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## The Haters on GMG

Posted by Buford\_Julep - 2010/01/05 10:02

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I wish they would get there stories straight. In the off-season we can't recruit , but during the regular season we have great talent but can't coach. Which is it? All of the above is not an acceptable answer.

Last season all I heard was how great MTSU and how they would be walking away with the title if it had not been for injuries. It would be amazing how much smarter our coaches would be if Dom, Eric and Thomas were available.

The three games against non-D1 teams is a non issue. Look at the other Sun Belt schedules. They all do the same except Denver. Look at previous NT schedules. With the exception of a few years in the Southland when the league mandated D-1 games only, NT has always scheduled about 3 Non-D1's a year. Blakely's first 20-win team was against a very tough schedule. After that, he couldn't schedule any one at home except non-D-1's.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/01/05 13:55

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I've gotten so annoyed with it that I've pretty much stopped posting completely during this frustrating stretch of bad luck and tough games.

I think we've got too many people, not just in our fan base but in all of sports, who follow sports to be miserable instead of enjoying the games.

A lot of folks have insane, unrealistic expectations that almost no non Major 7 basketball conference could possibly meet. Instead of enjoying the greatest run of success this school's team has seen in almost 100 years, they have to bitch and complain about how this almost unprecedented period of sustained success isn't up to their lofty standards. We ought to be beating teams that refuse to schedule us! We ought to be winning on the road against teams that have only lost at their arena once or twice in the past decade!

This season looks like it's going to be an injury-riddled letdown. We might ONLY win 18 games in the regular season. As frustrating as it is that we won't have a path to the postseason as easy as it originally seemed we would... This is still probably going to have been a pretty good season once it's all over with.

There are legitimate things to be frustrated over, and justifiable complaints about how the team is being managed. But, in the grand scheme of things, they're pretty minor compared to what most schools are dealing with. My big worry is that the magic runs out after next year's mass graduation.

Hopefully it doesn't take another 85 years for us to get back to this level again.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/05 21:11

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Good stuff guys.

This season is on the razors edge right now, but the way some folks seem to almost take glee in our losses is rather sad. I really want to win on Thursday just to shut some of them up for a day or two.

That is kinda pathetic isn't it? I'm more looking forward to them STFU than actually enjoying a win.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/06 23:55

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Brilliant post on GMG Tasty

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/01/07 02:51

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If you liked that, you'll love what I was keeping in reserve for the first time someone mentioned "Gonzaga".

Thanks.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by censored by laurie - 2010/01/07 08:46

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/07 09:33

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Nice to see you make an appearance here CBL, it's been awhile.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/01/07 13:57

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He also complained about how we didn't bother to go out and recruit a point guard last year, and wouldn't cop to being an ignorant moron even after I pointed out Alzee Williams.

He also chimed in during one of the basketball chats to complain about how the lack of consistency in this year is a sign that Johnny Jones isn't a good coach. When I pointed out that we graduated 4 players, THEN lost two starters and two reserves to injuries... He still didn't seem to realize why that might compromise our consistency.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by Quoner - 2010/01/08 11:07

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There's a mass celebration being led by a fire-helmed hero after each loss now. They want Tasty's blood for sticking up for the bigger picture of the program while focusing on a tiny slice of the short-term.

What a great fan base.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/08 12:16

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:lol: I know.

Look, I'm not that thrilled right now either. The season seems close to spiraling out of control(boy do we need a win on

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Saturday). But man, some of those guys are just ridiculous. Except for game threads I'm this close to just posting over here.

Even if i'm the only one who does!

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by Green P! - 2010/01/09 14:35

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Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/01/11 15:32

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I think you're on to something with the frustration and misguided anger. It's what I was talking about when I mentioned most of our fans have spent a lifetime thinking that anything our sports teams can or have accomplished is worthless or meaningless.

The whole thread over there has gotten to a point where I don't even want to log in and look at it anymore. Meanrob has some stuff that's legitimate, even if I don't share his opinion, but I have to spend so much time arguing with a constantly shifting target that I'd almost rather just quit and not bother.

I don't think I'm some sort of KRAM-style super-optimist who can see no wrong. And I don't think I'm being a sad sack and settling for crap just because we strung together a few good seasons.

Started out trying to say that we can enjoy Good while making the journey towards Very Good or Great. Wound up trying to explain how Gonzaga became Gonzaga. Started out trying to point out that some of our fans may be a little ignorant or naive about the difficulty of their demands, wound up arguing with a guy who seems to want us to be an overnight SuperFrankenstein of Gonzaga, Butler, WKU, George Mason, and any other college basketball team he's ever heard of.

I'd be surprised if there are many other fans out there (not counting present company on this island of joy and non-retardation) who are as frustrated and disappointed as I am over what's happened and what's happening to this season.

I don't think I've told anyone this, but I saved an extra schedule poster and the front page from one of my season ticket books. I have them stored away with at least one ticket stub from every game I've attended this season (all of which are sealed in a ziplock bag). Because my expectations going into this season were that we could have the sort of breakthrough year... The big conference run, the NCAA bid, maybe an upset win... The stuff I'm having people tell me I'm an idiot for not expecting or demanding.

I've been saving all this stuff in pristine condition so that I could get it all framed and have a permanent reminder of this season hanging on my wall. I scheduled my entire life around our non-conference schedule so that I could attend 11 out of our first 12 games. The only two games we played before New Year's that I didn't attend in person were Boise the day

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after Thanksgiving and UALR on the eve of New Year's Day (which is a bigger deal than Christmas to Greek people like my mother).

I didn't do that so I could see a good effort or the baby steps in the "25 year plan" I never proposed but keep getting mocked over. I honestly thought this was the year we could get those OOC upsets on the road. Even after Dom's injury, I thought we could get 15 conference wins this year.

It's just such a beating dealing with our fan base sometimes. If I do end up having to leave GMG, I'm not sure if I'll miss it very much. Thank goodness this place, even if it is a tiny community, isn't more widely known.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by Quoner - 2010/01/11 18:38

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I got involved and hate myself for it. GreenP1 has challenged me that I can't walk away, but the idea is getting easier by the day. My problem over here is that everyone is pretty measured and smart about things, so I don't feel the need to chime in (unless you want 300 "yeah, what he said's").

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/11 21:29

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Well, over here when we disagree over where we're headed - or if the season is a "failure" - everyone is at least sane about things. I would say in general SUMG and GrandGreen are a bit more disappointed than us late 20/early 30's guys are about where we are right now. But that makes sense because they date back to at least Blakely's (arguably our best coach ever, even if his most successful yrs weren't with "his" guys) run in the 70's, so they know how good things can be. Grand even reference Spika's era in one of his posts, not sure if he goes back that far or not?

Of course Buford also dates back awhile, so maybe my theory in bunk. :lol:

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by Green P! - 2010/02/21 23:29

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Are we mid-nervous breakdown over there?

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/22 09:26

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Good question P1.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by SUMG - 2010/02/22 14:53

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To me there is no bigger waste of time in sports.....than trying to compare different eras. There are different standards to go by.....and what not. Just for example, the NCAA tournament only took 32 teams during the early Blakely years---then it was bumped up to 48.

But on the other hand.....NCAA standards for staying academically eligible are much tougher now. Much tougher.

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My dream though is that if JJ gets hired away that we'd bring in Billy Gillespie. If he was at our game the other day....I'm wondering if he was looking at UALR as a place to resume his career. Man would that be another great coach in the league.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by Quoner - 2010/02/22 16:08

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93 Cowboys vs. 92 Penguins vs. 98 Yankees vs. this year's MBB team -- who ya got?

And having just got back in town and read the full extent of what was posted, I am very concerned for Rick. Is this about appreciating the past or appreciating him for knowing the past?

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/02/22 17:04

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Foy is the one with Juco national championship on his resume. Here's what I have to say about the folks like my friend FFR. He cares. He wants us to win. He is not the problem. None of you guys are the problem. The problems are the 90+% of our alums who leave NT and never look back. That's the problem....the apathetic. The passionate.....those I can deal with....even if they're guys who I occasionally disagree with.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/02/22 18:38

Oh, I love Rick and no matter how batshit crazy he may get over this whole basketball situation, I still want him to consider me his friend.

Even when I'm trying to reason with him, either in person, on the phone, or on GMG... I try to communicate in a way that lets him know I still like and respect him.

Oh, and thanks for letting me know it was Foy. I'm sick of looking through media guide info.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/22 18:39

Well said SUMG. This team, especially with the roll we're on, should be drawing way more than it has this season. I hope like hell we have a great crowd on Thursday....that's one of the biggest games in the SuperPit the last 3 years or so.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by Aaron - 2010/02/27 20:05

I have not glanced at gmg.com in years. I have no desire to do so.

I like FFR as well, but reading this thread it sounds like the same arguments I had with him in the past about basketball.

That was not why I quit going there though. I just could not find anything valuable, find anything worth my time, or even find posts that did not make me dumber. And then attempting to reason with people on there is just an endless source of frustration.

I haven't posted much on here, but I read it a lot, and I loved this thread. I doubt anyone over there is eating crow right now after this amazing month of February (even though it sounds like they should be), but I know what you guys are up against.

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## Re:The Haters on GMG

Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/27 21:50

Nice to see ya Aaron, I was wondering how you were these days.

