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You mean we can win a third game in a row?!?!

That's right kids, today the Aggies could very well be winning their third consecutive game.

Now, before I continue, I have two things for you pessimist @\$\$holes out there who love to hate on USU football...

1) Chances are you aren't even at this game to read this newsletter because you gave up on the team after our BCS hopes were dashed at Oklahoma, so for you fair-weather fans, screw you guys.

2) Once upon a time, three wins in an entire season was something us die-hards got excited for, let alone three wins in a row.

Just for context's sake, when I (Fafner/the A-hole writing this thing) was a lowly freshman in 2006, the Aggies won a total of one game. The next year we started off 0-10 before winning our last two of the year. That's a total of three wins over the course of two years, so you can probably start to see why those of us who were here for the darkest

of dark days (*cough* Brent Guy *cough*) can get stoked on a three game win-streak.

If nothing else, a third win in a row would mark another season where USU's win total increased by one more win over the prior season. For those of you scoring at home, that means the Aggies would be going undefeated in 2011, so strap on your BCS-busting boots.

Regardless, the future is its brightest in a while

In all seriousness though, Utah State football is on the upswing, and in a big way. Sure, the WAC is all sorts of screwed, but not too long ago they were desperate enough to football programs like Idaho, New Mexico State and Utah State. Here we are five years later and two of those programs have managed to make themselves at least somewhat worth a damn (thanks for nothing NMSU). The main point there is that the conference can rebound in due time.

And who knows, maybe we lose to Idaho today, and it's back-to-back seasons of just four wins. At least

this year included the near shocker (tee-hee) against Oklahoma and the glorious asskicking of BYU on national TV. All of that without possibly the best player on our entire team in Robert Turbin (no offense to Bobby Wagner, that's why I say "possibly"), and two superstar wide receivers.

We're going to miss out on a bowl game again this year, and that sucks because if our offense hadn't lost all those guys to injury, we would have been playing again one more time after Boise State has their way with us.

There is plenty to look forward to though. Robert Turbin will be back to continue blowing people's minds with how effing good he is. Stanley Morrison and Matt Austin should be one of the best receiving duos in the WAC, and possibly the nation. Bobby Wagner will probably continue doing Bobby Wagner type things, such as being top five in the nation in tackles AGAIN. And don't forget the insane amount of young talent on the roster that is just waiting to break out. We saw some of it this year, and they'll only improve.

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Idaho

Bull Sheet scouting report A game preview

Idaho surprised a hell of a lot of people last year by making it to their first bowl game in a long time and winning in dramatic fashion.

Going into this season, a lot of people had Utah State pegged to be "this year's Idaho". Sadly, the Aggies fell short of that billing because of some crippling injuries to go along with a couple blown games that USU should have definitely won.

Anyway, Idaho is still a pretty good team, that will put up one hell of a fight with their own bowl eligibility on the line. Leading their charge is quarterback Nathan Enderle, whose QB rating is exactly .1 higher than Diondre Borel's.

Idaho is a team that likes to throw the ball, going to the air an average of more than 45 times per game. Enderle has been prone to interceptions this year, completing 14 passes to opposing players.

If USU's pressure on Enderle can be as stellar as it was each of the last two years against Idaho, the Aggie secondary shouldn't have much trouble picking off a pass or three.

Will there be a next Bull Sheet???

As of right now, there is no official heir to this thing. If this thing ceases to exist come next fall, the world will keep spinning, but a good old fashioned game day newsletter never did anyone wrong (except for maybe the poor bastards that have to clean up the stadium after games).

Don't let this thing die. Get some motivation to write pissed off rants and perfect the home-field advantage at Romney. Email the_refraction@hotmail.com if you're interested.

Some thanks, some words and one last angry rant for my senior day

Some thanks: First off, a huge thank you goes out to all my friends who gutted out the past few seasons of football with me. Especially the very select few of us (Bart Bowen, Bill Sproat and Lance Brown) that have been on the front row of pretty much every game the past five years, through the worst of the bad times all the way to storming the field against BYU.

Next, all the people who gave incredibly generous donations to make this season of The Bull Sheet happen. This season almost didn't happen, but a lot of people stepped up to make it happen financially.

Then of course there is ScrewTheY.com, who was the final piece to making this happen. Go buy their shirts. If BYU's campus police threatens to arrest people wearing a ScrewTheY shirt it won't turn it inside out, you know that is one bad ass shirt!!! (and yes, that actually happened Wednesday).

Some words: The question will always linger about whether an amazing fan base comes for a winning program, or if a winning program must first exist for a fan base to become something amazing. The football team has things working against it to keep it from becoming

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the first to take the upper hand in that debate. A fan base though can excel regardless of what is on the field, and if a crowd is truly something amazing, it only adds appeal and allure to our program.

Simply put, players want to play for a bad ass crowd. Just look at The Spectrum. It might not be the easiest thing to go out and lose your voice for a team that doesn't always win, but when those wins come, they are that much sweeter for the people who grinded through the tough times with that team. This season was a huge step forward in that respect. If nothing else, at least keep that momentum of our crowd going into next year.

One last angry rant: We're so damn close to greatness here... This season showed flashes of greatness from our crowd and just how good it can be. It's still a work in progress, which sucks for me since I won't get to be a student when it reaches its full potential. But it'll happen.

I can only hope that sometime soon we can get a legitimately bad f***ing ass entrance for our team as they burst out onto the field. Maybe one of these days the people in charge of the music will get coordinated enough to time the intro music to when the team is about to run out, and actually turn the freaking volume up!

Also, no band at a college football stadium should ever play Zippity Doo-Dah. Are you effing kidding me band??? It's college football, not Disneyland. I hate you.

Why the hell can't I get a Scotsman dog at a game?

Who the hell is letting the gymnastics team reserve half of an entire section's first three rows every game?

What the hell was I thinking in starting this newsletter?

I hope I didn't forget anything that I'd been meaning to burn on. Truth is I've had a blast writing this all season, and I'm going to miss it like hell. I've loved it all. Utah State has been damn good to me and I wouldn't trade it for anything. So with all that said, I'm officially retiring from The Bull Sheet. Peace out everybody.

- Matt (a.k.a. Fafner)

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