

## **Revisiting Sports at Southern Miss, Blaming Others for Bad Decisions**

Who was [responsible](#) for the breathtakingly bad [Ellis Johnson](#) contract? The contract that former head football coach Ellis Johnson inked with USM before the 2012 season, a season in which USM finished 0-12 and resulted in Johnson being terminated. [USM owes Johnson](#) the remainder of his contract, or \$2.1 million, even though Johnson secured employment, and at \$800,000 per year – more than he was making as head coach at USM -- as the defensive coordinator at Auburn University.

## **WDAM-TV News: Fingers Point Back to Lucas on Contract**

HATTIESBURG – The *WDAM-TV* News team headed by Randy Swan [has delivered](#) yet again, this time on 10-December-2012 by constructing a timeline of events surrounding the contract awarded to former USM football coach Ellis Johnson. The work of Swan's team turns on its head [the discussion that](#) current interim USM president Aubrey Lucas led with the USM faculty senate back on 7-December-2012.