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What prouder time could one have than to serve as president of such an incredible and worthwhile event? I deeply thank those who made this honor possible.

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Our millennium halftime show featuring the internationally known B.B. King and his band, presented by our friends at Northwest Airlines, is in itself spectacular. Mr. King remarked "there is no place I'd rather be December 31st than back home in Memphis." The Bowl and fans appreciate his dedication and thank him for celebrating with us.

Many fine athletes have played on our Liberty Bowl field, bringing with them thousands of fans. "The City of Good Abode" rolls out the welcome mat as only Memphis can do for a week of fun and entertainment. When it's over, we send all of our guests home with memories for a lifetime. Now, only moments from now, two more fine universities will take the field. Good luck to both teams and we hope to see you again.

The AXA Liberty Bowl always has and always will mean patriotism, abounding in the splendor of the red, white and blue for liberty and freedom. In the forthcoming Millennium 2000, may we continue to stand proud for our country, respect its flag of liberty and always thank God we are Americans.

Wishing all a Happy New Century!

Regards,

Ric Wolbrecht
President
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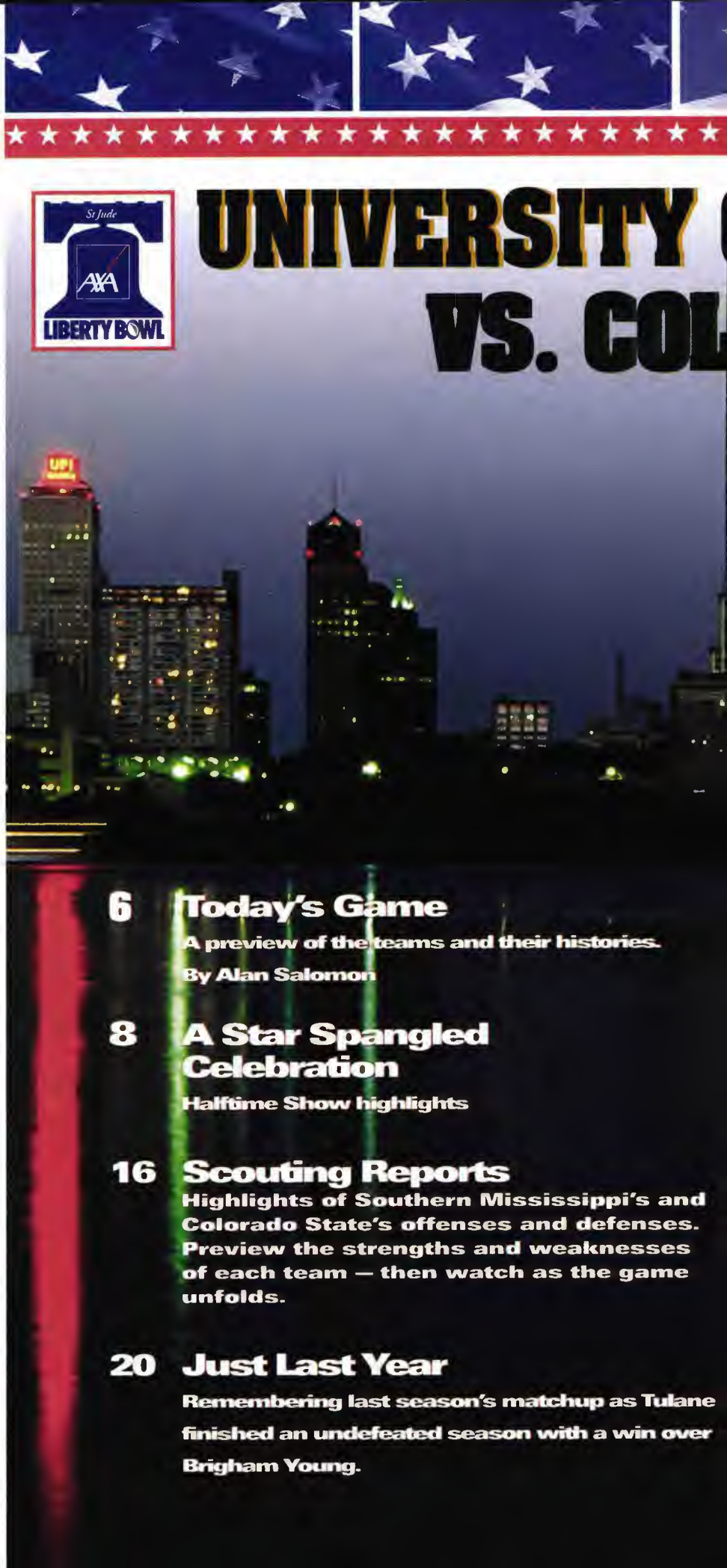
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Dear AXA Liberty Bowl Fans:

Welcome to the 41st Annual Liberty Bowl!

As the world anticipates the kick-off of a new Millennium, we at AXA eagerly await our third straight year of association with the kickoff at one of college football's classics.

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While watching and enjoying today's game, we hope all of you will give some thought to the wonderful work being done right nearby at St. Jude Children's Hospital. The professionals there are making impressive progress in defeating childhood cancer and other illnesses. And the courage of the kids at St. Jude's make them true MVPs as they fight to win their battles in the game of life. AXA is very proud to join those heroic efforts through its Liberty Bowl sponsorship and direct support from the AXA Foundation. That's a challenging contest that can – and must – be won!

We would also like to thank the civic leaders and gracious residents of Memphis for their tremendous kindness and hospitality. A special salute as well to the hundreds of volunteers – including many of our employees and financial professionals – for making the AXA Liberty Bowl such a worthwhile event.

Now, let the last Liberty Bowl game of the 20th Century begin as we prepare to welcome the new Millennium!



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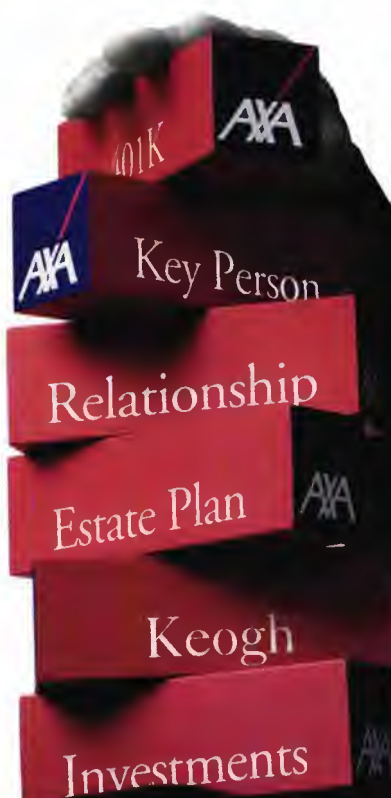
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SMALL-TOWN TEAM

SOUTHERN MISS, WINNERS OF SIX OF ITS LAST SEVEN GAMES, LOOKS TO

BY ALAN SOLOMON

Today's opponents in the 41st annual AXA Liberty Bowl Classic are hot, hot, hot.

When the University of Southern Mississippi and Colorado State University take the field for this bowl game, fans will be in for a real treat as they will be watching two of the hottest teams in the nation.

Southern Miss. (6-0, 8-3), undisputed champions of Conference USA for the third time in four years, won six of their last seven games to earn their second trip here in three years. Colorado State (5-2, 8-3), making their first bowl trip to Memphis after sharing the Mountain West championship this season, rebounded to win their last five games after a particularly uninspiring beginning.

Both coaches say that now their teams are playing as well as anyone.

And once again, as in past years, teams from towns which aren't exactly the national seats of college football prove to the big boys that they can and do play very well against the college elite.

To many, that invites the question of how head coach Jeff Bower of USM and head coach Sonny Lubick of Colorado State lure quality, top grade football players year after year to Hattiesburg, Miss., and Fort Collins, Colo. However, if that is a mystery, it is a mystery to everyone but themselves.

Year in and year out, Lubick and Bower recruit those type of players, turn out quality teams and more often than not find themselves in bowl games and in the national rankings. Their success, if not their national recognition, is unquestioned.

Many might ask how do the two coaches do it in the face of having to recruit against the likes of Ole Miss, Mississippi State and LSU for USM and Colorado and Nebraska for Colorado State?

Lubick believes it isn't that difficult and uses the area as an attraction.



Southern Miss' Adalius Thomas was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year, as the senior tallied nine sacks and 16 tackles for loss in 1999.

"We are a lot like Southern Mississippi and the SEC schools," he said. "We have a beautiful city (pop. 100,000), which is rated as one of the top ten places to live, a great campus and we are 50 miles from Denver. Recruiting wise, we can match up with anyone."

Lubick said he might look up one day and lose a prospect or two to the likes of Nebraska or Colorado, but doesn't see that as a setback or anything to be ashamed of.

Apparently it doesn't hurt his program either as the Rams have gone 8-4, 11-3, 7-5, 8-4 and 10-2 since 1994 and won four conference titles in the 1990s, three of which when CSU

was a member of the WAC. During that time, the Rams are 2-2 in bowl games, with Freedom Bowl and Holiday Bowl wins.

Bower credits his entire staff with recruiting successes and says they evaluate talent well. After all, this is a school who produced NFL greats Brett Favre and Ray Guy.

"We have a lot to sell here," he said. "We are a college town with a great environment."

Bower, whose teams have won three of the last four Conference USA titles, said kids want to be a part of that type of success.

"We can offer them everything a bigger school does, TV exposure, bowl games and a good schedule," said Bower. "Things like that go a long way for you."

Whether or not a player is coachable is something Bower says you can't find out until you get him in school.

"With the number of scholarships available these days, you have to be careful. If you sign 25 players, you aren't going to hit on all of them. And, while no one can afford to waste a scholarship, we all do from time to time."

Bower said to find out before hand if a kid is coachable, you have to get to know him. But, he regrets that today the rules don't always allow coaches to do that before ESPN cameras.

"I think probably Air Force, Utah and Wyoming were special for us," said Lubick. "Air Force was nationally ranked and we handled [them], Utah was leading the conference and had all but locked up the Liberty Bowl spot when we played them and that win put us back in the hunt and Wyoming is just a huge rival for us," he said. "Besides, we had lost two in a row before that game. And as a portent for the season to come, CSU beat the Big Eight's Colorado for the first time in two decades in its opener.

All of the teams Lubick mentioned, except Colorado, fell to the Rams during the five-game, end-of-the-season winning streak.

If he had to play one over, it would be the game in the snow against San Diego State, the last game CSU lost this season but a game that left the team at 3-3 at that point in the season.

S ON A BIG-TIME ROLL

PUT COLORADO STATE AND ITS FIVE-GAME WINNING STREAK TO THE TEST.

"We lost by a touchdown," he said. "No one could move the ball. After that game, we didn't know which direction we were goin' in."

So, it is little wonder that Lubick thinks of his team as a Cinderella outfit.

"We were picked to finish fifth or sixth in our conference in preseason," he said. "But now, we've averaged eight wins over the past seven years."

Lubick explains the Rams' slow start by revealing the team suffered a rash of injuries early, not only to the starters, but to the backups as well.

"We then had to go with freshmen until they got better," he said. "Thank goodness they did."

Both teams enter the game with some bowl experience. USM has 17 seniors, all of whom have been to bowls their last three years. CSU, whose 12 seniors are all fifth-year players, counters with an experienced squad, as six of those are starters.

In the past, the Rams have belonged to conferences where offense was everything and defense was just putting 11 players on the field. Lubick said that is changing.

"We do more on defense than any other team in our conference," said Lubick. "Our conference had some low scoring games this year, so that perception of wacky offenses is changing. We aren't as wide open offensively as people think we are."

Lubick said his team blitzes about 30% of the time on defense while playing man-to-man in the secondary. He does admit that his defensive backfield might not match up well with great receivers. To offset that, CSU's defensive unit forced 31 quarterback sacks this year. By contrast, the offense yielded only nine.

The Ram's offense evolves behind running back Kevin McDougal, who put together his second consecutive 1,000-yard season with 1,164 yards. His total at CSU is now 2,898, fifth most in school history. He currently has 13 career 100-yard rushing games, the third most in school history.

When the Rams do throw, quarterback



Senior running back Kevin McDougal led the Mountain West Conference in rushing with his second consecutive 1,000-yard campaign and was named MWC Offensive Player of the Year.

Matt Newton will usually find Frank Rice in the end zone, as he did for six of his 18 TD throws this year.

Lubick agrees with most coaches that special teams make a difference in bowl games. Punter and all-conference performer Deone Horinek has been known to boom out some 70-yarders when the opposition wasn't looking. And this year, he had 22 punts die inside the 20-yard line.

Looking back, Bower believes the Golden Eagles' 39-22 win at East Carolina was the turning point of the season. It was the beginning of a series of a pair of three-

game winning streaks, interrupted only by a loss to SEC power Alabama.

"We were down 15-3 in the first quarter," said Bower. "We finally caught up and won, and I think that's why we are here."

Bower lists the 'Bama game as his biggest disappointment.

"We didn't play well and we usually do against them," said Bower.

Bower's team enters the Eagle's third straight bowl game with seven seniors starting on defense and eight on offense.

"We need that type of balance because our quarterback, Jeff Kelly, hadn't played until this year," said Bower. "That was our biggest question as we went into the season."

That question was quickly answered when Kelly struck for 21 touchdown passes, 11 to wide receiver Todd Pinkston. Sherrod Gideon chipped in with seven touchdown receptions. The passing game was supported by Derrick Nix's rushing for eight touchdowns and gaining 1,086 yards.

Bower describes his special teams as overall good during the year, despite the fact USM did not return a punt or kickoff for a touchdown.

"We lost our special teams coach in the middle of the year and that didn't help," said Bower.

Defensively, USM allowed its opponents only 15 points a game. The D was led by T.J. Slaughter, who had 138 tackles, 22 of which resulted in losses of 53 yards for the opposition, and Adalius Thomas, who led the team with nine sacks en route to being named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year. Chad Williams (108 tackles) and Leo Barnes (104 tackles) were also top performers.

One intangible in this game might be how the teams travel.

Lubick said his team usually does bring a lot of fans, but believes the Y2K scare will keep many of them from straying too far from home this year.

USM is expected to bring 15,000 and this might make the most noise.

Off the field, at least. ★



HALFTIME FINALE

B.B. KING

The Liberty Bowl has always been one of America's prime sports showcases, mingling athletic excellence with dazzling entertainment. The halftime festivities feature high school-aged marching band students, dancers and baton twirlers from across America in a high-stepping show that will light up the Liberty Bowl. The Liberty Bowl is thrilled to welcome blues guitar legend and Memphis' own B.B. King, whose name is synonymous the world over with the most American of all jazz music — the blues! ❏

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Riley B. King was born on Sept. 16, 1925, on a cotton plantation in Itta Bene, Miss. He used to play on the corner of Church and Second Streets for dimes and sometimes would play in as many as four towns on a Saturday night. In 1947, with his guitar, Lucille, and \$2.50, he hitchhiked north to Memphis, Tenn. B.B. lived with his cousin Bukka White. White, a renowned rural blues performer himself, schooled B.B. further in the art of the blues.

B.B. has released over 50 albums, many of them considered blues classics. His first big break came in 1948, when he performed on Sonny Boy Williamson's radio program on KWEM in West Memphis, Ark. This led to steady performances at the Sixteenth Avenue Grill in West Memphis and later to a spot on radio station WDIA. What started out as Beale Street Blues Boy was shortened to Blues Boy King and eventually to B.B. King.

Soon after his No. 1 hit, "Three O'Clock Blues," B.B. began touring nationally and has yet to stop. Performing an average of 275 concerts a year, B.B. has played in everything from small town cafes, ghetto theatres, country dance halls and roadside joints to jazz clubs, rock palaces, symphony concert halls, colleges and resort hotels. Nationally and internationally, B.B. has become one of the most renowned blues musicians of the past 50 years.

B.B. has influenced Eric Clapton, Jimi

Hendrix, Johnny Winter and many others. In 1969, B.B. was chosen by the Rolling Stones to open 18 American concerts for them. He has performed with Ike and Tina Turner and, in 1989, toured for three months as a special guest of U2. In 1990 PBS featured B.B. King on a television special on the lifestyles of musicians who have performed on Beale Street. King recalled that Beale Street was "a place to learn, to make friends. It was a little world all of your own.

There were always musicians who were willing to help if you wanted to learn."

King received the Songwriter's Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award in 1990 and the Orville H. Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Gibson Guitar Company in 1991. He has received the B'Nai Brith Humanitarian Award, the prestigious Presidential Medal of the Arts from President Bush (1990) and the National Heritage Fellowship. B.B. is a founding member of the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center.

B. B. King has received every award and honor imaginable in the music industry. These include eight Grammy Awards, induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (1987) and the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame (1984), a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame (1991), and four honorary degrees, including one from Yale University (1977). ★



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KELLEY JOHNSON

The final AXA Liberty Bowl Football Classic game of the century is pleased to have Kelley Johnson represent it as Miss AXA Liberty Bowl for 1999. Kelley is the reigning "America's Homecoming Queen," having earned her title this past summer as one of 50 state contestants.

Kelley is now a student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, majoring in vocal music education with a minor in theater. Musically, her greatest love is vocal jazz. She performs with the University's Java and Jazz Ensemble and is a fan of jazz artists Diana Krall and Ella Fitzgerald.

While maintaining a 3.4 GPA at Corona Del Sol High School in Tempe, Ariz., Kelley also made time for her community by volunteering her time in several areas. Her most noted accomplishments in community service have been undertaking several medical/drama/work missions to third world countries. As Kelley tells it, one of the most memorable events in her life occurred while she was in Botswana, Africa, on a medical mission. She had the opportunity to spend time with the village chief, who was blind. She hopes to return to the village to temporarily live and work with the "sweet-spirited" people there.

Missions, music, and theater are Kelley's special interests. She is a very talented young lady who performs in many vocal and theater productions throughout Arizona. She has studied voice, ballet, piano, flute, and guitar for several years.

The 1999 AXA Liberty Bowl Queen has a little "bowl history" tucked away herself. Kelley's father, Carl, was the starting offensive tackle on the 1970 and 1971 National Champion Nebraska football teams. He played in two Orange Bowl games and the All American Bowl. Professionally, he played for the New Orleans Saints during the 1972 and 1973 seasons. After a season with the World Football League, he retired due to injuries.

Kathy and Carl Johnson are very proud of their daughter's accomplishments and her "kind heart and faith." Kelley's 15-year-old brother, Patrick, has continued the football tradition by playing tight end on the Corona Del Sol High School freshman football team. Her 20-year-old brother, Ben, has his sights set on professional ice hockey and is currently playing in the Junior "A" America West Hockey League.


Congratulations, Kelley, as you embark on a new millennium! 📧



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THE EAGLES OFFENSE

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The University of Southern Mississippi wound up 23 yards shy of logging a third consecutive season with a 1,000-yard rusher, 1,000-yard receiver and 2,000-yard passer.

Not bad for a flock of Golden Eagles who entered the season with big-time question marks on the offensive side of the ball.

USM seemed set at running back and receiver. Derrick Nix, who was named 1998 Conference USA Freshman of the Year after rushing for 1,180 yards and nine touchdowns, came back bigger and quicker.

At wide receiver, the top receiving tandem in school history, seniors Sherrod Gideon and Todd Pinkston, returned after combining for 118 catches, 2,234 yards and 20 touchdowns.

But heading into 1999, USM was staring at an offensive line that had lost four starters, and the lone returning starter, senior guard Shederick Blackmon, had slipped to No. 2 on the depth chart after preseason's two-a-day practices.

Then, it wasn't until two days before the

season opener with Tulane where the Golden Eagles settled on sophomore quarterback Jeff Kelly to replace three-year starter Lee Roberts.

The result was an offense that was not as consistent as its predecessor was and slightly less productive, averaging nearly 65 yards and 5.4 points less per game than in 1998.

The line wound up with three redshirt freshmen among its starting five, including center Zeb Landers and tackles Jeremy Bridges and Torrin Tucker, as well as junior college transfer guard Billy Clay.

Kelly, whose previous



Sophomore running back Derrick Nix led the Southern Miss rushing attack with 1,054 yards.

collegiate experience consisted of six completions in 12 attempts for 39 yards, wound up as C-USA's highest-rated passer. He completed 153-of-260 attempts (58.8 percent) for 2,062 yards, with 21 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

Nix' numbers were down a bit, 1,054 yards and eight touchdowns in 11 starts.

Gideon missed three games and finished with his lowest numbers since his freshman season (40 catches, 520 yards, seven TDs). But the double-teams that Gideon attracted every game he played helped Pinkston to a career year (48 receptions, 977 yards, 20.4 yards per catch, team-high 11 touchdowns).



THE RAMS DEFENSE

BY TONY PHIFER *FORT COLLINS COLORADOAN (FORT COLLINS, COLO.)*

Three games and three high-powered offenses into the season, Colorado State University's defense ranked 108th out of 114 teams in the nation. Three senior starters were hurt and the Rams' defense, consistently among the West's best, appeared to be in shambles.

"That," defensive coordinator Larry Kerr said, "was not us."

The defense got better, but the transformation was not instantaneous. CSU gave up 30 or more points three times in the first six games — a big reason the Rams fell to 3-3 at midseason — but finally got on track down the stretch.

The Rams never yielded more than 24 points during their season-closing five-game winning streak, holding the high-powered offenses of Wyoming, Utah and Air Force in check.

"Our defense was a big key for us," CSU coach Sonny Lubick said. "They gave us

a chance to win games."

The Rams climbed from 108th to 66th nationally in total defense, yielding 374.6 yards per game. But after giving up an average of 439 yards in the first three games, they sliced that average to 342 in the final three games.

CSU, which utilizes a basic 4-3 alignment, relies on the play of its three All-Mountain West Conference defenders — all seniors — for leadership.

Strong safety Erik Olson, a four-year starter, finished fourth nationally with his six interceptions. His value can best be defined by CSU's



Senior defensive end Clark Haggans holds the Rams' career record for quarterback sacks.

record when he does not play. He has missed five games the past two seasons with injuries and the Rams lost all five.

End Clark Haggans, a former walk-on, smashed CSU's career sacks record of 28, finishing with 34. Despite battling nagging ankle problems and constant double-teaming, he finished this season with eight sacks and 14 tackles for loss.

Middle linebacker Ula Tuitele finished second in the MWC with 119 tackles despite undergoing minor knee surgery and missing one game. He also grabbed three interceptions and broke up four passes.



THE RAMS OFFENSE

BY TONY PHIFER FORT COLLINS COLORADOAN (FORT COLLINS, COLO.)

At first glance, it would be easy to say that Colorado State University's offense goes as fullback Kevin McDougal goes. After all, the Rams were 5-0 when McDougal rushed for 100 or more yards, 3-3 when he did not.

But the Rams are more than a one-man gang. Quarterback Matt Newton threw for 2,368 yards and 18 touchdowns, while wide receivers Dallas Davis, Pete Rebstock and Frank Rice provided dangerous targets.

Still, it would be impossible to overemphasize McDougal's importance in CSU's one-back offense. He finished first in the Mountain West Conference and 14th nationally with 1,164 yards, and pulled off a huge upset when he was named MWC Offensive Player of the Year ahead of Brigham Young quarterback Kevin Feterik in a vote by the league's coaches.

"Kevin is the toughest player I've ever coached," CSU coach Sonny Lubick said.

"He means everything to this team."

McDougal's success came despite a season-long battle with injuries. A strained adductor muscle kept him out of one game and hindered him for several weeks, and he has dealt with a separated shoulder since the beginning of the season.

His leg finally healed down the stretch, though, and CSU's offense got well, too. The Rams averaged 33.5 points per game in winning their final five games, with McDougal gaining 581 (half) of his yards and scoring five of his eight rushing touch-



Junior wide receiver Dallas Davis led the team in receiving this year with 51 receptions for 865 yards and three TDs and is one of the nation's top return specialists.

downs. He also threw a touchdown pass and made seven of his eight receptions during the Rams' title-clinching run.

Newton, a first-year starter, struggled in the first half of the season but caught fire down the stretch. After six games he had 10 touchdown passes and 10 interceptions, but he had eight touchdowns and just three picks in the final five games.

In addition to catching 51 passes, Davis was a huge weapon as a returner, finishing sixth nationally with 16.9 yards per punt return and scoring two touchdowns.



THE EAGLES DEFENSE

BY TIM DOHERTY HATTIESBURG AMERICAN (HATTIESBURG, MISS.)

With its front seven intact, the University of Southern Mississippi figured it was going to be very good defensively in 1999.

Led by defensive ends Adalius Thomas and Cedric Scott, tackles DeQuincy Scott, Daleroy Stewart and John Nix and linebackers T.J. Slaughter, Ty Trahan and Roy Magee, USM finished the regular season ranked among the nation's top 10 units in total defense (eighth, 294.1 yards), scoring defense (tied for eighth, 15.6 points) and rushing defense (ninth, 91.5 yards).

USM was one of 11 Division I-A teams that limited opponents to less than 300 yards total offense and one of 12 defenses to allow less than 100 yards rushing per game.

And the Golden Eagles have not been too shabby against the pass, either, ranking 15th in pass efficiency defense. A secondary with only one returning starter (senior cornerback Terrance Parrish) came up with 12 of the

team's 14 interceptions, while safeties Chad Williams (108 tackles) and all-Conference USA selection Leo Barnes (104 tackles) ranked second and third, respectively, in tackles.

Thomas, who was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year, specialized in the spectacular, collecting nine sacks and 16 stops behind the line of scrimmage. Cedric Scott was not far behind with four sacks and 14 tackles for loss. But the soul of USM's defense could be found in the flaming eyes



Junior defensive end Cedric Scott was a key member of a dominant front line for the Golden Eagles, contributing with four sacks and 14 tackles for a loss on the season.

of Slaughter, an All-Conference USA selection who led the team with 138 tackles, including 22 for a loss. That despite playing with torn ligaments in both hands during the season's final seven games.

This season, USM faced four top 25 teams on the road. In those games, against Nebraska, Texas A&M, East Carolina and Alabama, the Golden Eagles surrendered six touchdowns, including just one against Nebraska and A&M when both were ranked among the nation's top five teams.

In addition to the 29 turnovers it has collected, Southern Miss also has blocked seven placekicks this season, including six field goals.



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TULANE 41, BRIGHAM YOUNG 27

In its first bowl win since the 1970 Liberty Bowl, Tulane outlasted the BYU Cougars 41-27. Over 52,000 fans witnessed last year's AXA Liberty Bowl game on a pleasantly cool afternoon in Memphis, TN. It was Conference USA's third appearance as the host of the AXA Liberty Bowl.

It was the first game for new Tulane head football coach Chris Scelfo. Tulane's entire offense paced the Green Wave attack with 528 total yards. Tulane quarterback Shaun King rushed 16 times for 109 yards and threw for another 276 yards, including a 60-yard strike to Kerwin Cook for a touchdown. King's 385 total

yards broke a Liberty Bowl Classic record for total offense of 295 yards set in 1969 by Bob Anderson. King was also named the game's MVP. Running back Toney Converse ran for 103 yards on 18 carries. Defensively, Tulane got a spark from defensive back Michael Jordan. Jordan returned an interception 79 yards for a touchdown. His interception return is a new Liberty Bowl Classic record. Tulane dominated

the first three-quarters of the game and held off a late BYU comeback attempt. The game completed a perfect 12-0 season for the Tulane Green Wave. Tulane finished the season ranked seventh in the country.

Brigham Young was led by quarterback Kevin Feterik. Feterik was 27 of 44 for 276 yards, 2 touchdowns and 1 interception. Freshman running back Junior Mahe ran for 70 yards and had 30 yards receiving. BYU tried to make a fourth quarter comeback, by scoring 21 points in the quarter, but fell short.





"We just were not playing as well as we had to or thought we would be," said BYU head coach LaVell Edwards. The 21 point fourth quarter ties an AXA Liberty

Bowl record for most points in a quarter. The Cougars finished the season at 9-5.

Conference USA teams have won four of the last six AXA Liberty Bowls. Overall, C-USA teams are 5-3 in the Liberty Bowl. This season, the champion of Conference USA will host the champion of the Mountain West Conference. 🏆

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POWERTEL/AXA LIBERTY BOWL GOLF CLASSIC

The fifth Annual Powertel/AXA Liberty Bowl Golf Classic was a huge success in 1999. The classic was held on July 20 at the historic Colonial Country Club and featured head football coaches, athletic directors and commissioners from Conference USA and the Mountain West Conference. The tournament is played each summer.

This year, the Powertel/AXA Liberty Bowl Golf Classic raised a record-breaking amount of money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A check for \$20,300 was given to St. Jude. This amount doubles the amount donated to St. Jude last year.

"We are pleased and privileged to be in a position to support the works of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital," said Nick Jebbia, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Powertel.



(L-R) Mike Butterick, Dean Rose, Bob Osswald and Bill McCawley from AutoZone join Wyoming Head Coach Dana Dimel (center) at the 1999 Powertel/AXA Liberty Bowl Golf Classic at Colonial C. C. to help raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



The 1999 golf classic raised a record-breaking \$20,300 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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"Thanks to our great partnership with Powertel, we are able to give a record amount to the children at St. Jude," said Steve Ehrhart, Executive Director of the Liberty Bowl. "This is still a young and growing event, but thanks to the generosity of Powertel, Hollywood Casino, which hosted the pre-tournament party, and the hard work of our tournament committee and volunteers, this event has taken a tremendous leap and is one of the Mid-South's most prestigious charity golf tournaments." ❖

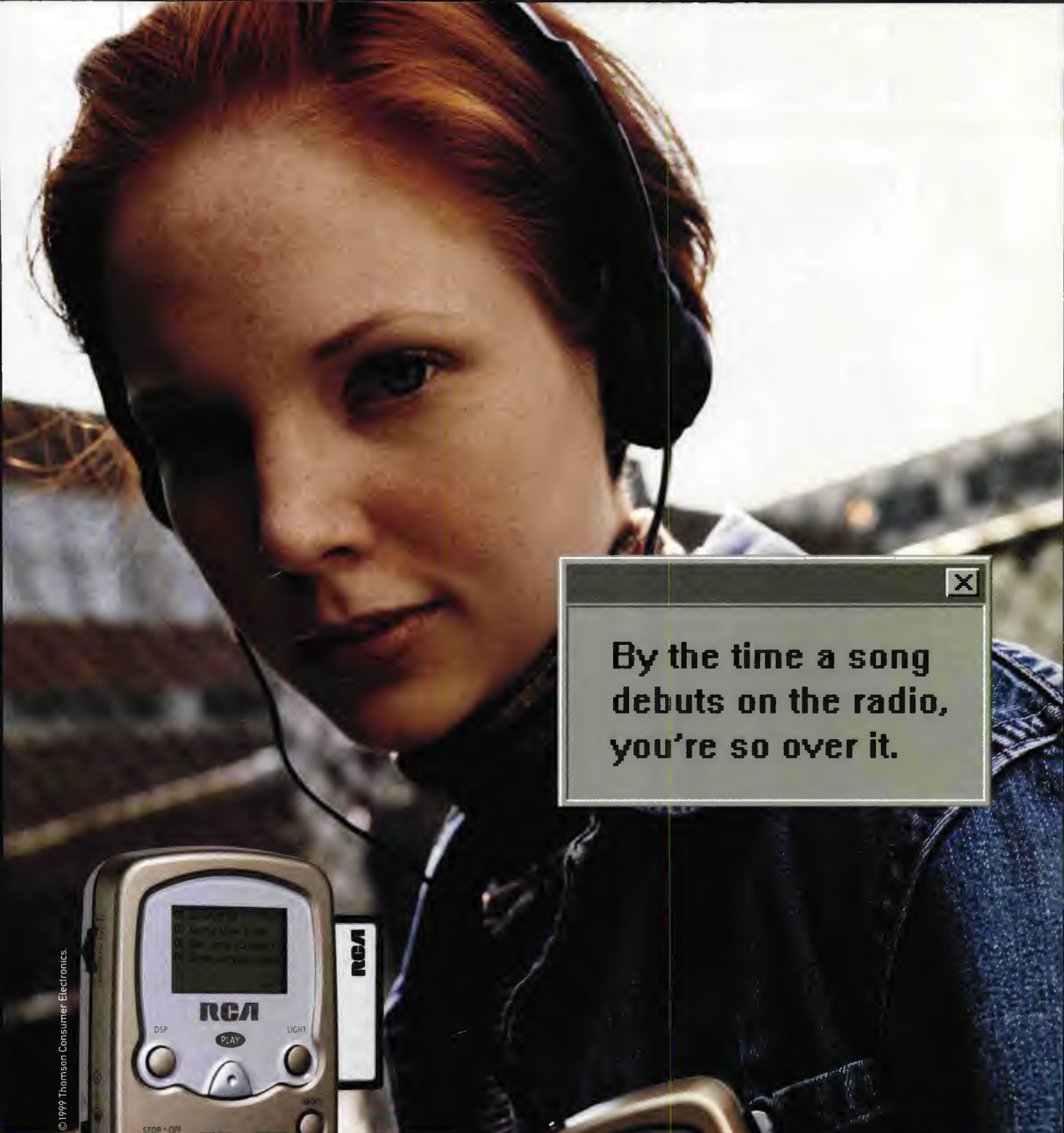


The Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee 8K Run kicks off Bowl festivities each year in December.

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The 1999 AXA Liberty Bowl festivities got off to a running start with the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee 8K Run. This is the Bowl's first official event each year, and it has become a December tradition for hundreds of Memphis area runners.

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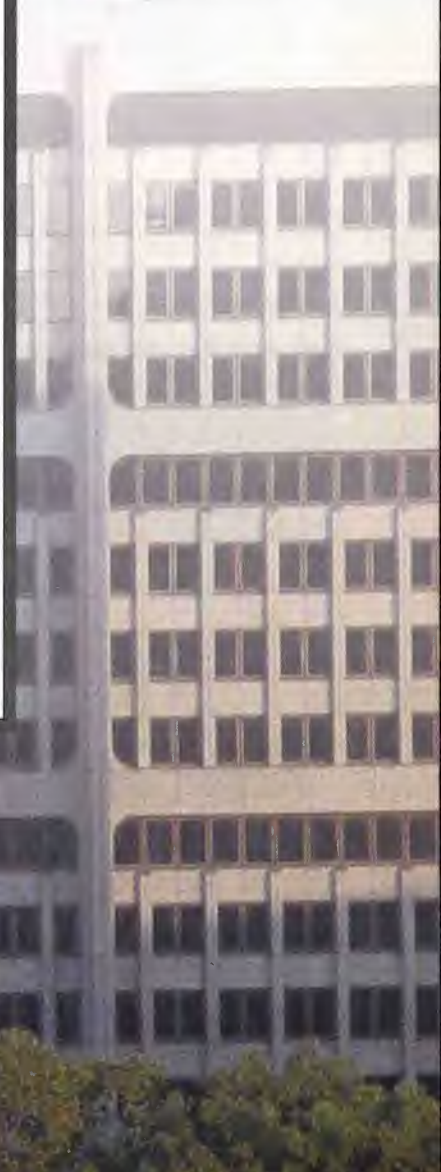
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Mayor Willie W. Herenton





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Affectionately known as "Southern Miss," the institution is a comprehensive university, home to one of only four Rhodes Scholar finalists in the state of Mississippi and boasting six Goldwater Scholarship recipients in the sciences during recent years.

The University's most famous benefactor, the late Oseola McCarty, inspired millions of people across the nation with her life's story of hard work and humble generosity. Southern Miss also is home to alumni Brett Favre, Jimmy Buffet, Clarence Weather- spoon, Natalie Allen of CNN and Chuck Scarborough of WNBC in New York.

Southern Miss is a national university for the Gulf South, located in the city of Hattiesburg, Mississippi's "Crossroads to the Gulf of Mexico." Individual faculty members and academic programs within each of the University's nine colleges have attracted national recognition in a variety of scholarly areas while stressing a commitment to teaching, research and public service.

USM was founded in 1910 as a state-supported normal college and became a comprehensive university in 1962. It is the state's second largest university and the only comprehensive institution in South Mississippi.

Southern Miss is a dual-campus university. The main campus in Hattiesburg provides a residential college experience for its students. USM Gulf Park offers a non-residential degree program at its Gulf Park campus in Long Beach, and teaching centers in Jackson



DR. HORACE FLEMING JR.
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

County and at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi. The University's Institute of Marine Sciences includes the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory at Ocean Springs, the J. J. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Biloxi, and Department of Marine Science operating at Stennis Space Center in Hancock County.

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ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AT SOUTHERN MISS

To say that The University of Southern Mississippi athletic department has made monumental strides in recent years would fall far short of being accurate. In fact, the list of Golden Eagle successes is difficult if not impossible to summarize in brief fashion.

Start with football. The team recently completed an 8-3 season, won an outright Conference USA championship for the second time in the league's still brief history and will play in a bowl game for the third straight year for the first time in the school's history, including the Liberty Bowl for the second time in three seasons.

The Lady Eagle softball team, in its first season after being re-instituted, blitzed through the 1998-99 season with a remarkable 52-9 record that included a championship run in the regional tournament and a trip to the Women's College World Series.

The men's basketball team played well enough to earn the number four seed in the Conference USA Championship in Birmingham, Ala., and the baseball team

played all the way to the finals of the NCAA Regional Tournament before losing to eventual College World Series participant Alabama and finishing the season with a 40-23 record.

Also, during the past year the Southern Miss women's golf squad won four different tournaments, finished second in another and had 10 tournaments with top five finishes, and the women's volleyball team had probably its best season ever, recording a 21-10 record.

In addition to success on the field, Golden Eagle athletes continue to compile enviable successes in the classroom and in the community. Record numbers of both men's and women's athletes continue to earn university, conference and national recognition for academic excellence, as well as participation in a growing array of university and area activities.

Under new athletic director Richard



RICHARD GIANNINI
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Giannini, facilities improvement has taken on a more prominent role in the day-to-day operation of the athletic department. Funds have been raised to replace the current athletic office complex. Construction is scheduled to start early in 2000 on the \$9 million plus facility.

In addition, fund raising is well under way to help construct a new women's softball stadium, a new

tennis stadium and court complex and to help renovate Pete Taylor Baseball Park and Green Coliseum. Long range plans call for expansion and renovation of Roberts Stadium as well.

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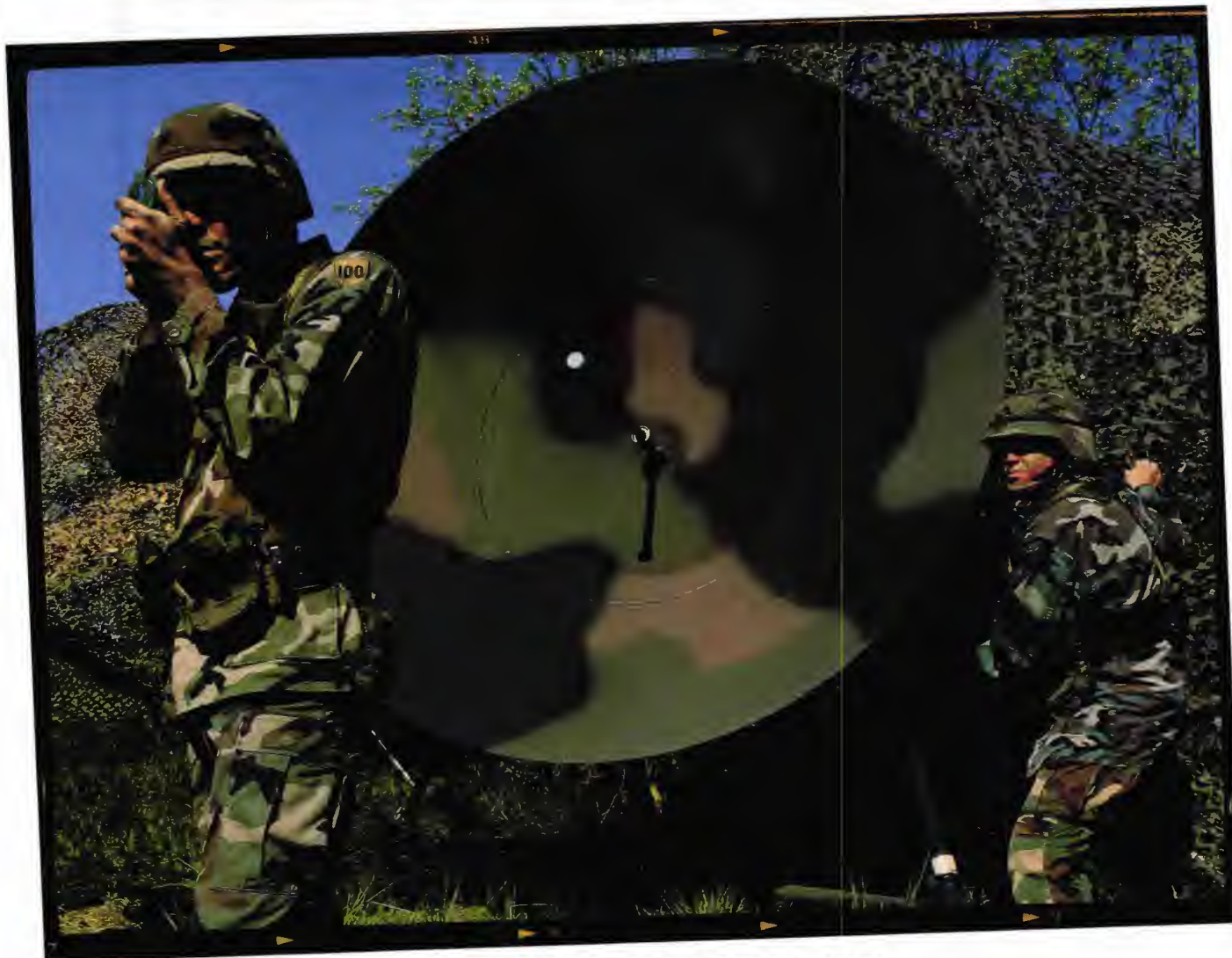
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EAGLES SPIRIT



While tailgating is an art form around the Southern Miss campus on game day, Saturdays really get going with the traditional Eagle Walk at Noon prior to kickoff. The Eagle Walk allows fans to line up around the cam-

the Golden Eagle Football Team as they parade underneath the stadium and into the locker room as they make final preparations for kickoff. Eagle Walk Drive runs underneath the stadium and lists all of USM's



retired jerseys, All-Americans and Bowl Teams. It is one of the University's most popular attractions. Just prior to the game, fans are invited to walk near the players' entrance to the field and touch "The Rock" just as the players do when they enter the field for the game. As kickoff approaches, the Golden Eagles are led to the field as the Pride of Mississippi gets the Southern Miss fans ready with USM's Fight Song, "Southern Mississippi To The Top." 📺



THOMAS V. FRASCILLO
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Saturday afternoons at The Rock are made even better with all that goes on surrounding a Southern Miss Golden Eagle Football Game.

While kickoff for USM games do not come until Saturday, Friday nights are when the action begins to pick up. Each Friday night before USM home games, the University sponsors its traditional Friday Night at the Fountain where local bands play and the night is capped off by a pep rally featuring Golden Eagle players and Southern Miss cheerleaders. Not only do Southern Miss students, fans and staff turn out in droves for this event, it has also become an extremely popular event in the Hattiesburg community.

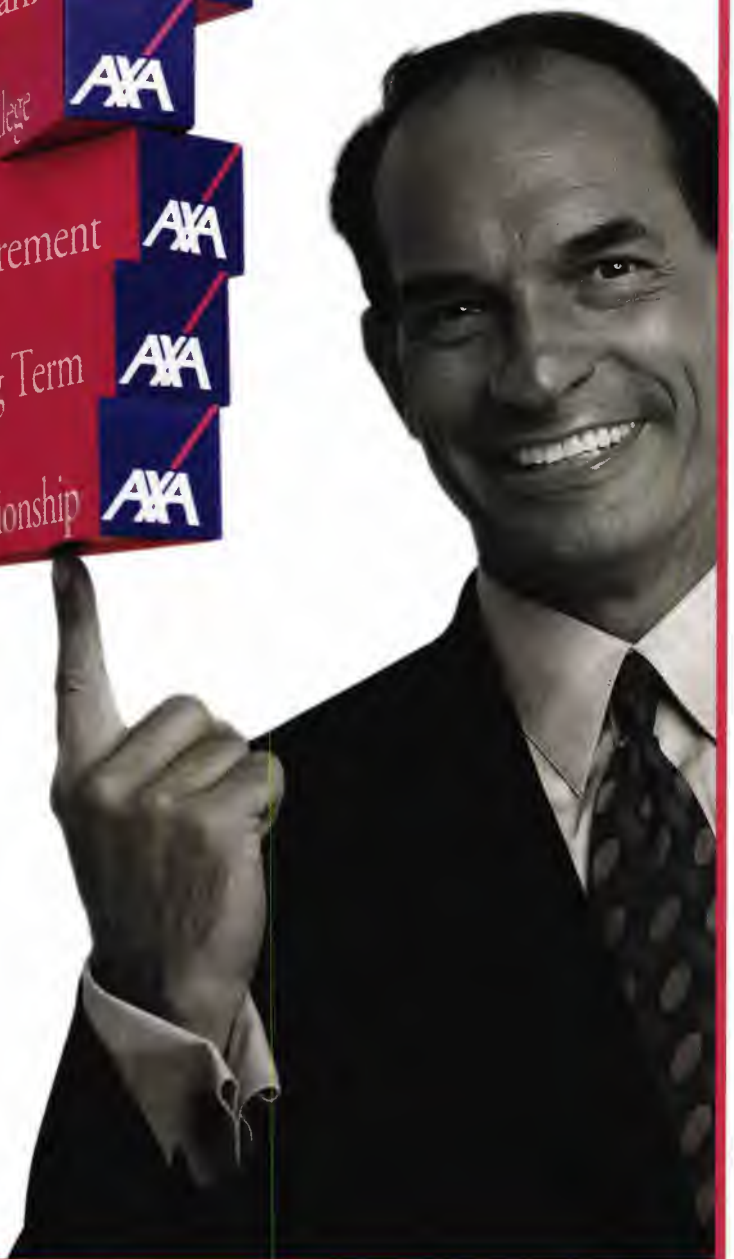
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HEAD COACH JEFF BOWER



Jeff Bower has led the Eagles to C-USA championships three of the last four years.

First, as a record-setting quarterback, then as an assistant coach, and now as the head football coach, Jeff Bower has been a mainstay in the University of Southern Mississippi football program for many years. The Roswell, Ga., native is in his ninth full season at the helm of the Southern Miss program and with USM's 30-27 victory over Louisville on Nov. 20, Bower needs just one more win to tie Reed Green for second place on USM's all-time win list. Bower, 46, put together consecutive Conference USA titles in 1996 and '97 and just missed his third one last year when the Golden Eagles finished 5-1 in conference play. Bower has strung together four-consecutive winning seasons. He was recognized as the 1997 Conference USA Coach of the Year. Bower's career record as a head coach now stands at 58-43-1, and he is the dean of coaches in Conference USA.

The Golden Eagles' win over Memphis on November 6 of this season was Bower's 101st game as head coach of the Golden Eagles. Only Thad "Pie" Vann has coached in 100 games for the Golden Eagles. In Coach Bower's first 101 games as a head coach, 25 of them have been against ranked teams, and only three of those have been at home. Nine of those 25 opponents have been in the top 10 and seven have been in the top five. In his 101 games, only 39 have been at home, where he sports a 33-6 record. He is 24-37-1 on the road. The most important numbers of his Southern Miss head coaching career are 21-2. That is the record he sports in Conference USA, where he has led the Golden Eagles to back-to-back bowl games and is headed for a third — and at least a share of its third Conference USA championship in four years.

Bower took the Eagles to their second consecutive bowl game in 1998, earning a berth in the Humanitarian Bowl after a second place finish in Conference USA. In USM's second year with the new conference, Bower led the Golden Eagles to their second consecutive Conference USA crown and a berth in the AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl. Southern Miss took advantage with a convincing 41-7 victory over Pittsburgh.

The Eagles' first season in C-USA was an unqualified success as the team put together a seven-game win streak and

earned a share of the inaugural Conference USA title.

Bower is in his ninth full season at the helm of the Southern Miss program. He took over the program in December 1990, becoming only the 17th head football coach in USM history.

After Bower completed his bachelor's degree in 1975, he decided to stay at USM in order to pursue a master's degree. That was when then-USM coach Bobby Collins asked Bower to remain with the Golden Eagle program as a graduate assistant. During his first season as a graduate assistant, the Golden Eagles struggled to a 3-8 record. But, during his second year, the team made great strides by defeating

Jeff Bower Year-by-Year

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
1968	Roswell HS	Player		State Champs in Football
1969	Roswell HS	Player		State Champs in Baseball
1970-71	Roswell HS	Player		State Champs in Football/ Baseball & Basketball
1971	Georgia	Player	11-1	
1972	Southern Miss	Player/RS	3-7-1	
1973	Southern Miss	Player	6-4-1	AP All South (HM)
1974	Southern Miss	Player	6-5	
1975	Southern Miss	Player	8-3	Team Captain/MVP
1976	Southern Miss	Grad Asst.	3-8	
1977	Southern Miss	Grad Asst.	6-6	
1978	Southern Miss	QBs/WRs	7-4	
1979	Southern Miss	QBs/WRs	6-4-1	
1980	Southern Miss	QBs/WRs	9-3	Independence Bowl Champs
1981	Southern Miss	QBs/WRs	9-2-1	Tangerine Bowl
1982	SMU	QBs	11-0-1	Cotton Bowl Champs
1983	SMU	QBs	10-2	Sun Bowl
1984	SMU	QBs	6-5	Aloha Bowl Champs
1985	SMU	QBs	6-5	
1986	SMU	QBs	6-5	
1987	Wake Forest	QBs	7-4	
1988	Southern Miss	Asst. HC Off. Coord./QBs	10-2	Independence Bowl Champs
1989	Southern Miss	Asst. HC Off. Coord./QBs	5-6	
1990	Oklahoma State	Asst. HC Off. Coord./QBs	4-7	
1990	Southern Miss	Head Coach	0-1	All-American Bowl
1991	Southern Miss	Head Coach	4-7	
1992	Southern Miss	Head Coach	7-4	
1993	Southern Miss	Head Coach	2-8-1	
1994	Southern Miss	Head Coach	6-5	
1995	Southern Miss	Head Coach	6-5	
1996	Southern Miss	Head Coach	8-3	C-USA Champs
1997	Southern Miss	Head Coach	9-3	C-USA Champs/Liberty Bowl Champs/C-USA Coach of the Year
1998	Southern Miss	Head Coach	7-5	Humanitarian Bowl
1999	Southern Miss	Head Coach	8-3	C-USA Champs/Liberty Bowl

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national power Auburn as well as state foes Ole Miss and Mississippi State.

In 1978, Collins offered Bower the chance to join his staff full-time as receivers coach and Bower jumped at the opportunity. The rest, as they say, is history!

When Collins left USM in 1982 to become head coach at Southern Methodist University, Bower went with him to become the Mustangs' quarterbacks coach. In 1987, Bower moved on to coach the quarterbacks at Wake Forest University. The next season Bower returned to his alma mater as assistant head coach/offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, a job he held for two seasons.

Bower then moved to Oklahoma State in 1989 to serve in the same capacity, and in 1992, Bower

took a team with only four starters returning and molded it into one of the more competitive teams fielded by the Golden Eagles. Southern Miss finished that season with a 7-4 record, losing only to eventual national champion Alabama, Auburn, Florida and Northern Illinois by a combined total of 32 points.

After suffering through a rare losing season in 1993, the Golden Eagles bounced back with consecutive 6-5 campaigns in 1994 and '95. The 1994 squad clinched a winning season with a thrilling season-ending victory at LSU, and the 1995 squad posted consecutive road wins to close the year to insure a second straight winning season. Bower enjoyed another great year in 1996 when he guided the Eagles to an 8-3 record and a share of the inaugural Conference USA Championship. The Eagles reeled off seven consecutive victories during the year, and that streak helped vault Southern Miss into the nation's top 25 polls for the first time since the 1989 season.

During the 1997 season, Bower guided the Eagles to a 9-3 record and sole possession of the Conference USA crown. The Eagles spent two weeks in the national polls during the year and finished the regular season ranked No. 22 in the Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. After scoring the most lopsided victory, a 41-7 rout of Pittsburgh in the Liberty Bowl, of any bowl victor, Southern Miss scored a final national ranking of 19th in both major polls, marking the first time in school history a Golden Eagles squad finished the year in the top 25.

In 1988, Bower received his highest honor at USM when the M-Club voted him into the Southern Miss Sports Hall of Fame. Late in the 1999 football season, Bower was inducted into the USM Alumni Hall of Fame.

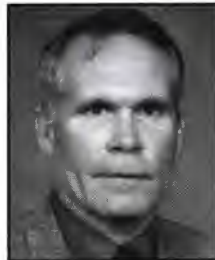
The 46-year-old Bower, who received his MBA in management from Southern Miss in 1978, is married to a former Miss USM (1975) and Miss Mississippi USA (1972). The former Debbie Pawlik, who was a USM cheerleader and a member of the Kappa Delta sorority while at USM, graduated with a nursing degree in 1975. She remains active in the USM Eagle Club and with a variety of other USM promotional efforts.

The Bower family, which includes 13-year-old daughter Stephanie, survived a tragedy early in the 1997 season when they lost 17-year-old daughter Kristen in an automobile accident. The Southern Miss team, and the entire Hattiesburg community, rallied around the Bowers in an unprecedented show of love and support following the accident. ❏

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EAGLES SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME 1

SOUTHERN MISS 48, TULANE 14

September 6, 1999, Hattiesburg, Miss.

The date had been pointed to by Southern Miss fans since the end of the 1998 football season.

When it was announced that defending Conference USA Champion Tulane was to be the season opener for the Golden Eagles in 1999, the date of the game, September 6, became a mission — 9-6-99!!! Before a packed stadium and a national television audience, the Golden Eagles stormed out and whipped the Green Wave in every aspect with a resounding 48-14 win.

The day was a success with sophomore QB Jeff Kelly throwing for 248 yards and four touchdowns. In his first start, Kelly threw TD strikes to Sherrod Gideon, Derrick Nix, Todd Pinkston and Leroy Handy. Brant Hanna was a perfect 2-for-2 on field goals, while the USM defense held Tulane to just 15 net yards rushing and 269 total net yards.

Senior wide receiver Sherrod Gideon was the MVP of the Liberty Bowl in 1997.

GAME 2

SOUTHERN MISS 40, NORTHWESTERN STATE 6

September 11, 1999, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Playing its second game in five days, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles shook the rust off and came away with a 40-6 victory over Northwestern State.

Sophomore QB Jeff Kelly rushed for a TD and threw for a pair (Danny Fowler, six yards, and Todd Pinkston, 25 yards), while Roy Magee ran a blocked field goal back 48 yards for a TD and returned a blocked PAT. Senior bandit end Adalius Thomas had a 64-yard fumble recovery return for a touchdown and Brant Hanna connected on a 37-yard field goal.

GAME 3

NEBRASKA 20, SOUTHERN MISS 13

September 18, 1999, Lincoln, Neb.

On an absolutely perfect day for football, the Southern Miss defense dominated Nebraska's powerful offensive attack, only to fall short 20-13 in front of a record crowd at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium.

The Golden Eagles kept the red-clad crowd of 77,826 Nebraska fans relatively quiet with a tenacious defense that held the Huskers to just 185 yards of offense, their lowest total since a 21-7 victory over Oklahoma in 1993. Jeff Kelly threw a pair of touchdown passes, one in the first quarter to Todd Pinkston and another in the third quarter to Sherrod Gideon, as the Golden Eagles held a 13-12 lead midway through the third quarter.

GAME 4

TEXAS A&M 23, SOUTHERN MISS 6

September 25, 1999,

College Station, Texas

Southern Miss' defense turned in another outstanding performance, but the Golden Eagles were once again plagued by turnovers as they

dropped their second-consecutive game over a top five opponent when they fell, 23-6, to No. 5 Texas A&M.

Terence Kitchens connected on a 62-yard field goal with no time left on the clock to end the first half. At that point, the Aggies took a 9-0 lead into the locker room.

The Aggies added another touchdown with 7:20 remaining in the third quarter on Jay Brooks' 41-yard interception return of a Cable Davis pass. USM cut the lead to 16-7 on a Davis to Todd Pinkston 54-yard TD pass. But another interception return for touchdown ended USM's chances of winning the game.

GAME 5

SOUTHERN MISS 39, EAST CAROLINA 22

October 9, 1999, Greenville, N.C.

Coach Jeff Bower's Southern Miss Golden Eagles took command of the Conference USA race with a resounding 39-22 road victory over No. 16 East Carolina Saturday afternoon at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in front of 39,418 rowdy Pirates fans.

In what was the Golden Eagles' biggest game of the season, Southern Miss came up with a solid offensive performance to go along with its always-sound defense. Sophomore running back Derrick Nix set a Conference USA record with 42 carries and was one carry away from the Southern Miss record of 43 carries.

Quarterback Jeff Kelly threw for three touchdown passes and Leo Barnes turned in the defensive play of the game when he intercepted a David Garrard pass and ran 60 yards to give Southern Miss a 32-22 lead with 3:15 left.

GAME 6

SOUTHERN MISS 24, ARMY 0

October 16, 1999, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Southern Miss' defense has been one of the best in the nation and Saturday afternoon at home, the Golden Eagle "D" posted a 24-0 shutout over Army, which came into the game as the nation's top rushing offense.

The Cadets were averaging over 340 yards of total offense, but were held in check Saturday



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by USM defensive coordinator Dave Wornmack's troops, gaining just 172 rushing yards.

Southern Miss running back Derrick Nix scored two rushing touchdowns and Kelby Nance added another as the Golden Eagles improved to 4-2 and, more importantly, a perfect 3-0 in Conference USA play on the year.

G A M E 7

SOUTHERN MISS 28, CINCINNATI 20
October 23, 1999, Hattiesburg, Miss.

It was two different halves for the Southern Miss football team, but fortunately it was enough for the nation's No. 21 ranked squad to hold on for a hard-fought 28-20 victory and move to 4-0 in conference play.

After grabbing a 28-0 lead midway through the third quarter, Southern Miss had to withstand an offensive fireworks show from the Bearcats. With Cincinnati driving, down 28-20 late in the game, safety Chad Williams swatted down UC quarterback Deontey Kenner's pass at the Golden Eagle 8-yard line and improved USM's record to 5-2 on the season.

G A M E 8

ALABAMA 35, SOUTHERN MISS 14
October 30, 1999, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Alabama used scoring plays via the ground, air, punt return and interception to record a 35-14 homecoming victory over Southern Miss in a battle of a pair of nationally ranked teams.

Alabama's Shaun Bohanan became the first back to gain 100 yards against the Golden Eagles this season, netting 104 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries.

Southern Miss quarterback Jeff Kelly sparked the Golden Eagles' lone scoring drive in the first half, hitting Todd Pinkston with passes of 20 and 19 yards. Kelly was 4-for-4 for 55 yards and capped the 79-yard drive with a four-yard TD strike to Sherrod Gideon as USM closed the 'Bama lead to 10-7 with 12:31 remaining in the second quarter.

G A M E 9

SOUTHERN MISS 20, MEMPHIS 5
November 6, 1999, Memphis, Tenn.

The Golden Eagles clinched at least a share of their third Conference USA football title in the last four years with a resounding

Todd Pinkston, senior wide receiver, led the team with 48 catches, 977 yards and 11 TDs.

20-5 victory over Memphis here at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

Southern Miss completely dominated Memphis with a stingy defense and a quick-striking offense. The Golden Eagles limited the Tigers to just 227 yards of offense and opened the scoring up with a Jeff Kelly to Josh Gulley 25-yard touchdown pass. Gulley's TD reception was the first of his career. Pinkston hauled in a 57-yard TD pass with 10:34 remaining in the second quarter to give USM a 14-0 lead.

Southern Miss added a pair of field goals in the second half to finish the scoring with a 20-5 victory.

G A M E 10

SOUTHERN MISS 48, LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 0
November 13, 1999, Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Golden Eagles fine tuned its game in preparation for the following weekend's clash for the Liberty Bowl against Louisville with a dominating 48-0 performance against the Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Todd Pinkston hauled in three touchdown passes and the Southern Miss defense came through with seven quarterback sacks and limited the Cajuns to just 128 yards of total offense. In this game with UL-Lafayette, USM scored on its first seven possessions to claim the win. Jeff Kelly threw for three touchdown passes (all to Pinkston) and Derrick Nix, along with Dawayne

Woods, rushed for two touchdowns apiece as USM easily won its homecoming.

G A M E 11

SOUTHERN MISS 30, LOUISVILLE 27
November 20, 1999, Louisville, Ky.

It was a tale of two halves and, fortunately, Southern Miss won the half that mattered as the Golden Eagles won its third Conference USA title in four years and earned the right to play New Year's Eve in the AXA Liberty Bowl by defeating Louisville, 30-27.

Louisville quarterback Chris Redman kept the Golden Eagles on their heels throughout the first half as he threw for 278 yards and a pair of touchdowns as Louisville held on to a 24-17 halftime lead, even though the Cardinals outgained the Golden Eagles in total yards (344-160).

It was a fake punt that helped USM. On fourth-and-five from the Louisville 37, Jamie Purser completed a 26-yard pass to Shawn Mills to keep the Golden Eagles' drive alive. Three plays later, Brant Hanna converted on his third field goal of the game, a 27-yarder with 1:07 remaining to clinch the game. Southern Miss' much heralded defense looked sharp in the second half, forcing a fumble and holding Louisville to eight yards rushing, 67 yards passing and two first downs. The win improved Southern Miss' Conference USA record to 21-2 since the league began football competition in 1996. 





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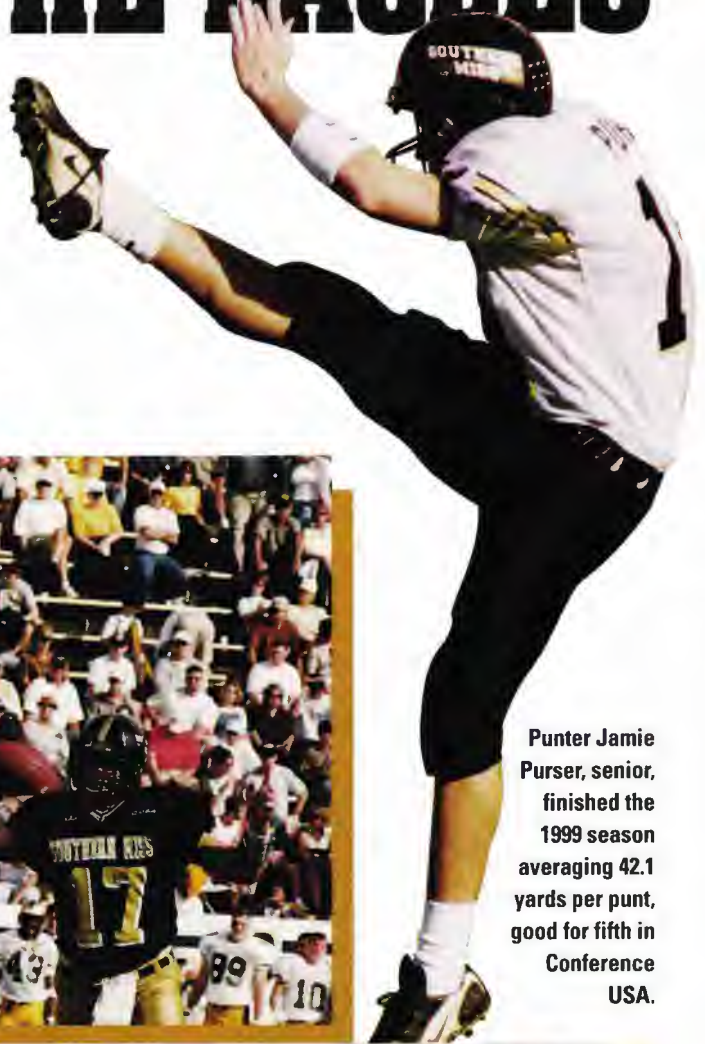
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Punter Jamie Purser, senior, finished the 1999 season averaging 42.1 yards per punt, good for fifth in Conference USA.

(Above) Sophomore quarterback Jeff Kelly led Conference USA in 1999 in passing efficiency (143.7). (Below) Middle linebacker T.J. Slaughter, senior, led the Eagles with 112 tackles, including 17 tackles for a loss.



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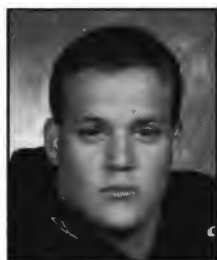
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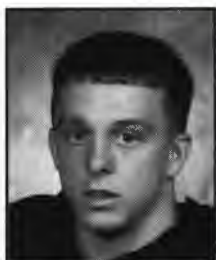
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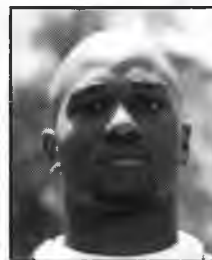
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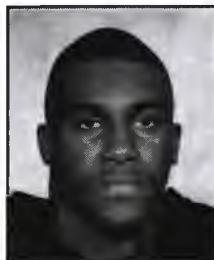
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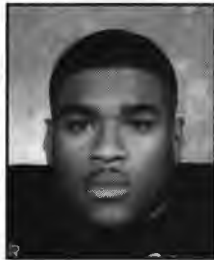
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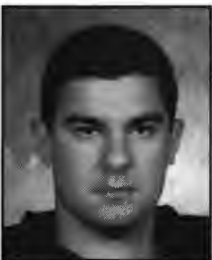
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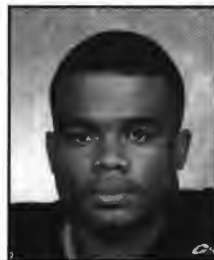
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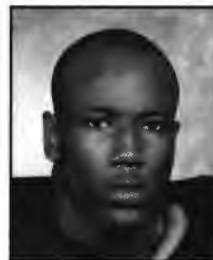
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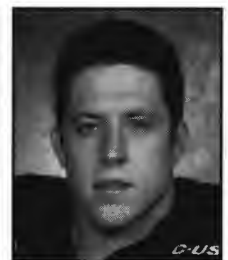
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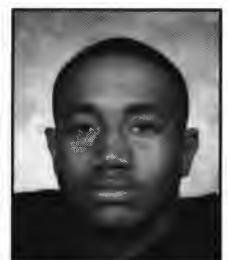
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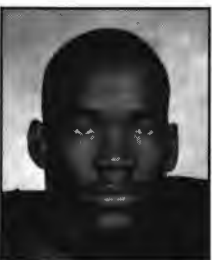
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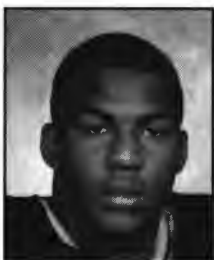
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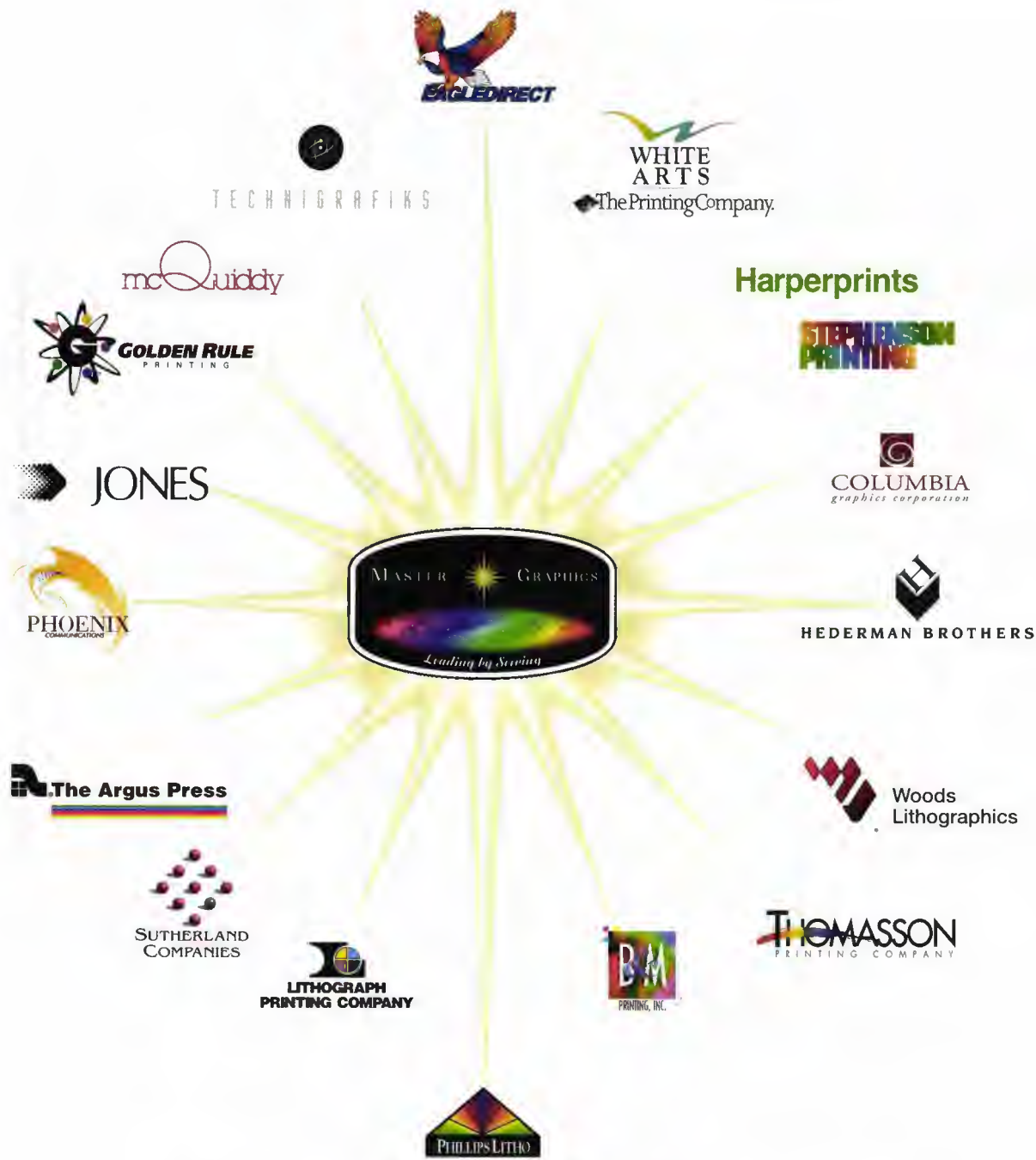
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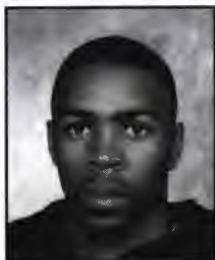
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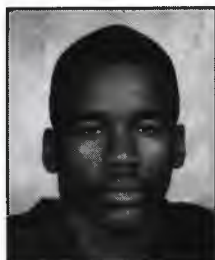
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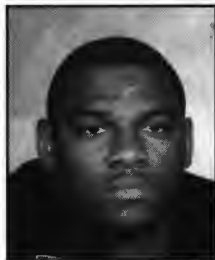
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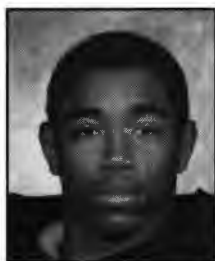
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79	Bell, Brian F.	OL	6-5	285	Sr.	Atmore, Ala.
46	Bell, Royal	LB	6-0	232	Sr.	Greenville, Miss.
70	Blackmon, Shederick	OL	6-6	324	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla.
87	Blanks, Kevin	WR	6-0	235	Sr.	Meridian, Miss.
45	Bonis, Mark	LB	6-1	237	So.	Slidell, La.
13	Bourquard, Steve	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
73	Bridges, Jeremy	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	McComb, Miss.
47	Brown, Marvin	BAN	6-1	220	Sr.	Rolling Fork, Miss.
12	Brutley, Daryon	DB	5-11	183	So.	Eufaula, Ala.
66	Chambers, Tre'	OL	6-4	284	So.	Forest, Miss.
39	Chapman, Anthony	LB	5-11	209	Jr.	Gulfport, Miss.
55	Clay, Billy	OL	6-4	270	Jr.	Longview, Texas
58	Croley, Scott	DS	6-1	238	So.	Citronella, Ala.
84	Dantzler, Orlando	TE	6-4	255	So.	Purvis, Miss.
42	Delmarter, Derek	LB	6-2	226	Fr.	Millry, Ala.
92	Dorsey, Travis	DL	6-4	248	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
26	Duncan, Jackie	RB	5-8	220	Fr.	Ponchatoula, La.
63	Evans, Dennis	OL	6-3	275	Jr.	Bartlett, Tenn.
1	Floyd, John	WR	6-4	193	FR	Monroe, La.
81	Fowler, Danyne	WR	5-11	175	So.	Hueytown, Ala.
35	Francis, Brandon	RB	5-7	193	Sr.	Lafayette, La.
10	Garner, Bobby	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Gulfport, Miss.
11	Gideon, Sherrod	WR	6-0	176	Sr.	Greenwood, Miss.
27	Gill, Byron	DB	5-10	177	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La.
85	Gray, Antonio	WR	5-11	187	So.	Trinity, Ala.
15	Gulley, Josh	WR	6-5	204	Sr.	Grand Prairie, Texas
82	Handy, LeRoy	WR	6-2	182	Fr.	Beaumont, Miss.
37	Hanna, Brant	K	6-2	202	So.	Natalbany, La.
95	Hatchett, Marchene	DL	6-3	270	Jr.	West Point, Miss.
23	Haulman, Mark	K	6-0	175	Fr.	Vicksburg, Miss.
2	Henley, Joe	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.
71	Hicks, Jim	OL	6-5	260	Fr.	Philadelphia, Miss.
6	Hosey, Corey	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Bay Springs, Miss.
38	Houston, Zaid	LB	6-2	219	Jr.	Bogalusa, La.
17	Kelly, Jeff	QB	6-2	204	So.	Deerpark, Ala.

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
89	Key, Kenderick	TE	6-5	265	Jr.	Batesville, Miss.
67	Landers, Zeb	OL	6-3	265	Fr.	Northport, Ala.
48	Langston, Chris	LB	6-2	199	Fr.	Magee, Miss.
33	McCrary, Patrick	DS	6-0	176	So.	Petal, Miss.
25	Magee, Roy	LB	6-2	212	So.	Mandeville, La.
88	Miciotto, Buck	TE	6-4	250	Fr.	Lafayette, La.
83	Mills, Shawn	WR	6-0	177	Jr.	Enid, Okla.
21	Moore, Keon	DB	5-11	183	Jr.	Wiggins, Miss.
93	Mumford, Gerald	DL	6-3	255	Jr.	Jackson, Miss.
32	Nance, Kelby	RB	6-0	222	Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss.
43	Nix, Derrick	RB	6-1	223	So.	Attalla, Ala.
98	Nix, John	DL	6-2	278	Jr.	Lucedale, Miss.
24	Parrish, Terrance	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	Theodore, Ala.
3	Pinkston, Joey	DB	6-0	177	JR	Forest, Miss.
80	Pinkston, Todd	WR	6-2	168	Sr.	Forest, Miss.
18	Purser, Jamie	P	6-0	192	Sr.	Red Bay, Ala.
72	Reber, Dan	OL	6-5	254	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.
36	Sanders, George	DB	6-0	170	Sr.	Renton, Wash.
96	Scott, Cedric	DL	6-5	255	Jr.	Gulfport, Miss.
78	Scott, DeQuincy	DL	6-2	270	Jr.	Laplace, La.
41	Scott, Deric	DL	6-3	258	Jr.	Monroeville, Ala.
40	Scott, Eric	BAN	6-2	224	Jr.	Monroeville, Ala.
34	Slaughter, T.J.	LB	6-2	238	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
90	Stewart, Daleroy	DL	6-3	298	Jr.	Vero Beach, Fla.
97	Thomas, Adalius	BAN	6-4	252	Sr.	Equality, Ala.
86	Thompson, Kevin	WR	6-4	196	Sr.	Dumas, Ark.
16	Trahan, Ty	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Poplarville, Miss.
14	Trimm, Ferrell	QB	6-1	200	Sr.	Hamilton, Ala.
76	Tucker, Torrin	OL	6-6	310	Fr.	Meridian, Miss.
94	Ulrich, Paul	DL	6-3	250	So.	Pearl, Miss.
30	Urquhart, Don	K	5-10	189	Fr.	Mobile, Ala.
49	Villalonga, Michael	TE	6-1	232	Sr.	Miami, Fla.
19	Walls, Raymond	DB	5-10	176	Jr.	Kentwood, La.
9	Williams, Chad	DB	5-11	191	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
22	Woods, Dawayne	RB	5-9	191	So.	Slidell, La.
29	Yates, Corey	DB	5-10	172	Fr.	Holly Springs, M

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67	Zeb Landers	C
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73	Jeremy Bridges	QT

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90	Greg Pollard	LE
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9	Adam Wade	SLB
42	Ula Tuitele	MLB
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31	Ameer Lowe	CB
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6	Hosey, Corey	WR	23	Haulman, Mark	K	40	Scott, Eric	BAN	71	Hicks, Jim	OL
9	Williams, Chad	DB	24	Parrish, Terrance	DB	41	Scott, Deric	DL	72	Reber, Dan	OL
10	Garner, Bobby	QB	25	Magee, Roy	LB	42	Delmarter, Derek	LB	73	Bridges, Jeremy	OL
11	Gideon, Sherrod	WR	26	Duncan, Jackie	RB	43	Nix, Derrick	RB	76	Tucker, Torrin	OL
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15	Gulley, Josh	WR	32	Nance, Kelby	RB	48	Langston, Chris	LB	81	Fowler, Dannye	WR
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15	Matt Newton	QB
36	Kevin McDougal	RB
27	Dallas Davis	WR
25	Frank Rice	WR
17	Leon Smith	HB
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61	Blane Saipaia	WT
60	David Shohet	WG
79	Justin Borvansky	C
68	Broderick Lancaster	SG
63	Tim Stuber	ST

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96	Cedric Scott	DE
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16	Ty Trahan	OLB
34	T.J. Slaughter	MLB
25	Roy Magee	OLB
19	Raymond Walls	CB
20	Leo Barnes	S
9	Chad Williams	S
24	Terrance Parrish	CB

THE RAMS

1	Ruff, Duan	RB	20	Nelson, Rhett	DB	46	Hogan, Peter	DE	77	Koontz, Jason	OL	87	Cuppari, Joey	WR
2	Gibson, Terrence	DB	20	McGarity, Jeff	RB	47	Sadaghianiil Zadeh, Reza	LB	78	Narum, Chris	OL	88	Ochoa, Jose	TE
3	Day, Aaron	RB	22	Gallimore, Jason	DB	49	Steward, Josh	LB	79	Borvansky, Justin	OL	89	Layne, Will	WR
4	Rebstock, Pete	WR	23	Naughton, Kent	K	50	Wood, Drew	LB	80	Schaumburg, Nick	TE	90	Pollard, Greg	DL
5	Stout, Jason	RB	24	Jones, J'Sharlon	WR	51	Foster, Matt	LB	81	Pittman, Chris	WR	91	Save, Bryan	DL
5	McPeak, Troy	DB	25	Rice, Frank	WR	52	Wolf, Casey	DL	82	Svoboda, Brad	WR	92	Baldischwiler, Matt	TE
6	Crowell, Rick	LB	26	Gallimore, Justin	DB	54	Bennett, Jamie	DL	83	Sprague, Russell	WR/DB	94	Sondrup, James	TE
6	Jones, Brad	DB	27	Davis, Dallas	WR	55	Smith, Lucas	DL	84	Thomas, Wallace	DE	96	Haggans, Clark	DE
7	Woods, Thal	DB	28	Olson, Erik	DB	56	Martin, Rocky	LB	85	Hill, Eric	WR	99	Mallory, Lucas	TE
7	Cutlip, Steve	QB	29	Sprague, Aaron	DB	57	Campbell, Chris	DL	86	Woolstenhulme, Cory	TE/HB			
8	Colacion, Tony	LB	30	Engelstad, Andy	DB	58	Graue, Geoff	DL						
8	Hessler, Jason	DB	31	Lowe, Ameer	DB	60	Shohet, David	OL						
9	Wade, Adam	LB	32	Sapp, Cecil	RB	61	Saipaia, Blane	OL						
10	Horinek, Deone	P	33	Pauly, Eric	LB	62	Brown, Aaron	OL						
11	Anderson, Lamar	WR	33	Ingram, Sean	RB	63	Stuber, Tim	OL						
12	Morgan, J.W.	QB	34	Huber, Joey	P	64	Green, Aaron	OL						
13	Ueland, Jon	WR	35	Wynn, Dexter	DB	67	Howard, Kelesio	OL						
14	Kuykendall, Kendall	LB	36	McDougal, Kevin	RB	68	Lancaster, Broderick	OL						
15	Newton, Matt	QB	37	Vickers, David	LB	69	Pears, Morgan	OL						
15	Hepp, Jason	DB	38	Howell, John	DB	70	Dreyer, Mark	OL						
16	Boyer, Jon	DB	41	Sanders, Raahsaan	RB	72	Wall, Kelly	OL						
17	Smith, Leon	TE	42	Tuitele, Ula	LB	73	Finlayson, Broc	OL						
18	Williams, Lenzie	DB	43	McGuckin, Chad	LB	74	Bennett, Nick	OL						
19	Hurst, C.W.	K	44	Heald, Doug	LB	75	Sommersell, Andre	DL						
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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
59	Alpers, Richie	LS	6-1	210	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.
11	Anderson, Lamar	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	Fontana, Calif.
92	Baldischwiler, Matt	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Newcastle, Okla.
32	Beake, Dillon	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	Julesburg, Colo.
54	Bennett, Jamie	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio
74	Bennett, Nick	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
3	Benson, Brady	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Windsor, Colo.
79	Borvansky, Justin	OL	6-2	290	Jr.	Northglenn, Colo.
16	Boyer, Jon	QB	6-2	190	So.	Palisade, Colo.
62	Brown, Aaron	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Anderson, Ohio
40	Burns, Qahhar	DB	6-1	180	Sr.	Broomfield, Colo.
57	Campbell, Chris	DL	5-10	255	So.	Englewood, Colo.
8	Colacion, Tony	LB	6-2	240	So.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
6	Crowell, Rick	LB	6-3	240	Sr.	Chula Vista, Calif.
87	Cuppari, Joey	WR	6-1	175	Fr.	West Lake Village, Calif.
7	Cutlip, Steve	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	Arvada, Colo.
27	Davis, Dallas	WR	5-10	175	Jr.	Fort Collins, Colo.
3	Day, Aaron	RB	5-11	190	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
70	Dreyer, Mark	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Brighton, Colo.
30	Engelstad, Andy	DB	5-10	190	Jr.	Fort Collins, Colo.
73	Finlayson, Broc	OL	6-5	305	So.	Windsor, Colo.
51	Firme, Jeff	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	Holyoke, Colo.
51	Foster, Matt	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
22	Gallimore, Jason	DB	5-10	190	So.	Wheat Ridge, Colo.
26	Gallimore, Justin	DB	5-10	190	So.	Wheat Ridge, Colo.
2	Gibson, Terrence	DB	5-11	174	Jr.	Gary, Ind.
97	Gliva, Eric	DL	6-3	225	Fr.	Longmont, Colo.
18	Goodwin, Golden	WR	6-1	175	Fr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo.
45	Goolsby, Danny	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Durango, Colo.
97	Gordon, Larry	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla.
58	Graue, Geoff	DL	6-4	235	So.	Del Ray Beach, Fla.
39	Gray, Eric	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Northglenn, Colo.
64	Green, Aaron	OL	6-5	270	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
96	Haggans, Clark	DE	6-4	250	Sr.	Palos Verdes, Calif.
27	Harrell, David	WR	6-0	175	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
44	Heald, Doug	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif.
15	Hepp, Jason	DB	6-2	200	Fr.	Longmont, Colo.
65	Hergert, Cody	OL	6-3	250	Fr.	Cripple Creek, Colo.
19	Hess, Cory	QB	6-3	190	Fr.	Seminole, Fla.
8	Hessler, Jason	DB	6-1	180	So.	Brighton, Colo.
85	Hill, Eric	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	Denver, Colo.
46	Hogan, Peter	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
26	Hohs, Brandyn	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Englewood, Colo.
10	Horinek, Deone	P	6-3	245	Sr.	Atwood, Kan.
67	Howard, Kelesio	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
38	Howell, John	DB	6-0	195	Jr.	Mullen, Nev.
34	Huber, Joey	P	6-4	205	Fr.	Littleton, Colo.
19	Hurst, C.W.	K	5-10	180	Jr.	Sherman, Texas
33	Ingram, Sean	RB	5-10	210	Sr.	Denver, Colo.
23	Jackson, Eric	DB	6-0	175	Fr.	Castle Rock, Colo.
6	Jones, Brad	DB	5-8	170	Fr.	Denver, Colo.
24	Jones, J'Sharlon	WR	5-8	180	Sr.	Oakland, Calif.
77	Koontz, Jason	OL	6-6	275	So.	LaHabra, Calif.
14	Kuykendall, Kendall	LB	6-1	230	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
68	Lancaster, Broderick	OL	6-4	315	So.	Thornton, Colo.
27	Law, Phil	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Denver, Colo.
89	Layne, Will	WR	6-0	175	Jr.	Oceanside, Calif.
31	Lowe, Ameer	DB	6-1	180	Jr.	Denver, Colo.
76	Mackenzie, Mike	DL	6-2	265		Miami, Fla.
99	Mallory, Lucas	TE	6-1	245		Boulder, Colo.
56	Martin, Rocky	LB	6-2	210	So.	Englewood, Colo.
36	McDougal, Kevin	RB	6-0	205	Sr.	Arvada, Colo.
20	McGarity, Jeff	RB	6-0	200	Fr.	Fontana, Calif.
43	McGuckin, Chad	LB	6-4	241	So.	Parker, Colo.
5	McPeak, Troy	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Moreno Valley, Calif.
11	Miller, Sam	DB	5-9	175	So.	Fort Collins, Colo.
12	Morgan, J.W.	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Owasso, Okla.
78	Narum, Chris	OL	6-5	287	Fr.	Fort Collins, Colo.
23	Naughton, Kent	K	6-0	180	So.	Burlington, Colo.
20	Nelson, Rhett	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Littleton, Colo.
15	Newton, Matt	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Englewood, Colo.
88	Ochoa, Jose	TE	6-3	255	So.	Sylmar, Calif.
28	Olson, Erik	DB	6-1	215	Sr.	Ventura, Calif.
33	Pauly, Eric	LB	6-4	214	Fr.	Conway Springs, Kan.
69	Pears, Morgan	OL	6-8	310	Fr.	Denver, Colo.
81	Pittman, Chris	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Chula Vista, Calif.
90	Pollard, Greg	DL	6-2	265	Sr.	Gardena, Calif.
39	Porter, Nick	DB	6-0	175	Fr.	Parker, Colo.
4	Rebstock, Pete	WR	5-9	190	So.	Englewood, Colo.
25	Rice, Frank	WR	6-0	165	Jr.	Gardena, Calif.
1	Ruff, Duan	RB	5-9	175	So.	Denver, Colo.
47	Sadaghiani, Zadeh, Reza	LB	5-10	230	Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
61	Saipaa, Blane	OL	6-3	310	Sr.	Oxnard, Calif.
41	Sanders, Raasaan	RB	6-0	210	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
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80	Schaumburg, Nick	TE	6-4	255	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
16	Schemelhorn, Tyler	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
11	Schendel, Ben	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	E. Helena, Mont.
65	Shea, Justin	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
60	Shohet, David	OL	6-6	315	So.	San Diego, Calif.
17	Smith, Leon	TE	6-4	265	Sr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
55	Smith, Lucas	DL	6-4	275	So.	Arroyo Grande, Calif.
75	Sommersell, Andre	DL	6-3	200	Fr.	Fountain Valley, Calif.
94	Sondrup, James	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	Fort Collins, Colo.
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37	Vickers, David	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Garden Grove, Calif.
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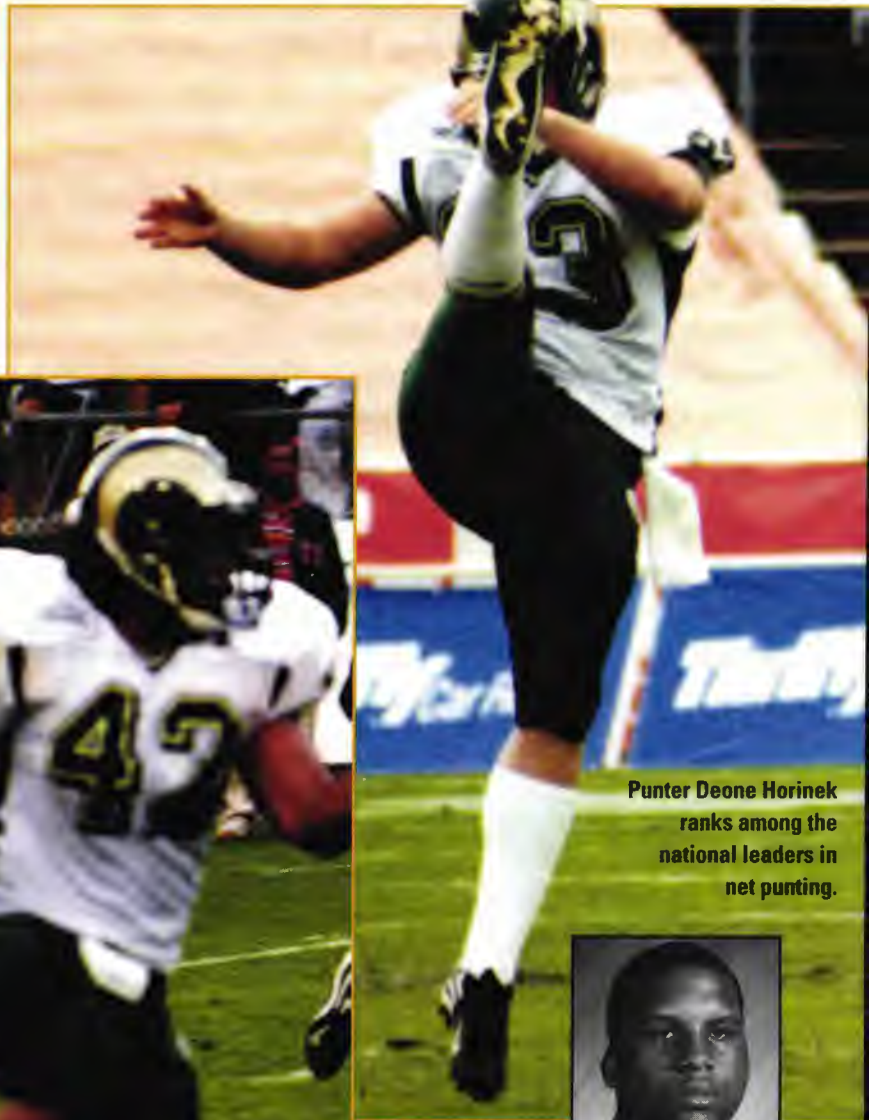
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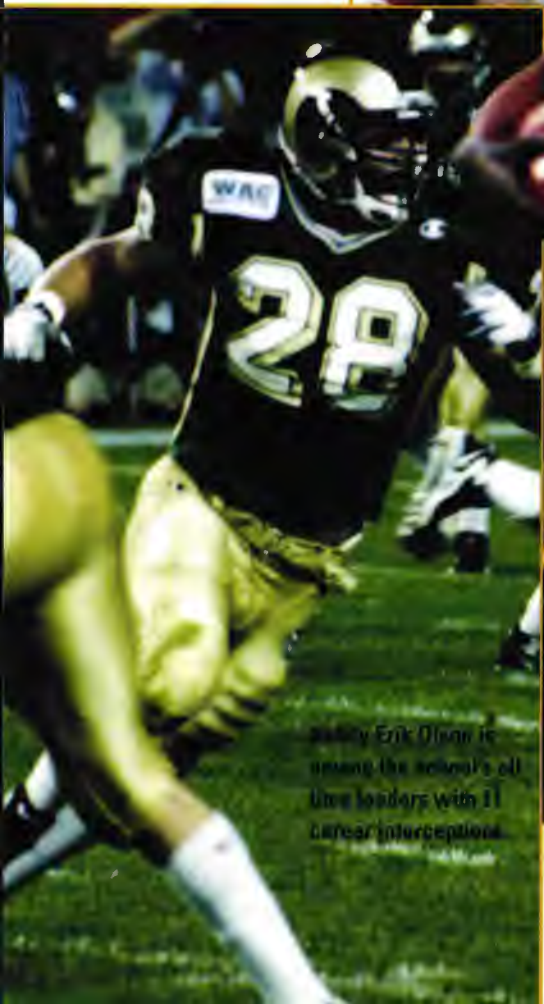
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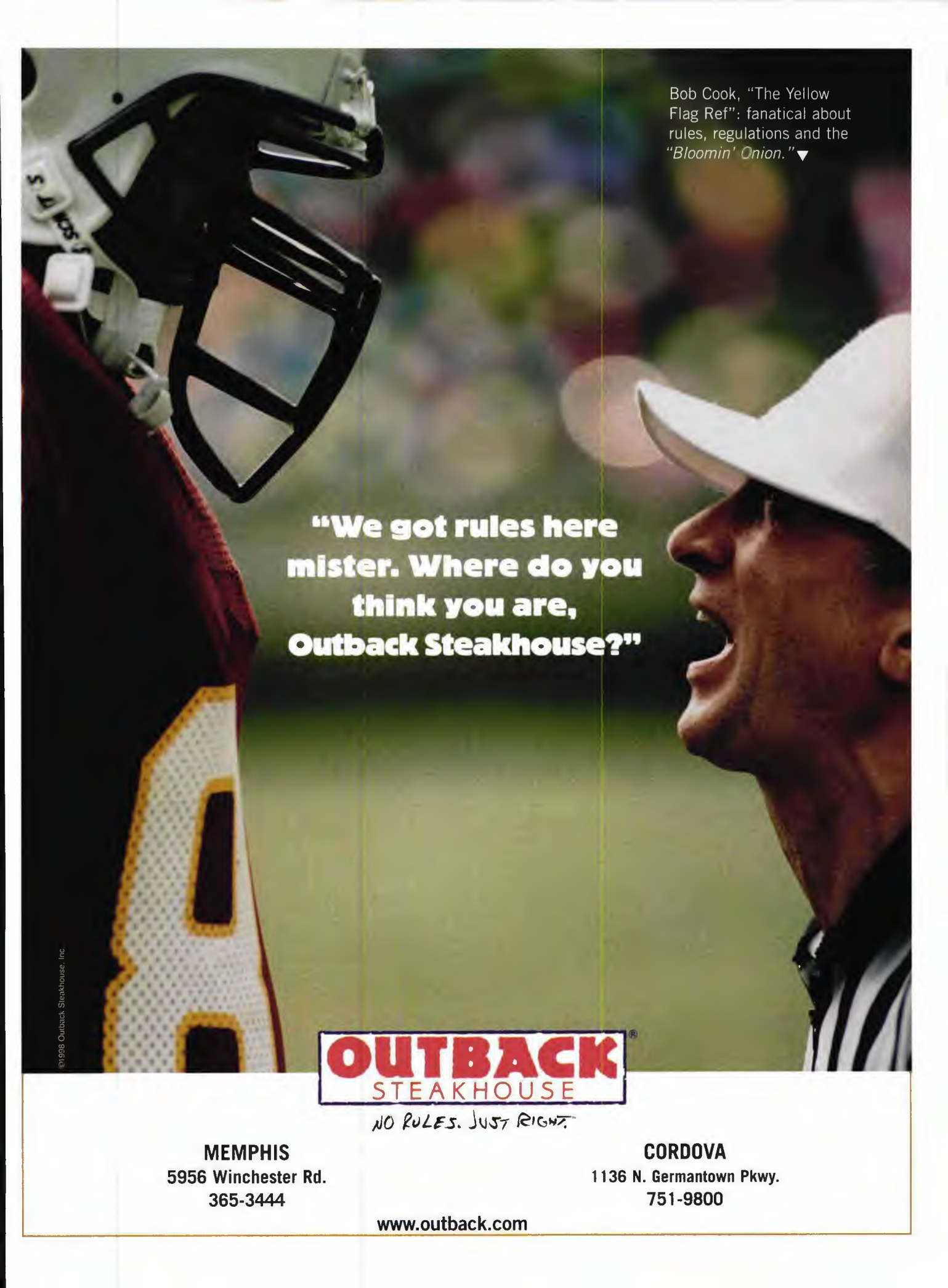
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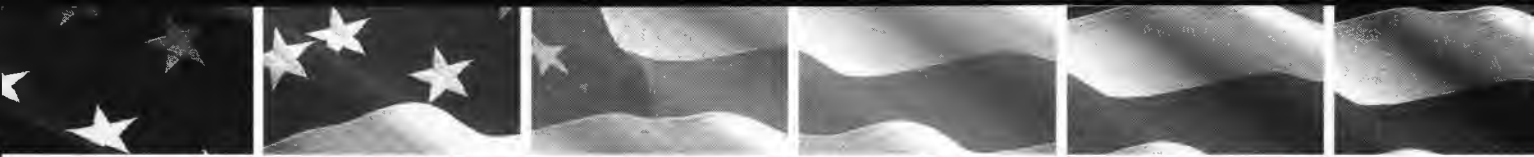
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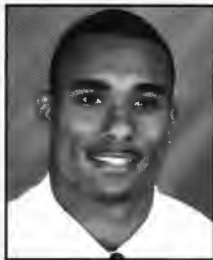
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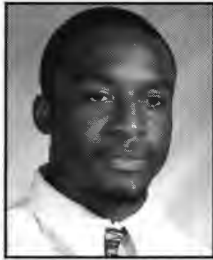
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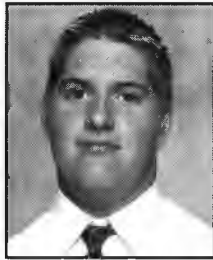
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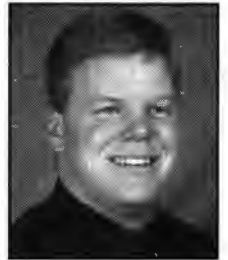
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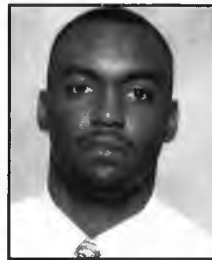
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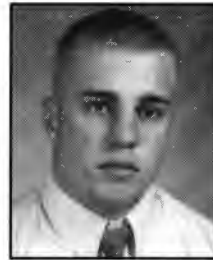
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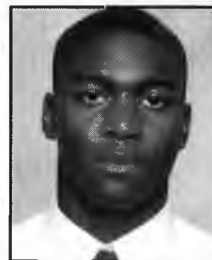
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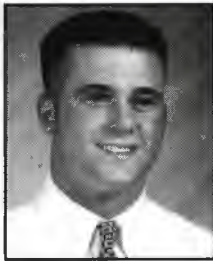
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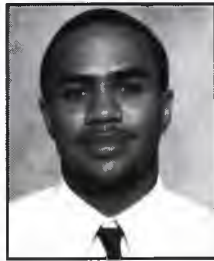
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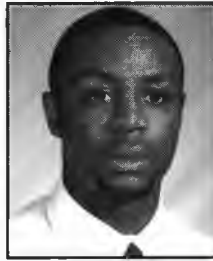
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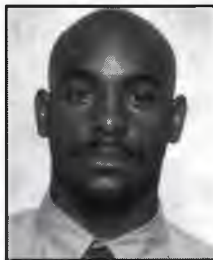
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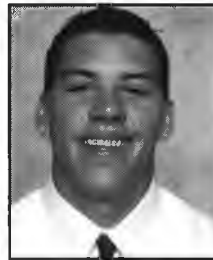
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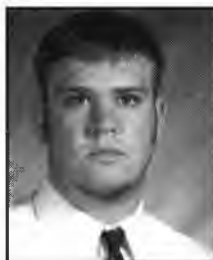
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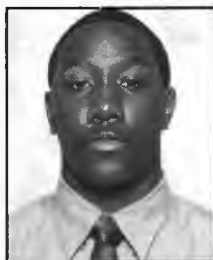
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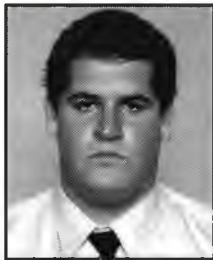
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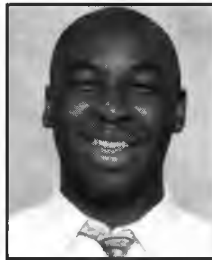
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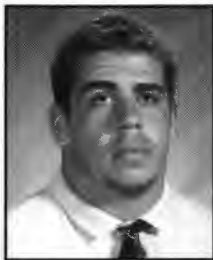
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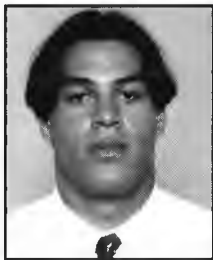
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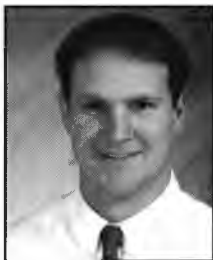
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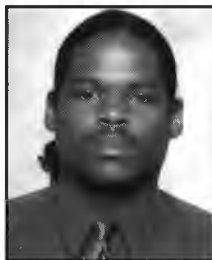
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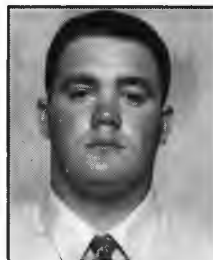
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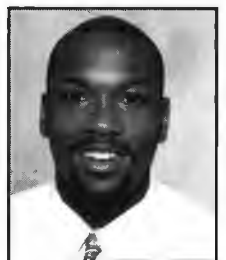
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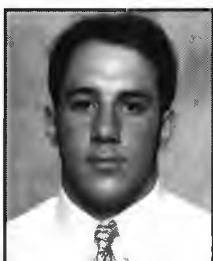
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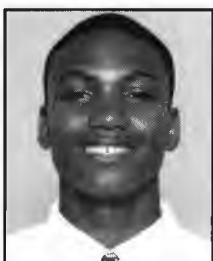
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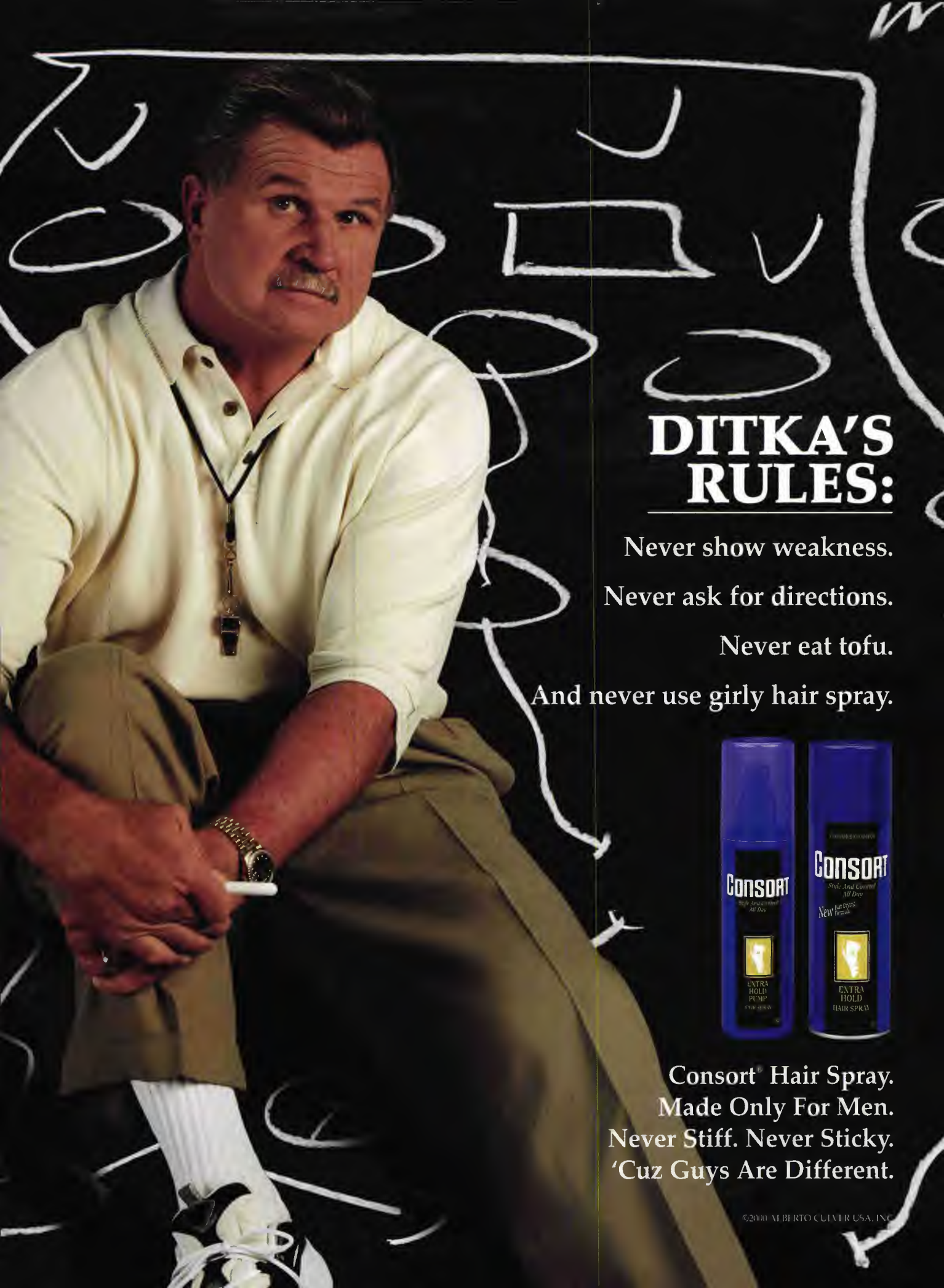
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RAMS SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME 1

COLORADO STATE 41, COLORADO 14

Sept. 4, 1999, Denver, Colo.

Colorado State opened the 1999 season with a convincing 41-14 win over 15th-ranked Colorado in the second Invesco Rocky Mountain Showdown before 73,438 fans at Mile High Stadium in Denver.

The Rams were led by running back Kevin McDougal's 190 yards rushing and two touchdowns and a defense that forced six turnovers leading to 34 points. Linebacker Rick Crowell got the Rams on the board six minutes into the game with a 54-yard interception return. Led by defensive end Clark Haggans, the Rams also set a record with nine quarterback sacks.

GAME 2

COLORADO STATE 38, NEVADA 33

Sept. 11, 1999, Fort Collins, Colo.

The Rams (ranked 24th in *USA Today*) moved to 2-0 on the season for the first time since 1994 with a 38-33 victory over Nevada in the team's 1999 home opener.

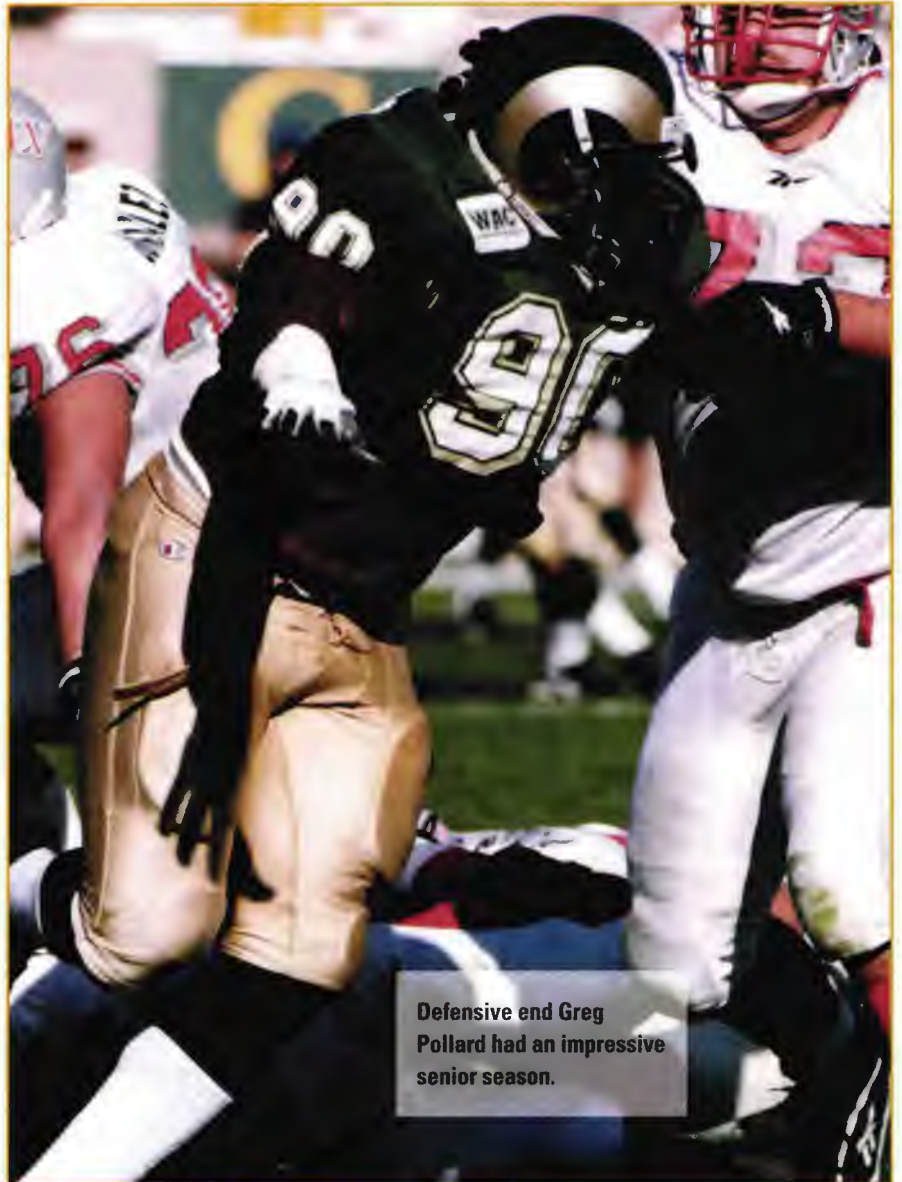
Kevin McDougal led the offense — which generated 529 yards — with 147 yards on 19 carries before departing with an injury. Quarterback Matt Newton threw for 312 yards and three scores including a 52-yarder to wide receiver Frank Rice. Wide receiver Dallas Davis had a career day with nine catches for 122 yards. Rick Crowell and linebacker Ula Tuitele were both in double figures in tackles.

GAME 3

BYU 34, COLORADO STATE 13

Sept. 16, 1999, Provo, Utah

The Rams (23rd A.P./24th USAT) lost to long-time rival Brigham Young in the first-ever Mountain West Conference event, 34-13 in Provo before a live national television audience. The Rams played the game without the services of two starters, including Kevin McDougal. Dallas Davis continued his impressive play with five receptions for 85 yards.



Defensive end Greg Pollard had an impressive senior season.

GAME 4

COLORADO STATE 46, NEW MEXICO STATE 7

Oct. 2, 1999, Fort Collins, Colo.

Colorado State's defense limited visiting NMSU to just 193 yards — 60 in the first half — and forced four turnovers which produced 17 points in the Rams' 46-7 Homecoming/Hall of Fame Game victory. Running back Rahsaan Sanders led the offense by gaining 106 yards on 13 carries and scored on the second play from scrimmage, a 44-yard run.

GAME 5

FRESNO STATE 44, COLORADO STATE 13

Oct. 9, 1999, Fresno, Calif.

Fresno State forced five Colorado State turnovers and scored 31 points en route to a 44-13 victory over Colorado State. The Rams had 421 total yards and led at one point 7-3 behind the rushing of Kevin McDougal, who gained 99 yards on only 13 carries.

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G A M E 6

SAN DIEGO STATE 17, COLORADO STATE 10

Oct. 16, 1999, Fort Collins, Colo.

Colorado State's defense limited visiting San Diego State to just 202 yards on a game played in chilly, snowy conditions at Hughes Stadium. The visiting Aztecs, however, scored the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter and hung on for a 17-10 victory.

G A M E 7

COLORADO STATE 24, WYOMING 13

Oct. 23, 1999, Laramie, Wyo.

Colorado State scored a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns and rallied for a 24-13 win at Wyoming in the annual Border War game at Memorial Stadium in Laramie, securing the Bronze Boot travelling trophy.

Trailing 13-10 in the fourth period, Matt Newton hit WR Will Layne on a 30-yard scoring play to put the Rams ahead. With two minutes left in the game, defensive back Aaron Sprague's 41-yard interception return sealed the win.

G A M E 8

COLORADO STATE 31, UTAH 24

Oct. 28, 1999, Fort Collins, Colo.

Dallas Davis became the first player in school history to return two punts for touchdowns in a game — his last a 56-yarder with 2:35 to play in the game — as he led the Rams to a 31-24 victory over Utah. Earlier in the night Davis returned a punt 89 yards for a score, and following a Utah rally, he was the hero with his second scoring run of the night.

Kevin McDougal rushed for 115 yards and a touchdown and Ula Tuitele finished with 14 tackles in the game.

G A M E 9

COLORADO STATE 36, NEW MEXICO 22

Nov. 6, 1999, Albuquerque, N.M.

Frank Rice scored three touchdowns on a pair of receptions and a reverse, the Rams forced two turnovers, and punter Deone Horinek pinned the Lobos deep on a drive that netted a safety as Colorado State won its third in a row. Rice teamed with Matt Newton on the first series of the game on a 58-yard scorer. He later scored on a 66-yard catch-and-run and a 12-yard run.

G A M E 10

COLORADO STATE 41, AIR FORCE 21

Nov. 18, 1999, Fort Collins, Colo.

Kevin McDougal rushed for 200 yards as Colorado State beat in-state rival Air Force, 41-21 before an overflow crowd at Hughes Stadium and a national television audience on ESPN.


The Rams led 20-6 at intermission and added 21 third-quarter points and forced three turnovers including a pair of interceptions by Erik Olson to earn a Front Range rivalry sweep for the first time in school history.

G A M E 11

COLORADO STATE 35, UNLV 17

Nov. 27, 1999, Las Vegas, Nev.

Colorado State's 1999 football team made history by winning a share of the first-ever Mountain West Conference title with a 35-17 win at UNLV.

Kevin McDougal gained 113 yards while Matt Newton threw for 227 to lead the offense and Dallas Davis set up the team's first score with a 77-yard punt return. Defensively, the Rams limited UNLV to 342 total yards overall and no points in the second half as the team won for the fifth time in a row. 

Quarterback Matt Newton threw for more than 2,300 yards in 1999.





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HEAD COACH SONNY LUBICK

Sonny Lubick has always enjoyed a challenge.

Nearly eight years ago he accepted the challenge of resurrecting Colorado State's football program and aimed toward national prominence.

After the 1999 season, Lubick has earned respect from football followers, his coaching peers and Ram fans for placing Colorado State's program among the nation's elite.

Lubick began the rebuilding process in 1993, placing the program on firm footing. Along the way, he helped establish a new-found sense of pride and ownership within the program.

When he arrived at Colorado State as the school's head coach in December 1992, Lubick told anyone who would listen —

players, coaches, boosters, alumni and fans — that the Rams program would be built on hard work, pride and a sense of teamwork.

He's placed that footprint on the Rams program. Colorado State's program mirrors Lubick's commitment to those values and a sense of family that runs throughout Colorado State football.

It might be hard for some to imagine the exact scope of Lubick's rebuilding project along the Front Range.

Consider that midway through his sixth season in Fort Collins, Lubick had guided Colorado State to more wins on the football field than the school produced through the entire decade of the 1980s.

When he arrived, the school's program had enjoyed only nine winning campaigns and one bowl trip in 34 years.

Since then, the Rams have won 57 games, four conference titles, appeared in three Holiday Bowls (defeating Missouri in 1997), and now have been invited the school's first-ever Liberty Bowl appearance.

Colorado State's rebirth is nothing short of remarkable.

After implementing his style, philosophy and personality in the program in 1993, the Rams exploded onto the scene a year later, winning the conference title and ascending to as high as 10th in the national polls. It was the first league title in Fort Collins since 1955. The Rams finished with a 10-2 record.

A year later, critics said Colorado State would never maintain its lofty perch. Lubick

With a 57-26 mark in seven seasons as the Rams' head coach, Sonny Lubick has the highest coaching winning percentage in Colorado State history.



The Sonny Lubick File

COACHING RESUME

- 1993-Present: Head Coach, Colorado State
- 1988-92: Defensive Coordinator, Univ. of Miami
- 1985-88: Assistant Coach, Stanford
- 1982-84: Offensive Coordinator, Colorado State
- 1978-81: Head Coach, Montana State
- 1970-77: Assistant Coach, Montana State

Year	School	Record	Conf./Finish
1999	Colorado State	8-3	5-2/T1st
1998	Colorado State	8-4	5-3/3rd
1997	Colorado State	11-2	7-1/1st
1996	Colorado State	7-5	6-2/2nd
1995	Colorado State	8-4	6-2/1st
1994	Colorado State	10-2	7-1/1st
1993	Colorado State	5-6	5-3/4th
Totals		57-26	41-14

1981	Montana State	3-7	1-6/7th
1980	Montana State	4-6	3-4/6th
1979	Montana State	6-4	6-1/1st
1978	Montana State	8-2	4-2/2nd
Totals		21-19	14-13
Career		78-45	55-27

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squarely accepted that challenge, and the team won a second straight conference title and played in another Holiday Bowl.

In 1996, the Rams were one point shy of a divisional championship and berth in the conference title game. When 1997 arrived, Colorado State enjoyed its finest season in school history. Most long-time observers of the program proclaimed the '97 squad to be the finest to ever have taken the field in Fort Collins.

Colorado State finished with an 11-2 record including nine consecutive victories to end the season.

Toting the team's third league title in three seasons, Colorado State defeated Missouri in the 1997 Holiday Bowl, 35-24. Before more than 55,000 fans at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium, Lubick watched as his team dominated play against the Big 12 member Tigers.

Colorado State was ranked 15th in the final national polls.

A season ago, Colorado State again enjoyed a great deal of success and earned national attention.

Colorado State was ranked in both national preseason polls for the first time

in school history.

The Rams opened the season by defeating Michigan State, 23-16, in the Black Coaches Association Classic in East Lansing, the first win over a Big 10 school in Colorado State history. The victory vaulted Colorado State to 15th nationally.

In the second week of the season, Colorado State faced in-state rival Colorado at Mile High Stadium in Denver.

Colorado State's home game was moved to the home of the two-time defending NFL champion Denver Broncos, which provided an emotional backdrop for the game.

Joining a national television audience on ESPN was the largest crowd for a college sporting event in state history, 76,036 fans — a sellout!

Colorado State concluded the season with an 8-4 record, the fifth consecutive winning season the Rams have enjoyed under Lubick's guidance.

Colorado State joined seven other teams in forming the NCAA's newest conference, the Mountain West, and was crowned the MWC's first champion.

If the past serves as any indication, Lubick will have the Rams poised to face the challenge of competition in the Mountain West Conference. ★

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The pageantry and excitement that surrounds Colorado State University's football program is reflected by the performances, support, and enthusiasm of the Rams' Marching Band and Spirit Squads.

Under the direction of Bill DeJonette, professor of music at Colorado State, the Rams Marching Band is recognized as one of the region's finest. Numbering more than 200, the marching band performs at all home football games, men's and women's basketball games and other selected athletic events. Additionally, the band is a central showpiece for the university and the department of music. Annually, Colorado State's Ram Marching Band performs at area events including Denver Broncos home games at Mile High Stadium in Denver.



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ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AT COLORADO STATE

When Sonny Lubick was named Colorado State's head football coach in December 1993, he set as a primary goal to establish a winning tradition in Fort Collins.

Seven years later, Lubick and his staff have established many traditions at Colorado State. Chief among them: a championship tradition and nearly annual appearances on the nation's bowl game landscape.

For the fourth time in six seasons, Colorado State enters postseason play having won or shared a conference championship. In 1999, the Rams forged a tie for the first-ever Mountain West Conference title, thus earning a spot opposite C-USA champion Southern Mississippi in the 41st Annual AXA Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

Colorado State fought its way to the title using a five-game win streak to end the season, tying for the sixth longest win streak in school history. With the team's record at 3-3 on the year, Lubick patiently

guided his team back into the thick of the conference race.

"I am so proud of this football team," said Lubick, twice — including 1999 — named conference coach of the year. "Winning a championship is always a great feeling. I told our guys that some teams play all their lives, some coaches coach all their lives and never win a title. This is something to be proud of.

"The key to our success was that we had a group of players who really liked each other — on and off the field," said Lubick. "The most special part about this team was chemistry, the way that the seniors really held things together. They have succeeded with class and with effort. This has been a great group to coach."

Colorado State opened the season with



TIM WEISER
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

a 41-14 win over in-state rival Colorado before a sellout crowd at Mile High Stadium in Denver. Running back Kevin McDougal ran for 189 yards and defensive end Clark Haggans sparked an attack which forced six turnovers. The Rams then found themselves ranked among the nation's top 25. Five games later, with a 3-3 record, Colorado State

began its run to the MWC title.

The Rams began the streak with a 24-13 win at Wyoming on ESPN2, erasing a 10-7 deficit on Matt Newton's scoring pass to Dallas Davis. Aaron Sprague's 41-yard interception return for a touchdown iced the game. Five days later, Dallas Davis became the first player in school history to return

Hughes Stadium, the "Showcase of the Rockies," opened in 1968 and from that point has been regarded as one of the region's top playing facilities.

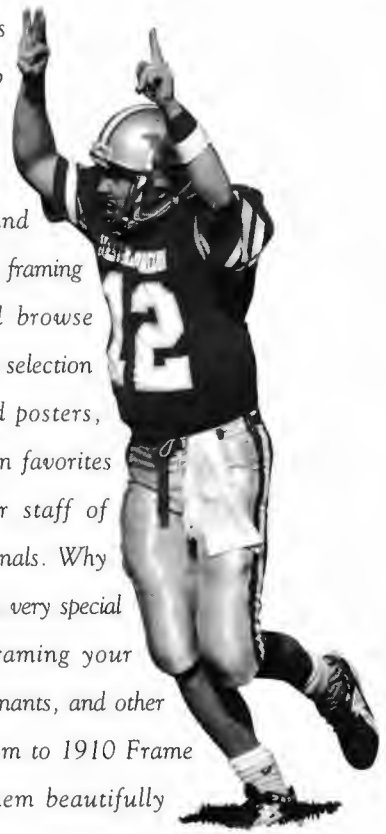


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RAMS ATHLETIC STAFF CONTINUED

two punts in one game for scores, the last coming with two minutes to play and helping the Rams to a 31-24 win over Wyoming on ESPN.

Following a 36-22 win at New Mexico, the Rams continued their title run with a convincing 41-21 win over rival Air Force, on ESPN during a prime time telecast

behind McDougal, who gained 200 yards. Linebacker Ula Tuitele was impressive again in leading Colorado State's defense. The Rams then earned a share of the league title with a win at UNLV, holding the Rebels scoreless in the second half led by safety Erik Olson.

Following the regular season, Lubick

was named the conference coach of the year and McDougal its offensive player of the year. Stalwart offensive tackle Blane Saipaia and McDougal were first-team all-conference selections on offense. Haggans, Tuitele, and Olson earned similar honors on defense. — Gary Ozzello, Asst. A.D./Media Relations ✪

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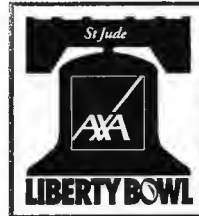
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There's a lot of talk these days about how this is the best of times for Colorado State University athletics, and there's quite a bit of evidence to support that talk.

No true Ram fan can forget the thrills Becky Hammon, Katie Cronin and the women's basketball team generated last season—being ranked as high as fourth in the country and making it to the NCAA's Sweet 16 under Coach Tom Collen who recently inked a long-term contract. You could easily go on and brag about Coach Ritchie McKay and the men's basketball team, Tom Hilbert and the building powerhouse that is his volleyball squad, to say nothing of the All-Americans in track and field and all the other recent accomplishments.

But even these recent successes are only part of the story. At Colorado State University, it's also easy to make the case that these are the best of times for the entire institution. And



DR. ALBERT C. YATES
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

you can do it straight by the numbers.

Let's start with leadership. In July, President Albert C. Yates entered his 10th year on the job. According to the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, Yates' term as president is about double that of other presidents at similar institutions. He is far and away

the most enduring leader in higher education in Colorado.

As Dr. Yates noted last fall, it is particularly gratifying to see so many of the bright students in Colorado choosing Colorado State, as evidenced by the 20 percent increase we saw among in-state students in our freshman class. Our total student enrollment is now at 23,000, our highest ever. Diversity continues to be a priority on campus and we continue to make real progress, as evidenced by this same

freshman class—the most diverse in our history, showing nearly a 20 percent increase in minority students from Colorado over the previous year.

To be a truly great university, you have to have great surroundings. We're blessed to be in Colorado, and in the last decade, our university has made great strides to create facilities that match the natural beauty of our setting. The newly refurbished Morgan Library, the new and improved Lory Student Center, the sparkling new Natural & Environmental Science Building, the new addition to Moby Arena, the Monfort Quad, the refurbished Rockwell Hall, the expanded Student Recreation Center (one of the best in the country), the expanded and improved Engineering Building and the elegant and historic Ammons Hall are just a handful of the examples of the improvements or additions on campus. Add these to the stately elms of the Oval, which is rimmed by historic buildings, and the wide open spaces of the Lagoon area, and the result is a beautiful university environment.



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Harris Jones (far right) prepares for the coin toss as Tulane and BYU get ready for battle at the 1998 AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl.

One of the most inspirational figures to emerge from last year's AXA Liberty Bowl game is Milan, Tenn. native Harris Jones. The 19-year-old was the star quarterback on his hometown's high school football team, and he had a bright future ahead at Murray State University. But in August 1998, Jones was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. Instead of checking into football camp at Murray State, Jones headed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

His chance of survival was less than 50 percent. Jones went through a series of radiation treatments which caused his body weight to drop from 215 to 138 pounds. At times the prognosis wasn't promising. But thanks to prayer, dedication and the miracles that are worked daily at St. Jude, Jones has made significant progress in his battle with leukemia. In his own special way, Harris has made a terrific contribution to the many other young patients who look to him for inspiration. During last year's Bowl Week activities, Jones was one of the guest speakers

at the Awards Luncheon, and he participated in the pregame coin toss at midfield.

Today, Jones is a student at Murray State, and he hopes to be back on the field next season. He has regained his strong, football-type body and is a red-shirt freshman on the Murray State football team.

Harris Jones' story is just one of many surrounding the life-saving work carried out daily at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There are many dedicated champions dealing, literally, on a minute-by-minute basis with the catastrophic illnesses of the children of St. Jude and their families.

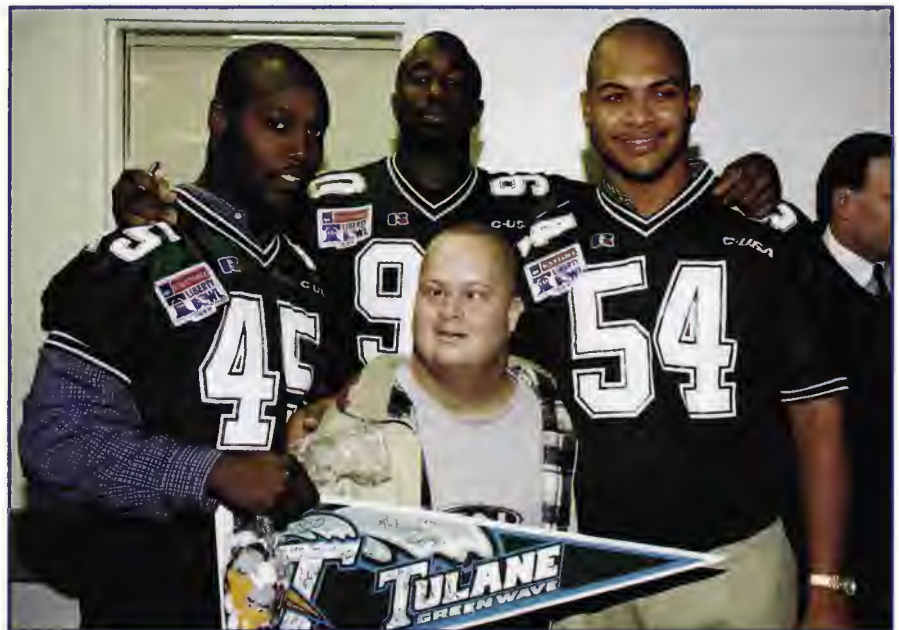
The survival rate has steadily increased from the time founder Danny Thomas first opened St. Jude Hospital

in 1962. Then, fewer than 5 percent of its patients survived. Today, that rate has increased to over 70 percent, due to the committed work of many unsung heroes, its doctors and scientists, and to the generosity of St. Jude supporters. St. Jude Hospital freely shares all of its research findings and treatments with other medical institutions around the world.

Regardless of their ability to pay, all St. Jude patients are treated. ALSAC, St. Jude's fund-raising arm, covers all patient costs beyond those reimbursed by third-party insurance.

The AXA Liberty Bowl is proud to focus awareness on the life-saving research and work performed at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The international exposure provided through today's game and at all events associated with the Bowl furthers the mission of this great hospital.

To further the success of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the AXA Liberty Bowl and the Equitable Foundation are proud to be major donors to the hospital. ★



Each year AXA Liberty Bowl players and coaches from both teams visit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help spread holiday happiness and offer encouragement to patients.



AXA LIBERTY BOWL INAUGURATES THE SPIRIT OF 1776 AWARD

Richard M. Green is the recipient of the inaugural Spirit of 1776 Award. The award is given out annually on July 4th by this college football bowl game. The Spirit of 1776 Award is presented to an individual who embodies the patriotic theme of the AXA Liberty Bowl and who has served both country and community in a distinguished manner.

Green served 18 years with the U.S. Treasury Department as a Secret Service Special Agent. During his outstanding career, Green protected six U.S. Presidents (from President Johnson to President Bush as a candidate), Queen Elizabeth and numerous other heads of state. Green has worked as a key volunteer with the AXA Liberty Bowl for more than 15 years. During his years of service to the Bowl, Green has served as Special Assistant to the Executive Director as well as heading up team logistics, game planning and VIP security.

"Richard is a shining example of an individual who has given selflessly to both country and community," commented Steve Ehrhart,

Executive Director of the AXA Liberty Bowl. "Richard's service as a special agent and his vital contributions to the AXA Liberty Bowl in such an honorable way makes me proud to present this first Spirit of 1776 Award to a very deserving Memphian."

"I'm very honored to receive the inaugural Spirit of 1776 Award," said Green. "The ideals of patriotism and service to country are important to me. The fact that the AXA Liberty Bowl was founded by Mr. Bud Dudley in Philadelphia, the birthplace of our nation's independence, makes this award even more meaningful to me." ☆



AXA LIBERTY BOWL TEAMS UP WITH SHELBY YOUTH SPORTS FOOTBALL



The AXA Liberty Bowl is joining hands with Shelby Youth Sports football for a season-long partnership in an effort to focus on youth and youth education. More than 800 SYS athletes and coaches are involved in Shelby Youth Sports. "We're excited about the opportunity to share the Liberty Bowl experience with our young players," said SYS President Dennis George. "Thanks to Steve Ehrhart (AXA Liberty Bowl Executive Director) and Harold Graeter (AXA Liberty Bowl Associate Executive Director), we'll be able to provide a season-long program that will spotlight SYS and the Liberty Bowl."

"Our focus is on kids and using football and the AXA Liberty Bowl as the tool to help youngsters in the Memphis and Shelby County area," said Steve Ehrhart. "Due to the outstanding support of our presenting sponsors, Autozone, FedEx and PowerTel, we look forward to a very successful program with SYS."

Shelby Youth Sports has teams from 11 areas: Bartlett, Brownsville Road, Collierville, Cordova, Egypt, Ellendale, Elmore Park, Millington, Munford, Raleigh Central and Woodstock. ☆

FCA BREAKFAST

The Memphis Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been a partner with the AXA Liberty Bowl for more than two decades. The Memphis chapter has 1,500 active members. The FCA sponsors a wide-ranging anti-drug program that involves more than two dozen Memphis-area high schools.

The FCA's annual breakfast at the Adam's Mark Hotel is one of the highlights of the AXA Liberty Bowl's week of activities. This

year's guest speaker is legendary coach Tom Osborne.

Osborne retired from coaching following the 1997 season. In 25 years as head coach at Nebraska, Osborne had a record of 255-49-3. He was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998.

For more information regarding the Memphis Chapter of the FCA, contact Maury Gill at (901) 382-9900. ☆

YOU MAKE THE CALL

The rare play, quirky bounce or bizarre situation can give college football referees instant headaches, especially since they are expected to make immediate decisions during the heat of battle. Under the gun, could you make the right call? Touchdown Illustrated gives you the whistle. Below are rulebook headaches designed to test your knowledge of the game. You be the ref!

HEADACHE #1

PENN STATE vs. OHIO STATE

Ohio State quarterback Steve Bellisari drops back to pass. Feeling pressure from the Penn State pass rush, he attempts a dump-off pass behind the line of scrimmage to tailback Michael Wiley. But the pass is thrown behind him. Linebacker LaVar Arrington scoops up the ball at midfield and runs into the end zone. Ohio State coach John Cooper protests, saying the ball should be marked at midfield.

YOU'RE THE REF:
What happens next?

ANSWER

Touchdown, Penn State. Thanks to a new ruling, the defense can pick up off the ground a loose backward pass (a lateral) and advance it. Previously, the football was dead at the spot where the defense recovered.

HEADACHE #2

NEBRASKA vs. KANSAS STATE

Nebraska tailback DeAngelo Evans breaks away from the pack, headed toward the end zone. But when he gets to the five-yard line, Kansas State linebacker Mark Simoneau punches the ball out of his arms from behind. The ball rolls through the back of the end zone.

YOU'RE THE REF:
What happens next?

ANSWER

Touchback. Kansas State takes possession at their own 20. Thanks to a recent rule change, beginning this season, a fumble that rolls in and out of the end zone is now ruled a touchback. Previously, the ball was given to the defense at the spot of the fumble.

HEADACHE #3

SOUTH CAROLINA vs. ALABAMA

On third and three from the South Carolina 30, Alabama quarterback Andrew Zow fades back to pass. The Gamecocks' rush forces him out of the pocket. About to be sacked, he throws a desperation pass that hits offensive tackle Kenric Lott.

YOU'RE THE REF:
What happens next?

ANSWER

There is a five-yard penalty against Alabama for a pass touched by an ineligible receiver. But unlike previous years, there is no loss of down. So Bama repeats third down, starting at the USC 35.

HEADACHE #4

LOUISIANA TECH vs. NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Down by four, with less than two minutes to play, Louisiana Tech is out of times out and is facing a second and 10 at its own 33. Quarterback Tim Rattay scrambles out of the pocket and away from the Northeast Louisiana rush. As he gets to the 35, he sees teammate Delwyn Daire wide open and hurls the ball downfield to him.

YOU'RE THE REF:
What happens next?

ANSWER

La. Tech is penalized for an illegal forward pass, but the five-yard penalty is marked from the spot of the foul, not the line of scrimmage as in previous years. So Tech faces third down and 13 from the 30.

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The Liberty Bowl Trophy produced by Schulmerich is an authentic, one-quarter-sized replica of the bell that rang in Independence Hall to announce the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It has the same nicked edges, foundry marks and misspelled inscription and even the famous crack — all crafted to maintain the integrity of the original in every detail.

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It's been a long journey from that dark night along the Liberty Trail in 1777, and Schulmerich is proud to be associated with the 1999 AXA Liberty Bowl. ★

RECORD BOOK



Individual Records

RUSHING

Attempts – 35, Bob Anderson, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969
 Yards Gained – 254, Bob Anderson, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969
 Yards Lost – 45, Alex Bowden, Auburn vs. Ole Miss, 1965
 Net Yardage – 254, Bob Anderson, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969
 Longest Run – 99, Terry Baker, Oregon State vs. Villanova, 1962

PASSING

Attempts – 55, Tony Eason, Illinois vs. Alabama, 1982
 Completions – 35, Tony Eason, Illinois vs. Alabama, 1982
 Interceptions – 4, Allen McCune, West Virginia vs. Utah, 1964
 4, Tony Eason, Illinois vs. Alabama, 1982
 4, Marcus Crandell, East Carolina vs. Ill., 1994
 Net Yards – 424, Tony Eason, Illinois vs. Alabama, 1982
 Longest Touchdown – 89, Pete Gonzalez to Jake Hoffert, Pitt. vs. S. Miss., 1997
 Touchdown Passes – 4, Mark Herrman, Purdue vs. Missouri, 1980
 4, Johnny Johnson, Illinois vs. East Carolina, 1994

PASS RECEIVING

Most Receptions – 10, Bobby Joe Edmonds, Arkansas vs. Auburn, 1984
 Most Yards Gained – 182, Rob Turner, Indiana vs. South Carolina, 1988
 Touchdowns – 3, Sherrod Gideon, Southern Miss vs. Pittsburgh, 1997

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Yards – 385, Shaun King, Tulane vs. BYU, 1998

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions – 3, Louis Campbell, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1971
 3, Jeremiah Castille, Alabama vs. Illinois, 1982
 Total Yards – 79, Michael Jordan, Tulane vs. BYU, 1998
 Longest Runback – 79, Michael Jordan, Tulane vs. BYU, 1998

SCORING

Most Points – 18, Sherrod Gideon, Southern Miss vs. Pittsburgh, 1997
 18, Bob Anderson, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969
 Most Touchdowns – 3, Bob Anderson, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969
 3, Sherrod Gideon, Southern Miss vs. Pittsburgh
 Most Field Goals – 4, Chad Holcomb, East Carolina vs. Stanford, 1995
 Longest Field Goal – 47, Tom Biddle, North Carolina vs. Nebraska, 1977
 Most Extra Points – 6, Dave Haney, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969

Team Records

FIRST DOWNS

Most Rushing – 24, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969
 Most Passing – 17, Ole Miss vs. Air Force, 1989
 Most by Penalty – 4, Alabama vs. Colorado, 1969
 Total – 30, Ole Miss vs. Air Force, 1989

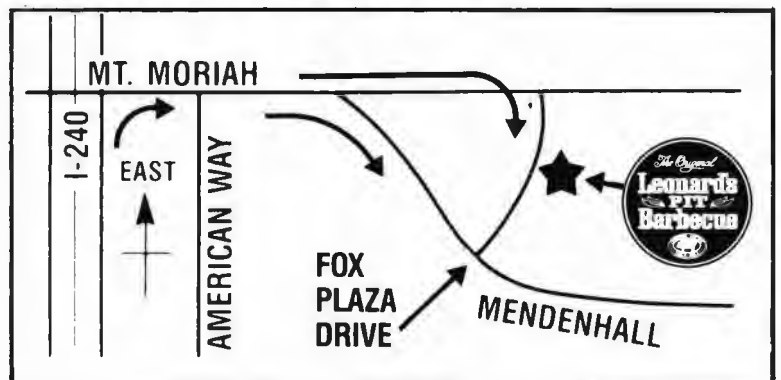
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Fewest Rushing – 3, Miami (Fla.) vs. Virginia Tech, 1966
3, South Carolina vs. Indiana, 1988

Fewest Passing – 0, Ole Miss vs. Auburn, 1965
0, Virginia Tech vs. Ole Miss, 1968

Fewest Total – 8, Alabama vs. Penn State, 1959

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained – 479, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969

Most Attempts – 73, Penn State vs. Oregon, 1960

Most Yards Lost – 73, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969

Most Net Yards Gained – 473, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969

Fewest Attempts – 23, East Carolina vs. Illinois, 1995

Fewest Yards Gained – 88, South Carolina vs. Indiana, 1988

Fewest Yards Lost – 6, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969

Fewest Net Yards Gained – 23, South Carolina vs. Indiana, 1988

PASSING

Most Attempts – 58, Illinois vs. Alabama, 1982

Most Completions – 35, Illinois vs. Alabama, 1982

Most Net Yards Gained – 423, Illinois vs. Alabama, 1982

Percent Completed – 82.4, Nebraska (14 of 17) vs. North Carolina, 1977

Fewest Attempts – 2, Air Force vs. Mississippi State, 1991

Fewest Completions – 1, Virginia Tech vs. Ole Miss, 1968

1, Air Force vs. Ohio State, 1990

1, Air Force vs. Mississippi State, 1991

Fewest Net Yards Gained – 2, Virginia Tech vs. Ole Miss, 1968

TOTAL PLAYS

Most Rushing and Passing – 91, Baylor vs. LSU, 1985

Total Offensive Yards – 575, Indiana vs. South Carolina, 1988

Fewest Rushing and Passing – 47, Alabama vs. Penn State, 1959

Fewest Total Offensive Yards – 131, Alabama vs. Penn State, 1959

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Made by a Team – 7, Alabama vs. Illinois, 1982

Most Net Yards Returned – 104, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1971

Fewest Made by a Team – 0, several times

Fewest Net Yards Returned – 0, several times

POINTS SCORED

Largest Margin of Victory – 34, Southern Miss. 41, Pittsburgh 7, 1997

Most Points in Game (team) – 47, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969

Most Points in Game (2 teams) – 80, Colorado 47 vs. Alabama 33, 1969

Most Points (quarter) – 21, Penn State vs. Oregon, 1960

21, Tulane vs. BYU, 1998

Most Points (half) – 27, Southern Miss vs. Pittsburgh, 1997

Most Touchdowns (game) – 6, Penn State vs. Oregon, 1960

6, Colorado vs. Alabama, 1969

6, Southern Miss vs. Pittsburgh, 1997

Most Field Goals (game) – 5, Penn State vs. Tulane, 1979

Fewest Points (game) – 0, Alabama vs. Penn State, 1959

0, Villanova vs. Oregon State, 1962

0, Texas A&M vs. USC, 1975

0, East Carolina vs. Illinois, 1994

Fewest Points (two teams) – 6, Oregon State 6 vs. Villanova 0, 1962

ATTENDANCE

Largest Crowd – 61,497, Air Force vs. Mississippi State, 1991



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HALL OF FAME AWARD WINNERS



Distinguished American Award

Rev. Colenzo J. Hubbard



The Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is proud to present the 1999 Distinguished American Award to Colenzo J. Hubbard. The award is presented annually to a former player who has carried the lessons learned on the football field into a lifetime of service to the community.

Hubbard is no stranger to the AXA Liberty Bowl, having played in one of the Bowl's most storied games. Hubbard was a member of the University of Alabama team that played UCLA in Memphis in 1976. The Crimson Tide defeated UCLA on that night 36-6. Hubbard played for Alabama from 1973 to 1976, earning letters each of his last three seasons.

In addition to the AXA Liberty Bowl, Hubbard also played in the 1973 Orange Bowl and the 1974 Sugar Bowl. In 1973, Alabama won the National Championship and Hubbard was voted All-SEC. He played linebacker, noseguard and defensive end, helping the Crimson Tide to three SEC Championships (1973, 1974, 1975). Hubbard still holds the Alabama record for most career fumble recoveries.

Following his football career, Hubbard set his sights on helping his community and fellow man. In 1986, he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama. In 1987, Hubbard answered the call to the priesthood and became the Assistant to the Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Fairfield, Ala. Also in 1987, he received the State of Alabama's Governor's Award for Outstanding Religious and Community Service.

Hubbard remains active in the Episcopal Diocese, serving as a member of the Department of Evangelism, the Strategic Planning Commission and the Bishop and Council. In 1993, he was an Executive Committee Member for Lifefocus. He is currently the Director of Emmanuel Episcopal Center in Memphis.

Hubbard and his family moved to Memphis in 1989. He and his wife, Debra Joseph, have two daughters, Charon and Caryn. ★

Contribution to Amateur Football Award

Stanley Morgan



The Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is proud to honor Stanley Morgan with the 1999 Contribution to Amateur Football Award.

Stanley Morgan is a native of Easley, South Carolina. He attended the University of Tennessee, where he was a star player for the Volunteer football

team from 1973 to 1977.

The versatile Morgan played wingback, split end and tailback for the Vols. He was the first Tennessee running back to rush for 200 yards in a single game (201 yards vs. Hawaii in 1975). Morgan received All-SEC honors in 1974 and 1976. He finished his college career as Tennessee's all-time leader in all-purpose yards with 4,642.

Morgan was the first round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1977. He played 13 seasons with New England (1977-1990), one season with Indianapolis (1990-91) and one season with Denver (1992-93). He was named the Patriots' Rookie of the Year and was selected to the NFL All-Pro (1980, 1981, 1987 and 1988). He was voted the Patriots MVP in 1987.

Morgan reached the 10,000-yard receiving mark faster than any other receiver in NFL history. He still holds four Patriot team records: most catches (534), most total yards (10,352), yards per catch (19.4) and touchdowns (67).

Stanley Morgan is a man committed to helping today's youth mature to become fine adults. He is heavily involved in the local Memphis community. His volunteer work includes the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church Youth Program, Back 2 Basic, Big Brother-Big Sister, Make-a-Wish Board of Directors, Mid-South Junior Golf Board of Directors.

Morgan now resides in Germantown, Tenn. He is president of Mid-South Sports Management. He and wife Rholedia have been married 24 years. They have two daughters, Sanitra and Monique. ★



THE AXA CUP FOR EXCELLENCE

In addition to national prestige and rankings, teams competing in the AXA Liberty Bowl will be representing their conferences in the quest for the AXA Cup for Excellence. The trophy will be housed at the conference headquarters of the winning team until next year's winner is decided. In addition, each member university of the winning conference will receive a \$1,000 contribution to their general scholarship fund from The Equitable Foundation.

"Striving for excellence in the job we do for clients and in our roles as corporate citizens is a key part of the AXA philosophy," said Michael Hegarty, President and COO of the Equitable. "The AXA Cup symbolizes our commitment to both and is a means of rewarding and supporting outstanding students at some of the nation's leading universities."

"Winning their way to the AXA Liberty Bowl has become the number one goal of our football member institutions," said Michael Slive, Commissioner of Conference USA. "The added incentive of the AXA Cup will further add to the prestige and excitement of the Bowl. Each of the Conference USA universities and all of our student athletes are proud to be competing for this prize, and we are also proud to be affiliated with an organization with the stature and reputation of AXA." ★

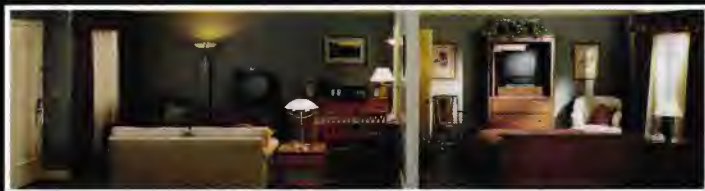


AXA BOWL HOSTING TWO CHAMPIONS

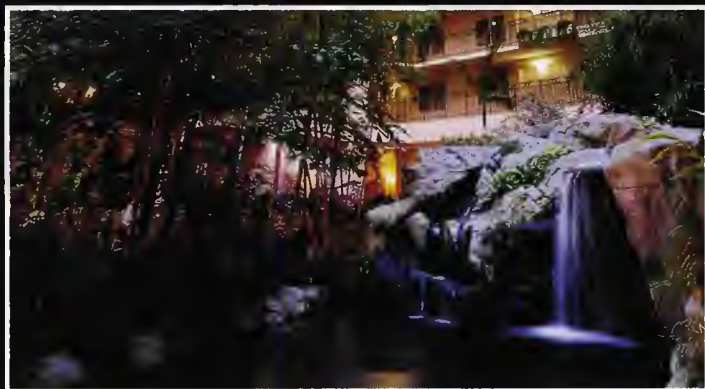
This year, officials of the AXA Liberty Bowl and The Mountain West Conference have announced an agreement that will pit the regular season champion of the Mountain West against the champion of Conference USA in the annual college football classic held in Memphis. The agreement covers three years, commencing with the 1999 season.

"This agreement continues to distinguish the AXA Liberty Bowl as one of the premier postseason events in college football," said Steve Ehrhart, Executive Director of the AXA Liberty Bowl. "With the addition of the Mountain West, we are now the only game guaranteed to host two conference champions, as well as the only game played to showcase a charitable organization — St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The combination of Conference USA and The Mountain West Conference will give us access to some of the best teams in college football, expand our presence nationally and place the AXA Liberty Bowl in a strong position to eventually become part of the Bowl Championship Series."

"This new affiliation marks a significant milestone in our development," said Craig Thompson, Commissioner of The Mountain West Conference. "The AXA Liberty Bowl has featured some of the best teams, players and coaches during its 41-year history, and we are excited that we are now a part of that tradition." ★



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Northwest also salutes the University of Southern Mississippi and Colorado State University. We are pleased to recognize and thank all the volunteers and staff who have worked so hard to make this game possible. On behalf of all the great people of Northwest, we thank you for being here today and supporting these fine teams, the AXA Liberty Bowl and of course, the children. Enjoy the game and half-time show!

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John W. Moore'.

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DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD WINNER

The AXA Liberty Bowl is proud to honor Dr. Tom Osborne with the 1999 Distinguished Citizen Award. Over a long and distinguished career, Dr. Osborne has come to epitomize the ideal citizen both on and off the football field. Osborne retired following the 1997 season after 36 years as football coach at the University of Nebraska.

A native of Hastings, Nebraska, Osborne earned his B.A. in history from Hastings College. He earned his M.A. in educational psychology from Nebraska in 1962 and his Ph.D. in educational psychology from Nebraska in 1965.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Nebraska in 1962. He



DR. TOM OSBORNE

became a part-time assistant in 1964 and was promoted to assistant coach in 1967. Osborne took over as head coach of the Cornhuskers in 1973.

In 25 seasons as head coach, Osborne compiled a record of 255-49-3 (.836) and retired with the fifth-best all-time winning percentage in Division I-A. His 255 wins ranks 12th overall among coaches in NCAA history.

Osborne led the Cornhuskers to three National Championships. The Huskers won back-to-back national championships in 1994 and 1995, making Osborne the first coach to accomplish that feat since Bear Bryant led Alabama to a title in 1978 and 1979. Nebraska's other national title came in Osborne's final season, in 1997.

During Osborne's last five seasons at Nebraska, his teams put together the best five-year run in collegiate football history with an incredible 60-3 record, including three undefeated seasons. All 25 of his Husker teams won at least nine games and played in bowl games, including the 1977 Liberty Bowl. Nebraska defeated North Carolina 21-17 in the game. The 25 bowl appearances ranks Osborne third all-time behind Bryant and Penn State's Joe Paterno. The 25 straight bowl trips is an NCAA record.

Osborne-coached teams won 13 Big 8/Big XII Championships, including six in his last seven seasons. Osborne holds conference records for wins (255), games (307) and seasons coached (25). The Huskers won league titles in 1975, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1997.

Off the field, Osborne and his wife, Nancy, have developed and underwritten The Teammates program, which matches local junior high students who are at risk with mentors in the community. In addition, he is an active supporter of and speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Osborne is also the author of two books, *Faith in the Game: Lessons on Football, Work and Life* and *On Sacred Ground*. ❖

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1982	Eddie Robinson - Legendary Coach
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1980	Pearl Bailey - Entertainer
1979	Danny Thomas - Founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
1978	Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, Larry Newman - Explorers
1977	Elvis Presley - Entertainer
1976	Roone Arledge - President, ABC Sports
1975	John McKay - Legendary Coach
1974	Paul "Bear" Bryant - Legendary Coach
1973	John A. Dramesi - Lt. Col., USAF
1972	Frank Leahy - Legendary Coach



MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Player, School, Year

Shaun King, Tulane	1998
Sherrod Gideon, Southern Mississippi	1997
Malcolm Thomas, Syracuse	1996
Kwame Ellis, Stanford	1995
Johnny Johnson, Illinois	1994
Jeff Brohm, Louisville	1993
Cassius Ware, Ole Miss	1992
Rob Perez, Air Force	1991
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Randy Baldwin, Ole Miss	1989
Dave Shnell, Indiana	1988
Greg Thomas, Arkansas	1987
Jeff Francis, Tennessee	1986
Cody Carlson, Baylor	1985
Bo Jackson, Auburn*	1984
Doug Flutie, Boston College*	1983
Jeremiah Castille, Alabama	1982
Eddie Meyers, Navy	1981
Mark Herrmann, Purdue	1980
Roch Hontas, Tulane	1979
James Wilder, Missouri	1978
Matt Kupec, North Carolina	1977
Berry Krauss, Alabama	1976
Ricky Bell, USC	1975
Randy White, Maryland	1974
Stan Fritts, North Carolina State	1973
Jim Stevens, Georgia Tech	1972
Joe Ferguson, Arkansas	1971
David Abercombie, Tulane	1970
Bob Anderson, Colorado	1969
Steve Hindman, Ole Miss	1968
Jim Donnan, North Carolina State	1967
Jimmy Cox, Miami (Fla.)	1966
Tom Bryan, Auburn	1965
Ernest Allen, Utah	1964
Ode Burrell, Mississippi State	1963
Terry Baker, Oregon State*	1962
Ernie Davis, Syracuse*	1961
Dick Hoak, Penn State	1960
Jay Huffman, Penn State	1959

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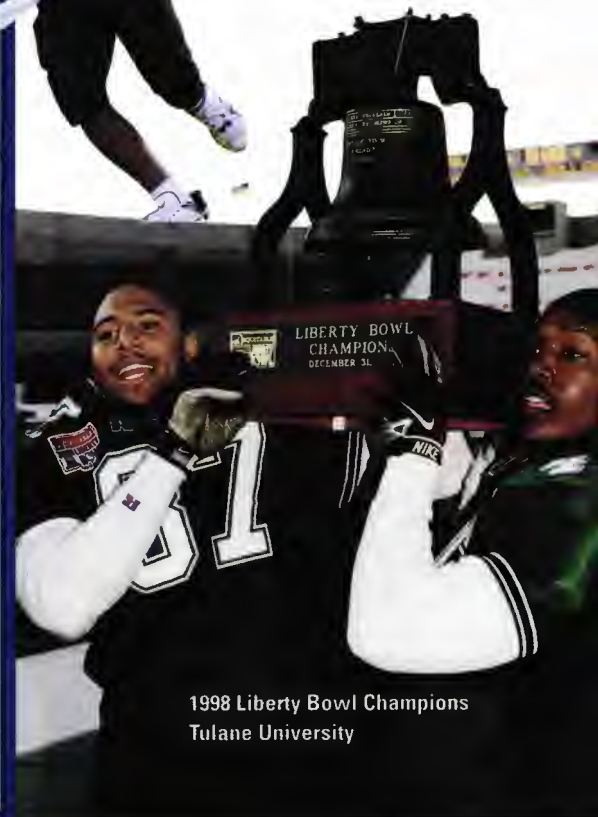


1998 Most Valuable
Player Shaun King

1999 AXA Liberty Bowl

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