

# On the Boards

## *What Southern Miss Football Fans Are Saying*

With Southern Miss football program flattened by a 0-14 record over the past two years, talk on the blogosphere increasingly focuses on whether, given its fiscal and market shortcomings, Southern Miss should attempt to compete in Division One football. Here one example.

### **The truth about the football program**

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Fist off. lets get this out of the way because I've been reading some posts on here about "Do you miss JB yet". He cant and wouldn't take us to the next level nor can any other coach.

Second, before any of you start taking cheap shots, and some of you have before, because of my user name and my home site being Warchant understand this.....I am a USM alum but have always been a fan of FSU football and when rivals first came out, USM didn't have a place on rivals so I set my home page up on Warchant. While I was at USM I was involved with the program for 2 years so I am not someone from the outside looking in.

Here are the reasons that our program will not be going to the next level anytime soon. And I understand that some of you will continue to live in denial and that's fine. This is my opinion and you can take it or leave it.

1. We cant recruit well enough to take our program to the next level. This is a fact. We live in a region where you have the likes of LSU,MSU. Ole Miss, Alabama, Auburn,FSU and all of these schools are 5 hours or less away. Its very unlikely that a highly recruited kid is going to come here when these schools are chasing him too. Put yourself in the kids place and put aside your bias for a minute.....now, what would you do?

2. FACT....We play in a HORRIBLE conference. And as we found out a couple years ago, we can get our asses bumped out of the Liberty Bowl even if we win this crappy conference. Its a sad state of affairs when we go out and win our conference and get bumped out of our bowl by VANDERBILT.....let that sink in.....Recruits see and understand this. They also understand that this is the best bowl they would get to play in even if they won the conference championship, provided we don't get bumped.

3. This is where some of you are probably going to get pissed of, but so be it. The university seriously needs to consider us going D1AA or can the football program. We are losing money and are going to continue to lose money until something drastic is done. This may or may not be the answer, I dont know, but I do know that we are on a downward spiral that is only going to get worse.

4. Last night vs Nebraska was horrid. We have a 5th year senior QB starring down receivers, throwing pick 6's, an Oline that cant block, running backs that don't have enough speed to get the corner, receivers that cant catch a cold butt naked in Alaska, and a defense that cant keep up. BTW, all of this was a repeat performance vs TX State. ALL of this is recruiting. It doesn't matter what coach we have. We could have the best offensive and

defensive minds in the game but those coaches have got to be able to recruit and with the schools we are competing against, I just don't see that happening anytime soon.

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