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Standards and Practices: Game-day 1010, A "How-to" of stadium dominance

It seems as though a frightening number of USU football fans were never taught exactly how to bring the pain on opposing teams at a college football game. In the past there have been flashes of what the USU crowd can do to fluster opposing teams while firing up the Aggies (see last year's 4th quarter against BYU), but we're lacking consistency, not to mention plenty of instances where our crowd just seemed lost and/or uneducated. We here at The Bull Sheet would like to improve all that. If we want our football team to be legit, then it's about time our football crowd started acting legit! USU is already among the nation's elite crowds for basketball, so there's no reason why we shouldn't at least be the most dominant football crowd in the state of Utah. That shouldn't be all that hard for USU fans considering that in the big picture of college football, the crowds for those two schools down south bring sauce that is at best, weak!

The Two Golden Rules of College Football Fans

1a. When the Aggies are on defense. BE LOUD!!! - This is the most important thing a football crowd can do. On top of being just all-around intimidating, noise can disrupt an offense's communication both in the huddle and at the line of scrimmage, particularly in making pre-snap adjustments to the defense.

1b. When the Aggies are on offense. BE QUIET!!! - You don't want to throw your own team's offense out of sync, do you? The occasional chant is acceptable, as is cheering AFTER the play, but as soon as the team is to the line of scrimmage the stadium should be silent. Breaking this rule is the pinnacle of football fan sin

Some More Stuff To Mix-in - Refining some old, inputting some new... Commit to it

WEAR BLUE!!! - Like I said before, if we want to be legit, let's act like it. This one should be automatic.

Play clock countdown - Just like we do for the shot clock in basketball, start counting down from 10 when the play clock reads "7" for the opposing team's offense. Can you say "delay of game penalty"?

"Right, left, right, left" - It seems awfully fitting to give the referee the "right, left, right, left" treatment while he marches the ball back on an opposing team's penalty. Throw in some yelling when the ref puts the ball back on the ground, kind of like when a player finally sits down after fouling out in basketball.

Throwing your friends in the air - Pick up one of your friends and throw them in the air one time for every one point USU has after the Aggies score. Just don't drop them. You'd be a horrible friend for that.

Kickoffs - Make some noise before a kickoff, jump up and down, wave a towel if you've got it and as soon as the kicker's foot hits the ball, yell "AGGIES!" So simple, yet so sweet.

"You will miss it" - Just like we do for free throws, only for opposing team's field goal attempts.

***When the Aggies are about to take the field... - JUMP! There's that bad-ass new football helmet for the team to run out of, and it would be one HELL of a start to things if the entire crowd were jumping up and down during the build-up to the team's entrance to set the tone for the stadium's energy.

Utah State



VS.



Southern Utah

Bull Sheet scouting report

A Game Preview

The Thunderbirds of Southern Utah come to Logan with a record of 1-2, with their lone win being a 36-7 thumping of Division-II Dixie State. The T-birds have gained 63 percent of their yards this season via the passing game, which could be cause for concern given how USU's passing D has looked at times so far this year. That is, until one considers that a Gary Andersen-led defense tends to get right in a quarterback's face and force mistakes, something Cooper has appeared to be very vulnerable to so far in 2009. Cooper's primary target is WR Fesi Sitake, while Austin Minefee anchors the ground game, both of whom are off to solid starts to the season. Given that the Aggies took Texas A&M down to the wire in their own house a week ago, it's tough to think that SUU will be able to make much of a game of this. Cooper should have tons of pressure in his face all game, and buckle accordingly.

In the next "Bull Sheet" ...

Less crowd coordinating, more funny stuff, much like you've seen for the last two years in "The Refraction" at basketball games. For a first issue, it was necessary to attempt to coordinate some chaos for the crowd. We doubt we're alone in hoping football games can have even close to the same atmosphere as The Spectrum does. It's a work in progress... Get on board.

Know Thy Enemy



#2 - Cade Cooper
Sr. - Quarterback

Southern Utah quarterback Cade Cooper started off his college career at junior college powerhouse Snow College, where he led them to a 12-1 record as a sophomore. After earning National Junior College Player of the Year honors, Cooper had a handful of Division-1A scholarship offers, including one from Utah State where he would have had an excellent chance to be a starter. He instead opted to be douchebag about things and walked-on at BYU where he got injured shortly after realizing he probably wasn't going to start over Max Hall anyway. Cooper then transferred to Oregon and couldn't win a starting job there either. He has now landed on his feet at SUU, and is likely to get steamrolled by one of the very teams (USU) that he balked at a scholarship offer from. In a nutshell, karma is about to knock him upside the head... literally.

So far this season Cooper has completed 66.7 percent of his passes for an average of 256.3 yards per game with seven touchdowns and three interceptions. In his one game this season against another FBS team, Cooper got off to a quick start on SUU's first drive by tripping over his own center to fall into the end zone for a safety that gave San Diego State a 2-0 lead from which they never looked back. Cooper finished the game completing just more than 50 percent of his passes, including three interceptions. All of this against the same San Diego State team who lost by 14 to Idaho last weekend. And no, that is not a typo. SDSU really lost to Idaho.

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