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Blaze ready to bring Boone back home to Utah

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Aaron Boone's large family will now have a much easier time watching him play professional football.

Boone, a wide receiver who came on strong at the end of the 2006 Arena Football League season after spending two years catching passes in NFL Europe, is expected to sign as a free agent with the Utah Blaze, a source close to the negotiations told the Deseret Morning News. A press conference announcing the signing is scheduled for today.

Boone grew up in Fillmore, where he led Millard High to a state title as an all-state quarterback. He then went to Snow College and on to the University of Kentucky, where he became a star receiver.

He's spent time in various NFL training camps the past three years and was a member of the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europe in 2004 and 2005 before returning to the States to play in the AFL last season.

After seeing limited playing time early with the Philadelphia Soul, Boone was traded to the Kansas City Brigade midseason. In just seven games for Kansas City, he caught 66 passes for 748 yards and 19 TDs. The 6-foot-3, 215-pounder had a huge game in the Delta Center, catching 13 passes for 147 yards and five TDs in a 55-54 loss to the Blaze. Obviously, that was enough to catch the attention of Blaze coach and general manager Danny White

"It was great playing here with all my family and friends here to support me," Boone said after that Delta Center game last May. "I wanted to put on a good show for them."

Now he'll be able to put on a local show more often.

Boone is one of 10 children in his family and is the brother of former Ute star offensive lineman Jesse Boone and current Ute lineman Jason Boone. Their father, Coley, played football for BYU.

Boone will be the second free agent to sign with Utah. The Blaze inked lineman Steve Konopka, formerly of the Las Vegas Gladiators, last week.

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