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Utah State straight-up pissing off the Big-XII

For the second straight year, the Aggies played their annual "money game" on the road against a storied Big-XII conference program, and for the second straight year, that storied Big-XII program is freaking out wondering how the hell Utah State almost got the best of them. (hint: It's cause USU is good now)

Last year USU nearly knocked off the Aggies of Texas A&M, coming up just short on a comeback attempt to fall 38-30. This year they followed it up by taking No. 7 Oklahoma to the wire to open the season before losing 31-24

Someone apparently forgot to tell Gary Andersen that these games were lined up years ago with the intent of Utah State getting steam-rolled, taking their big pay day to balance the athletic department's budget, and kindly making its way home. And this is yet another reason why Gary Andersen is totally bad ass.

If I'm Auburn (next season's "money game") I'm scared s***less right about now thinking of having to face Utah State in year three of the Andersen era.

If I'm Andersen, or a shameless homer USU fan, and the Aggies pull off the win at Auburn to open up next season, I'm thinking BCS or bust. (Doesn't hurt to dream, right?)

Kyle Gallagher fed up with NOT killing people

It's probably safe to say that somewhere there is a member or two of Oklahoma's offense that is still wondering whatever the hell they did to piss off Utah State linebacker Kyle Gallagher so badly. Gags, as we'll assume he is sometimes referred to, ran around Oklahoma's field like the madman we always knew he was, racking up 11 tackles on the game, none of which appeared to be of the friendly variety.

Highlighting this performance were two plays, back-to-back, in which Gallagher lit somebody up hard enough that his own helmet popped off. It's mildly rare enough that you see even one instance of a helmet flying off in a game, let alone twice. Gags pulled it off on two consecutive plays.

Can't say this is necessarily surprising to us either, considering we did dub Gallagher as last year's "Underdog of the Year" in the first annual Bull Sheet season-end awards last fall. Really, it's about damn time

that Gags cemented his spot in the starting lineup, as we have shamelessly been talking him up since even before he finished sixth on the team in tackles as a true freshman.

Yes, it's a new format, and yes, you will like it!

You may have noticed that this is a bit of a different setup in content than last year's Bull Sheets, which I (the editor) will be the first to admit, weren't that great.

This year, there will be actual quick little blurbs on the Aggies, or opposing team, that are pretty much real, just with an irreverent and/or humorous spin on them. If the classic parody-style news article comes to mind and is good enough to print, it will be printed. Fact is, most of the funniest stuff we think of is during basketball season, or sometimes, quality stuff to write just falls into our laps (looking at you New Mexico State).

Either way, this is how things will be for the time being. Newsworthy, truthful, relevant, informative, irreverent, or whatever adjectives seem to adequately describe this little thing.... Oh, and I won't get swine flu again this year and nearly die... I promise.

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Idaho State

Bull Sheet scouting report A game preview

While the Aggies were busy racking up 421 yards and nearly pulling off what would have been one of the biggest upsets in college football history last week, the Bengals of Idaho State were putting up a less-than stellar 411 yards on Montana-Western, who last time we checked is not even part of the NCAA (translation: they REALLY suck).

With that in mind, go ahead and discredit that 32-3 victory by the Bengals last Saturday, and view them as the sacrificial lamb that they are. Normally there'd be some kind of statistical breakdown here, but Idaho State's team page on ESPN.com only has stats recorded for ISU kicker Brendon Garcia, who, in fairness, went 3-for-3 on extra point attempts last week, while making 1-of-2 field goals.

At the end of the day, Idaho State is a FCS team that went just 1-10 last year. The 32.5 point spread in favor of the Aggies is very clearly not an accident. If nothing else, this game will be a solid way to get tuned up for the next few weeks, particularly for Fresno State, San Diego State, and BYU.

One last note of mention, in four previous times USU has faced Idaho State in home openers, the average final score of the previous meetings has been 54-3... Sacrificial lamb indeed.

In the next Bull Sheet...

- Rogue fans attempt to neuter Fresno State Bulldog mascot, but come up short when they discover Fresno was already nutless.

- One of the eight loyal readers of The Bull Sheet points out that this section never follows through on actually delivering this stuff the next game, but rather that it's just here to be a snappy one-liner.

The "make Romney Stadium really bad ass like The Spectrum" guide

The Golden Rules of college football fans

Since we tragically have not yet mastered this art (but getting close if the end of last season was any indication), let's go over this one last time...

1a. With USU on defense, BE LOUD!!!

1b. With USU on offense, BE QUIET!!!

Noise is the ultimate disruptor in college sports. We know this because we are ridiculously good at being college basketball fans and damaging the hell out of our own hearing 17 times a year at The Spectrum. College football fanhood is a different animal though. It's much simpler than basketball in the sense that we can't do much more than make things rowdy and loud as hell. Just make sure we've got our timing right on this. We don't want to be loud and disrupt our own offense, but we want to make things hell for the opposing defense. So while on offense, go nuts after the play, but by the time the team is back to the huddle, quiet

back down and let them continue their domination (and in case you didn't know, our offense does indeed dominate.

"I believe that we will win"

In case you didn't hear, we're bringing this to Romney Stadium. The plan is to bust it out just after the coin toss is finished. If everything goes as planned, your fearless leader of a Bull Sheet editor and "I believe" chant leader (a.k.a. Fafner) will have a big ass flag up front to wave to signal everyone that it's about to start (because the student seating at Romney spread far and wide).

Quiet down, listen for the start, yell loud as hell when you know you should, and jump up and down like effing crazy.

Some other things... We'll call them Silver Rules

Crowd push-ups - It's simple. After Utah State scores a touchdown, pick one of your friends and throw them up in the air one time for every point on the scoreboard for Utah State. That will probably be a lot of throws today, but let's be honest... You probably half-assed your summer plans to get in shape, so this will be good for you.

Third Downs on defense - Be MUCH louder than normal, and jump up it helps you maintain the noise some more. Last year we had people throwing three fingers in the air every third down. Probably going to continue. Also, after a "three and out" stop for the defense, a "Three and out" chant seems to be in order.

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