

Boone named to All-Rookie Team

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The Arena Football League today released its 2006 All-Rookie team and the Kansas City Brigade is pleased to announce that [Aaron Boone](#) has been chosen at the lone WR/LB position. The only player chosen from one of the AFL's two expansion teams, Boone appeared in seven games with the Brigade as a WR/LB and OS after being acquired from the Philadelphia Soul. He played in only two games with the Soul, both on defense, and had not taken an offensive snap in a professional game since the 2005 NFL Europe season.



Courtesy: Julie Scheidegger/WireImage.com
Brigade WR/LB Aaron Boone

"This honor is a credit to my teammates and coaches," Boone said. "We all have team goals and objectives, but this was one I had on the personal side. I got a late start in the season and was so thankful for the opportunity to be on the field. I have never had as much fun playing football as I did this year and I hope that showed when I played. It was no coincidence that I had most of my best games at Kemper Arena in front of the great Kansas City fans."

Boone took to the Brigade offense immediately and posted outstanding numbers. He finished the season with 66 receptions for 748 yards and 19 touchdowns (an average of 9.4 receptions, 107 yards and 2.7 touchdowns per game). He caught five touchdown passes in two different games and set franchise single-game records for receiving yards and touchdown receptions.

"We are very proud of Aaron's and it is well-deserved", Head Coach Kevin Porter said. "To put up the numbers he did in half of a season is remarkable. His work ethic, preparation, skills, and knowledge paved the way for this recognition."

The Brigade has begun handing out its own end-of-season awards, beginning with the Community Service Player of the Year. The first annual honoree is Chris Morant, for his unmatched dedication to impacting the lives of fans, especially children. Morant was always the first to volunteer his time and energy for any kind of event in the community and adamantly encouraged his teammates to join him at every event.

"I just want to thank the people of Kansas City for being great fans and I really enjoyed being involved in the community," Morant said. "I also want to thank the Brigade for giving me opportunities to be part of the team and help make a difference off of the field."

Morant participated in 15 community service events, including reading programs, hospital visits and fundraisers for special-needs children; a Habitat for Humanity building project, Negro League Baseball Museum events and an adoption program for children. He has also been nominated by the Brigade for the 2006 AFL Al Lucas Hero Award, given to the player who makes the most significant contribution to both his community and the game of Arena Football.

The rest of the Brigade's end-of-season awards honorees will be announced Friday. The team MVP, Offensive player, Defensive player, Ironman, Rookie and Lineman of the Year will be decided by a media and fan vote.

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