

## USM Looses to Boise State 60 to 7

USM extended its losing streak to 16 with its loss to Boise State 60 to 7. And how many hundreds of millions has USM spent on football over the past 100+ years to accomplish this record?

There's some interesting soul-searching going on. Here's a sample from EaglePost--Where Southern Miss Fans Meet on the Net!

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First off, let me say that I'm not blaming any one person for the mess we are in now. I believe it is a perfect storm of bad luck and bad leadership that has gotten us here. But let me list who I think is to blame in order from most blame to least.

1) Ellis Johnson - Obviously, the man was incompetent and had no idea what he was doing. He was a horrible coach with a horrible staff. And most importantly destroyed a winning attitude and replaced it with a losing one which will take years to recover from.

2) Steve Buckley - Steve Buckley is not a bad man. I've spoken to him on many occasions and don't think he means any harm. He was just completely terrible and incompetent as an offensive coordinator. The thing is, it's not his fault he sucks, it was EJ's fault for putting him there. I have no doubt in my mind that Buckley and Ellis had planned on Ellis having a few decent seasons, then Ellis retiring and handing Buckley the reins as head coach. Think about that.

3) Jeff Hammond - This is a tough pill for many to swallow. But the day he was fired was a big step in turning this thing around. I respect what he did for our country, but he was a horrible AD. I know for a fact that not one coach on that campus liked him or wanted to keep him on board. They all thought he was crazy. And I'm not talking about a hard working, push you hard kind of crazy. I'm talking about a wouldn't let them do their jobs, screaming and yelling, bullshit irrelevant meetings type of crazy. They hated him. One coach said without any hesitation that he thought Hammond had severe mental problems. That's all I'll say about Hammond.

4) Richard Gianinni - He sucked. He was terrible. I hate him. That is all.

5) Martha Saunders - She, along with Jeff Hammond, are the two people most responsible for hiring Ellis. She was also a horrible President and set the college back 10 years.

6) Larry Fedora - He did good things for us. I'm not saying we should really blame him. But his last 2 or

3 recruiting classes were awful on the lines. He was a good coach and good recruiter. But out of his last 2 classes, there aren't any real difference makers. I'm not saying he quit recruiting, but we don't have much talent right now. And at least half the players on the roster were recruited by him.

7) Jeff Bower - Another good coach. Jeff Bower won a lot of games here. He really had us clicking in the late 90s. Where he failed was failing to capitalize on that success in recruiting. He also didn't want to adapt with the rest of college football with his schemes. He was a good coach and a good man. He did a lot for us, but a little more would have set us up for conference realignment much better.

8) Todd Monken- He walked in to a mess. He has a team with no confidence, little talent, a losing attitude to change, and a brutal early schedule. He may be learning on the job as a head coach. But that's fine. It's gonna take probably 3 years to get good again anyway. He needs at least that long before we start blaming him for any of this. The situation he walked in to is that bad.

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