

Hey Prez, the Natives are Restless
Maybe for Good Reasons: 0 Wins, 19 Losses, the Absolute Bottom of D1

A visit to the fan blogs reflects deep-seated discontent with the direction of Southern Miss football and the direction of the University in general. Well, President Bennett, what do you plan to do?

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...you first have to stop digging. From 18 winning seasons to 19 straight losses. I stopped listening to the game at half time. All I can say is, if you're a good high school football recruit, and you want to give up any chance of playing football at the next level, Southern Miss is the new school for you. Football as it used to be known, is just gone at Southern Miss. The kids wearing the uniform now are imposters. The only entertainment value left from watching them comes from the laughter one feels at how horrid they are. I think it's rich when everyone keeps saying "but they'll get better". As if all of the other teams on the schedule are in some suspended animation and not also getting better as the season progresses. This appears to be a Pop Warner team which is an embarrassment to the university, the student body, and to themselves, for how can anyone be proud of failure, regardless of how hard you've tried? Do you think any of these "athletes" are starting to get a creeping feeling of fear knowing that they may have to start getting by on their smarts in college instead of their "athletic ability"? 10/27

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There's a pissing in the ashes quality to this discussion about what "used to be" for Southern Miss football. Realistically, if Southern Miss has a "turn around" and starts winning games someday, what's the best that can be accomplished? Winning the Crap USA Conference Championship? That only says the team sits atop the crappiest conference in the country. Who cares about that?

The high point for Southern Miss football was 2 yrs ago when they were 12-2. And even at the top of their game, they were snubbed out of their own Bowl (the Liberty). Even at the top! It's been downhill ever since. So when folks like LE say hang on, the question is... For what? There is no pay off in the end which results in this team moving up. Everything has been tried, remember?... And this is the result. If anything, all of these losses in a row are perhaps a way to let the old fans get used to the new normal. And it just may do that, if they don't leave out of a sense of futility first.

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Re: 2000 South Carolina Gamecocks

...not pushing buttons here but it really is over for this program..worst conf with pathetic pussies as players and no one wants to play here now...SM will be mired in the SMU syndrome for years & years to come now...these are just the facts. 10/26

Say, [we turn it around](#), and in 3 or 4 years are competitive in C-USA. Big Whoop! Winning this conference in present form is like being the tallest midget. 10/27

Southern Miss [football is DEAD](#). We do not have the resources to become competitive again, even in CrapUSA. We are not South Carolina. That is a naive comparison. Our recruiting base continues to shrink, our conference is gross and the fan support and dollars are flowing out like a river. No kid will want to play here and few coaches will want to coach in this type of situation. 10/27

After spending hundreds of millions over many decades, what has football done for USM? For example, has it led USM from the bottom tier of academic institutions "to the top"? No. USM is still a fourth tier academic institution. And, USM football is mediocre to downright dismal, similar to its academic reputation. Maybe it's true that academics can't lift the quality of football anymore than football can lift the quality of academics. But the money spent on football might be better spent on scholarships and improving the academics at USM.