

THE BULL SHEET

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Long...bummed out... discouraged... exhale...

Maybe throw in a curse word or eight of your choice if that's your thing. Not really much else can really be said to aptly describe the past two games for Utah State football than maybe some four-letter words that start with an "f" or an "s".

Auburn was a harsh lesson. Colorado State was the epitome of letting something thought to be in-the-bag slip away. Then last week it seemed like the lesson learned at Auburn got lost amidst the fallout from CSU.

Either way, this has been just devastating for everyone surrounding Utah State football. Players, coaches and fans alike, we've all suffered through the past two weeks together. We've all thought about how great things could have been if we'd closed out these games this season. We've all had to sit back when it was all finished and wonder, "What the hell happened?"

Rather than dwell on what has happened so far this season, look at the bigger picture and realize what is happening.

Now breathe in again

Five years ago, the average margin in USU's losses through the first four games of a season was 34.3 points. Getting blown out was the norm. One year ago, that average was 19.3 points.

This year, despite all the disappointment, the average loss is by 2.7 points. In other words, what's happening is progress.

Yes, you're probably sick of hearing it, but the fact is that a program doesn't climb out of the kind of hole we were once in during a span of just two or three years. That progress takes a long time, requires a lot of hard work and maybe most importantly, a whole lot of support.

Our team has come so far from where it once was, and it's safe to assume that the improvement will

continue. But we're just not quite there yet, and part of not being there just yet is the kind of rough losses like the ones we've had to endure so far this season. With each loss comes a new lesson for the team and the program as a whole, and if you have any doubt about how much it affects the players on this team, go look them up on Twitter and see the things they've had to say after games. They care as much, and probably more than any-body else. They are the ones putting in countless hours of practice trying to turn this insane amount of potential into the production we all know they are capable of.

Last time USU won a bowl game, that team started the season 1-5

Yes, what you just read is 100 percent true, and that is all the more reason to stay amped about Utah State football. Based on the love for the Aggies flying around on Facebook and Twitter following the collapse at BYU, one can't help but think that Romney Stadium will still be packed to see this ship right its

Attendance aside, history has shown that teams can fall on crappy luck to start a season (2011 USU team raises hand) and bounce back to earn their way into a bowl game if the team is good enough (1993 USU team raises hand). And does anybody think that this team isn't good enough to pull of such a bounce back? (Robert Turbin and Bobby Wagner kill all who raise hand)

How much more fitting can you get than having a past Utah State team being the ones as an example of a bad start with a strong finish en route to a bowl win?

A win today, and things are still looking bright. There are seven games left after today, with four of those needing to be wins. With nobody in the WAC looking very worthwhile this year outside of USU, Hawaii and Fresno State, the odds of winning four out of seven WAC games looks pretty good.

Just make sure you watch it happen from the seats at Romney, not from checking box scores on the internet at home.

The Detroit Lions

The NFL's equivalent to Utah State? I dare say that looks like it could be the case.

In 2010, the Lions had all sorts of potential with a talented young team that looked to finally be rising from seemingly countless years of

Five points or less was the margin in SIX losses for the Lions in 2010. They finished the season with a 6-10 record and plenty of lessons learned. Lessons similar to those we seem to have been learning at USU so far this year.

Now, the Lions are 4-0 and the surprise team of the NFL. That can be us, whether it be a bounce back this season, or a continual rise to eventually dominate in the near

Enough words of hope and motivation. Back to how much we rule!

Robert Turbin would like to remind all players on opposing defenses that he is Robert Turbin, and you are not.

He's 11th in the nation in rushing yards per game and of all players with 70 rush attempts or more, only two other players have a higher yards per carry average.

If you need Bobby Wagner, he's No. 4 in the nation in tackles per

Both USU's total offense AND total defense are top 30 in the country and No. 1 in the WAC. Like I said before, it's some serious progress.

Our student section so far this season has been totally kick ass!! And our alumni section... well... ummm.... ya our student section is totally kick ass!

Utah State





Wyoming

Bull Sheet scouting report A game preview

On first glance, one can only wonder how in the hell Wyoming is 3-1 on the season, until you realize halfway through that first glance that two of those wins have come over FCS teams. They dominated Texas State 45-10, but on the flip side needed a touchdown in the final minute to beat Weber State (yes, the same Weber State that USU beat 54-17).

But then you see that they beat Bowling Green, who is currently 1st in the MAC and earlier this year pounded Idaho.

So, what to make of Wyoming is about as conclusive as what to make of our very own Aggies at this point.

Personnel-wise, Wyoming has freshman quarterback Brett Smith under center for them, and the results so far have been pretty solid. Smith has completed nearly 60 percent of his passes for just fewer than 1,000 yards in four games to go along with seven touchdowns and four interceptions. There have also been five different receivers with a reception of 40 yards or longer this season.

On the ground however, the Cowboys' leading rusher does not even have as many yards as USU's third best running back.

This game has "shootout" written all over it, meaning Utah State will need good Dave to be on his game to keep putting points on the scoreboard.

In the next Bull Sheet...

- ESPN starts talking about Utah State for winning games they should win rather than constantly losing games in the last minute.
- Maybe, just maybe, Good Dave gets all like, 'Wait, screw you guys, I own you all," and decides to just start scoring on every drive like it seems we're capable of doing (Hint: give ball to No. 6 for automatic touchdown).

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Recruiting season is upon us

This should be nothing unfamiliar at this point, but this is just a friendly reminder to always keep in mind that recruits for both football and basketball are going to be at games. Kinda like the time we got the whole crowd chanting Chuckie Keeton's name when he was on his visit last year, always be ready to make those kinds of impressions.

If nothing else, get the atmosphere amped up to get ecruits stoked to play here (*cough* Marcel Davis, Quincy Bair and Riley Bradshaw *cough*). So like, if some big time show for the soon-to-be rookies!!!

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