

# 'BULLIGERENCE'

## "BELIEVE IT"

### Boring? Not Even Close

Sports and athletic events have been known to provide some of the most exciting and thrilling experiences that anyone can experience in life. Whether it's witnessing a last second game winner, a championship being won, record breaking performances, or the Cinderella beating up Goliath, Aggie Football has provided much of that this season with more to come. What separates this football team from being undefeated is a measly 5 points. Yep, two losses so far, one by two points and another by three. But the seven wins definitely outweigh everything else and all of the wins have been BIG. What has been known in the recent past, as a boring game because Utah St. was getting blown out, has now turned into a boring game because we are the ones blowing out the other team so bad. So far this season in the seven victories this team has posted, so far we have witnessed victories by margins of 7, 12, 22, 22, 31, 31, and even a 34-point blowout. All of this has provided more Winning Team/Losing Team chants at Romney Stadium than ever before and the students have been able to bowl during the game, showing our excitement for another bowl-game invitation following this season. We thank the entire student body for the support and large numbers that we have seen all year long. Even the last one against New Mexico St. was a respectable turnout considering there was Fall Break and the opportunity to go home and be with family. We ask that you continue to dedicate about 4 hours of your day to Utah State Football, Coach Andersen and this university as a whole and bringing yourself as well as anyone else you can get to the final two home games to pack Romney Stadium. What a great time it is to be an Aggie as we are going "bowling" back to back for the first time in a long time. Directly from Coach A, "I hope the Hurd is in full force this week!!! We need you guys!!! One more thank you to THE BEST Student section in the country!!! GO AGGIES!!! Be loud, be proud and be HURD!!!



### Game Preview

Texas St., a team very similar to UTSA that Utah St. beat last week by a substantial margin, is looking to give Utah St. its first loss at home this year. Chances for that happening are next to none as what is known as the "Spectrum magic" has carried over to Romney Stadium. Texas St. has had great success at the DII level winning championships and have competed this year as a DI FBS team. But Utah State's offense is clicking on all cylinders and the defense is still ranked higher than high in many categories.

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### Utah State (7-2)

Utah State is on its longest winning streak of the season at 3 games and is looking to make it 4. The (7-2) record is the best mark Aggie Football has seen since 1978. Due to changes in college football over the years and additional games played in a season if Utah State wins out it will have the best record in school history.

Utah State defense is still posting amazing numbers. The latest and highest ranking is 6<sup>th</sup> in the entire nation in points allowed per game. The defense has only allowed 6 points in the first quarter the whole season and has yet to allow a touchdown.

Nick Diaz the sophomore kicker has faced injuries in the past and finally got the green light to play against San Jose St. In the three games he has played Diaz has posted a perfect 18 for 18 in extra point attempts. He is also 4 for 5 on field goal attempts including a 53-yard field goal against New Mexico St. which is one of the longest field goals that Aggie fans have seen in a long time. In other special team news, in more than half of the games played Utah St. has blocked either a punt or FG.

### Football In the Spectrum?

With the success and dominance of Utah State Football this year, it's popularity and excitement has grown that it is just too good to pass up or not be a part of. Aggie Football is becoming such a huge hit that on November 17<sup>th</sup>, it will take over The Spectrum. Now why this might be? As Utah State continues its success with football it will head into a BYE week on November 10<sup>th</sup> as it prepares for one of the biggest games in the past few decades if not in the entire school history. Utah State will travel on the road and face Louisiana Tech November 17<sup>th</sup>, which is looking like it will be the game that will determine the WAC conference champion. This game is huge, as Utah State will have the opportunity to go into La. Tech, win on the road, be crowned the conference champion and add to one of the winningest records the program has ever seen. Being one of the biggest games of the year if not THE biggest of course we need to have a watch party and support Aggie Football that kicks off at 5pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. But the problem is, we also need to support Aggie Basketball as they have a home game against Texas A&M Corpus Christi the same day starting at 7pm and every Aggie home game, no matter what sport, needs to be supported to the max. Many people want to watch the Aggie Football game, but we need you at The Spectrum to support Stew's Crew. To compromise, doors at The Spectrum will open at 5pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> to anyone that has a ticket to the basketball game that night or a student I.D. The football game against La Tech will be broadcast live on the huge HD video boards on the jumbotron up until basketball tipoff. It's definitely the biggest screen that you can watch the Aggie game on, and then follow it with Aggie Basketball while getting football updates at the same time. Make sure you are there at The Spectrum at 5pm on November 17<sup>th</sup> to support both teams.

### Texas St. (3-4)

Texas State University, whose mascot is a bobcat named Boko, is the fifth largest university in Texas and is also known as "The Rising Star of Texas". Boko the Bobcat was the name selected by Beth Greenless back in 1964, who beat out 100+ other students in a naming contest and got \$5 for her winning efforts. Now where the name Boko comes from I don't think anyone has an idea?

Texas St. is very similar to Utah St. in some surprising ways. Utah St. has a substantial amount of players from Utah on their roster. Texas St. seems to take the same approach at local recruiting with a roster of about 110, all but 17 on that roster are from Texas. If you ever get the chance to walk around campus at Texas St., there you will also find a building known as "Old Main". Although there is not a huge block "A" on top that turns blue constantly because of so many athletic victories like we do here, they have their own tradition in lighting up a star after a win or special event like homecoming that sits atop a different building on campus called Jackson Hall.