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"A Cold-Blooded Wrecking Machine since 2007"

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr
12	Steven Shepp	6-2	G	Jr.
23	Kevin Olekaibe	6-1	G	Fr.
5	Tim Steed	6-4	F	Jr.
15	Nedeljko Golubovic	6-8	F	Sr.
4	Greg Smith	6-10	C	So.
0	Jerry Brown	6-7	F	So.
1	Tyler Johnson	6-2	G	Fr.
2	Jonathan Wills	6-6	G	Jr.
11	Bennie Rhodes	6-6	G	Jr.
20	Garrett Johnson	6-4	G	So.
22	John Ryan	6-10	C	Fr.
25	Justin Johnson	6-6	F	So.
45	Bracken Funk	6-7	F	Fr.
55	Givon Crump	6-7	F	So.

Head Coach: Steve Cleveland

Captain Hindsight swoops in to save Fresno State's basketball program

With shadows of doubt looming over a basketball program in shambles, Fresno State administrators and basketball fans have been frantically searching for answers as to where their program went wrong.

Lucky for them, Captain Hindsight is on the case!!! Along with his trusty sidekicks, Coulda, Shoulda and Woulda, the hero of the modern age, blessed with the ability of extraordinary hindsight, offered his help to the Bulldogs.

"The first thing they should have done was NOT hire a coach who finished above fourth place only three times in seven years at BYU," the hero said of FSU's hiring of Steve Cleveland. "Then you see what Cleveland did after he was hired? He should have actually established a system with set plays and such for his players to learn and run."

Fresno State president John Welty, taking time off from his most recent extramarital affair to comment, said, "My god he's right! We absolutely blew it by hiring this guy in the first place. God bless you Captain Hindsight!"

Although Cleveland is somehow still gainfully employed as the Bulldogs' head coach, despite being solidly into the process of wasting another potential NBA talent in Greg Smith, Hindsight already has the answers to Welty's questions of what could have been done to avoid what looks to be a fourth consecutive dismal season.

"They should have fired him after a third straight losing season when he had NBA-quality talent like Paul George on his roster," said Captain Hindsight.

Before the caped crusader could continue, he received a distress call from University of Utah athletic director Chris Hill and was off to Salt Lake City to address the issue of what *should* have been done with Utes' head coach Jim Boylen.

"He should have just grown a pair and not bailed out of playing other teams in his state, no matter how embarrassing it may get," Captain Hindsight said. "He also should have not pissed off all his players to transfer away from his team. MY WORK IS DONE!!!"

In All Honesty: A game preview

In a nutshell, Fresno State sucks at shooting the ball. Their current standings in the WAC in field goal, 3-point and free throw percentage are 8th, 9th and 9th respectively.

To top that off, the Bulldogs' defense isn't all that great either.

In other words, Utah State's dominance over Fresno State that we've seen the past couple years is likely to continue tonight.

The Bulldogs have a trio of double-digit scorers in Tim Steed, Greg Smith, and freshman Kevin Olekaibe. The leader of that bunch is Olekaibe, chipping in with 12.3 points per game.

The real threat though for Fresno is, or at least should be, Greg Smith. Smith was a top 100 recruit in the nation out of high school, and has shown the ability to shine here and there, but for the most part seems soft in the post and has yet to come close to living up to his potential.

The biggest question surrounding the Aggies right now is if they are primed to bounce back with authority from Wednesday's loss at Idaho. Basically if Utah State can get its 3-point shooting back on track, everything should be just fine. If we had to guess, we'd say that a lot of frustration from Wednesday will be taken out tonight. It could really suck to be Fresno right now.

Sooo…Wednesday sucked. Time to rebound

It had to happen at some point, right? Two years ago our big win streak was stopped by Boise State while ranked No. 17 and all we did was go on to win the WAC Tournament and set a school record for wins in a season. Hopefully the team (and Tai Wesley's nose) can get things back together and dominate the rest of the season like we'd been doing in almost every game before Wednesday night.

WAC Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall	RPI
Utah State	11-1	22-3	26
New Mexico State	7-4	13-12	137
Nevada	6-4	9-14	201
Idaho	7-5	14-10	160
Boise State	6-6	13-11	169
Fresno State	5-7	11-13	207
Hawaii	4-7	13-10	190
San Jose State	3-8	11-11	180
La Tech	2-9	11-14	229

We still need heirs to The Refraction

The original Refraction duo will officially be retiring/graduating after this season. This means that unless an insanely motivated and devoted twisted mind or two steps up to take over, it's possible that the next two issues of The Refraction will be the last two issues ever!!!

So if any of you freshman or sophomores out there thing you are up to this task, shoot an e-mail to either *the_refraction@hotmail.com*, or just hit up Fafner on Facebook and tell us why you would be right for this job, and maybe a sample idea or two of things you think would be funny as article ideas. And don't make it too serious either. We don't want anything bland.

Basically, if you know your stuff with sports, have an irreverent sense of humor, a good work ethic, some quality writing ability and are able to think of totally random funny things, you should be able to do fine.

Just understand that we may be picky with who we pass this on to. Sucking is not allowed.

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 - FresNOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (seriously, that place sucks.)

Head coach Steve Cleveland - Was the head coach at BYU from 1997 to 2005. Somehow still has a job at Fresno State after three straight losing seasons of having NBA caliber talent to work with.

#0 Jerry Brown - Fluent in sign language. Is a fan of "SaveMart Center Student Section Needs To Be Full" on Facebook. Only 600 people also like that, which is a tremendous improvement from only 350 last year.

#2 Jonathan Wills - Transfer from New Mexico. Going from New Mexico to Fresno seems like a lateral move at best, but whatever.

#4 Greg Smith - Last year's WAC freshman of the year. Has made no discernible improvement in the last season.

#11 Bennie Rhodes - On Facebook his name is Shavoo

#15 Nedeljko Golubovic - From Montenegro. Also likes "SaveMart Center Student Section Needs To Be Full" on Facebook. When asked his thoughts on playing in The Spectrum, he said it's a fun atmosphere and enjoys playing in it... Apparently he gets some sick twisted thrill out of hearing an "Up by 20" chant before his team has even scored. But when has that ever happened except for that one time?

#22 John Ryan - At 1.2 points per game his game is as anonymous as his name.

#25 Justin Johnson - Dad is Eddie Johnson, a 17-year NBA veteran.

#45 Bracken Funk - From Lone Peak High School in Highland, Utah. Is currently shooting 35.8 percent from the field, which is really bad for a big man.

#55 Givon Crump - Transfer from Baylor activities and interests according to his Facebook profile are "Basketball and money"

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