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USU vs. Western Oregon

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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
3	Blair Wheadon	6-2	G	So.
21	Kyle Long	6-3	G	So.
4	Matt Schmidt	6-6	F	Sr.
24	Rico Myles	6-7	F	Sr.
23	Mike McLaughlin	6-7	F/C	Sr.
1	Marcus Harris	6-0	G	So.
10	Josh Johnson	6-5	G/F	Fr.
12	Jesse Chippletto	5-9	G	Fr.
22	Tarance Glynn	6-6	F	Fr.
32	Kolton Nelson	6-8	C	Fr.
34	Gabe Thrash	6-8	C	Sr.
55	Zach Davis	6-9	C	So.
	Antoinne Bbayaga	6-5	F	Rs.
	Zach Bjork	6-5	G/F	Rs.
	Dion Serras	6-8	F	Rs.

Coach: Craig Stanger

2009 Year in Review

Our top moments in Utah State basketball this past year

- 8. Modou's 13-point game against Weber State** – Nobody, not even Modou, saw this game coming. With Nate out, going against a solid Weber State team, Modou tore them apart.
- 7. The "Refraction Player of the Year" performance by Anthony Thomas** – The shower of "boos" every time Thomas touched the ball in last year's game definitely got to him. He started off pretending to enjoy the hate. His stat line showed otherwise.
- 6. Pooh's dunk against UVSC** – If this had happened in a full house, none of us would be able to ever hear again. It was as thunderous a dunk as we'll ever see at USU.
- 5. Tyler Newbold's game winner vs. New Mexico State** – After battling back for the entire second half after NMSU got hot from deep early on, Newbold capped off the comeback with his baseline jumper to send the Aggies to the WAC Championship game.
- 4. Winning the WAC regular season title at home versus Hawaii** – After clinching our first outright WAC title and second straight regular season championship, the Aggies cut down the nets at The Spectrum, students storm the court, great times are had by all.
- 3. Stavon and Brady taking over against Nevada** – Simply put, the loudest moment in USU history. After five straight points by Stavon Williams the crowd was on fire. Brady Jardine's block on Luke Babbitt was on par in noise with any other past moment. Stavon's 3-pointer right after the block was a whole new level of noise. 8-0 run FTW!
- 2. Beating BYU in Logan + Winning Team/Losing Team** – When BYU finally returned to The Spectrum after four years away, they gave the Aggies a good game... for the first half. USU dominated the Cougars for the final 20 minutes, which resulted in a "winning team/losing team" chant so epic that it was picked as the Sport Illustrated video of the day later that week.
- 1. Storming the Court for the WAC Tournament championship** – After narrowly escaping with a win in the WAC semis, USU had to beat Nevada on their home floor to win the WAC Tournament and earn an auto-bid to the NCAA Tournament. USU jumped to a 13-0 lead in the game and never looked back. When the clock ran out, Aggie fans flooded onto the court in Reno to celebrate the first ever WAC Tournament championship for Utah State.

In All Honesty: A game preview

Western Oregon makes the trip to Logan from the Division-II level where they have a 6-2 record on the season, including close victories against the likes of Humboldt State and the Colorado School of Mines. Leading the way for the Wolves is a trio of sophomores who combine to score 41 points per game. Blair Wheadon, Kyle Long and Matt Schmidt can all shoot the deep ball as well with the worst 3-point percentage of that trio shooting at a 35 percent clip. Rico Myles is averaging a double-double on the season with 10.3 points and 10.1 rebounds per game as the Wolves' primary post threat. Despite the numbers for Western Oregon looking decent, there is essentially no hope for them against an Aggie team that is not only a stellar team from a higher division than the Wolves, but Utah State is also flying high right now after three solid wins in last week's Gossner's tournament. Even with Nate Bendall out for another game recovering from his surgery, USU should have no problem cruising to a win tonight.

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"You Suck" replacement ideas...

We're still not happy about having to change, but life will go on without the "you suck". We've been searching for a replacement and so far some of the best ideas we've had are as follows. We would like feedback on what you all think about these. Send us an e-mail about what you think, or send us a new idea if you feel like you've got a better one.

"On YOU" – Been doing it for a game and 1/2 now. Its ok, but feels like we could do better.

"You FAIL" – An e-mail suggestion we got. It's nerdy, but so are we.

"That's ONE" – This would take some paying attention to a player's foul totals in the game. For their first foul, say "one", second foul say "two", etc. The scoreboards keep track of fouls.

Quickies – Short, and in no way sweet

- Mark Fox reportedly "extra good" in 2009 receives two lumps of coal for Christmas
- Western Oregon's Google maps search found to be much less funny than Idaho State's
- Bendall wakes from heart surgery to hear about Modou's 13-point game. Nearly suffers heart attack.

Bendall to sit out again tonight.

Center Nate Bendall will be out again tonight while still recovering from his minor heart surgery last week. This isn't quite as big a deal as we thought it'd be against Weber since Western Oregon isn't very good, and without Nate, both Brady Jardine and Modou Niang had career high's in points scored.

The Petri Dish – Yes, THAT Western Oregon. As in the one you'd never heard of until now.

Team – In their two previous games against D-1 opponents they've lost by an average of 31.5 points. Their website has a list of 10 reasons to attend Western Oregon University, including #1 – Only D-2 school in Oregon, #2 – Largest of the small schools, and #10 – National Exposure.

Head coach Craig Stanger – Began his collegiate career as a student manager at BYU. Ended up graduating from there. Seems deserving to be treated like one of them.

Assistant coach Robin Andrea – Was born in Logan, Utah, but has since severely downgraded his quality of living by ending up where he is today.

#1 Marcus Harris – Nickname is "Guany"

#3 Blair Wheadon – Has a picture of himself in a bowtie. Favorite musician is Kanye West. Last status update on Facebook was "Leroy Jeeeeeeeeenkins!!!"

#4 Matt Schmidt – Nickname is "Money". Claims to be a better cook than Wolfgang Puck. His pre-game ritual is watching a tape of JJ Redick, who unlike Schmidt, was good enough to play Division-I basketball.

#10 Josh Johnson – Favorite movie is Space Jam.

#23 Mike McLaughlin – Loves to play Guitar Hero.

#24 Rico Myles – Favorite athlete is Rico Myles. Favorite team is the one Rico Myles plays for. One thing people don't know about him: His name is Rico Myles.

#32 Kolton Nelson – Wears a size 20 shoe.

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