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### USU vs. Fresno State

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# "A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

#### The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
32	Brandon Spurling	6-4	G	So.
1	Mike Ladd	6-5	G	So.
24	Paul George	6-8	G/F	So.
30	Sylvester Seay	6-10	F	Sr.
22	Greg Smith	6-10	C	Fr.
2	Jonathan Wills	6-6	G	Jr.
3	Taylor Kelly	6-2	G	Fr.
11	Jerry Brown	6-7	G/F	Fr.
12	Steven Shepp	6-2	G	So.
15	Nedeljko Golubovic	6-8	F	Jr.
20	Garrett Johnson	6-5	G/F	Fr.
25	Justin Johnson	6-6	F	Fr.
32	Brandon Spurling	6-4	G	So.
42	Brandon Webster	6-10	C	Jr.

Coach: Steve Cleveland

#### BREAKING NEWS!!!! Steve Cleveland draws up a play.

Fresno State men's basketball head coach Steve Cleveland shocked and confused his players during practice Sunday afternoon when the fifth-year coach called players over and asked them to practice running an actual structured play.

"I had no idea what coach was doing," sophomore swingman Paul George said. "He scribbled some lines with some x's and circles mixed in there, but we were all confused for the most part."

Cleveland was hopeful that the team would catch on to what he was doing, despite the fact that he did not have a coach's whiteboard available to him.

"I had to draw it up on the back of my hand," Cleveland said. "We've never used any kind of strategy like this before since I've been coaching here. I think the last time Fresno State tried something like this, the play was drawn up on an old-school chalkboard."

George, unsure if the team ran the play correctly or not, said, "We went out there, passed it a few times and ran around a bit. The end-result was (Mike) Ladd just chucking up a 3-pointer."

Cleveland reacted to the "play" by simply clapping his hands and telling his team, "good job."

"I wish I could say whether or not they ran the play correctly, but I've never done this kind of thing before either," Cleveland said. "The 3-pointer we jacked up clanked off the front-rim, so I guess we've still got work to do."

Cleveland is going to give the new play a trial run during tonight's game against Utah State and if successful, he says he will look to do more of the same in the future.

"I'm hopeful that by the end of this next off-season, we could have two, maybe even three actual plays that we run in real-life basketball games," Cleveland said. "It's a bit of a change of pace from what we've been doing here since I arrived, but considering we've only averaged a sixth-place finish through our first four years in the WAC, I figure it might not hurt."

#### In All Honesty: A game preview

Fresno state enters tonight's game on a three-game losing-streak in WAC play, and have lost four of their last five overall. While they have plenty of talent and athleticism to throw around, they have about as little structure as a team as anyone. Leading the way for the Bulldogs is the duo of forwards Sylvester Seay and Paul George. The two combine to score 31.6 points per game while pulling down 13.1 rebounds. Not far behind them is freshman center Greg Smith with his 11.9 points and 6.1 rebounds. The Bulldogs' downfall tends to come by one player trying to take on five defenders at once, which would be a bad idea going against the WAC's top defense. Still, George and Seay have top-notch athleticism and talent to put up points against almost any team. USU won the first meeting between these two in Fresno by a 69-43 final. Fresno State will likely be looking for revenge, but they don't seem to have the X's and O's to pull it off.

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#### Quickies - Short and not so sweet.

- Paul George demands trade to Memphis Grizzlies.

- Fresno State medical staff still eagerly awaiting for junior forward Golubovic to "grow a pair".

- Despite horrid ratings, Fresno head coach relentlessly insists that Fox TV's "The Cleveland Show" is a winner.

#### How things are shaking down in WAC

In a nutshell, if Utah State wins tonight, we clinch a share of this year's regular season WAC championship. If USU wins and New Mexico State loses at Nevada, the Aggies will clinch the conference championship outright. If USU wins and NMSU wins, then Saturday's game against the WAC's other Aggies will be for the No. 1 seed in the WAC Tournament in Reno next week. Main point being, USU needs to win both tonight and probably Saturday too in order to remain the No. 1 seed.

#### Major Spectrum kudos

In case you did not hear about what Wichita State head coach Gregg Marshall said about The Spectrum after their visit here on Feb. 20, here's the rundown... He was complimentary.

"Utah State has 4000 student tickets and they make some type of impression on the visiting team and it's just a party. It is one heck of a party. It's the best I've ever seen. In many, many years I've been at Duke and Kentucky and UConn and Syracuse and it's clearly the best I've ever seen in terms of atmosphere..."

#### WAC Tournament Tickets

They cost \$55 for the whole tournament Order through Nevada's ticket office. 775-348-7225. Be there. Join the SOW.

#### The Petri Dish - The high-powered offense that we held to 43 points earlier this year.

**Head coach Steve Cleveland** - Was actually a poor enough coach that they fired him as head coach at BYU to hire Dave Rose instead... Take one guess as to which one of Cleveland or Rose are in the running for All-Refraction honors this season.

**#2 Jonathan Wills** - Transfer from New Mexico

**#3 Taylor Kelly** - Name sounds like a really attractive girl. Was a senior class representative at Centennial High School. Is currently representing the freshman class at Fresno State University by averaging just 0.4 points per game and shooting .071 percent from the field this season.

**#11 Jerry Brown** - Is a fan of "Fresno State Student Section Needs to Be Full" on Facebook. Unfortunately only 350 other people are also fans of this, and their student section remains empty.

**#15 Nedeljko Golubovic** - From Serbia. Isn't sure how to pronounce his name either.

**#20 Garrett Johnson** - Is in a group on Facebook called "I don't go to college for the knowledge."

**#21 Greg Smith** - Originally committed to Arizona. Is a fan of "When DRUNK, My phone should say, 'Are you sure you want to send this text?'" which would be fine if he wasn't a full two years under the legal drinking age.

**#24 Paul George** - Is a participant and a volunteer in the "Read to Achieve" program.

**#25 Justin Johnson** - Lists his favorite athlete as Tracy McGrady... presumably hasn't watched a basketball game in three years. Lists his biggest athletic thrill as, "knowing he is in the zone and can't be stopped on the court." He's STILL yet to play a single minute in his college career.

**#30 Sylvester Seay** - Has a Facebook group devoted to him being the greatest basketball player of all time... It has 19 members. Transfer from Arizona State.

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