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### 2007 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 1	Sat.	Tennessee-Martin	Hattiesburg	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	Sat.	at Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Sat.	at East Carolina*	Greenville, N.C.	5 p.m.
Sept. 27	Thurs.	at Boise State (ESPN)	Boise, Idaho	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Wed.	Rice* (ESPN2)	Hattiesburg.	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Sat.	!SMU* (CSTV)	Hattiesburg	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Sun.	at Marshall* (ESPN)	Huntington, W.Va.	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Sun.	UCF* (ESPN)	Hattiesburg	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Sat.	at UAB* (CSS)	Birmingham, Ala.	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Sat.	Memphis* (CSS)	Hattiesburg	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	Sat.	at UTEP* (CSTV)	El Paso, Texas	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	Sat.	Arkansas State	Hattiesburg	2 p.m.

Game dates and times are subject to change for television.

All Times Central

\* - Conference USA Game

! - Homecoming

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## Media Information

### Media Credentials

All credential requests for Southern Miss home games should be directed to **Mike Montoro, Associate Director of Athletics/Media Relations**, IN WRITING at least 10 days prior to the game. Credentials will be screened and issued on a priority basis, with national publications, daily newspapers, wire services, originating radio and television networks, television tape crews and student newspapers from Southern Miss and the visiting school receiving top priority. Requests from weekly newspapers and radio stations that cover Southern Miss or the visiting team on a regular basis also will be honored on a space-available basis.

Credentials for Internet sites will be granted only to the official Southern Miss Athletics site, the visiting team's official Web site and the Conference USA's official Web site. An on-line entity not associated with a traditional media agency does not qualify for credentials. In addition, web sites that sponsor "message boards," "message centers," or "chat rooms" where people are allowed to post anonymous information and rumors are automatically ineligible for any consideration for credentials or access. Space also will be made available to professional scouts. We do not provide complimentary tickets to the media.

All credentials not mailed or picked up at the Athletic Media Relations Office prior to game day may be picked up at the press WILL CALL, located at Gate 3 on the west side of Roberts Stadium.

Spouses, dates, equipment carriers and non-workers are restricted from the press box, sidelines and the locker rooms. Any abuse of a credential to a Southern Miss athletic event will result in the media agency losing credential privileges for the remainder of the season.

### Sideline/Photo Deck

Southern Miss follows guidelines established by the NCAA Public Relations Committee, the American Football Coaches Association, and the National Photographers Association. Photographers are not permitted to shoot between the 25-yard lines and must wear armbands at all times. Armband requests should accompany normal credentials requests and will be issued on the same priority as working credentials.

Credentials will not be issued to freelance photographers unless they are employed by a reputable publication or by the sports information office. Armbands also will not

be mailed and must be picked up at the press WILL CALL prior to kickoff. The sideline/armband combination also can be used for access to the photo deck located immediately in front of (and access gained through) the press box. Be prepared to show identification when picking up credentials.

Sidelines will be monitored, and only working media personnel will be permitted on the sideline.

### Press Parking

Parking is limited, and passes will be issued on the same priority basis as the working media credentials. Requests for parking credentials should be submitted to **Mike Montoro, Associate Director of Athletics/Media Relations**.

### Road Game Credentials

Media members covering Southern Miss may make road-game credential requests either through the home school or the Southern Miss Athletic Media Relations Office.

### The Ace Cleveland Press Box

Southern Miss' Ace Cleveland Press Box is located between the lower and upper decks on the west side of Roberts Stadium and is reached via the ramp that starts at the press WILL CALL gate (Gate 3). The main working area seats approximately 70, and booths are available for home and visiting radio and home and visiting coaches.

### Services

The Southern Miss Athletic Media Relations Office will provide game programs, flip cards, notes, updated scores of other games, and complete statistics, prior to the game. Play-by-play will be available at the end of each quarter and stat summaries at halftime and the end of the game. Complete play-by-play, team and individual stats and coaches' quote booklets will be available as soon as possible, following the end of the game.

Postgame stats, notes and pertinent information will be faxed upon request. A pregame meal is served, starting approximately 1 1/2 hours prior to kickoff and a dessert is served at halftime.

### Telephone

Individual service may be requested through the Southern Miss Athletic Media Relations Office. Several tele-

phones are available in the press box for local calls, as well as credit card and collect long-distance calls. The main press box number at M. M. Roberts Stadium is (601) 266-5523.

### Interview Policies

Media representatives desiring access to players, coaches and facilities must obtain the consent of the Athletic Media Relations Office. A general idea of what interviews are about may be requested; however, players and coaches will determine if they will do interviews or answer questions, not Athletic Media Relations personnel.

Sunday is the standard day off for players, as per NCAA rule (one day off per week); they are available at their own discretion and nothing can be officially arranged through Southern Miss. Coaches will be grading film and preparing game plans, and will have little or no availability on Sundays.

The locker room is closed to the media at all times (pre-season practice, game week, postgame and spring football). Nearby meeting rooms, lobbies and hallways are utilized for interviews. A member of the Athletic Media Relations Office will be on hand to help arrange interviews before meetings and following all practices. Members of the media should submit their interview requests to Athletic Media Relations personnel prior to the end of practice.

**Player** – Please contact the Athletic Media Relations Office at least one day in advance of any requested player interview. Players will return calls at a mutually acceptable time. Player interviews are permitted through Wednesday of each game week. Home numbers will not be given out. **Do not attempt to interview any player on the phone or in person without setting up the interview with the Athletic Media Relations Office. There will be no exceptions.**

**Coaches** – With the start of fall practice, and throughout the season, please arrange all interviews with coaches through the Athletic Media Relations Office. Head Coach Jeff Bower is normally available from 10-11 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, for telephone interviews arranged in advance through the Athletic Media Relations Office.

### Practices

Media representatives are invited to attend practices at any time (unless prior notice of a closed practice is given). When the season starts, however, cameras will not be allowed once the teamwork part of practice begins.

### Southern Miss Athletic Media Relations Department



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## Media Information

### Postgame

After home games and following his closed meeting with the players, Coach Bower will move to a designated location for his postgame interview session. Media members will be polled in the press box late in the game, and a limited number of players selected by the media will be brought into the same location as Coach Bower and will be available to the media following his interview session.

The same format will be used for postgame interviews following road games, with the coach moving to whatever location is designated for visiting coaches. The Sports Information Director of the visiting school will establish admittance policies to the visiting locker room at M. M. Roberts Stadium. Mike Montoro, Associate Director of Athletics/Media Relations, will be available to assist in all interview requests.

### Ticket Information

Tickets to all 12 Southern Miss football games may be purchased through the Southern Miss Athletic Ticket Office. There are a variety of ticket purchase plans for both Eagle Club members and the general public. For more information regarding tickets to Southern Miss football, contact the ticket office at (601) 266-5418.

### SouthernMiss.com

Notes, releases, statistics and other pertinent information are available on Southern Miss' official Web site, SouthernMiss.com. Because of easy access to information on the site, releases will not be mailed. The official statistics will be available on the same day of home games and the day after road games. Official defensive statistics are available by 8 p.m., the day after all games. Notes on the upcoming game will be updated by the end of Monday of game week.

### Weekly News Conference

On Mondays prior to each football game, Coach Jeff Bower, Coach Jay Hopson, Coach Jay Johnson, and Coach Lyrel Pollard will be available to meet the media at the football meeting rooms located in the Southern Miss Athletic Center at M. M. Roberts Stadium. Coach Bower will begin the interview session at 11 a.m., followed by the three coordinators at 11:30 a.m.

### Conference USA Teleconference

The Conference USA coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference, beginning on Monday, August 28 and continuing each Monday through the end of the regular season. Each coach will be available for eight minutes. The teleconference number will be mailed to media members who cover Southern Miss football. Members of the media can also secure the number by calling the Conference USA office at 214-774-1300.

### Athletic Media Relations Office

The Southern Miss Athletic Media Relations Office is located on the second floor of the Athletic Center, which is located in the north end zone of M. M. Roberts Stadium. The Athletic Media Relations suite is located on the second floor in rooms 227-237.

### Dates to Remember

#### July 30-31

Conference USA Football Media Days,  
New Orleans, La.

#### August 2

All players report to camp

#### August 6

First day of practice in full pads

#### August 11

Meet the Eagles/Hattiesburg Fanfare

#### August 11

First day of two-a-day practices

#### August 12

Southern Miss Football Media Day

#### August 20

Final day of two-a-day practices

#### August 22

Classes Begin

#### September 1

Season Opener vs. Tennessee-Martin,  
6 p.m., CT



### Robert H. "Ace" Cleveland Press Box

The press box at M. M. Roberts Stadium is named after former University of Southern Mississippi Sports Information Director Robert H. "Ace" Cleveland. Cleveland joined the University staff in September 1955 and retired in 1986. He passed away on April 17, 1995, at the age of 68.

The Hattiesburg native and Southern Miss graduate began his career at the University as Assistant Director of Public Relations and Sports Information. He was appointed Director two years later and worked in that capacity until Public Relations and Sports Information were split in 1970. He then began concentrating solely on athletics.

During his career, Ace witnessed 325 consecutive Golden

Eagle football games, the third-longest streak among sports information directors in the country. His support of the Golden Eagles continued until his death.

Prior to joining the University staff, he was a news reporter/sports editor for the *Hattiesburg American* for just over eight years and a sportswriter for the *Jackson Daily News* for one year.

Ace, and his wife, Carrie, who passed away in July 1996, had two sons, both sportswriters. Rick is a columnist for the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger*, and Bobby is the outdoors writer for the same publication.

In 1980, Ace was inducted into the Mississippi Sportswriters (MSWA) Hall of Fame as one of five charter members. He was inducted into The University of Southern Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1985 and into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

### 2007 Southern Miss Quick Facts

#### General Information

**School:** University of Southern Mississippi

**City/Zip:** Hattiesburg, MS 39406

**Founded:** 1910

**Enrollment:** 15,000

**Nickname:** Golden Eagles

**School colors:** Black and Gold

**Stadium:** M.M. Roberts Stadium

**Capacity:** 33,000

**Surface:** Momentum Turf

**Affiliation:** NCAA I-A

**Conference:** Conference USA

**President:** Dr. Martha D. Saunders (Southern Miss, '69)

**Athletics Director:** Richard Giannini (Florida, '66)

**Athletic Dept. Phone:** (601) 266-5017

#### Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Jeff Bower (Southern Miss, '75)

**Record at school (yrs.):** 112-77-1 (16 years)

**Career record (yrs.):** 112-77-1 (16 years)

**Football office phone:** (601) 266-4567

**Best time/day to reach coach:** Through SID

#### Assistant Coaches

Mike Grant, Nebraska, '93, '95/WR

Jay Hopson, Mississippi, '92/DC-MLB

Jay Johnson, N. Iowa, '92/OC-QB

Courtney Messingham, N. Iowa, '90/RB

Lyrel Pollard, Southern Miss, '98/ST-DB

Mitch Rodrigue, Nicholls State, '88/OL

Fred Tate, Southern Miss, '96/OLB

Bill Wilt, Eureka, '77/DL

Travis Cooley, Southern Miss, '05/GA./Asst. OL

Keith Pigott, Southern Miss, '00/GA/Defense

#### Support Staff

Scott Bennett, Ole Miss '89/Strength

Todd McCall, Alabama, '96/Asst. AD/Sports Medicine

Jay McDowell, McNeese State, '97/Video

John Miller, Southern Miss '99/Assoc. AD/Football Operations

Ronnie Sanders, Auburn, '98/Program

Coordinator/Recruiting

Patrick Stewart, Cincinnati, '96/Equipment Operations

#### Team Information

**2006 Record:** 9-5, 6-2 (1st in C-USA East)

**Postseason:** GMAC Bowl

**Basic Offense:** Multiple/One Back/Two Back

**Basic Defense:** 4-3

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 40/23

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 16/10



## Southern Miss Media Outlets

### Wire Service

	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Web Site</b>
The Associated Press (Jackson)	Chris Talbott	601-948-5897	601-948-7975	www.ap.org

### State Newspapers

	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Web Site</b>
Hattiesburg American	Van Arnold (SE) Kareem Copeland (BW)	601-582-4321	601-583-8244	www.hattiesburgamerican.com
Clarion Ledger	Rusty Hampton (SE) Tim Doherty (BW)	601-961-7000	601-961-7224	www.clarionledger.com
Sun Herald	Doug Barber (SE) Al Jones (BW)	228-896-2100	601-961-7224	www.sunherald.com
Brookhaven Daily Leader	Tom Goetz	601-833-6961	601-833-6714	www.dailyleader.com
Laurel Leader-Call	Shawn Wansley	601-428-0551	601-426-3550	www.leadercall.com
McComb Enterprise-Journal	Randy Hammons	601-684-2421	601-684-0836	www.enterprise-journal.com
Meridian Star	Rocky Higginbotham	601-693-1551	601-485-1275	www.meridianstar.com
Mississippi Press	J.R. Wittner	228-934-1426	228-934-1454	www.gulflive.com
Natchez Democrat	Matt Burrowes	601-442-9101	601-442-7315	www.natchezdemocrat.com
NE Mississippi Daily Journal	Gene Phelps	662-842-2611	662-842-2233	www.djournal.com
Picayune Item	Curtis Rockwell	601-798-4766	601-798-8602	www.picayuneitem.com
Vicksburg Post	Sean P. Murphy	601-636-4545	601-634-0897	www.vicksburgpost.com
Columbian Progress	Ben Rushing	601-736-2611	601-736-4507	www.columbianprogress.com
The Independent	Jason Niblett	601-296-1872	601-291-9872	
Lamar Times	Beth Bunch	601-268-2331	601-268-2965	www.thetimeswire.com
The Student Printz		601-266-4267	601-266-4263	www.studentprintz.com

### Regional Newspapers

	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Web Site</b>
Mobile Press-Register	Randy Kennedy (SE) Kim Shugart (BW)	251-219-5689	251-219-5797	www.al.com
New Orleans Times-Picayune	Doug Tatum (SE)	504-826-3405	504-826-3401	www.nola.com

### Television

	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Web Site</b>
WDAM-TV (NBC-Hattiesburg, MS)	Mitch Williams	601-544-4730	601-584-9302	www.wdam.com
WLOX-TV (ABC-Biloxi, MS)	A.J. Giardina	228-896-1313	228-385-1303	www.wlox.com
WAPT-TV (ABC-Jackson, MS)	Christian Steckel	601-922-1652	601-922-1663	www.wapt.com
WJTV-TV (CBS-Jackson, MS)	Rick Whitlow	601-372-6311	601-372-6311	www.wjtv.com
WLBT-TV (ABC-Jackson, MS)	Rob Jay	601-960-3333	601-960-4435	www.wlbt.com
WTOK-TV (ABC-Meridian, MS)	Lindsey Hall	601-693-1441	601-483-3266	www.wtok.com
WABG-TV (ABC-Greenville, MS)	Chad Sabadie	662-332-0949	662-334-6420	www.wabg.com

### Radio

	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Web Site</b>
Southern Miss ISP Network	John Cox	601-266-5017	601-266-6529	www.southernmiss.com
WXRR-FM (104.5-Laurel/Hattiesburg)		601-544-0095	601-545-8199	www.rock104fm.com
WKZW-FM (94.3-Laurel/Hattiesburg)		601-583-9494	601-545-8199	www.kz94.com
WXHB-FM (96.5-Hattiesburg)		601-268-2965	601-264-5733	www.wxhbfm.com
WUSM-FM (88.5-Hattiesburg)		601-266-4287	601-266-4288	www.wusm.edu



# Media Travel Information

## Mileage Chart

Distance to Hattiesburg	Miles	Hours
Tennessee-Martin – Martin, Tenn. ....	427	7:12
Tennessee – Knoxville, Tenn. ....	491	7:23
East Carolina – Greenville, N.C. ....	863	13:10
Boise State – Boise, Idaho ....	2,184	31:21
Rice – Houston, Texas ....	435	6:38
SMU – Dallas, Texas ....	491	7:55
Marshall – Huntington, W.Va. ....	762	11:46
UCF – Orlando, Fla. ....	600	9:31
UAB – Birmingham, Ala. ....	235	3:35
Memphis – Memphis, Tenn. ....	299	5:00
UTEP – El Paso, Texas. ....	1,127	17:13
Arkansas State – Jonesboro, Ark. ....	364	5:46

## Directions

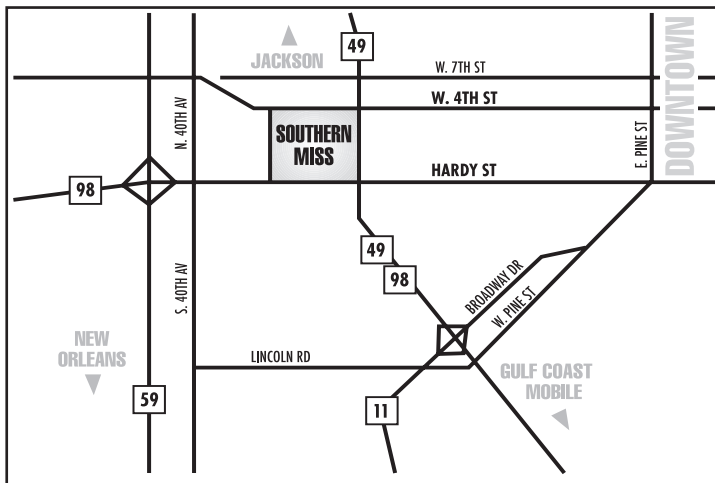
**From the North (Jackson, Miss.):** Take US 49 South. Once in Hattiesburg, you will see Roberts Stadium on the right. Turn right onto service road, immediately turn right (North) parallel to US 49. Go to first light, turn left onto West 4th St. Proceed to first light and take a left onto the campus.

**From the South (Gulfport/Biloxi):** Take US 49 North. Once in Hattiesburg, you will see Robert Stadium on the left. Turn left onto the service road at the North end of the stadium. Immediately turn right and continue (north) to the light at West 4th St. Turn left at light. Proceed to first light and take a left onto the campus.

**From the Southeast (Mobile, Ala.):** Take (either) US 98 to US 49 North (or) I-10 West to US 49 North to Hattiesburg. Once in Hattiesburg, you will see Roberts Stadium on the left. Turn left onto the service road at the North end of the stadium. Immediately turn right and continue (north) to the light at West 4th St. Turn left and proceed to the first light. Take a left onto the campus.

**From the Southwest (New Orleans):** Take I-10 East to I-10/I-12/I-59 interchange and I-59 to Hattiesburg. Take US 98E/Hardy Street exit. Go to second light, North 38th Avenue, turn left. Go to next light (West 4th St.) and turn right. Pass baseball stadium on left and coliseum on right until stop light. Take right at light onto campus.

**From the West:** Take US 98 East. Cross over I-59. Go to second light, North 38th Ave., turn left. Go to next light (West 4th St.) and turn right. Pass coliseum on right and baseball stadium on left and go to stop light. Take right at light onto campus.



## Recommended Local Hotels

<b>Baymont Inn</b> 123 Plaza Dr. ....264-8380	<b>Hampton Inn</b> Hwy 98 West .....264-8080
<b>Comfort Inn</b> 6541 Hwy 49.....264-1881	<b>Holiday Inn</b> 10 Gateway Dr.....296-0302
<b>Comfort Suites</b> 122 Plaza Dr. ....261-5555	<b>University Inn</b> 6563 Hwy 49.....268-2850
<b>Courtyard By Marriott</b> 119 Grand Ave. ....268-3050	<b>Howard Johnson</b> 6553 Hwy 49.....268-1410
<b>Fairfield Inn</b> 173 Thornhill Dr. ....296-7777	<b>Inn on the Hill</b> Hwy 49 .....268-2170

## Recommended Local Restaurants

<b>Backyard Burgers</b> 6095 U.S. Hwy 98 .....268-1979	<b>Lone Star Steakhouse</b> 101 Carlisle Drive .....264-0027
<b>Buffalo Wild Wings</b> 3 Churchill Street .....288-7777	<b>Longhorn Steakhouse</b> 4503 Hardy Street .....296-9279
<b>Cane Creek Seafood</b> 2507 Lakeview Road .....582-7637	<b>O'Charley's</b> 4640 Hardy St. ....268-1193
<b>Chesterfield's</b> 3200 Hardy Street .....582-2778	<b>Olive Garden</b> 4505 Hardy St. ....264-2234
<b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Turtle Creek Mall .....264-2002	<b>Outback Steakhouse</b> 103 Carlisle Dr. ....264-0771
<b>Chili's</b> 4500 Hardy Street .....296-1131	<b>Papa John's</b> 6158 Hwy 49 North .....544-8648
<b>Cici's Pizza</b> 3720 Hardy Street .....264-2393	<b>Pizza Hut</b> 3610 W. Hardy Street .....264-8584
<b>Conestoga Steak House</b> Hwy 49 North .....264-8816	<b>Po-Boy Express</b> 2511 W. 4th Street .....582-9945
<b>Crescent City Grill/ Purple Parrot Cafe</b> 3810 Hardy Street .....264-0657	<b>Popeye's</b> 105 N. 26th Ave. ....544-8750
<b>The Front Porch Barbecue &amp; Seafood</b> 205 Thornhill Dr. ....264-3536	<b>Sonic</b> 3700 W. 4th Street .....264-1244
<b>Garfield's</b> Turtle Creek Mall .....264-7000	<b>Strick's Bar-B-Q</b> 3802 W. 4th Street .....264-2502
<b>Kentucky Fried Chicken</b> 2701 Hardy Street .....261-9259	<b>Subway</b> 2910 Hardy St. ....264-1473
<b>Leatha's Bar-B-Que</b> 6374 Hwy 98 .....271-6003	<b>TGIF Friday's</b> 6153 Hwy 98 .....264-6892
<b>Lenny's Sub Stop</b> 3704 Hardy Street .....296-0088	<b>Ward's</b> 101 Thornhill Dr. ....264-4758
	<b>Wendy's</b> 201 Westover Dr. ....264-8339



# The Southern Miss ISP Sports Network

## The Southern Miss ISP Sports Network Broadcast Team



**John Cox**  
**Director of Sports Broadcasting**  
*"Voice of the Golden Eagles"*

Veteran sportscaster John Cox, Director of Sports Broadcasting, is in his 30th season at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Among his many duties at Southern Miss, Cox handles the play-by-play broadcasts of Golden Eagle football and basketball. He also hosts the Southern Miss Sports Today television shows with Head Football Coach Jeff Bower and Head Basketball Coach Larry Eustachy, pregame radio shows and Golden Eagle Hotline radio call-in shows on Tuesday nights.

Prior to moving to the radio booth, Cox called the play-by-play on delayed telecasts of Southern Miss basketball from 1978 to 1981. In 1982, he handled the radio play-by-play duties for Golden Eagle football and switched back to the delayed television broadcasts of Southern Miss football for three years before assuming his current radio responsibilities.

In 1982, Cox began broadcasting Southern Miss baseball games and has continued to handle this duty. Over the years, he also has handled broadcasts of Southern Miss women's basketball and has worked on the Fox Sports Net South and Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS) telecasts of Southern Miss baseball.

Four times he has been selected as Mississippi's Sportscaster of the Year, most recently in 1999.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Cox received his bachelor's degree in radio, television and film from Southern Miss in 1978. He has two daughters, Joye, a recent graduate of Millsaps College and current graduate student at Florida State, and Erin.



**Vic Purvis**  
**Color Analyst**

Vic Purvis, a former Golden Eagle standout, is in his 34th year as the color analyst on the Southern Miss ISP Sports Network. He provides valuable information and keen insight about the Golden Eagle football team. He now has broadcast more than 349 Southern Miss football games.

The Puckett, Miss., native established himself as one of the school's most versatile and talented quarterbacks during a brilliant three-year career. He set numerous marks as a record-setting quarterback.

Following his career at Southern Miss, he signed as a free agent with the Boston Patriots of the old American Football League and played several seasons before injury cut his career short.

Purvis graduated from Southern Miss in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a minor in math. He was inducted into the Southern Miss M-Club Sports Hall of Fame in 1972, and this past summer, he was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Purvis is the owner and operator of Purvis Sales and Marketing. He is married to the former Gaye McBee of Vicksburg, Miss., and they have one daughter, Vicki (19), a freshman at Millsaps College. Vic has three other daughters, Kim, Staci and Bari.



**Lance Pittman**  
**Sideline & Locker Room Reporter**

Lance Pittman is in his 11th year as the sideline and locker room reporter for the Southern Miss ISP Sports Network. He provides the listeners with game information, as well as injury updates during the game and locker room interviews after the games.

Pittman has been a member of the Golden Eagle baseball broadcast team for 17 years, and has handled the full-time play-by-play duties since 2002. Throughout his career, he also has provided the play-by-play broadcasts of Southern Miss women's basketball for 13 years, women's softball for several years and was part of the men's basketball broadcast team in 2003-05. He also has handled the play-by-play of Dixie Youth and Dizzy Dean baseball and numerous other sporting events in the area.

Pittman graduated from Southern Miss in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in radio, television and film, and minors in public relations and history. The Hattiesburg, Miss., native is married to the former Amy Pace of Decatur, Miss. The couple has one son, Carson.



International Sports Properties, Inc (ISP) of Winston-Salem, N.C., a national leader in collegiate sports marketing, has served as the exclusive rights holder for Southern Miss Athletics since 2000 and has recently announced an extension of its partnership with Southern Miss through June of 2017.

The company maintains a staff and sales office at



**Craig Curtis**  
*Assistant VP/  
 General Manager*

the Pat Ferlise Center on the Southern Miss campus and works closely with the Southern Miss athletics staff to develop, produce, and sell all sponsorship and promotional activities surrounding Golden Eagle Athletics.

The sales team, which has enjoyed great success and was cited by the organization as having the highest percentage growth of its corporate sponsorship production of any of the athletic programs represented in the company in 2005, is headed by Craig Curtis, Assistant Vice President/General Manager, who arrived in Hattiesburg in the fall of 2006. Jamie Walker, a member of the ISP team since 2003 and graduate of Southern Miss, was honored as recipient of the 2005 "President's Cup" as the outstanding sales representative in the company and is the Associate General Manager. Jason Jones, another Southern Miss graduate, holds the role of Account Executive as he joined the staff in April 2007, and in January of 2007, Jennifer Kniese joined the team as Marketing Assistant.



**Jamie Walker**  
*Associate General  
 Manager*



**Jason Jones**  
*Account Executive*



**Jennifer Kniese**  
*Marketing Assistant*

The 2007 Southern Miss ISP Sports Network continues to grow following its record strength and coverage from the 2006 season. Broadcasts can be heard throughout the state of Mississippi and into parts of Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, and the Florida panhandle.

Partnered with Blakeney Communications, WXR-FM "Rock 104" (104.5) in Hattiesburg-Laurel, boasting a powerful 100,000 watt signal, will again serve as the flagship station for the network broad-



# The Southern Miss ISP Sports Network

casting football, basketball, and select baseball games. Another Blakeney Communications station, WXHB-FM (96.5), will be the home for both women's basketball and baseball.

In addition to producing the Southern Miss radio network, ISP Sports markets the official Internet site (SouthernMiss.com), the weekly coaches' radio call-in show (Golden Eagle Hotline), coaches' television shows (Southern Miss Sports Today), venue signage, video board advertising, venue promotional opportunities, game programs, the official athletic newspaper (The Screamin' Eagle) and corporate hospitality. In addition, ISP Sports made it possible for the purchase of a new state-of-the-art videoboard at M.M. Roberts Stadium, as well as a marquee that will be placed on 4th Street by Green Coliseum.

ISP Sports was founded in 1992 by current company president Ben Sutton and is the rights holder for 45 other major collegiate athletics entities including eight other schools in Conference USA – UAB, UCF, East Carolina, Houston, Marshall, SMU, UTEP and Tulane.

## Southern Miss Sports Today with Jeff Bower

Southern Miss Sports Today with Jeff Bower will air on commercial television stations throughout the state and on numerous cable systems. The 30-minute program, hosted by Coach Bower and the "Voice of the Golden Eagles" John Cox, takes viewers inside Southern Miss football with interviews, game highlights and interesting features. In addition to airing on commercial stations throughout the state, the show also can be seen on the regional sports network CSS, which airs in states throughout the Southeast.

The air dates for the show are Sept. 2, Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18 and Nov. 25.

Southern Miss Sports Today with Jeff Bower can be seen each week on the following stations (tentative/subject to change):

WDAM-TV	Ch. 7	Laurel-Hattiesburg	Sunday	10:30 p.m.
WJTC-TV	Ch. 44	Pensacola-Mobile	Sunday	Noon
WXXV-TV	Ch. 25	Biloxi-Gulfport	Sunday	10 p.m.
WAPT-TV	Ch. 16	Jackson	Sunday	12:30 p.m.
Cox SportsTV		Regional Louisiana	Check Local Listings	

The show also will be broadcast on CSS Comcast Cable in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia on Sunday in a yet to be determined time. The show also will be on CSS Comcast Cable in Meridian, Tupelo, Fulton, Hattiesburg and Laurel on Sunday at a time that is yet to be determined.

## Golden Eagle Hotline with Jeff Bower

The Golden Eagle Hotline with Jeff Bower can be heard throughout Mississippi and in several adjacent

states each Tuesday night from 7 - 8 p.m., live from Garfield's Restaurant & Pub on the Southern Miss ISP Sports Network. Fans can call in and talk football with Golden Eagle Coach Jeff Bower. Golden Eagle Hotline begins Tue., Aug. 14, and continues for 16 consecutive weeks.

## SouthernMiss.com – The Official Web site of Golden Eagle Athletics

SouthernMiss.com is the official source for information about Golden Eagle athletics. The site, updated by the athletic media relations department, provides a plethora of information including schedules, game previews, box scores, game stories and cumulative statistics, online media guides, player diaries, player features, updates on former Golden Eagle athletes, photos and weekly game notes and releases.

It also provides information about how to purchase tickets, join the Eagle Club and links to other sites, as well as live play-by-play broadcasts of all Southern Miss football, men's and women's basketball, and baseball games.

The fans also can keep tabs on all the current photos and information about construction projects going on around the athletic department by looking on the site.

## The Screamin' Eagle – The Official Newspaper of Southern Miss Athletics

The Screamin' Eagle, in its sixth year of publication, is the official athletic department in-house publication designed to give its subscribers, mostly Eagle Club members, current information on all the happenings within the athletic department.

It is printed four times a year and provides colorful insight to the readers. Included in each issue are columns from the Director of Athletics, a compliance corner and news, notes and information from the Executive Director of the Eagle Club about its membership. Readers can also expect to find game reviews and statistics about each of Southern Miss' 16 sports.

## Listen to Golden Eagle Football Live Via the World Wide Web

Fans outside the listening area can still hear all the exciting play-by-play of Southern Miss football. Get on board the information super highway and listen to live coverage at the convenience of your own personal computer. Fans can listen to Southern Miss football games as they will be aired live on the World Wide Web. By logging on to SouthernMiss.com, live action is just a click of the mouse away.

### Southern Miss ISP Sports Network

#### Flagship Station

Market	Station	Frequency	Power (Watts)
Hattiesburg	WXRR-FM	104.5	100,000

#### Affiliates

Biloxi/Gulfport	WAQY-FM	91.7	100,000
Columbia	WFFF-FM	96.7	6,000
Columbus/Starkville	WKOR-AM	980	1,000
Columbus/Starkville	WSSO-AM	1230	1,000
Columbus/Starkville	WJWF-AM	1400	1,000
Greenville/Greenwood	WDMS-FM	100.7	100,000
Indianola	WNLA-FM*	105.5	3,000
Jackson	WJNT-AM	1180	50,000
Jackson	WJNT-FM	104.3	5,000
Lucedale	WRBE-AM*	1440	500
Lucedale	WRBE-FM*	106.9	5,000
McComb	WAKH-FM	105.7	100,000
Meridian	WFFX-AM	1450	1,000
Philadelphia	WHOC-AM	1490	1,000
Philadelphia	WWSL-FM	103.3	4,900
Waynesboro	WABO-AM*	990	1,000
Waynesboro	WABO-FM*	105.5	3,000

\* - Selected Games

-- Night time backup for AM station with daytime broadcasts only

All affiliates are subject to change



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#### ECU – Sept. 15, 2007

Hilton Greenville  
207 SW Greenville Blvd.  
Greenville, NC  
Phone: 252-353-3055  
Fax: 252-355-5099  
Travel: Charter Flight

#### Boise State – Sept. 27, 2007

Double Tree Hotel  
2900 Chinden Blvd.  
Boise, ID 83714  
Phone: 208-343-1871  
Fax: 208-344-1079  
Travel: Charter Flight

#### Marshall – Oct. 21, 2007

Ashland Plaza Hotel  
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Ashland, KY 41101  
Phone: (606) 329-0055  
Fax: 606-325-4513  
Travel: Charter Flight

#### UAB – Nov. 3, 2007

Birmingham Sheraton  
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Birmingham, AL 35203  
Phone: 205-324-5000  
Fax: 205-307-3045  
Travel: Charter Bus

#### UTEP – Nov. 17, 2007

El Paso Marriott  
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Phone: 915-779-3300  
Fax: 915-772-0915  
Travel: Charter Flight

*Charter flights will take off from Pine Belt Regional Airport. Travel Party will return immediately following the game.*

### CollegePressBox.com

**collegepressbox.com**  
EVERYTHING BUT THE PRE-GAME MEAL

CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for Conference USA football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, media guides and more for the conference and each of its 12 member schools throughout the season. Login information will be distributed by the conference office to accredited media or you can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to [password@collegepressbox.com](mailto:password@collegepressbox.com).

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### Call Us Southern Miss

The Southern Miss Department of Athletics and its 16 NCAA Division I sports programs respectfully request that only Southern Miss be used in all references. Please refrain from using Southern Mississippi, So. Miss., So. Mississippi and the acronym USM. Also, please refer to us as the Southern Miss Golden Eagles or Golden Eagles for short.

**Correct Usage:** Southern Miss

**Don't Use:** So. Miss., So. Mississippi, USM

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### Pronunciation Guide

#### Players

Tokumbo Abanikanda	(tuh-kumbo abahn-uh-kahnda)
Gerald Baptiste	(bap-teeste)
Roshaad Byrd	(ruh-shod)
Matthew Chatelain	(shat-uh-lane)
Antwain Easterling	(an-twain)
Justin Estes	(S-Tease)
Octavius Everett	(oc-tay-vee-us)
Wesley Housley	(houze-lee)
Chico Hunter	(chee-coe)
Deddrick Jones	(deed-rick)
Cordarro Law	(cor-dair-o)
Don Loehr	(loar)
Howard Overby	(over-bee)
Martavius Prince	(mar-tay-vee-us)
Chris Rhoden	(road-en)
John Sablich	(say-blich)
Casey Taggart	(tag-ert)
Cody Tawater	(tay-water)
Brandon Trobridge	(troe-bridge)
Ladarius Webb	(luh-darius)

#### Coaches

Mitch Rodrigue	(road-reeg)
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