Guest Editorial

Looking Back at the Southern Miss vs. FIU Fiasco

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Southern Miss fans were eagerly awaiting the October 5 kickoff against Florida International University. FIU was generally viewed as the worst football team in the country. Southern Miss was a 17-point favorite to break its sixteen game losing streak – the longest in the nation. However, three turnovers and a missed field goal (the third in three games) ended any hopes Southern Miss may have had of coming up with its first win in two years.

On October 4, 2013, just a day before kickoff, USA Today wrote:

In a matchup of monumental ineptitude, 0-4 Southern Mississippi hosts 0-4 Florida International on Saturday. Technically somebody has to win, but considering these two teams, we wouldn't be surprised if they found a way to circumvent that rule.

Both teams certainly tried, but only Southern Miss found a way to lose.