

MORE MISERY

On October 26, 2013, Craig Stephenson of GulfLive.com said. "... I asked Monken if the 24-23 loss to previously (and since) winless Florida International was 'the bottom.' He answered that he wasn't sure it could get much worse.' Monken was wrong. Southern Miss now has a two season 0-22 record and the situation seems to gets worse with every game.

Many people thought that Southern Miss' had a real chance to win a game and break its 21-game (now 22-game) losing streak in last week's game against Florida Atlantic Owls at Roberts Stadium. The Owls, never a particularly good team, had recently lost their head coach amidst allegations of illegal drug use.

However, if possible, the loss to Florida Atlantic was even more demoralizing. The Owls rushed for 333 yards – a school record. Southern Miss managed only 189 yards total offense.

Of course, the good news is that not many people were there to watch the misery that is USM football. According to Patrick Magee of the Sun Herald "[t]he official attendance on Saturday was 20,802, but the actual crowd appeared to be closer to half that number."

Yesterday, Southern Miss' Head Coach Todd Monken made his [first sacrifice](#) in an apparent effort to make it look like he is doing something to change the losing trajectory. Offensive line coach Pete Perot was fired, effectively immediately. Perot is being replaced by a graduate assistant for the last two games.

"We haven't played particularly well as a team," [Monken said](#). "So this (staff change) is not solely put on that position. But at the end of the day, we've all got to perform better at all spots, starting with that group, and that just happened to start today."

If Monken believes in accountability for the coaching staff, perhaps he should take responsibility for the misery that is Southern Miss football and dismiss himself. However, given his generous \$700,000+ annual salary, we don't expect that to happen. However, it is clearly time for Monken to pack his bags and exit the Southern Miss athletics department.