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“What if,” “so close,” and “goddammit!!!”

We were right there... We were right freaking there, and we lost it. The defending champs needed a miracle to beat us and that's what they got. The defending champs needed to get an onside kick to have a chance for a winning drive, and they busted out the best-executed onside kick of all time. The defending champs got outplayed and outcoached for all but four minutes against our very own Utah State Aggies.

Yes, we're all tired of moral victories, and that's why nobody was out celebrating anything last Saturday. We were that close to greatness, and still managed to be the biggest story in all of college football last week. If you can't at least look back at that game with encouragement, you need to get your expectations back down to earth.

Sure, we didn't close out the game against Auburn, but if you can name a single team who has closed out a game on top of Auburn since 2009, we'd love to hear about it.

Things aren't going to change for USU overnight, but in the last three years we've seen a solid effort against a very good Texas A&M team in 2009, to giving a No. 7 ranked Oklahoma team all they can handle, now to putting the defending national champs in a situation where they need a miracle to beat us.

That light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer people. USU is now doing things like hanging with the nation's best, bitch slapping BYU on

national TV and becoming one of the biggest stories of week one of this 2011 college football season.

The progress is obvious, and the best is yet to come.

Official plea to Dave Baldwin to keep this going

Alright Dave, we're in year three of having you as USU's offensive coordinator. So far we've seen a great amount of straight-up stellar offensive play by our Aggies (just about every game but New Mexico State back in 2009, the Oklahoma, BYU, San Jose State games and 2nd half of the Nevada game in 2010, and last week at Auburn).

We've also seen a couple games where it seemed like you were just completely missing in action (The New Mexico State game in 2009 and about everything else in 2010 that wasn't just barely mentioned).

Now you have all your weapons back, with even more experience, a better offensive line and hopefully no more excuses. So like, say Robert Turbin is averaging 7.7 yards per carry against New Mexico State on the road, and the offense needs to pick up a big 3rd and 2 type of play, how about we give the ball to No. 6 in those situations, eh?

We're well aware that when you're on your game, your offense can be almost unstoppable. Let's just keep the killer instinct all season this third time around.

In other words, the cheesy version of what we're saying is just freaking believe in yourself and your players.

Oh, and about that Chuckie Keeton guy...

Just...freaking...WOW!!!

Auburn could still potentially be the best team USU will face all season, and Keeton never looked even slightly rattled by their speed, the hostile environment or the adjustment to Division-1 football.

Not only did he evade looking rattled, he looked like a total superstar.

Now, he IS still a freshman, and there is bound to be a rough patch or mistake at some point, but holy hell did he look amazing. Earning National Freshman of the Week honors is one of those things that only one player each year has a chance to earn in the first week of the season, and this year, it was our guy.

This guy was the No. 4 trending Twitter topic in the entire United States by the 3rd quarter of his first ever college game ("Utah St" was the No. 1 topic, "USU" was No. 10). The near upset at Auburn that he helped put together sent shockwaves throughout college football and has people all over the country curious about what Utah State football is all about. In almost no time, he, along with everyone else that makes this team go, practically brought Utah State up to the level of "big time". And even though the upset got thwarted, the fact that Auburn needed a miracle was huge, and miracles tend to draw people's attention.

The Chuckie Keeton era is upon us people. Looks like it's going to be pretty special!

Utah State



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Weber State

Bull Sheet scouting report A game preview

Much like Utah State, Weber State is coming into this game 0-1 after letting a potentially huge upset slip through its fingers in the closing moments. For the Wildcats, it was obviously on a much smaller scale, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't be taken seriously as a football team.

Weber State's near-upset of Wyoming last week was done so through a balanced offensive attack, led by running back Josh Booker's 117 yards on the ground and Xavian Johnson's seven catches for 118 yards and two TD's in the passing game. Much like USU's Chuckie Keeton earned in FBS, Johnson was named the National Freshman of the Week by two media outlets in FCS.

The Wildcats' shortcoming defensively, much like USU's last week, came in stopping the passing attack. If Keeton can keep up the level of play he showed against the defending national champs, it should be a tough day for WWSU, especially when they have to deal with Robert Turbin and Kerwynn Williams too.

Still, with the questions left surrounding USU's secondary, one has to think the Wildcats will be able to score at least a bit. But seeing as how Auburn couldn't stop USU's offense, it seems safe to assume that Weber State won't be able to slow them down much either.

In the next Bull Sheet...

- Robert Turbin's biceps get flagged by Homeland Security as an orange-level threat to America's national safety.

- The Bull Sheet staff suspiciously goes missing after Dave Baldwin perfectly orchestrates a hit on the writer's life for ever criticizing him, signifying that "good Dave" is indeed at the top of his game and here to stay.

Game day 1010: Stadium domination, made easy

Yes, we touch on these topics in the first issue every season, but a little refresher at the start of a new year never hurt anybody. And yes, these points were already laid out in detail in the season preview edition, but that was mainly for the freshman, and if you're an upperclassman, you don't want those n00bs looking more prepared for game day than you are, do you?

The theme for this year is going to be "simplicity." In other words, a football crowd is so large and spread out that anything coordinated throughout a crowd has to have some kind of third-party indication that something is

going to happen. Outside of that, keeping to the basics is usually the best thing a crowd can do.

With that said, remember the two golden rules of college football fan hood. Stick to them religiously. Don't stray even a little bit because these things are proven, so it's just a matter of us doing them better than anyone else.

1a. When USU is on defense, BE LOUD AS HELL!!!

It's so easy... When the opposing team is at the line of scrimmage, noise will throw their adjustments off, cause confusion and just all-around fluster them. Don't try a "defense" chant or anything that gets quiet half the time like that. Just yell your lungs out, ESPECIALLY on third downs! It flusters them, jacks up our defense and fuels even more energy to the crowd on a defensive stop. Do it!

1b. When USU is on offense, be quiet please.

Remember that bit you just read about noise disrupting an offense's focus? Don't do that to our guys.

I believe that we will win

Same routine as last year. When the captains are going out for the coin toss, the dudes up front will start this off. Be paying attention for them. The team freaking loves this too, so make it good and get them jacked up for kickoff.

Wearing blue and crowd push-ups - These have to be self-explanatory by now... just do them. No excuses.

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