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Blaze sign another Boone brother

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Jesse Boone, the former University of Utah star offensive lineman, had several options to consider with offers from teams in both NFL Europe and in the Arena Football League.

In the end, he chose to stay close to home — and to play with his brother.

One week after the Utah Blaze signed wide receiver Aaron Boone, his younger brother, Jesse, agreed to terms with the team. Jesse Boone, a four-year starter for the Utes at various positions on the offensive line including center, will be on a team with Aaron for the first time ever. While they were both stars at Millard High in Fillmore before going to college, their four-year age difference made it so that they never played football on the same team together.

The signing of Boone continues the Blaze's busy offseason. Utah has been the most active team in the AFL during the free agency period which began Oct. 2. In addition to signing the Boone brothers, the Blaze have signed lineman Steve Konepka, ex-Ute defensive back Clarence Lawson, LB/FB Valentine Chude, defensive back Michael Davis Jr. and linemen Brandon Eaton, Chris Janek, Bruce Blue and John Culp. The Blaze also made a trade with the Nashville Kats for former All-AFL linebacker/fullback Frank Carter.

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