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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
1	Bobby Miles	6-1	G	Fr.
2	Hiram Thompson	6-3	G	Sr.
3	Zane Johnson	6-6	G	Jr.
5	Joston Thomas	6-7	F	So.
15	Vander Joaquim	6-10	C	So.
4	Bill Amis	6-9	F	Sr.
10	Jeremiah Ostrowski	5-9	G	Jr.
12	Pi'i Minns	6-4	G	So.
20	Trevor Wiseman	6-7	F	Fr.
21	Dominick Brumfield	6-8	F	So.
24	Bo Barnes	6-4	G	Fr.
34	Douglas Kurtz	7-0	C	Sr.
40	Davis Rozitis	7-0	C	So.

Head Coach: Gib Arnold

In All Honesty: A game preview

Hawaii leaves the comfort of the Hawaiian islands for just the third time this year, bringing with them a road record of 0-2. Among those losses is a blowout loss to BYU and narrow defeat by the hands of 4-7 Cal Poly.

While the Warriors' record stands at 9-3 on the season, their strength of schedule comes in at No. 307 in the country.

Hawaii returns just one player from their top eight in scoring from a year ago in senior guard Hiram Thompson, but apparently more importantly, former head coach Bob Nash has moved on from the Hawaii program.

New head coach Gib Arnold has the Warriors winning nearly all of their winnable games thus far, with the exception of Cal Poly. Hawaii also has five players scoring in double figures on average. One of those five however is the seemingly perpetually injured Bill Amis, but after him, guard Zane Johnson is leading the way with 14.4 points per game. Johnson also is shooting 42.4 percent from behind the 3-point line and 88.1 percent on his free throws.

Despite their improved scoring, the Warriors have turned the ball over substantially more than they have forced turnovers, even with the weak schedule they've played. That is likely to be their ultimate undoing in tonight's game.

Missed any issues of The Refraction???

Visit www.usustats.com/refraction and get caught up on what you've been missing (that means you freshmen). Also join our group on Facebook for all our updates and info on coordinating the chaos that we so often coordinate.

The Petri Dish - Notice how we didn't make a single rainbow joke??? It's because we're tired of them too now...

#2 Hiram Thompson - Was the recipient of some relentless verbal abuse during last year's game in The Spectrum and took like a champ (even though he did earn second team All-Refraction honors for his play). He is now married to a very good friend of The Refraction, and despite the amount of heckling he will receive tonight, we wish them nothing but the best (after the game of course). Is also the first player from last year's All-Refraction team to return to The Spectrum this season.

#3 Zane Johnson - Transfer from University of Arizona

#4 Bill Amis - Is injured... Again

#5 Joston Thomas - Was rated a top 30 player coming out of high school, but went to College of Southern Idaho presumably because he didn't qualify

academically at any of the big name schools that were recruiting him. Attended 4 different high schools. Does not like when people spell his name JostEn
#10 Jeremiah Ostrowski - Also plays wide receiver for the Hawaii football team.

#12 Pi'i Minns - His name is Pi'i. We have no further joke here.

#15 Vander Joaquim - Originally signed with San Diego, then decided to commit to Nebraska, then attended College of Eastern Utah. Anyone who made it through a year in Price, Utah deserves our unwavering respect. Originally from Angola.

#24 Bo Barnes - Father Jake is a professional Rodeo Champion.

#34 Douglas Kurtz - From Brazil

Cold, harsh hand of reality gearing up to bitch slap Hawaii

The Hawaii Warriors arrive in Logan for tonight's game with spirits running high after coming out of their non-conference schedule with a 9-3 record. That start is an impressive feat for a team that won just 10 games all of last season.

"It's been fun getting a bit more of a taste for winning," Hawaii center Douglas Kurtz said. "It kind of sucks that it all has to come crashing down tonight though."

Kurtz is one of just three current Warrior players who have played a game in The Spectrum before, and knows the terror that is in store for his team.

"Sure, our team is improved and all that," Kurtz said. "We've got some decent new talent and all, but we've played one true road game and got blown out. Not to mention that most of these guys have no idea what they're getting into with playing against Utah State... In other words, reality is about to bitch slap our entire team."

The 9-3 non-conference record by Hawaii is the team's best since the 2004-2005 season, but not without a strength of schedule that currently stands at No. 307 in the country. While Utah State's checks in at No. 218 currently, the Aggies' number was at No. 68 just two short weeks ago before the last five teams USU played demolished that number. In return the Aggies demolished those teams.

With the impending wake up call coming for



"REALITY SLAP"

Hawaii, the few Warrior players who have experienced The Spectrum's wrath before are eagerly awaiting the reactions from their unsuspecting teammates.

"Hiram (Thompson) and I have been taking bets on who we think will be crying by halftime," Kurtz said. "Both of us have our money riding on Pi'i Minns... I mean seriously, his name is Pi'i. You don't think the USU students are going to absolutely murder him for that one?"

Let's make it four WAC titles in a row

Holy effing crap it's conference season already. Lucky for Hawaii they get us when school is still out. That just means that everybody who is here has got to pick up the slack.

The hunt for a fourth straight WAC regular season championship is officially on. Going undefeated at home in conference play for a fourth straight year would also be epic. Let's freaking do it!!!

WAC volleyball champions, k thx!!!

Once upon a time, the Hawaii Warriors' volleyball team was ranked No. 3 in the nation going into the WAC Tournament championship game. Then, along came the Utah State Aggies, who knocked off the Warriors in three sets for a WAC Tournament championship. Rare is the chance we get to shout out to the other sports in The Refraction, but the volleyball girls deserve their kudos!!!

True Life: I forgot who I am and went pro. Part 1 of 2: Dwain Williams

Profiling players who had no business attempting to go pro, but indeed attempted to go pro

Last spring when WAC players, and eventual NBA draft picks Luke Babbitt, Armon Johnson and Paul George were all making the jump to professional basketball, a few other players in the WAC left school early to pursue basketball careers. We don't exactly know why, but this is their story...

Here at The Refraction, we tend to think we know a thing or two about sports. Buried deep within that sports knowledge is an understanding that NBA scouts generally are NOT looking for 6-foot tall point guards who turn the ball over more fre-

quently than they assist a teammate for a basket.

We're also pretty sure that shooting 34.5 percent from the field and 34.4 percent from 3-point land is generally not the most appealing of statistics to NBA scouts.

Sure, the 14 points per game is alright, but having only four steals all season is not.

Dwain Williams however, felt that this was all good enough for the next level... To the surprise of nobody who isn't named Dwain Williams, Dwain Williams is not on any NBA, or even NBDL roster this season.

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