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USU vs. Montana State-Northern

"Refining the Home-Court Advantage since 2007"

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The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
3	Chris Johnson	6-1	G	Sr.
20	Travis Noble	6-1	G	Sr.
22	Mark Payovich	6-3	G	Fr.
23	Shaun Tataraka	6-1	G	So.
24	Clay Greenland	6-5	F	Jr.
31	Andrew Sellars	6-4	G	Jr.
32	Mark Henkel	6-2	G	Fr.
33	Derek Trembley	6-4	F	Sr.
34	Clinton Shelton	6-8	F	Sr.
40	Brian Santiago	6-7	F	Jr.
42	Brett Vriesman	6-5	F	Jr.
50	Walynn Burgess	6-6	F	Jr.

Coach: Shawn Huse

In All Honesty: A game preview

Tonight's sacrificial lambs will be the Lights of Montana State-Northern. The Aggies should dominate the game down low, as will often be the case this season. Both Tai and Gary are probably going to command double-teams all night and all that'll do is just inconvenience them a little on their way to scoring. Newbold will probably make about as many three-pointers as he decides to shoot. MS-N's website has picture of a guy nearly dunking captioned "High Flying Andrew Sellars". So apparently they have a kid who can almost dunk, and that is nothing short of terrifying for us Aggie fans. MS-N has clearly found quite the diamond in the rough with this Sellers fellow, what with his "close to the rim" layup ability and all.

The "Pwn-O-Meter" explained

Pwn (verb)

1. An act of dominating an opponent.
2. Pure ownage, A.K.A. "pwnage"

If you were at the Concordia exhibition game last week, you probably saw the debut of the pwn-o-meter after Jared Quayle drained a 3-ball and got fouled for a 4-point play. The pwn-o-meter will be at every home game this year, just to remind the opposing team how hard we're pounding them. We'll also use reference memorable pwnings in future issues of The Refraction and taking major pwnage into account for the All-Refraction team at the end of the season. Need an example of a 10 on the pwn-o-meter? Search "Tai Weslev blocks Matt Nelson" on Youtube.

MSU-Northern star hasn't heard of self, team either.

Montana State-Northern guard Travis Noble, the team's top returning scorer from last season, confused media members last month following the team's first practice when he told the press that they were not alone in having never heard of both himself and the school he plays for. "Seriously, who the hell is MSU-Northern, and why do you people want interviews from me," Noble said. "I'm just trying to get together with these guys and play some ball and everybody keeps acting like this is some kind of organization. I'm just tryin to ball it up with my dogs yo." Noble's bafflement of MSU-Northern's existence is surprisingly consistent, considering his close proximity, with the reactions of the general public from the rest of the United States (and Puerto Rico) upon hearing anything about MSU-Northern or their supposed star. "Seriously people, I've never heard of this team, or this star of theirs who you claim has the same name as me," Noble said to the press when asked about his expectations for the upcoming season. Perhaps the most baffled individuals in the entire situation were the members of the press who found themselves both at a practice of a team they'd never heard of, and trying to score interviews with a player they'd never heard of. "It was a pretty jacked up situation," said Darrin Cobb, a local sportswriter who was on hand at MSU-Northern's first practice when all the confusion began. "There were like half a dozen of us reporters, and everyone was kinda looking around at each other like 'WTF?'" Noble said that he planned to do as much research as possible about both himself and the team he allegedly plays for before the start of the regular season.

Some Spectrum reminders for EVERYONE (Since some people tend to forget)

WEAR BLUE!!! – You might be reading this today without an AGGIE blue shirt on... This will be the last time. We're not sure why anyone would get excited for a game and not wear blue. Just wear a gameday shirt. It's that easy. No grey, no white, no baby blue, no pink USU shirts... **AGGIE BLUE!!!** It's not a fashion show, it's a basketball game. You wear your team's colors to a game. It's really pretty simple, especially when the school offers up game-day shirts for \$5. Just wear blue, no excuses. And if someone near you isn't wearing blue, give them some crap for it. They deserve a little consequence for degrading the aesthetic value of our crowd.

Be LOUD!!! – Get loud, jump around, lose your voice and remind people why we're one of the top-5 toughest places to play in the nation. Whatever you do, don't just stand there and watch all reverently like the first handful of rows in Section K so often loved doing last season (yes, that was a callout Section K. Stop sucking). Get into it a little but for hell's sake (and we mean "hell's sake" with total sincerity, because the Spectrum SHOULD be hell for visiting teams).

Have a little tempo – When that slow clap starts for the starting lineups, keep it SLOW!!! When you're chanting something ("defense, stupid, you will miss it") keep it slow. The best way to kill a good chant is to speed things up and get everyone out of breath.

Don't be offended – This is Utah State. We're not the "nice, polite, support visiting teams school," we're the "in-your face, on your ass, make your life a living hell school." We're not a top-5 crowd in the nation because of kindness. Go to BYU if you want to play nice

Rose, Collie picket against Prop 8

BYU head basketball coach Dave Rose, along with legendary douchebag and wide receiver Austin Collie, are rumored to be part of the widespread protests against the passing of California's Prop 8. The couple has allegedly been spending hours a day walking Provo streets repeatedly demanding they be given back their rights. In related news, Dave Rose is still a pansy.

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The Petri Dish – What you should know, that they wish you didn't.

Team – They were the 2007-2008 Frontier Conference Co-Champions along with Carroll, Westminster, and Lewis-Clark colleges. So far this season they are off to a stellar start with wins against powerhouse programs such as Haskell Indian Nation, Northern New Mexico, Minot State and, of course, their thrilling forfeit victory over Brandon University. Their team name is the "Lights" (Montana State-"Northern Lights"... Get it???) A "Shot the lights out" chant seems very much in order if the Aggies manage to pull out a victory tonight.

#20 Travis Noble – Nicknamed "T-Nob". T-Nob's Myspace proclaims that "ReSPecT iS nOT given.... IT iS EarNed!!!" The Refraction staff agrees, and will offer T-nob no ReSPecT whatsoever until he earns it... which seems very unlikely to happen anytime soon.

#24 Clay Greenland – Is from Kanab, Utah. Somehow decided to go to MSU-Northern (in Harve, Montana) one of the few places on earth more boring than Kanab, Utah.

#33 Derek Trembley – Myspace name is "buffet buster." Also has hobbies listed as "basketball and stuff." His first job was at a glitter factory (insert joke here).

#34 Clinton Shelton – Nickname is "Jerzey." Favorite movie is "He Got Game." Clinton was in no way the inspiration for this film.

#50 Walynn Burgess – From Genola, Utah, which is one of the few places more boring than Havre, Montana and Kanab, Utah.

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