

2012 Toilet Bowl Schedule

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As if this would ever happen in December



Best location

Southern Miss

0 - 12

vs **Akron**

1 - 11



This year was a challenge to determine the teams for the Toilet Bowl. There were several teams that had a 1 - 11 record. They were Colorado Buffalos, Kansas Jayhawks, Akron Zips, Massachusetts Minutemen, Idaho Vandals and New Mexico State Aggies. By looking at who was their single win, it became easy to determine the opponent for Southern Miss.

University of Akron Zips beat an FCS team, Morgan State, that had a 3 - 8 record. Once again the Zips are in the final game. Terry Bowden was in his first year as the head coach and his coaching resume seemed good but he inherited a team that since 2008 has a 10-38 record. The Zips need to improve in their recruiting and maybe Coach Bowden will fulfill that goal. What did not make sense is the University of Akron hired former Ohio State coach Jim Tressel in some unusual administer capacity that is removed from the athletic department and has many of us here in Ohio wondering what is this university thinking. Granted he used to coach at Youngstown State which is not far away from Akron, Ohio. However the Zips are not zipping along in fact their mascot, a kangaroo, cannot hop over or around any opposing team. Maybe the mascot can hide the football in its pouch and pretend the ball is missing and then get to the end zone for scores. Only wishful thinking but you never know. Although Kangaroos are known for their boxing capabilities this team cannot even try boxing their way out of the situation because the team does not pack any punch.□

Southern Miss Coach Ellis Johnson was in his first year at the helm and there will be no second year. You cannot explain how a team that went 11-2 last year goes 0-12 the next. Of course it did not help that injuries kept piling up like twigs in a nest. Four I repeat 4 quarterbacks lost or injured in a season can cause ones' feathers to be ruffled but you have to wonder what kind of blocking schemes were used to protect them. Coach Johnson is a defensive oriented tactician but something has gone askew when he became head coach because there was no clue on how to protect them. The Golden Eagles are not so golden in fact gold is not supposed to tarnish but in this case it lost its luster. Did the coaching staff think that their quarterbacks could fly away from defensive players! Do not know ! What happened to the rest of the team afterwards. The eagle has landed or in this case it crashed and burned for the season. At least the new head coach can soar to new heights with a win next year.