

Utah State

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Game #2 at Nebraska

Sat., Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m.
Memorial Stadium (45,017)
Lincoln, Neb.

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Utah State (0-1, 0-0 Sun Belt)

Aug. 28	at Utah	L 20-40
Sept. 6	at Nebraska (RV*)	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 13	at Arizona State	8 p.m.
Sept. 27	LA.-MONROE*	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	at New Mexico	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	WYOMING	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	at North Texas*	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	ARKANSAS ST.*	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	MID. TENN.*	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	at New Mexico St.*	6 p.m.
Nov. 15	TROY STATE*	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Idaho*	3 p.m.

(all times are Mountain)

* - preseason poll

Nebraska (1-0, 1-0 Big XII)

Aug. 30	OKLA. STATE	W 17-7
Sept. 6	UTAH STATE	
Sept. 13	PENN STATE	
Sept. 25	at So. Mississippi	
Oct. 4	TROY STATE	
Oct. 11	at Missouri	
Oct. 18	TEXAS A&M	
Oct. 25	IOWA STATE	
Nov. 1	at Texas	
Nov. 15	KANSAS STATE	
Nov. 28	at Colorado	

QUICKLY -- Utah State (0-1) will play its second of three straight road games to open the season when the Aggies travel to Lincoln, Neb. to meet Nebraska (1-0) on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10:30 a.m. MDT in a game broadcast nationally on Fox Sports... No cartoons Saturday as the 11:30 a.m. LOCAL kickoff time is the earliest known start time in USU history... Saturday's game will mark the fourth straight road game for USU, which closed 2002 with two straight away from home... USU will be playing its third straight game on artificial turf dating back to last year and the Aggies are 1-6 on the fake stuff in the Mick Dennehy era... USU will then play four straight games on natural grass... USU has started the season 0-1 for the sixth straight year and is 2-3 in its second game in the last five seasons.

ON THE AIR -- All Utah State football games are carried on the Aggie Radio Network with Al "Cornucopia of Football Knowledge" Lewis calling the play-by-play and Craig "Cornball" Hislop providing analysis. Saturday's game will be televised nationally on Fox Sports with Joel Meyers calling the play-by-play, Dave Lapham serving as analyst and Jim Knox reporting from the sidelines.

NATIONAL TV A RARITY FOR USU -- Utah State will make its first national television appearance in football since the 1997 Humanitarian Bowl, when the Aggies fell to Cincinnati 35-19 on Dec. 29 that year. It is believed that the last time USU had a regular season game on national television was 1981 when the Aggies played at Brigham Young, losing 32-26 on Oct. 2 that season.

USU TRAVEL PLANS -- Utah State will have a light workout at Memorial Stadium at approximately 2 p.m. on Friday. Coach Dennehy will address the media before the practice. The first part of the practice will be open to the media. USU athletic media relations director Mike Strauss (Cell: 435-770-3131) and associate director Doug Hoffman (Cell: 435-770-604) will be on hand to assist you in your coverage of the Aggies. USU will be staying at the Omaha Marriott at (402) 399-9000.

LAST TIME OUT -- Missed opportunities cost the Aggies in a 40-20 loss to open the season at Utah. Utah State penetrated the Utes' 35-yard line four times in the first half and came away with just three points. The Aggies also had a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown called back in the first quarter due to a block in the back behind the play. Despite the mistakes, USU trailed just 14-3 at halftime and after Utah scored a touchdown midway through the third period, USU showed some life with a safety and a Travis Cox touchdown run to pull within 21-12. However, the Utes scored the game's next 13 points and led 34-12 with less than five minutes remaining to seal the game.

USU quarterback Travis Cox made his starting debut and responded by hitting 19-of-41 passes for 280 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for another. Chris Stallworth pulled in five balls for 113 yards and a 50-yard touchdown, while David Fiebia rushed nine times for 54 yards. Defensively, Robert Watts was credited with 16 tackles, while Derrek Shank posted 12 stops.

The Aggie offense produced 357 yards, but the Utes ran up 382 yards while controlling the ball for 36:33.

UP NEXT -- Utah State will complete its season-opening three-game road trip with a contest at preseason 22nd-ranked Arizona State on Sept. 13. Kickoff is slated for 8 p.m. MDT. USU will then have a bye before hosting its home and conference opener against Louisiana-Monroe on Sept. 27.

DID YOU KNOW? -- While driving through Nebraska this summer, I learned that the state is the home of Arbor Day (it is on their signs when you enter the state).

Media Information

Weekly Press Conferences

Mon., Sept. 1 - 11:30 a.m. at Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
 Mon., Sept. 8 - 11:30 a.m. at Coppermill Restaurant

**Sun Belt Conference
 Teleconference Call**

Mondays - 10:25-10:35 (MDT) Utah State

**Sun Belt Conference
 Video Feeds**

Wednesdays - 1 p.m. (MDT)
 Satellite AMC 1, Transponder C-17,
 Downlink 4040 mhz, Audio 6.2-6.8
 Trouble # (225) 336-2268 or 2269

Interviews

All Utah State player and coach interview requests should be made through Mike Strauss at least one day in advance. Player interviews should be completed no later than Wednesday on game week. Coach Dennehy is usually available weekdays between 10 a.m. and noon mountain time.

USU On The Air

• Game Broadcasts

Play-by-Play - Al Lewis
 Analyst - Craig Hislop
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 105.5 FM (Randolph)
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• Mick Dennehy Radio Show

Thursdays, 6 p.m. (610 KVNU)

• Aggie Weekly Radio Show

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. (610 KVNU)

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COACH MICK DENNEHY — In his fourth year at Utah State is Mick Dennehy (Montana, 1973), who was hired on Dec. 3, 1999. He compiled a 39-12 record (76.5 percent) in four years at Montana. His five wins in his first year at Utah State tied for the best mark by a first-year Aggie coach since Phil Krueger won seven games in 1973 (Dennehy is the seventh coach since then). In 2001 he guided the Aggies in their first independent schedule since 1977. The Aggies played four top-25 teams and five bowl teams in 2001. Realizing the improvement USU was making on and off the field, Dennehy was rewarded with a two-year contract extension on Nov. 30, 2001 which will keep him in Logan through 2005. In 2002, Dennehy's team faced four bowl teams en route to a 4-7 mark. Dennehy played safety at Montana in 1971 and 1972. Prior to assuming the head coaching role at Montana, he served as the school's offensive coordinator for five seasons, producing one of the nation's top offenses. In Dennehy's nine years overall at Montana, the Grizzlies ranked in the top four in the country in passing offense every year and in the top five in scoring and total offense in five of his last seven seasons. Before going to Montana, Dennehy revived the program at Western Montana, which had dropped football in 1987. In three years he improved the team from a 1-6 record to a 5-3 mark.

Year	School	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Notes
1988	West. Montana	1-6	.143	1-5/5th	.167	Revived Program
1989	West. Montana	4-4	.500	2-4/4th	.333	
1990	West. Montana	5-3	.625	3-3/3rd	.500	
1996	Montana	14-1	.933	8-0/1st	1.00	Nat'l Runners-up
1997	Montana	8-4	.667	6-2/2nd	.750	0-1 in playoffs
1998	Montana	8-4	.667	6-2/1st	.750	Big Sky Champ.
1999	Montana	9-3	.750	7-1/1st	.875	Big Sky Champ.
2000	Utah State	5-6	.455	4-1/2nd	.800	1 win from bowl
2001	Utah State	4-7	.364	N/A	N/A	Played 4 top 25
2002	Utah State	4-7	.364	N/A	N/A	4 '01 bowl opp.
2003	Utah State	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1st yr. in Sun Belt
Western Montana (3 yrs.)		10-13	.435	6-12	.333	Revived Program
Montana (4 years)		39-12	.765	27-5	.844	Four playoffs
Utah State (4th year)		13-21	.382	4-1	.800	50th career win
Totals (11th year)		62-46	.574	37-18	.673	3-4 in playoffs

USU UNDER DENNEHY

- In his first three years at USU, the Aggies recorded the school's all-time attendance average record (21,784 in 2001) and two others in the top five (third in 2002 and fifth in 2000).
- USU produced four of the top 10 all-time total offense games in school history in his first three years, including a school-record tying 684 yards against Weber State.
- USU also produced three of the top five passing games in school history in Dennehy's first three years.
- USU produced two Associated Press third-team All-Americans in his first three years as all-purpose runner Emmett White earned the honor in 2000 and wide receiver Kevin Curtis was named in 2001. The last time USU had an AP All-America selection was 1988 when Kendal Smith also earned third team honors.
- USU has had two NCAA individual statistical champions in his tenure as White led the country in all-purpose yardage in 2000 (238.9) and Curtis led the nation in receptions in 2001 (9.1 per game). Previously USU's last national statistical leader was Louie Giammona, who led the country in all-purpose yardage (185.9) in 1975.
- The football team's grade-point average has improved steadily.
- Coached his 100th career game against Iowa in 2002.
- 60th career victory was against New Mexico in 2002.
- Entering his fourth season at USU, marking the longest tenure by an Aggie coach since Chuck Shelton coached from 1986-91 (Charlie Weatherbie and John L. Smith each coached three seasons and Dave Arslanian two).
- Inducted into Butte, Mont. Athletic Hall of Fame in summer of 2003.

DID YOU KNOW? -- After ending last season with two straight road games, USU is playing its first three games this season away from home. The five straight games away from Logan are the most since finishing 1982 with four straight road games and then opening the 1983 season with a road contest.

2003 Sun Belt Conference

Team	Conference	Overall
N.M. State	0-0	0-0
Arkansas St.	0-0	0-1
Idaho	0-0	0-1
UL-Lafayette	0-0	0-1
UL-Monroe	0-0	0-1
Mid. Tenn.	0-0	0-1
North Texas	0-0	0-1
Utah State	0-0	0-1

This Week In The Sun Belt

Utah State at Nebraska
 Mid Tenn. at Georgia
 Tenn-Martin at Arkansas State
 E. Washington at Idaho
 Baylor at North Texas
 La. Tech at UL-Lafayette
 S.F. Austin at UL-Monroe
 W. New Mexico at N.M. State

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Sun Belt Weekly Media Teleconference

Each Monday - Call USU SID (435-797-1361) for number to participate.

The head coach and a featured player will be available each week.

Time (MDT) Coach and player from each school

9:30-9:35 Sun Belt Announcements
 9:35-9:45 Arkansas State
 9:45-9:55 UL Lafayette
 9:55-10:05 UL Monroe
 10:05-10:15 North Texas
 10:15-10:25 Middle Tennessee
10:25-10:35 Utah State
 10:35-10:45 New Mexico State
 10:45-10:55 Idaho
 10:55 Commissioner (when available)

THE USU-NEBRASKA SERIES -- Nebraska has dominated the series owning a 7-0 record since the first meeting in 1966. Each of the previous seven games have been played in Lincoln and in each of the first seven meetings the Huskers were ranked in the AP poll (1966 - 4th, 1971 - 1st, 1979 - 8th, 1987 - 2nd, 1988 - 2nd, 1991 - 14th, and 2002 - 9th). NU has outscored USU 327-93, including a 44-13 win at Lincoln a year ago.

USU-NEBRASKA LAST YEAR -- Ninth-ranked Nebraska scored on six of its first eight possessions of the game and led 37-7 at halftime en route to a 44-13 victory. The game was the 250th consecutive sellout for the Huskers and was played in front of a Memorial Stadium record crowd of 78,176 (the third largest crowd in history to witness a USU game). After Jose Fuentes hit Kevin Curtis on a 26-yard touchdown pass to bring the Aggies within 17-7 in the first quarter, NU scored the next 27 points in the game to lead 44-7 after three periods. Former Aggie quarterback Jose Fuentes became USU's career passing yardage and passing attempts leader in the game.

USU VS. THE BIG XII -- Utah State owns a 9-38-1 record all-time against current members of the Big XII Conference. The Aggies' most common league opponent has been Colorado and USU is 6-11-1 against the Buffaloes all-time. USU owns a winning record against one conference team with a 3-2 mark against Kansas State. USU's last win against a Big XII team was a 28-16 win against Kansas State in 1992. This year's meeting with Nebraska will mark the sixth time USU has played a Big XII team in the last eight years. Here is a look at the most recent meetings against the league:

1996 - L 17-31 at Oklahoma State
 1996 - L 20-58 at Texas Tech
 1998 - L 6-25 at Colorado
 1999 - L 0-40 at Kansas State
 2000 - L 16-38 at Texas Tech
 2002 - L 13-44 at Nebraska

USU-NU NOTE-ABLE -- Four of the six largest crowds to ever see Utah State play, have been in Lincoln (the third through sixth largest crowds) as the only crowds larger than Lincoln that USU has played in front of have been at LSU in 2001 (87,756) and at Georgia in 1999 (86,117)... Nebraska has two players on its roster from the state of Utah in NT Ryon Bingham (Alta HS) and LB Stewart Bradley (Highland HS)... USU WR Jerome Eason had two catches last year and both came against Nebraska (18 and nine yards)... USU Outland Trophy candidate Trevor Hutton made his first collegiate start at Nebraska last year. He has started 11 consecutive games... NG Ryan DeQuillettes made his only collegiate start at Lincoln last year... LB Robert Watts led the team with nine tackles against NU last year, while FS Derrek Shank was second with eight stops... Nebraska is USU's most played opponent that the Aggies have never beaten as the Aggies are 0-7 against NU (0-4 vs. both Missouri and Southern California).

QUARTERBACK DEBUTS -- Last Thursday against Utah, USU junior Travis Cox made his first career start. He entered this season having completed nine-of-16 attempts for 23 yards in his first two years at USU. The last time he started a game was at Mountain Crest High School in 1999, where he was a first-team all-state selection. When he finished his high school career, he was ranked fifth in Utah high school history with 5,190 passing yards. His dad, Dan was his high school coach, played running back at USU and is the current president of USU's booster group, The Big Blue Club. Here is a look at USU quarterback debuts in the last 10 years.

Player, Class	Opponent, Year (game #)	A-C-I, Yds.	Result
Travis Cox, Jr.	Utah, 2003 (#1)	41-19-1, 280	L 20-40
Jose Fuentes, So.	at Arizona State, 2000 (game #3)	38-17-3, 240	L 20-44
Jeff Crosbie, Fr.	at Boise State, 1998 (game #8)	46-18-3, 233	L 16-30
Logan Gallie, Fr.	IDAHO, 1998 (game #7)	11-4-0, 8	L 14-26
Riley Jensen, Sr.	UTAH, 1998 (game #1)	25-11-1, 99	L 12-20
Matt Sauk, Jr.	at Okla. State, 1996 (game #4)	34-22-2, 390	L 17-31
Patrick Mullins, Jr.	at Arkansas State, 1995 (game #1)	56-30-2, 315	L 17-21
Aaron Flowers, Fr.	UNLV, 1994 (game #4)	13-7-0, 53	L 21-23
Matt Wells, So.	UTAH, 1994 (game #1)	33-14-2, 190	L 17-32

2003 USU Captains

For the first time in Mick Dennehy's tenure at USU, the Aggies will have permanent season captains, while the coaching staff will select an additional captain for each game. The players suggested the idea to the coaching staff and voted for the captains. Previously, the coaching staff selected weekly game captains.

Season Captains

Offense - #89 TE Chris Cooley
 Defense - #30 LB Robert Watts
 Special Teams - #20 CB Jerome Dennis

Game Captains

Utah - QB Travis Cox
 Nebraska -
 Arizona State -
 UL Monroe -
 New Mexico -
 Wyoming -
 North Texas -
 Arkansas State -
 Middle Tennessee -
 New Mexico State -
 Troy State -
 Idaho -

2003 Preseason Honors

TE Chris Cooley
 Mackey Award (top tight end)
 OG Trevor Hutton
 Outland Trophy Award (top lineman)

Preseason All-Sun Belt
 TE Chris Cooley
 OG Trevor Hutton

Preseason Sun Belt Conference Poll

Teams	Pts.	1st Place
1. North Texas	186	(20)
2. New Mexico State	160	(2)
3. Mid. Tennessee	131	(1)
4. Arkansas State	112	
5. UL-Lafayette	98	
6. UTAH STATE	75	
7. Idaho	59	(1)
8. UL-Monroe	43	

OTHER FIRST STARTS -- In addition to QB Travis Cox, six other Aggies made their first career starts last week against Utah, including OT Elliott Tupea, WR Barry Tolli, WR Raymond Hicks, DT Michael Gates, LB Nate Fredrick, and CB Marvin Clark. Cox threw for 280 yards, the most by a new Aggie starter since 1996, while Tolli caught one pass for 40 yards, Hicks had two catches for 26 yards, Gates recorded six tackles, Fredrick seven, and Clark had three and a PBU.

OFFENSIVE NOTES -- USU's 20 points against Utah were its most in a season-opener since beating Utah 21-14 to open the 1997 season... USU produced 357 yards of total offense against a defense that was tops in the Mountain West Conference a year ago... The Aggies out-gained Utah through three quarters (240 to 229 yards), but trailed 21-12... The post-Kevin Curtis era (WR with the St. Louis Rams) featured nine different players recording catches in the opener... All three of USU's scoring drives against Utah were at least 54 yards... After converting six of 12 third-down conversions through three quarters, USU was 0 of three as well as 0 of one on fourth-down in the fourth quarter against Utah... QB Travis Cox recorded the first rushing touchdown by an Aggie quarterback since Jeff Crosbie rushed for a score against BYU in 2001... TB David Fiefia's 54 rushing yards on just nine carries marked the second-best day of his career (116 yards vs. Fresno State as a sophomore)... John Mackey Award candidate TE Chris Cooley did not catch a pass until midway through the third quarter before finishing with four catches for 26 yards.

DEFENSIVE NOTES -- USU recorded two interceptions, both in the first quarter, to record multiple interceptions in a game for the first time since the third game of 2002 when USU had four against Idaho State... After allowing Utah two touchdowns on five first half possessions, the Aggies surrendered five scores on six drives in the second half... However, Utah's second-half scoring drives averaged only 38 yards... LB Robert Watts recorded 16 tackles against Utah, matching Jesse Busta's 16 stops against Middle Tennessee last year as the most tackles by an Aggie in the last 17 games... CB Mark Estelle recorded his second career interception, while freshman Terrance Washington had his first against Utah... USU allowed only two plays of 20 yards or more (a 20-yard run and a 30-yard pass).

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES -- USU recorded its first safety since 1998 when an errant Utah snap on a punt went out of the endzone... New USU PK Justin Hamblin hit his only field goal attempt (21 yards)... New P Ben Chaet drilled a 60-yarder on his first punt and later added a 54-yarder... Each of the four Aggies that returned a kickoff had a return of at least 20 yards.

STARTER NOTE-ABLE -- Here is a quick look at USU's projected starters:

Offense

LT Donald Penn -- Last year became second freshman to start on offensive line since 1996... Played right tackle in 2002 and is at left tackle this year.

LG Greg Vandermade -- Started last year's opener at Utah and then came off the bench the rest of the year.

OC Aric Galliano -- Started all 11 games last year despite breaking his regular snapping hand and switching to snapping left handed in the eighth game of the year.

RG Trevor Hutton -- Outland Trophy candidate and preseason all-Sun Belt Conference selection. First collegiate start came against Nebraska in second game of 2002.

RT Elliott Tupea -- Newcomer who participated in spring drills. One of only two offensive lineman on two-deep without previous USU experience (Victor Eti is the other).

TE Patrick McNutt -- Played at tight end and on special teams last year, but did not record any statistics.

TE/FB Chris Cooley -- Mackey Award candidate after coming on strong in junior season (22 catches in last four games). Preseason all-Sun Belt Conference selection... Has had at least two receptions in eight straight games.

WR Chris Stallworth -- Started at least six games in each of his first three seasons. Recorded career-high 113 yards on five receptions vs. Utah last week.

WR Barry Tolli -- Former minor league baseball player caught a 40-yard pass in his first major college game against Utah... Made his first start as well.

2003 Stat Rankings

Team	Avg.	SBC	NCAA
Total Offense	357.0	1	50
Rushing Offense	77.0	5	81
Passing Offense	280.0	1	25
Scoring Offense	20.0	1	57
Total Defense	382.0	4	63
Rushing Defense	202.0	5	80
Passing Defense	180.0	3	38
Scoring Defense	40.0	6	85
Kickoff Returns	17.9	3	65
Punt Returns	17.0	2	67
Net Punting		2	51
TO Margin	0.0	3	42
Individual			
P Ben Chaet	Avg.	SBC	NCAA
Punting	43.5	1	20
TE Chris Cooley			
Receptions	4.0	5	99
QB Travis Cox			
Total Offense	286.0	1	16
Pass Eff.	106.9	1	62
Scoring	6.0	1	73
Pts. Responsible	8.0	1	
RET Jerome Dennis			
Kickoff Returns	17.7	4	50
CB Mark Estelle			
Interceptions	1.0	2	5
TB David Fiefia			
Rushing	54.0	6	95
All-Purpose	91.0	8	
Receptions	2.0	9	
PK Justin Hamblin			
Field Goals	1.0	2	29
Scoring	4.0	9	
WR Chris Stallworth			
Rec. Yards	113.0	1	21
Receptions	5.0	2	66
All-Purpose	113.0	2	88
Pts Responsible	6.0	2	
Scoring	6.0	3	86
S Terrance Washington			
Interceptions	1.0	2	5
LB Matt Wiser			
Kickoff Returns	14.0	7	60

USU Opponents In The Polls

Opponent	AP (Pre)	USA/ESPN (Pre)
Arizona State	22	23
Nebraska	27	32
New Mexico	--	48
Utah	--	51
North Texas	--	56

WR Raymond Hicks -- Started his debut against Utah and responded with two receptions for 26 yards as well as returning a kickoff 23 yards.

WR Jerome Eason -- Only statistics last year were two receptions at Nebraska (18 and nine yards). Had two catches vs. Utah last week for 20 yards.

QB Travis Cox -- Made starting debut against Utah. Entered the year nine of 16 pass attempts for 23 yards in two years as a backup. Threw for 280 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for a touchdown against the Utes.

TB David Fiefia -- Has played wide receiver and tailback in his USU career. Rushed for 29 yards last year. Led USU with 54 rushing yards on nine carries against Utah.

Defense

LT Justin Jackson -- Started last season and recorded 30 tackles and tied for team lead with 8.5 tackles for loss. Made three tackles, including one for loss vs. Utah

NG Ronald Tupea -- His 19 consecutive starts are tops on the team. Had 29 tackles in 2002 and was the team's lineman of the year. Two of his four tackles vs. Utah were for loss.

RT Michael Gates -- Starting the first two games in place of the injured John Chick. Saw limited time in 2002 (three tackles), but has been impressive in spring and fall drills... Led the Aggie linemen with six tackles against Utah.

STUD Nate Putnam -- Returns to the field after missing last year with a shoulder injury. Was a first-team all-Big West selection in 2000... Was credited with eight tackles against Utah, including one for loss.

MAC Robert Watts -- Second-leading tackler on the team last year and top returnee with 85 stops... Led USU with 16 tackles against Utah in the opener... Had team-best nine stops vs. Nebraska last season.

SAM Rodney Wilson -- One of only two Aggie defenders with three letters earned at USU... Third-year starter... Had eight tackles against Utah.

WILL Nate Fredrick -- Made first collegiate start against Utah... Was in on seven tackles against the Utes.

LC Jerome Dennis -- Earned team's most inspirational award in 2002. Ranked seventh in the NCAA in kickoff return average (27.7). Returned an interception 75 yards for a touchdown vs. BYU last year.

SS Mike Rosencrans -- Started two games in nickel back situations a year ago. Had three tackles for loss last season... Made five tackles against Utah.

FS Derrek Shank -- A three-year letterwinner, who has started 21 games in his first three years. Was third on the team with 65 tackles last season... Was second on the team with 12 tackles against Utah while recording a PBU.

RC Marvin Clark -- Redshirted last year after transferring... First career action for USU came at Utah and he responded with three tackles and one PBU.

Special Teams

P Ben Chaet -- Replaces four-year letterwinner Steve Mullins. Has not punted since high school in 2000 (redshirted in 2001 and did not see action a year ago). Can also place kick... Had 60 and 54-yard punts vs. Utah.

PK Justin Hamblin -- First-year kicker... Converted his only field goal attempt (21 yards) vs. Utah, while making his only PAT as well... First kickoff of the season was a touchback.

USU NOTE-ABLE

-- After just one week, USU has been the most productive offense in the Sun Belt Conference, leading the league in total offense, passing offense and scoring offense... Nationally, CB Mark Estille and S Terrance Washington rank fifth in the country in interceptions with one each, while QB Travis Cox is 16th in total offense, P Ben Chaet is 20th in punting and Chris Stallworth is 21st in receiving yards... USU is 1-2 in known games played on Sept. 6 all-time... USU is 10-6 in day games in the Mick Dennehy era... Four of USU's five non-conference opponents opened their season with victories (Arizona State did not play) as Utah defeated the Aggies, Nebraska beat Oklahoma State, New Mexico beat Southwest Texas and Wyoming defeated Montana State.

**USU Conference Finishes
(Since 1990)**

Year	Record	Place
1990	5-1-1	t2nd
1991	5-2-0	3rd
1992	4-2-0	t2nd
1993	5-1-0	t1st
1994	2-4-0	t7th
1995	4-2-0	t2nd
1996	4-1-0	t1st
1997	4-1-0	t1st
1998	2-3-0	t4th
1999	3-3-0	t3rd
2000	4-1-0	2nd

NOTE: Big West Conference

**USU Season Attendance
Average Bests**

1. **21,784 in 2001**
2. 21,534 in 1996
3. **21,112 in 2002**
4. 19,964 in 1993
5. **19,910 in 2000**

**USU Single-Game Home
Attendance Bests**

1. 33,119 vs. BYU, Oct. 4, 1996
2. 31,287 vs. Utah, Sept. 3, 1994
3. 31,220 vs. BYU, Oct. 1, 1999
4. **30,757 vs. Utah, Aug. 31, 2002**
5. **30,341 vs. BYU, Oct. 4, 2002**

Biggest Road Crowds

1. **87,756 at LSU, 2001**
2. 86,117 at Georgia, 1999
3. **78,176 at Nebraska, 2002**
4. 76,233 at Nebraska, 1988
5. 76,115 at Nebraska, 1991

(NOTE: Bold indicates Dennehy era)

SEASON NOTE-ABLE

SCHEDULE NOTE-ABLE -- Due to scheduling conflicts, USU will not meet Sun Belt Conference member Louisiana-Lafayette and instead will count the Troy State game as a league game as mandated by the Sun Belt Conference office... USU will open its season with three straight road games for the first time since 1991... USU's home opener on Sept. 27 is the latest home opener since playing its first home game of 1991 on Sept. 28... USU's home opener is its conference opener, which marks the first time the Aggies will open the home portion of its schedule with a league game since that same 1991 season... Four of USU's 2003 opponents played in bowl games in 2002 (Nebraska, Arizona State, New Mexico and North Texas)... USU will play seven games that count as conference games, its most league games since playing an identical seven in 1991... USU will open its season with the nation's 13th most played rivalry meeting Utah in the opener for the third straight year and 10th time in the last 15 years... USU will play five home games for the fourth straight year (played six in 1998)... USU's seven road games are its most since 1991 (seven).

OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS -- Utah State will meet five opponents this year that were ranked or receiving votes in the preseason AP and USA Today/ESPN polls. Arizona State is ranked 22nd by the AP and 23rd by USA Today entering the year. Other Aggie opponents receiving votes include Nebraska (27th/32nd), New Mexico (--/48th), Utah (--/51st) and North Texas (--/56th).

USU VS. #26-117 -- While Utah State is 0-5 vs. ranked teams in the first three years of the Mick Dennehy era, the Aggies are 13-16 against non-ranked teams in that time span.

BIG THREE GONE -- USU lost its top passer (Jose Fuentes), top receiver (Kevin Curtis) and top rusher (James Samuel) for the first time since 1991 when three seniors led USU in those categories. That year Ron Lopez led in passing, Rod Moore led in receiving and Roger Grant led in rushing. The Aggies went 5-6 in 1992 after those individual losses. Last year Fuentes produced the best passing season in school history with 3,268 yards, while Curtis had the fourth best receiving season (1,258 yards) and Samuel rushed for 633 of the Aggies' 929 yards.

USU TRAVEL IN DENNEHY ERA -- USU will make more trips this year than in the recent past with seven road games, but with regional contests at Utah, Arizona State, New Mexico, New Mexico State and Idaho, the Aggies will not travel as many miles as they have gone the last two years as an independent.

Year	Games	Miles	Avg./G	Notes
2000	6	9,204	1,534	Last year in Big West Conference
2001	6	15,408	2,568	Played road games in four different time zones
2002	6	15,706	2,618	Five trips to central time zone
2003	7	12,606	1,800	Five of seven trips are in this region

A FULL DOZEN -- This season USU will play 12 regular season games for the first time in school history. USU has played 12 games, including bowl games, in just two seasons (1993 and 1997). USU was 7-5 in 1993 and 6-6 in 1997.

2003 Utah State University Football
Utah State Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 29, 2003)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Aug 28, 2003 at UTAH		L	20-40	39697

* denotes conference game

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Fiefla, David	1	9	55	1	54	6.0	0	19	54.0
Watson, Richard	1	5	24	2	22	4.4	0	14	22.0
Cox, Travis	1	9	31	25	6	0.7	1	11	6.0
Eason, Jerome	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Tolli, Barry	1	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Team	1	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
Total.....	1	26	110	33	77	3.0	1	19	77.0
Opponents.....	1	53	251	49	202	3.8	2	20	202.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Comp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Cox, Travis	1	106.88	41-19-1	46.3	280	1	50	280.0
Total.....	1	106.88	41-19-1	46.3	280	1	50	280.0
Opponents.....	1	142.38	26-16-2	61.5	180	3	30	180.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Stallworth, Chr	1	5	113	22.6	1	50	113.0
Cooley, Chris	1	4	26	6.5	0	12	26.0
Fiefla, David	1	2	31	15.5	0	25	31.0
Hicks, Raymond	1	2	26	13.0	0	15	26.0
Eason, Jerome	1	2	20	10.0	0	14	20.0
Tolli, Barry	1	1	40	40.0	0	40	40.0
Coleman, Kenny	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Stephens, Jason	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
Watson, Richard	1	1	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Total.....	1	19	280	14.7	1	50	280.0
Opponents.....	1	16	180	11.2	3	30	180.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Hanblin, Justin	1-1	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	21	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Stallworth, Chr	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Cox, Travis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	6
Hanblin, Justin	0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4
Team	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Cooley, Chris	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
Total.....	2	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	1-1	0	1	20
Opponents.....	5	2-2	4-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	40

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Utah State.....	0	3	9	8	- 20
Opponents.....	7	7	7	19	- 40

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Cox, Travis	1	50	6	280	286	286.0
Fiefla, David	1	9	54	0	54	54.0
Watson, Richard	1	5	22	0	22	22.0
Total.....	1	67	77	280	357	357.0
Opponents.....	1	79	202	180	382	382.0

TEAM STATISTICS	USU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	18	24
Rushing.....	5	16
Passing.....	13	8
Penalty.....	0	0
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	77	202
Yards gained rushing...	110	251
Yards lost rushing.....	33	49
Rushing Attempts.....	26	53
Average Per Rush.....	3.0	3.8
Average Per Game.....	77.0	202.0
TDs Rushing.....	1	2
PASSING YARDAGE.....	280	180
Att-Comp-Int.....	41-19-1	26-16-2
Average Per Pass.....	6.8	6.9
Average Per Catch.....	14.7	11.2
Average Per Game.....	280.0	180.0
TDs Passing.....	1	3
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	357	382
Total Plays.....	67	79
Average Per Play.....	5.3	4.8
Average Per Game.....	357.0	382.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS...	7-125	2-72
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	1-6	2-34
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	2-38	1-34
FUMBLES-LOST.....	1-1	1-0
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	8-70	3-20
PUNTS-AVG.....	4-43.5	1-35.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME...	23:27	36:33
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	6/15	6/14
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	0/2	3/4

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Estelle, Mark	1	38	38.0	0	38
Washington, Ter	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	2	38	19.0	0	38
Opponents.....	1	34	34.0	0	34

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Chaet, Ben	4	174	43.5	60	0	0	0	0
Total.....	4	174	43.5	60	0	0	0	0
Opponents.....	1	35	35.0	35	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Fiefla, David	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total.....	1	6	6.0	0	6
Opponents.....	2	34	17.0	0	27

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Dennis, Jerome	3	53	17.7	0	23
Wiser, Matt	2	28	14.0	0	20
Coleman, Kenny	1	21	21.0	0	21
Hicks, Raymond	1	23	23.0	0	23
Total.....	7	125	17.9	0	23
Opponents.....	2	72	36.0	0	40

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Stallworth, Chr	1	0	113	0	0	0	113	113.0
Fiefla, David	1	54	31	6	0	0	91	91.0
Dennis, Jerome	1	0	0	0	53	0	53	53.0
Hicks, Raymond	1	0	26	0	23	0	49	49.0
Tolli, Barry	1	-2	40	0	0	0	38	38.0
Total.....	1	77	280	6	125	38	526	526.0
Opponents.....	1	202	180	34	72	34	522	522.0

2003 Utah State University Football
Utah State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Aug 29, 2003)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd
		Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick		Saf
30 Watts, Robert	1	3	13	16	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Shank, Derrek	1	2	10	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
48 Stewart, Jake	1	2	7	9	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 Wilson, Rodney	1	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Putnam, Nate	1	2	6	8	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Fredrick, Nate	1	.	7	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Washington, Ter	1	2	4	6	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Gates, Michael	1	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Rosencrans, Mik	1	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Tupea, Ronald	1	2	2	4	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Estelle, Mark	1	.	4	4	.	.	1-38	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Clark, Marvin	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
41 Jackson, Justin	1	.	3	3	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Taylor, Ryan	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 Lindsay, Joe	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20 Dennis, Jerome	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 Lamb, Cornelius	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 Cooley, Chris	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Hamblin, Justin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 Johnstun, Jared	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
47 Nate, Trent	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
72 Penn, Donald	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 Pollock, Brent	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 DeQuilletes, R	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 Fano, Jarom	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 Cox, Travis	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM Team	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total.....	1	21	86	107	5-11	0-0	2-38	4	.	.	.	.	1
Opponents.....	1	28	42	70	7-33	2-21	1-34	7	.	1-0	.	.	.

Game-By-Game Starters

OFFENSE	LT	LG	OC	RG	RT	TE	TE	WR	WR	TB	QB
Utah	Penn	V'made	Galliano	Hutton	Tupea	McNutt	Cooley	Tolli	Hicks	Fiefia	Cox
DEFENSE	LT	NG	RT	STUD	MAC	SAM	WILL	LC	SS	FS	RC
Utah	Jackson	Tupea	Gates	Putnam	Watts	Wilson	Fredrick	Dennis	Rosen	Shank	Clark

Game-By-Game Statistics

OFFENSE	(att-yds-TD-LG)	Rushing	Passing	Total Off.	FD	TO	Pen.	Punts	Time	Pts.
Utah		26-77-1-19	41-19-1-280-1-50	67-357-2-50	18	2	8-70	4-43.5	23:27	20

DEFENSE	(att-yds-TD-LG)	Rushing	Passing	Total Off.	FD	TO	Pen.	Punts	Time	Pts.
Utah		53-202-2-20	26-16-2-180-3-30	79-382-5-30	24	2	3-20	1-35.0	36:33	40

RUSHING	(att-yds-TD-LG)	Cox	Eason	Fiefia	Tolli	Watson
Utah		9-6-1-11	1-0-0-0	9-54-0-19	1-(-2)-0-0	5-22-0-14

PASSING	(a-c-i-yds-TD-LG)	Cox
Utah		41-19-1-280-1-50

RECEIVING	(no-yds-TD-LG)	Coleman	Cooley	Eason	Fiefia	Hicks	Stallworth	Stephens	Tolli	Watson
Utah		1-11-0-11	4-26-0-12	2-20-0-14	2-31-0-25	2-26-0-15	5-113-1-50	1-10-0-10	1-40-0-40	1-3-0-3

FIELD GOALS	(made-att)	(underlined are good)	PUNTING	(no.-avg.-LG)	Chaet	50+	In 20
Utah		Hamblin 1-1 (<u>21</u>)	Utah		4-43.5-60	2	0

KO RETURNS	(no-yds-TD-LG)	Coleman	Dennis	Hicks	Wiser	PUNT RETURNS	(no-yds-TD-LG)	Fiefia
Utah		1-21-0-21	3-53-0-23	1-23-0-23	2-28-0-20	Utah		1-6-0-6

DEFENSIVE TACKLES (U-A-Total)

Defensive Line	D'Quill	Fano	Gates	Jackson	Pollock	Tupea		
Utah	0-1-1	0-1-1	2-4-6	0-3-3	0-1-1	2-2-4		
Linebackers	Fredrick	Johnstun	Putnam	Stewart	Taylor	Watts	Wilson	
Utah	0-7-7	0-1-1	2-6-8	2-7-9	2-1-3	3-13-16	3-5-8	
Secondary	Clark	Dennis	Estelle	Lamb	Lindsay	R'crans	Shank	Washington
Utah	0-3-3	0-1-1	0-4-4	0-1-1	1-1-2	0-5-5	2-10-12	2-4-6

DEFENSIVE SPECIAL PLAYS

Opponent	Sacks	Int.	FR	FF	PBU
Utah	none	Estelle, Washington	none	none	Shank, Clark, Lindsay, Johnstun

RED ZONE

Team	Poss.	Scores	TD	FG
USU	2	2	1	1
Utah	6	6	4	2

Season Totals				
	Poss.	Scores	TD	FG
USU	2	2	1	1
Opp	6	6	4	2

USU SCORING DRIVES

Opp.	Qtr	Pl-Yds	Time	Score
Utah	2	12-59	5:03	Hamblin, 21 FG
Utah	3	8-54	3:04	Cox, 7 run
Utah	4	4-72	0:52	S'worth, 50 pass

NON-OFFENSIVE SCORES

Utah 3rd Team Safety

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

Team	Poss.	Scores	TD	FG
USU	2	1	0	1
Utah	2	1	0	1

Season Totals				
	Poss.	Scores	TD	FG
USU	2	1	0	1
Opp	2	1	0	1

SCORING BY QUARTERS

USU	0	3	9	8	-20
Utah	7	7	7	19	-40

Season Totals					
USU	0	3	9	8	-20
Opp.	7	7	7	19	-40

USU When...

2003 record (Dennehy era, 2000-)

Category	2003 (All)
Record	0-1 (13-21)
Scoring First	0-0 (8-9)
Opp. Scores First	0-1 (5-12)
Lead at Half	0-0 (8-4)
Tied at Half	0-0 (0-0)
Trail at Half	2-7 (5-17)
Lead after 3	0-0 (10-3)
Tied after 3	0-0 (1-1)
Trail after 3	0-1 (2-17)
Rush for 200	0-0 (3-1)
Pass for 300	0-0 (4-7)
More Yards than Opp.	0-0 (10-1)
Fewer Yards than Opp.	0-1 (3-20)
More TO than Opp.	0-0 (4-16)
Same TO as Opp.	0-1 (4-3)
Fewer TO than Opp.	0-0 (5-1)
Home	0-0 (9-6)
Away	0-1 (4-15)
Natural Grass	0-0 (12-15)
Artificial Turf	0-1 (1-6)
Day Games	0-0 (10-6)
Night Games	0-1 (3-15)
Decided by one score	0-0 (9-5)
Overtime Games	0-0 (2-1)

USU Best

**Total Offense Games
(Dennehy Era in all Caps)**

- 1. **684 vs. WEBER STATE, 2001**
- 1. 684 vs. Nevada, 1992
- 3. 662 vs. Idaho, 1997
- 4. 654 vs. Brigham Young, 1993
- 5. 649 vs. CS-Northridge, 1996
- 6. 632 vs. Utah, 1972
- 7. **619 vs. N.M. STATE, 2000**
- 8. 605 vs. New Mexico State, 1996
- 9. **595 vs. BOISE STATE, 2000**
- 10. 578 vs. Brigham Young, 1972
- 11. **571 vs. WYOMING, 2001**

USU Best

Passing Offense Games

- 1. 569 vs. Utah, 1972
- 2. **509 vs. BOISE STATE, 2000**
- 3. 472 vs. Brigham Young, 1993
- 4. **442 vs. MIDDLE TENN., 2002**
- 5. **441 vs. WEBER STATE, 2001**
- 6. **439 vs. IDAHO, 2000**

CAREER STARTS

Player, Year, Pos.	Consec.	Total	2003	2002	2001	2000
Ronald Tupea, Jr., NG	19	19	1	11	7	—
Derrek Shank, Sr., S	12	22	1	11	4	6
Aric Galliano, Sr., OC	12	12	1	11	—	—
Trevor Hutton, Sr., OG	11	11	1	10	—	—
Donald Penn, So., OT	10	10	1	9	—	—
Robert Watts, Jr., LB	6	14	1	9	4	—
Rodney Wilson, Sr., LB	4	15	1	8	6	—
Chris Cooley, Sr., TE	3	12	1	7	4	0
Justin Jackson, Sr., DT	3	8	1	7	—	—
Nate Putnam, Jr., LB	1	14	1	—	5	8
David Fiefia, Sr., TB	1	5	1	1	0	3
Jerome Dennis Jr., CB	1	3	1	1	1	—
Mike Rosencrans, Sr., S	1	3	1	2	—	—
Patrick McNutt, So., TE	1	2	1	1	—	—
Greg Vandermade, Sr., OG	1	2	1	1	—	—
Elliott Tupea, Jr., OT	1	1	1	—	—	—
Barry Tolli, Jr., WR	1	1	1	—	—	—
Raymond Hicks, Jr., WR	1	1	1	—	—	—
Travis Cox, Jr., QB	1	1	1	0	0	—
Michael Gates, So., DT	1	1	1	0	—	—
Nate Fredrick, So., LB	1	1	1	0	—	—
Marvin Clark, Jr., CB	1	1	1	—	—	—
Chris Stallworth, Sr., WR	0	21	0	6	9	6
Mark Estelle, Sr., CB	0	12	0	10	2	—
John Chick, So., DT	0	11	0	11	—	—
Bryan Jackson, Sr., S	0	7	—	3	4	0
Brenen Burningham, Jr., OT	0	4	—	0	4	—
Jim Fackrell, So., DT	0	2	—	2	—	—
Grant Calverley, Sr., OT	0	2	—	2	—	—
Richard Watson, So. TB	0	2	—	2	—	—
Trent Nate, Jr., FB	0	1	—	1	0	—
Ross Luna, Jr., S	0	1	—	1	0	—
Ryan DeQuillettes, So., DT	0	1	—	1	—	—

**Utah State Depth Chart
(as of August 30, 2003)**

Offense

Pos.	No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
LT	72	Donald Penn	6-5	302	So.	1L
	65	Brenen Burningham	6-7	305	Jr.	2L
LG	77	Greg Vandermade	6-3	289	Sr.	1L
	61	Victor Eti	6-2	324	Jr.	JC
OC	59	Aric Galliano	6-3	297	Sr.	1L
	77	Greg Vandermade	6-3	289	Sr.	1L
	52	David Rawlins	6-0	275	So.	SQ
RG	63	Trevor Hutton	6-2	308	Sr.	1L
	74	Grant Calverley	6-4	296	Sr.	1L
	76	Malik Cin	6-4	299	So.	RS
RT	78	Elliott Tupea	6-2	313	Jr.	TR
	65	Brenen Burningham	6-7	305	Jr.	2L
	74	Grant Calverley	6-4	296	Sr.	1L
TE	86	Patrick McNutt	6-5	255	So.	1L
	87	Jason Stephens	6-4	220	Fr.	RS
	45	Nick George	6-2	242	So.	1L
TE/FB	89	Chris Cooley	6-4	252	Sr.	3L
	47	Trent Nate	5-9	222	Jr.	JC
WR (X)	10	Chris Stallworth	6-3	214	Sr.	3L
	5	Raymond Hicks	5-10	184	Jr.	JC
WR (Y)	80	Jason Thomas	6-3	208	So.	1L
	18	Tony Pennyman	5-10	180	Fr.	HS
WR (H)	81	Kenny Coleman	5-10	175	Sr.	SQ
	82	Joel Higginson	6-0	187	Jr.	SQ
WR (Z)	19	Jerome Eason	6-3	213	So.	1L
	3	Barry Tolli	6-1	195	Jr.	JC
QB	4	Travis Cox	6-2	211	Jr.	2L
	12	Matt Crivello	6-1	191	Jr.	RS
	16	Bryan Black	6-2	183	Fr.	RS
	or 17	Leon Jackson III	6-2	185	Fr.	HS
TB	39	David Fiefia	5-8	200	Sr.	3L
	7	Richard Watson	5-9	208	So.	1L
	34	Travis Davis	5-7	170	Fr.	HS

Defense

Pos.	No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
LT	41	Justin Jackson	6-3	267	Sr.	1L
	96	Tim Jessop	6-4	232	Fr.	RS
NG	92	Ronald Tupea	6-2	293	Jr.	2L
	75	Ryan DeQuillettes	6-3	278	So.	1L
	66	Brent Pollock	6-2	312	Jr.	JC
RT	90	Michael Gates	6-4	245	So.	1L
	99	Jarom Fano	6-0	257	So.	RS
STUD	91	Nate Putnam	6-7	239	Jr.	2L
	43	Ryan Taylor	6-4	220	So.	1L
	or 42	Kelly Poppinga	6-2	237	Fr.	HS
MAC	30	Robert Watts	6-3	224	Jr.	2L
	51	Matt Wiser	6-0	224	So.	1L
SAM	49	Rodney Wilson	6-2	215	Sr.	3L
	46	Jared Johnstun	6-2	231	So.	1L
WILL	40	Nate Fredrick	6-3	230	So.	1L
	48	Jake Stewart	6-4	221	So.	1L
LC	20	Jerome Dennis	6-1	192	Jr.	2L
	2	Mark Estelle	5-9	175	Sr.	2L
SS	21	Mike Rosencrans	6-0	203	Sr.	1L
	4	Joe Lindsay	5-11	177	Fr.	RS
	or 36	Ross Luna	5-10	195	Jr.	2L
FS	1	Derrek Shank	5-11	194	Sr.	3L
	9	Terrance Washington	5-11	197	Fr.	RS
RC	6	Marvin Clark	5-10	187	Jr.	RS
	23	Reggie Willson	5-10	186	So.	1L
	or 29	Cornelius Lamb	6-3	185	So.	1L

Special Teams

Pos.	No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
P	15	Ben Chaet	6-0	193	So.	SQ
	13	Justin Hamblin	5-11	148	Fr.	TR
PK	13	Justin Hamblin	5-11	148	Fr.	TR
	15	Ben Chaet	6-0	193	So.	SQ
LS	51	Matt Wiser	6-0	224	So.	1L
	58	Jaison Carriger	6-3	226	So.	1L
SS	92	Ronald Tupea	6-2	293	Jr.	2L
	45	Nick George	6-2	242	So.	1L
H	39	David Fiefia	5-8	200	Sr.	3L
	9	Terrance Washington	5-11	197	Fr.	RS
PR	39	David Fiefia	5-8	200	Sr.	3L
	5	Raymond Hicks	5-10	184	Jr.	JC
	81	Kenny Coleman	5-10	175	Sr.	SQ
KOR	20	Jerome Dennis	6-1	192	Jr.	2L
	39	David Fiefia	5-8	200	Sr.	3L
	23	Reggie Willson	5-10	186	So.	1L
	5	Raymond Hicks	5-10	184	Jr.	JC

KEY: 1L = one varsity letter, HS= High School experience, JC=Junior College, RS= Redshirt, SQ=Squad (did not letter), TR=Transfer

Duplicate Numbers
 4 QB Travis Cox
 4 SS Joe Lindsay
 10 WR Chris Stallworth
 10 FS Vaughn Mansfield

GAME #1
 at Rice-Eccles Stadium, Salt Lake City, Utah

Aug. 28

UTAH 40, UTAH STATE 20

Missed opportunities cost the Aggies in a 40-20 loss to open the season at Utah. Utah State penetrated the Utes' 35-yard line four times in the first half and came away with just three points. The Aggies also had a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown called back in the first quarter due to a block in the back behind the play. Despite the mistakes, USU trailed just 14-3 at halftime and after Utah scored a touchdown midway through the third period, USU showed some life with a safety and a Travis Cox touchdown run to pull within 21-12. However, the Utes scored the game's next 13 points and led 34-12 with less than five minutes remaining to seal the game.

USU quarterback Travis Cox made his starting debut and responded by hitting 19-of-41 passes for 280 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for another. Chris Stallworth pulled in five balls for 113 yards and a 50-yard touchdown, while David Fiefia rushed nine times for 54 yards. Defensively Robert Watts was credited with 16 tackles, while Derrek Shank posted 12 stops.

The Aggie offense produced 357 yards, but the Utes ran up 382 yards while controlling the ball for 36:33.

Note-able

USU's defense recorded two interceptions for the first multiple interception game since the third contest of 2002 (Idaho State)... Five USU players made their first career starts... Chris Stallworth's 113 receiving yards were a career high... USU's 20 points were its most in a season opener since 1997... LB Robert Watts' 16 tackles matched the most by an Aggie in the last 17 games... USU allowed only two plays of 20 yards or more (a 20-yard rush and a 30-yard pass).

Score By Quarters

Utah State	0	3	9	8	- 20
Utah	7	7	7	19	- 40

Scoring Summary

- Utah - 1st (7:16) - Miles, 12 pass from Elliott (Borreson kick)
- USU - 2nd (9:13) - Hamblin, 21 FG
- Utah - 2nd (3:33) - Warfield, 4 run (Borreson kick)
- Utah - 3rd (8:01) - Elliott, 1 run (Borreson kick)
- USU - 3rd (3:29) - Team safety (ball snapped out of endzone)
- USU - 3rd (:25) - Cox, 7 run (Hamblin kick)
- Utah - 4th (11:15) - Borreson, 24 FG
- Utah - 4th (8:38) - Borreson, 36 FG
- Utah - 4th (4:57) - Warren, 30 pass from Smith (Borreson kick)
- USU - 4th (4:05) - Stallworth, 50 pass from Cox (Cooley pass)
- Utah - 4th (1:09) - Latendresse, 5 pass from Smith (Borreson kick)

Team Statistics

	USU	Utah
First Downs	18	24
Rushing	26-77	53-202
Passing	41-19-1	26-16-2
Passing Yards	280	180
Total Offense	67-357	79-382
Fumbles	1-1	1-0
Penalties	8-70	3-20
Punts	4-43.5	1-35.0
Punt Returns	1-6	2-34
Kickoff Returns	7-125	2-72
Possession	23:27	36:33

Individual Rushing

USU: Fiefia 9-54, Watson 5-22, Cox 9-6, Eason 1-0, Tolli 1-(-2)
Utah: Warfield 33-173

Individual Passing

USU: Cox 41-19-1, 280
Utah: Elliott 19-11-2, 94

Individual Receiving

USU: Stallworth 5-113, Cooley 4-26, Fiefia 2-31, Hicks 2-26, Eason 2-20, Tolli 1-40, Coleman 1-11, Stephens 1-10, Watson 1-3
Utah: Warren 7-103

USU Punt Returns: Fiefia 1-6

USU KO Returns: Dennis 3-53, Wisner, 2-28, Hicks 1-23, Coleman 1-21

USU Interception Returns: Estelle 1-38, Washington 1-0

USU Tackle Leaders: Watts 16, Shank 12, Stewart 9, Wilson 8, Putnam 8



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Utah State Schedules/Results - (August-September) (as of August 31, 2003)

Wednesday, August 27 Soccer at Dixie (Exhibition game)	W 3-0	Tuesday, Sept. 16 SOCCER VS. UTAH	4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 28 Football at Utah	L 20-40	Thursday, Sept. 18 Men's Tennis at BYU Invitational Volleyball at CS Northridge	8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29 Volleyball vs. SW Texas State at Ogden, Utah Soccer at Southern Utah	W 3-1 W 2-0	Friday, Sept. 19 Men's Tennis at BYU Invitational	
Saturday, Aug. 30 Cross Country at Idaho State Invitational Volleyball vs. Oral Roberts at Ogden, Utah Volleyball at Weber State	W 3-0 W 3-0	Saturday, Sept. 20 Men's Tennis at BYU Invitational Volleyball at Pacific	8 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 31 Soccer at UNLV	2 p.m.	Tuesday, Sept. 23 VOLLEYBALL VS. UTAH Soccer at Portland State	6 p.m. 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 3 VOLLEYBALL VS. IDAHO STATE	7 p.m.	Thursday, Sept. 25 Women's Tennis at BYU Invitational	
Thursday, Sept. 4 Soccer at Weber State	5 p.m.	Friday, Sept. 26 Women's Tennis at BYU Invitational Golf at Idaho Tournament Soccer at Boise State VOLLEYBALL VS. IDAHO	2:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5 Volleyball vs. Alabama at Bozeman, Mont.	5 p.m.	Saturday, Sept. 27 Women's Tennis at BYU Invitational Golf at Idaho Tournament FOOTBALL VS. UL-MONROE* Cross Country at Griak Invitational, Minneapolis	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6 Football at Nebraska Volleyball at Montana State Volleyball vs. Kansas State at Bozeman, Mont.	10:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 5 p.m.	Sunday, Sept. 28 Soccer at Wyoming	11:30 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 7 SOCCER VS. IDAHO STATE	1 p.m.	Monday, Sept. 29 Golf at Gonzaga Tournament	
Thursday, Sept. 11 SOCCER VS. NEVADA	5 p.m.	Tuesday, Sept. 30 Golf at Gonzaga Tournament	
Friday, Sept. 12 Volleyball at Hawaii	10:30 p.m.		
Saturday, Sept. 13 Football at Arizona State Cross Country at BYU Invitational Volleyball vs. Weber State or Stanford, at Honolulu, Hawaii	8 p.m.		
Sunday, Sept. 14 SOCCER VS. GONZAGA	Noon		