

“Golden Eagles’ losing skid affects recruiting”

A Guest Editorial by C. Anna Hall

A few days ago Jason Munz, sports reporter for *The Hattiesburg American*, wrote “[Golden Eagles’ losing skid affects recruiting](#).” There is little doubt that many readers reacted with some version of “no kidding”.

The practical and simple fact is the “smart” young men that Head Coach Todd Monken says he wants for his team, are going to look at their options and choices. Here are some of the questions one of those bright, talented athletes are likely to ask themselves:

Shall I go to a school whose sports program is heavily burdened by debt?

Shall I go to a school whose facilities are, by the admission of its AD, mediocre?

Shall I go to a school whose attendance is routinely several thousand less than the seating capacity?

Shall I go to a school with a 0 and 22 record for the past two years, and a high probability of ending the season with a 0 and 24 record?

It is unlikely that any of these young men are going to be overly concerned about Jeff Bower’s or Larry Fedora’s win-loss record. They are going to be concerned about the future – their future. And, there is little doubt Southern Miss’ future doesn’t look bright.