

USM's Sports Woes Continue

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR EVEN MORE EMBATTLED AFTER WEEKEND

After Saturday's (29-Sept-2012) loss in Hattiesburg to Louisville by a score of 17-21, new USM athletics director Jeff Hammond is even more embattled that he was heading into the weekend. With the loss, USM fans are beyond furious at the performance of both Hammond and new head football coach Ellis Johnson, whose record slipped to 0-4 with the UL loss.



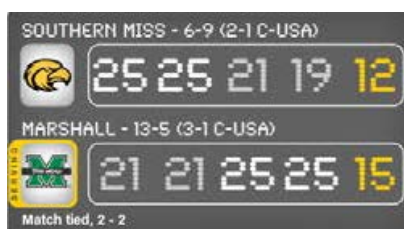
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19 Louisville (3-0, 2-0 away)	6	6	3	6	21
Southern Miss (0-4, 0-1 C-USA)	10	7	0	0	17

No. 19 Louisville rallies to defeat Southern Miss

The UL loss comes on the heels of an embarrassing loss to Western Kentucky, who held on to defeat USM 42-17 after jumping out to a 42-3 lead last Saturday (22-Sept-2012). In Saturday night's game at The Rock, USM jumped out to a 17-6 lead in the second quarter, but seemed, from that point on, concerned only with running out the clock. That overly-conservative approach allowed UL to outscore USM 15-0 over the final 2+ quarters in the game. The defeat led to another update, inserted below at left, to the main page at www.fireellisjohnson.com. The UL comeback also provided inspiration for the spoof of Johnson, inserted below at right, posted to the message boards at BigGoldNation.com by a disgruntled USM fan.



The weekend began with another loss by the USM soccer team and ended with a 2-3 in volleyball at the hands of Marshall. In that match, USM held a 2-0 before losing the final three sets.



SOUTHERN MISS - 6-9 (2-1 C-USA)	25	25	21	19	12
MARSHALL - 13-5 (3-1 C-USA)	21	21	25	25	15

Match tied, 2 - 2

The Friday night loss dropped the soccer team to 3-6-1 on the year, while the volleyball team fell to 6-10 with the loss to Marshall. These records, combined with football's 0-4 start, have USM sitting at only 9-20-1 on the 2012-13 academic year - its worst start in many years.