Spectrum.

**#3 Alex Johnson** - Hails from Toronto, Canada, continuing the season-long trend of Canadian players visiting The Spectrum. Also expected to continue the season-long trend of Canadian players NOT winning in The Spectrum.

**#4 Jeff Osborne** - Father is a successful singer/songwriter with more than 20 hit songs in the U.K. and USA... not believe to be related to Ozzy in any way however.

**#5 Justin Dennis** - Also from Toronto, Canada. See #3, Alex Johnson.

**#12 Trent Blakely** - Full name is Trenton. He would like to be an actor someday and is getting plenty of quality experience in his current role of pretending to play for a quality division-1 basketball team.

**#33 James Albright** - Has yet to declare a major and would like to continue his basketball career after graduation, which would mark the first instance of a graduate of Cal State Bakersfield ever amounting to anything in life.

**#40 Jose Lara** - Answers to the nickname, "Chepe." At his listed 6'8, 280 pounds, Jose is a rather large individual.

**#52 Cory Brown** - Is one goofy looking dude. Despite being his team's starting Center for the better part of their season thus far, as well as being 6'10, is only averaging 2.6 rebounds per game.

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