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# "A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Maching since 2007"

#### **The Hit List** Pos YR G Jr. G Sr. F Jr. F Jr. C Sr. # NAME <u>Нт</u> **Damian Lillard** 15 Lindsey Hughey Kyle Bullinger 3 30 Darin Mahoney **55 Trevor Morris** G/F **B.J. Porter** So. **Scott Bamforth** G/F So. G F Jordan Richardson Fr. 13 Frank Otis Jr. 25 Byron Fulton Fr. 40 Blake Davis Fr. 44 Kyle Tresnak Fr. 45 James Hajek 6-10 C Fr Head Coach: Randy Rahe

#### In All Honesty: A game preview

Weber State comes to The Spectrum, for what is very unfortunately the third consecutive year for them. Also unfortunately for them is the fact that Tai Wesley is still playing for Utah State. In Weber's past two visits to The Spectrum, Wesley has gotten very flirty with a triple-double in each of those games, coming just a single assist shy of that feat two years ago, while going off for 19 points, eight rebounds and six assists in last year's game in Logan. As will be a running theme throughout the year, no single defender will be able to keep Wesley from scoring at will, meaning it's double-team or bust for Weber down low. Weber State has its own superstar in point

Weber State has its own superstar in point guard Damian Lillard, who is a straight-up stud. Brockeith Pane's hype as a defensive player will be put to the test from the beginning with Lillard, but this is the same guy who once went toes with Derrick Rose and even outscored Rose in a game.

Chances are that a lot of this game will swing on how well Lillard and Wesley will be able to find their teammates for scoring opportunities, as both will be the focal points of each team's offense. Chances also are that both teams will be finding themselves with a lot of 3-point opportunities. What the teams make of those opportunities, along with how well Wesley and Lillard are able to finish without their own offensive game will be the main factors tonight.

### Missed any issues of The Refraction???

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### WSU's hopes of undefeated season to come crashing down on opening day again For the third straight year, Weber State Univer Sky Tournament on our home court again too and

For the third straight year, Weber State University's men's basketball team will have any and all dreams of an undefeated season brutally crushed on the first day of their regular season. It will also be the second straight year that Utah State was the team directly responsible for shattering those dreams.

"It's a special feeling, knowing that you're the team that gets to put somebody into their place before they ever had much to be excited about," Utah State forward Tai Wesley said. "Most people would probably think that dealing out soul-crushing losses as often as we do would get old after a while, but it still brings a smile to my face every time."

Tonight's impending loss for the Wildcats will continue the streak of losing every opener for point guard Damian Lillard, who, despite being a likely first-round NBA draft pick sometime soon, has yet to experience what a 1-0 record feels like.

has yet to experience what a 1-0 record feels like. "It's just frustrating man," Lillard said of always losing the first game. "You go through all the practices, get all excited for the season, and then BAM! You've got a losing record after the first day. Chances are we'll probably get to play the Big Sky Tournament on our home court again too and blow our chance at NCAA Tournament in our own house."

This year's chance for Utah State is especially sweet seeing as how the Aggies were recently featured in Basketball Prospectus to have the best statistical chance of any team in the country of winning every single game they play this season prior to the NCAA Tournament. Granted the chances are still only standing at 1.14 percent of that actually happening, but that is still better than anybody else in the country.

USU head coach Stew Morrill said, "It's about damn time people start recognizing how badly we've been punking these fools in the state of Utah and the WAC the last few years and gave us that kind of national credit. It's bad enough that I had to go and viciously murder the 11 media members who were dumb enough to not pick USU to win the WAC this year, so it's nice to know that at least some people out there get it."

Utah State seems to be officially be making a trend out of ruining undefeated seasons as they were responsible for ending BYU's quest for perfection last season as well.

#### \*\*\*Who wants to take over The Refraction next year???\*\*\*

Yes, you read that right...
This season is officially the final year that the founding fathers of The Refraction will be making this newsletter, meaning that a couple new people will need to step up and continue this tradition.

We say a couple people, because two heads are always better than one, and even for the two of us who started this thing, even we have had our fair share of ideas that one thought was good, that the other had the good sense to nix.

There are several very important things to consider in doing this...

1) There is no pay. This is a 100 percent rouge endeavor, meaning you are in charge of everything from generating ideas, laying out the newsletter, paying for printing, etc.

2) You need a sense of humor. It sounds easier than

it is, because some teams are just really boring, and finding funny stuff is hard.

3) Some people will criticize you and tell you that you suck. It's part of the business. Gotta be able to deal with that.
4) You need to

4) You need to know when an idea sucks. Certain things just won't work with crowds, and other things just need to be left alone altogether.

5) There are a lot of people counting on you to deliver. That wasn't the case three years ago when nobody cared about this thing. Now there's pressure to perform. Can't let the people down.

6) You need enough motivation to commit to putting in probably 200+ hours of work a year simply out of love for the Aggies.

If you think you can do all that, and then some, contact us via Facebook, or at the\_refraction@hotmail.com and tell us why you should take over.



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#### The Petri Dish - You should know this by now, but if you don't, it's all of the dirt on opposing players.

<u>Head coach Randy Rahe</u> - Rahe is a former long-time assistant coach to our very own Stew Morrill. As per protocol, what with him being a former Aggie (and possibly still one at heart) he deserves our respect, but should also be made to wish he never left us for a couple hours tonight.

#1 Damian Lillard - Big Sky Player of the Year in 09-10, probable first round draft pick. Full name is Damian Lamonte Ollie Lillard. According to a survey on his Myspace he has shoplifted before and attends "weber state unoversity" where he presumably majors in "Draw 4 Wilds"

#13 Frank Otis - Transfer from Southern Methodist University. Milo and Otis jokes are recommended

#15 <u>Lindsey Hughey</u> - nickname is "Lindzo" or "Zo" for short. #25 <u>Byron Fulton</u> - Was a teammate of #40 Blake Davis in high school. Went to the same high school that produced NBA players Channing Frye and Jarred Bayless. Fulton is not as good as either of those guys.

#30 Darin Mahoney - Is second all-time in Utah high school basketball in blocks behind Shawn Bradley.

#40 Blake Davis - Was a teammate of #25 Byron Fulton in high school. Went to the same high school that produced NBA players Channing Frye and Jarred Bayless. Davis is not as good as either of those guys.

#44 Kyle Tresnak - Ladies rejoice: Kyle is a fan of "Glee" on Facebook #45 James Hajek - Last name is pronounced High-ek. Myspace account is "SoonerHater71". Apparently isn't motivated by hate quite enough to work his way to a scholarship to play for Texas to really express his hate for the Sooners.

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