

Insiders Say Fedora Now a Tar Heel

HATTIESBURG – Citing three sources close to the search for a head football coach at the University of North Carolina, the *Winston-Salem Journal's* Bill Cole [is reporting that](#) USM football coach Larry Fedora has agreed to become UNC's next head football coach. That same evening report on 6-Dec-2011 from Cole [was followed up by](#) reporters at *The Hattiesburg American*. Though it is not now known whether Fedora will coach the Golden Eagles in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl against Nevada on 24-Dec-2011, sources tell USMNEWS.net that it is likely that he will do so. They also say that it is likely that UNC's interim head coach Everett Withers will lead the Tar Heels on 26-Dec-2011 against Missouri in the Independence Bowl.



Sources point out that the aforementioned bowl scenarios typify just why Fedora would leave USM for UNC. As previously reported, USM, with its unprecedented 11-2 record, will bring back to C-USA \$750,000 for its participation in the Hawai'i Bowl. UNC, which sports a record of only 7-5, is bringing \$1,150,000 back to the Atlantic Coast Conference for its involvement with the Independence Bowl. And, while C-USA is bringing home \$4,050,000 from its bowl agreements in the 2011-12 bowl season, the ACC is reeling in a whopping \$46,980,000 during that same time.

Fedora leaves USM after four years, having produced seasons of 7-6, 7-6, 8-5, and 11-2 to date. His overall record to date is 33-19, and his USM teams are 1-2 in three bowl games thus far. Still, sources tell USMNEWS.net that USM fans' frenzy over the loss of Fedora, much of which is based on this year's unprecedented 11-2 record and C-USA championship, is misplaced given that Fedora's record against Division 1 teams with records of *0.500 or below* is only 21-11, while his record against Division 1 teams with *winning* records is only 9-8. Assuming Fedora coaches in the upcoming bowl, the best these records will be after he departs is 21-11 and 11-8, while they could actually fall to 21-12 and 9-9.