

# Utah State

## Athletic Media Relations

Mike Strauss, Director (435) 797-1361  
Doug Hoffman, Associate Director (435) 797-3714  
Lis Erickson, Assistant Director (435) 797-2066

• 7400 Old Main Hill, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-7400 • Fax: (435) 797-2615 •

### September 1, 2002

#### Game 2 at #9 Nebraska

Sat., Sept. 7, 5 p.m. (Mountain)  
Memorial Stadium (73,918)  
Lincoln, Neb.

**Radio:** 610 AM (Logan)  
94.5 FM (Logan)  
98.3 FM (Salt Lake City)  
106.3 FM (Ogden/SLC)  
104.7 FM (Utah County/SLC)  
102.3 FM (Bear Lake)  
105.5 FM (Randolph)  
www.UtahStateAggies.com

**TV:** None/NU Internet

**USU Tickets:** 1-888-U-STATE-1  
(435) 797-0305  
www.UtahStateAggies.com

**USU SID:** Mike Strauss  
(435) 797-1361

**NU SID:** Chris Anderson  
(402) 472-2263

#### 2002 Utah State (0-1)

Aug. 31	UTAH	L 3-23
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>at Nebraska</b>	<b>5:00</b>
Sept. 14	IDAHO STATE	7:05
Sept. 21	at Iowa	1:40
Sept. 28	at Boise State	6:00
Oct. 4	BYU	7:05
Oct. 19	NEW MEXICO	3:05
Oct. 26	at La.-Monroe	5:00
Nov. 9	N.M. STATE	1:05
Nov. 16	at Troy State	1:00
Nov. 30	at Middle Tenn.	1:00

(all times are Mountain)

\*\*\*\*\*

#### 2002 Nebraska (2-0)

Aug. 24	ARIZONA ST.	W 48-10
Aug. 31	TROY STATE	W 31-16
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>UTAH STATE</b>	
Sept. 14	at Penn State	
Sept. 28	at Iowa State	
Oct. 5	McNEESE ST.	
Oct. 12	MISSOURI	
Oct. 19	at Oklahoma State	
Oct. 26	at Texas A&M	
Nov. 2	TEXAS	
Nov. 9	KANSAS	
Nov. 16	at Kansas State	
Nov. 29	COLORADO	

**QUICKLY** — After opening the season with a 23-3 loss against Utah, the Aggies (0-1) will travel to Nebraska (2-0) on Saturday... The Huskers are ranked ninth in the AP and eighth in the USA Today poll as of August 26... USU is making its fifth visit to a Big XII school in the last seven years... USU will play on artificial turf for the first time in 14 games (13 straight on natural grass)... USU is 2-10 in night games in the Mick Dennehy era... USU is 3-9 on the road in the Dennehy era and has lost two straight away from Logan since winning at Connecticut on Nov. 10, 2001... USU's first six opponents this year are a combined 7-0 through games of August 31, while the final five opponents are a combined 1-5.

**ON THE AIR** -- All Utah State football games are carried on the Aggie Radio Network with Al "Mr. Omaha Steaks" Lewis handling the play-by-play duties and Craig "Steak Fries" Hislop providing analysis. Saturday's game will not be televised.

**TRAVEL PLANS** -- Utah State will charter a flight from the Salt Lake City Airport and arrive in Lincoln for a 1:30 p.m. practice in Memorial Stadium. Coach Dennehy will be available for the media prior to practice and the first 15 minutes of practice will be open to the media. USU will headquarter at the Omaha Marriot Hotel. Mike Strauss and Doug Hoffman will represent the Media Relations Department on the trip.

**LAST TIME OUT** -- A closely contested game for three quarters turned into a 23-3 victory for Utah as the Utes scored 16 points in the game's final quarter. Utah State limited Utah to 240 yards of total offense through three quarters before the Utes ran up 207 yards and scored on their first three possessions of the final quarter. Utah State could not get its offense untracked as the Aggies punted 10 times in the game and could only manage a field goal on a 60-yard drive at the end of the first half. Utah held the ball 37:03, including 13:42 in the final quarter to go on to its fifth straight win in the series.

Kevin Curtis led the USU offensive effort with six receptions for 98 yards, while Chris Stallworth pulled in six balls for 31 yards. LB Jesse Busta was credited with 12 tackles and S Jamar Glasper added 11 stops. USU rushed for minus nine yards, the first time the Aggies did not record positive rushing yards since rushing for minus seven against Kansas State in 1999.

**GAME TIME CHANGE** -- Utah State's game at Iowa on Sept. 21 has been moved to a 1:40 p.m. mountain time kickoff.

**OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS** -- USU will face six different opponents that are receiving votes in the preseason polls: Nebraska (10 AP/8 USA Today), Brigham Young (40/31), Utah (40/38), Boise State (44/51), Middle Tennessee (50/--), Iowa (--/49). Four of USU's first six games are against teams that played in bowl games last year.

**UP NEXT** -- Utah State will return to Logan to host Idaho State on Sept. 14 at 7:05 p.m. in the Aggies' only home game in the month of September. USU is 10-2 all-time against the Bengals and rallied from a 27-0 deficit midway through the third quarter last year to win 28-27.

## Media Information

### Weekly Press Conference

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. at Coppermill Restaurant  
(exceptions are Aug. 26 at Stan Laub Indoor Training Center and Sept. 2 at Dee Glen Smith Spectrum (third floor))

\*\*\*\*\*

### 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  
610 AM (Logan)  
94.5 FM (Logan)  
98.3 FM (Salt Lake City)  
106.3 FM (Ogden)  
104.7 FM (Utah County)  
102.3 FM (Bear Lake)  
105.5 FM (Randolph)  
www.UtahStateAggies.com

#### • Mick Dennehy Radio Show

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

#### • Aggie Weekly Radio Show

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.

#### • Mick Dennehy on KFNZ

Tuesdays, 6:05 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*

### USU On The Web

www.UtahStateAggies.com

\*\*\*\*\*

### Athletic Media Relations

Director: Mike Strauss

W: (435) 797-1361

H: (435) 755-0597

Cell: (435) 770-3131

e-mail: mike.strauss@usu.edu

Associate: Doug Hoffman

W: (435) 797-3714

Assistant: Lis Erickson

W: (435) 797-2066

**COACH MICK DENNEHY** — In his third year at Utah State is Mick Dennehy (Montana, 1973), who was hired on Dec. 3, 1999. He compiled a 39-12 record in four years at Montana and his 76.5 winning percentage is the best at that school for coaches with more than two years. 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. 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
<u>2002</u>	<u>Utah State</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>.000</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	
	Western Montana (3 yrs.)	10-13	.435	6-12	.333	Revived Program
	Montana (4 years)	39-12	.765	27-5	.844	Four playoffs
	<u>Utah State (3rd year)</u>	<u>9-14</u>	<u>.391</u>	<u>4-1</u>	<u>.800</u>	<u>50th career win</u>
	Totals (10th year)	58-39	.598	37-18	.673	3-4 in playoffs

### USU UNDER DENNEHY

- USU is 9-8 vs. unranked teams in Dennehy's two years.
- In his two years at USU, the Aggies have recorded the school's all-time attendance average record (21,784 in 2001) and fourth-best average (19,910 in 2000). The record in 2001 came without the benefit of playing Utah or BYU at home.
- USU has produced four of the top 10 all-time total offense games in school history in his two years, including a school-record tying 684 yards against Weber State in 2001.
- USU has also produced three of the top five best passing games in school history in Dennehy's two years.
- USU has produced two Associated Press third-team All-Americans in his two 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.

**2002 NCAA Rankings**

Team	Rank	Avg.
Total Offense	100	162.0
Rushing Offense	103	-9.0
Passing Offense	70	171.0
Scoring Offense	96	3.0
Total Defense	83	447.0
Rushing Defense	93	282.0
Passing Defense	40	165.0
Scoring Defense	55	23.0
Kickoff Returns	45	20.8
Punt Returns	40	11.0
Net Punting	13	41.7
TO Margin	84	-2.0

**Individual Rank Avg.****Kevin Curtis**

Rec. Yards	23	98.0
Receptions	31	6.0

**Roger Robinson**

Kickoff Returns	35	20.7
Punt Returns	36	11.0

**Jose Fuentes**

Completions	21	18.0
Pass Efficiency	77	82.75
Total Offense	79	152.0

**Dane Kidman**

Field Goals	27	1.0
-------------	----	-----

**Steve Mullins**

Punting	28	42.3
---------	----	------

**Chris Stallworth**

Receptions	31	6.0
------------	----	-----

\*\*\*\*\*

**USU Season Attendance  
Average Bests**

1. 21,784 in 2001
2. 21,534 in 1996
3. 19,964 in 1993
4. 19,910 in 2000
5. 19,675 in 1979

\*\*\*\*\*

**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. 30,257 vs. Utah, Aug. 31, 1996

**THE USU-NEBRASKA SERIES** -- Yipes... Nebraska leads 6-0 with all six meetings coming in Lincoln... The Aggies last visited Nebraska's capital city in 1991 and lost 59-28... Nebraska has outscored Utah State 283-80 (47.2-13.3) in the previous six games... USU is 9-37-1 all-time against current members of the Big XII Conference and has played every team with the exception of Texas A&M... In the last six years USU has played at Oklahoma State (1996), at Colorado (1998), at Kansas State (1999), and at Texas Tech (2000)... Mick Dennehy has never coached against Nebraska in his career.

**USU-NEBRASKA LAST TIME** -- Utah State put some numbers up statistically, but they were not enough to overcome the 14th-ranked Huskers as Nebraska won 59-28 at Lincoln on Sept. 7, 1991. In that game USU's Ron Lopez threw for 373 yards for the fourth most passing yards allowed by the Huskers in school history, while Rod Moore's 220 receiving yards were the second most ever against NU. As a team, USU piled up 421 yards of total offense. The Huskers jumped out to a 17-0 lead before the Aggies scored in the first quarter to trail 17-7. A third quarter rally cut the Nebraska margin to 31-20 before the Huskers powered to the victory. The game was suspended in the fourth quarter for 19 minutes due to a lightning delay.

**USU-NEBRASKA NOTE-ABLE** -- This year will mark the seventh time in seven meetings that Nebraska has been ranked when the Aggies have met the Huskers... NU was ranked first in 1971, second in 1987 and 1988 and fourth in 1966 for its top marks in the poll at game time... Utah State's basketball team played in the Bob Devaney Center in the 1988 NCAA Tournament, losing to Vanderbilt in the first round... OT Jim Newton was born in Omaha, Neb., but went to high school in California... USU Assistant AD/Student Services Brian Evans grew up in North Platte, Neb... His assistant Leslie Barnes is also from Nebraska... Nebraska play-by-play announcer Jim Rose teamed with USU SID Mike Strauss for an Oklahoma State basketball radio broadcast in 1989 when Strauss was at OSU.

**BIG CROWD AGAIN** -- As Utah State heads to Lincoln to play in the 250th consecutive sellout at Nebraska (capacity 73,918), here is a look at the largest crowds USU has played in front of:

1. 87,756 at LSU, 2001
2. 86,117 at Georgia, 1999
3. 76,233 at Nebraska, 1988
4. 76,115 at Nebraska, 1991
5. 75,953 at Nebraska, 1979

**CROWDED AT HOME AS WELL** -- Last Saturday's home game against Utah drew 30,757 fans to Romney Stadium, 500 more than capacity, for the fourth largest crowd in school history.

**ANOTHER RANKED OPPONENT** -- Last year Utah State played a school record four opponents that were ranked at game time in #13 LSU, #6 Oregon, #18 Brigham Young and #21 Fresno State. Utah State is 1-35 all-time against teams ranked in the top 25 with its lone win a 20-19 win against Fresno State in 1991. The Aggies have lost 10 straight against top 25 teams since that victory. All-time USU is 0-16 against teams in the top 10, including 0-8 against teams in the top five.

**DID YOU KNOW?** - Nebraska's first six games are all against schools with "State" in their name.

**USU Career Records List**

**Jose Fuentes**

**Passing Yards Yds.**

- 1. Tony Adams 6226
- 2. Brent Snyder 6105
- 3. FUENTES 6074**

**Pass Completions No.**

- 1. FUENTES 476**
- 2. Brent Snyder 472

**Pass Attempts No.**

- 1. Brent Snyder 874
- 2. Tony Adams 867
- 3. FUENTES 853**

**Completion Percentage**

- 1. Keith Myers .607
- 2. FUENTES .561**
- 3. Patrick Mullins .558

**TD Passes No.**

- 1. Tony Adams 52
- 2. FUENTES 40**

**Total Offense Yds.**

- 1. Tony Adams 6587
- 2. Eric Hipple 6121
- 3. Brent Snyder 5928
- 4. Anthony Calvillo 5838
- 5. FUENTES 5779**

**Career 300-Yard Passing Games**

- 1. Brent Snyder 10
- NR. FUENTES 5**

\* \* \* \* \*

**Kevin Curtis**

**Receiving Yards Yds.**

- 1. Kendall Smith 2943
- 10. Mike O'Shea 1798
- NR. CURTIS 1629**

**Receptions No.**

- 1. Kendal Smith 169
- 10. Tracy Jenkins 121
- NR. CURTIS 106**

**TD Receptions No.**

- 1. Kendal Smith 25
- 10. Two with 13
- NR. CURTIS 10**

**ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATES** -- Utah State boasts two legitimate All-America candidates in wide receiver Kevin Curtis and punter Steve Mullins. Last year Curtis led the nation every week of the season in receptions and finished the year with 100 catches (9.1 per game) for 1,531 yards. Mullins, who was fourth in the country with a school record average of 44.1 yards per punt, is the top returnee in the country. Last year Curtis earned third-team All-America honors by the Associated Press, while The Football News named Mullins an honorable mention selection.

**PRESEASON ACCOLADES** -- Here is a look at several national publications' All-America and all-Independent teams:

**Football News**

All-America -- Kevin Curtis (3rd)  
Independent -- Kevin Curtis, David Fiefia, Jesse Busta

**The Sporting News**

All-America -- Steve Mullins (2nd)

**Athlon**

All-America -- Kevin Curtis (3rd)

**Lindy's**

Receiver Rankings -- Kevin Curtis (18th)

**Street & Smith's**

Kevin Curtis Independent Player of the Year

**Phil Steele's**

Receiver Rankings -- Kevin Curtis (20th)  
Punter Rankings -- Steve Mullins (15th)  
Inside Linebackers -- Jesse Busta (28th)  
All-Independent -- 1st - Jose Fuentes, Kevin Curtis, Jim Newton, Jesse Busta, Steve Mullins; 2nd - Trevor Hutton, Nate Putnam; 3rd - Mark Estelle, Jamar Gasper, Roger (Fernandez) Robinson

**NATIONAL AWARD WATCH** -- WR Kevin Curtis and P Steve Mullins are on the national watch lists for the Biletnikoff (top receiver) and Ray Guy (top punter) awards respectively. Both were semifinalists for those awards last year.

**LISTFUENTES SETTING RECORDS** -- Here is a look at QB Jose Fuentes' USU records:

**USU Records Already Established**

Season Pass Completions Per Game - 23.6 in 2001  
Season Consecutive Pass Attempts Without An Interception - 184 in 2000  
Season 200-Yard Passing Games - 11 in 2001  
Career 200-Yard Passing Games - 18, 1999-present  
Season 400-Yard Passing Games - 2 in 2000 (tied with Tony Adams, 1972)  
Career 400-Yard Passing Games - 3, 1999-present  
Season Touchdown Passes - 23 in 2001  
Season Touchdown Passes Per Game - 2.2 in 2001

**Records Added This Year**

Career Completions - 476

**DID YOU KNOW?** -- Last season Kevin Curtis produced the 16th best receiving yardage total in NCAA history (1,531) with the 19th most receptions (100) in history.

**2002 Opponents**

Opp.	Rec.	This Week
Utah	1-0	Indiana
Nebraska	2-0	Utah State
Idaho State	1-0	Bye
Iowa	1-0	at Miami (Ohio)
Boise State	1-0	at Arkansas
BYU	1-0	Hawai'i
New Mexico	1-1	at Air Force
La. Monroe	0-1	at Kansas St.
N.M. State	0-1	at California
Troy State	0-1	at UAB
Mid. Tenn.	0-1	at Tennessee

\* \* \* \* \*

**2002 Opponents  
In the Polls  
(Aug. 26)**

Opponent	AP	USA/ESPN
Nebraska	9	8
BYU	42	30
Utah	43	32
Boise State	45	50
Mid. Tenn.	49	--
Iowa	--	52

\* \* \* \* \*

**Ranked Opponents in  
Dennehy Era (game time)**

2000 - None  
 2001 - 4 (LSU, Ore., BYU, Fresno St.)  
 2002 - 1 (Nebraska)

\* \* \* \* \*

**Most Ranked Opponents  
Played in One Season**

4 in 2001 (LSU, Ore, BYU, Fresno St)  
 3 in 1991 (Neb., Okla., Fresno State)

\* \* \* \* \*

**NCAA Record Lists**

**Career TD Passes**

68. Steve Slayden, Duke 48  
**NR. JOSE FUENTES 40**

**Career Receptions**

73. Tim Delaney, SDSU 180  
**NR. KEVIN CURTIS 106**

**STARTING THEM YOUNG**

-- In last week's game against Utah DE John Chick became the freshman to start a season opener for USU since 1993 when Pratt Lyons started at defensive tackle against Louisiana-Lafayette. Chick is not alone as a freshman starter on the defensive line as NG Jorge Tapia started eight games as a redshirt freshman in 2000 and DT Ronald Tupea started seven games as a true freshman last year.

**STARTING OVER**

-- Five Aggies made their first career starts against Utah, including four players who had never played a down for USU in DE John Chick, OC Aric Galliano, OG Greg Vandermade and OT Grant Calverley. DE Jeremy Guenter, who played for USU last year, made his first start as well.

**OFFENSIVE NOTES**

— USU boasted the nation's 32nd ranked total offense last year, including the 13th-ranked passing offense, but managed just 162 yards against Utah with 174 passing yards and minus nine yards rushing... USU failed to score a touchdown for the first time since losing 31-3 at Idaho in 1999... USU's three points against Utah were its fewest in a game since that same Idaho contest... USU's three points were its fewest in a season opener since losing 49-3 at Arizona in 1992... USU had negative rushing yards for the first time since 1999 when the Aggies rushed 18 times for negative seven yards against Kansas State... USU started three linemen who had never played a down before the opener in OC Aric Galliano, RG Greg Vandermade and RT Grant Calverley... USU's lone scoring drive against Utah was an eight-play, 60-yard drive in just :31 and resulted in a 22-yard field goal on the last play of the first half... USU's 13 drives included one field goal, 10 punts, one interception and one ended on downs... USU had only two possessions in the fourth quarter against Utah and went three and out both times with a combined possession time of 1:18... USU's two turnovers against Utah were its fewest in a season opener since committing just one against Utah in the 1998 lid-lifter.

**DEFENSIVE NOTES**

-- USU's defense, which was ranked 105th nationally a year ago, held Utah to 240 yards of offense and just seven points through three quarters before allowing 207 yards and 16 points in the final quarter... USU forced Utah into four three and out situations in their first six possessions... The Aggies had both defensive ends (freshmen John Chick and sophomore Jeremy Guenter) make their first career starts ... USU played four freshmen on the defensive line in the game, including Chick, Ryan DeQuillettes, Michael Gates, and Jake Stewart... USU held Utah to three-of-12 on third down conversion attempts through the first three quarters before the Utes made six-of-seven in the fourth quarter when they possessed the ball for 13:42... USU recorded two sacks in the game against Utah, including one solo by Robert Watts and one combined sack by Jesse Busta and Jake Stewart.

**SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

-- USU averaged 11.0 yards on two punt returns against Utah, both by Roger Robinson, as well as 20.8 on four kickoff returns (three by Robinson and one by David Fiefia)... USU punted 10 times against Utah, its most punts in a game since punting 11 times at Kansas State in 1999... USU covered punts well as only three punts were returned for a total of six yards... Utah missed two field goal attempts against the Aggies and USU blocked an Utah extra point attempt.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

-- Utah State is one of only 25 schools in the country with a football graduation rate of 70 percent or better according to a report by the American Football Coaches Association. The Aggies graduated 79 percent of their players in the study's time frame.

**USU When...****2001 record (Dennehy era, 2000-)**

Category	2002 (All)
Record	0-1 (9-14)
Scoring First	0-0 (6-7)
Opp. Scores First	0-1 (3-7)
Lead at Half	0-0 (6-3)
Tied at Half	0-0 (0-0)
Trail at Half	0-1 (0-1)
Lead after 3	0-0 (8-2)
Tied after 3	0-0 (0-1)
Trail after 3	0-1 (1-11)
Rush for 200	0-0 (3-1)
Pass for 300	0-0 (2-3)
More Yards than Opp.	0-0 (7-1)
Fewer Yards than Opp.	0-1 (2-13)
More TO than Opp.	0-1 (1-11)
Same TO as Opp.	0-0 (4-1)
Fewer TO than Opp.	0-0 (4-1)
Home	0-1 (6-5)
Away	0-0 (3-9)
Natural Grass	0-1 (8-12)
Artificial Turf	0-0 (1-2)
Day Games	0-0 (7-4)
Night Games	0-1 (2-10)
Decided by one score	0-0 (5-3)

\* \* \* \* \*

**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. **441 vs. WEBER STATE, 2001**
5. **439 vs. IDAHO, 2000**

**DID YOU KNOW?** -- Against Utah, Utah State had more players rush the ball (six) than catch a pass (five) in a game for the first time since the second game of 2000 when six players had a rush and five had a reception against Southern Utah.

**USU NOTE-ABLE** -- For the third straight year, Utah State's first points of the season were a field goal (second straight year the kicker was Dane Kidman)... USU played 55 players in the opener against Utah, including 19 who were seeing their first action for the Aggies. Among those 19 were 11 freshmen... USU's last win at a Big XII opponent's field was a 10-7 win at Kansas State in 1971, while USU's win against a current member of the league was a 28-16 victory against Kansas State in Logan in 1992... After losing to Utah, the Aggies fell to 6-22 all-time against teams receiving votes in the polls... USU will play on artificial turf for just the fourth time in the Mick Dennehy era and is 1-2 on the fake stuff entering this week.

**USU STARTER NOTE-ABLE****Offense**

LT - Jim Newton... Has started team-best 23 games in his career... At 6-10 is tallest player in USU history.

LG - Luis Trujillo... Started five of the last six games in 2001.

OC - Aric Galliano... Made his first start against Utah.

RG - Greg Vandermade... Junior College transfer won starting spot this year.

RT - Grant Calverley... Projected as a starter in 2001, but ended up redshirting.

TE - Casey Poppinga... A two-year starter, who caught three passes last year after pulling in 15 in 2000... Caught two passes in season opener against Utah.

TE/FB - Chris Cooley... First catch as an Aggie was a touchdown at LSU last year.

WR - Kevin Curtis... All-America candidate who led the nation in receptions every week of the season in 2001 as a walkon... Was USU's receiving yardage leader (98 yards) and tied for rushing leader (five yards) against Utah.

WR - Gary Coleman... Had 36 receptions (third on team) for 440 yards (second) last year... Caught four passes for 39 yards against Utah.

WR - Derek Jeffrey... Earned starting spot after spring practice... Caught one pass last year... Matched his last year reception total in the season opener against Utah with one.

WR - Chris Stallworth... Emerged into a solid receiver last year and caught 33 passes for 384 yards and four touchdowns... Tied for team lead in receptions with six against Utah.

QB Jose Fuentes... Has started 21 consecutive games... Had thrown for 200 yards and at least one touchdown in 16 straight games before throwing for 174 and no scores against Utah... Needs just 153 passing yards (has 6,074) for first on the USU career charts... Entered the year ranked fifth among all active NCAA quarterbacks in career passing yards (5,900).

TB - David Fiefia... Started three games as a wide receiver as a freshman, but did not start at tailback last year... Rushed for 116 yards in season finale against Fresno State last year.

TB - Roger (Fernandez) Robinson - Changed last name to match the last name of the father that raised him... First time he touched the ball as a collegian he returned a punt 64 yards for a touchdown against Utah last season... Rushed only eight times for 30 yards a year ago.

**Defense**

LE - Jeremy Guenter... Had first career start against Utah.

DT - Ronald Tupea... Started final seven games of the season... Shared team's freshman of the year honor... Four tackles against Utah.

**Jose Fuentes  
Game-by-Game**

1999 (Fr.)	A-C-I	Yds.	TD
Georgia	5-1-0	37	0
S.F. Austin	3-2-0	32	0
Utah	DNP		
BYU	DNP		
Arkansas St.	DNP		
Kansas State	2-0-2	0	0
Idaho	DNP		
Boise State	DNP		
N.M. State	DNP		
Nevada	DNP		
North Texas	1-1-0	22	0

2000 (So.)	A-C-I	Yds.	TD
Texas Tech	DNP		
So. Utah	13-10-0	198	4
Arizona State	38-17-3	340	1
Utah	42-19-3	230	1
Brigham Young	33-21-0	190	1
North Texas	36-21-1	170	0
Idaho	35-19-0	421	2
Arkansas State	40-23-0	245	1
New Mexico St.	39-24-0	297	2
Boise State	56-25-0	509	2
Idaho State	36-15-1	209	2

2001 (Jr.)	A-C-I	Yds.	TD
Utah	43-23-3	231	1
LSU	52-30-2	235	1
Wyoming	45-30-0	273	4
Oregon	46-26-4	356	2
Brigham Young	42-25-2	283	2
Idaho State	34-18-2	216	2
C. Florida	33-21-0	264	1
Connecticut	31-20-0	234	3
Weber State	34-23-2	437	4
S. Florida	44-24-2	333	2
Fresno State	33-20-1	238	2

2002 (Sr.)	A-C-I	Yds.	TD
Utah	37-18-1	174	0

\*\*\*\*\*

**Kevin Curtis  
Game-by-Game**

2001 (Jr.)	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Utah	11	171	1
LSU	12	100	0
Wyoming	9	119	1
Oregon	10	166	1
Brigham Young	11	129	1
Idaho State	6	107	1
C. Florida	8	87	0
Connecticut	5	69	0
Weber State	10	252	3
S. Florida	11	221	1
Fresno State	7	110	1

2002 (Sr.)	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Utah	6	98	0

NG - Jorge Tapia... Has started 20 career games.  
 RE - John Chick... First USU freshman to start a season opener since 1993... Had a defensive-line leading five tackles against Utah.  
 LB - Robert Watts... Started four games a year ago... Shared team's freshman of the year honor... Had one sack against Utah in the opener.  
 LB - Jess Busta... Has recorded 100 or more tackles in each of the last two years... Had 110 tackles coming off the bench as a sophomore... Has had at least 10 tackles in 14 different games in his career, including team-best 12 stops against Utah in the opener... Had a sack against the Utes.  
 LB - Rodney Wilson... Started six games a year ago and shared team's outstanding sophomore honor with Nate Putnam... His seven tackles were third best against Utah.  
 LC - Mark Estelle... Started two games last year... Had six stops, including a TFL against Utah.  
 S - Derek Shank... Has started 11 games in his career... Had six tackles against Utah.  
 S - Jamar Glasper... Second on the team with 17 consecutive starts and 21 overall... Second on team in tackles last year (77) and earned the team's Golden Helmet award as the team's hardest hitter... Was involved in five turnovers a year ago (all fumbles)... Recorded 11 tackles in opener against Utah,  
 RC - Ade Jimoh... Has started 21 games in his career... Has two career interceptions... Made four tackles against Utah  
 NB - Bryan Jackson... Saw a lot of action last year and made four starts... Had two stops against Utah.

**Specialists**

P - Steve Mullins... The nation's leading returning punter (44.8 average)... Averaged 42.3 yards against Utah... His 70-yard punt against Utah matched his career-long and tied for the 11th longest punt in school history.  
 PK - Dane Kidman... Hit 7-13 FG after making seven of first 10 last year... Drilled his only attempt this season, a 22-yard attempt against Utah.

**NON-STARTER NOTES** -- DE Jake Stewart, a true freshman recorded half a sack in his first collegiate game against Utah... Two Aggie running backs played their first games at USU as Richard Watson rushed three times for four yards and James Samuel rushed three times for three yards.... DB Ross Luna came off the bench to record six tackles against Utah.

**NCAA RECORD BOOK LOOK** -- Here is a look at some NCAA record book lists that USU players found their way onto during 2001:

Season Receptions Per Game -- Kevin Curtis (9.1) tied for 20th.  
 Season Receptions -- Kevin Curtis (100) tied for 19th.  
 Season Rec. Yards -- Kevin Curtis (1531) 16th.  
 Career All-Purpose Yards -- Emmett White (5872) 20th.

- USU became one of 21 teams to have a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and 1,000-yard receiver in the same year.
- Emmett White tied NCAA record for most season with 2,000 all-purpose yards with two (shared by nine others).

**DID YOU KNOW?** -- According to research done by the Louisville SID office, Jose Fuentes (5,900 yards) ranked fifth and Jeff Crosbie (3,315) 18th among active players for career passing yards entering the season. Fuentes is also eighth in touchdown passes (40) and Crosbie 21st (20).

## All-America Candidates

### KEVIN CURTIS

WR, 5-11, 183, Sr., 1L, South Jordan, Utah  
(Bingham HS/Snow JC)

#### **2001 NCAA LEADER IN RECEPTIONS PER GAME (9.1)**

##### **2001 Honors**

All-America Third Team (Associated Press)  
All-America Honorable Mention (Football News)  
Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist (one of 10)  
All-Independent First Team (Football News)  
All-Independent First Team (Collegefootballnews.com)

##### **2001 NCAA Statistical Rankings**

1st in receptions per game (9.1)  
3rd in receiving yards per game (139.2)  
19th in all-purpose yardage (141.5)

##### **NCAA Record Book -- Season Lists**

15th — Receiving Yards (1,531)  
19th — Receptions (100)  
Tied for 20th — Receptions per game (9.1)

##### **USU Records -- Season**

Receptions (100)  
Receiving Yards (1,531)  
Most 10-reception games (6)  
Most 100-yard receiving games (9)  
Most consecutive 100-yard receiving games (6)  
Most consecutive 200-yard receiving games (2)

##### **Note-able**

- o - Led the NCAA in receptions per game every week of the season.
- o - USU played four ranked teams and five that went to bowl games (Utah, Louisiana State, Oregon, Brigham Young and Fresno State). In those five games he averaged 10.2 receptions and 135.2 yards per game.
- o - Had the best debut by a wide receiver in USU history with 11 catches for 171 yards in first game against Utah.
- o - Recorded the first back-to-back 200-yard receiving games in school history.

##### **2001 Statistics**

100 receptions, 1,531 yards, 15.3 average,  
10 touchdowns, 58 long, 139.2 average per game.

**DID YOU KNOW?** -- Curtis was a walkon to the team and had not played in a game prior to 2001 since the 1997 season at Snow J.C. as he went on an LDS Church mission in 1998 and 1999 and redshirted at USU in 2000.

### STEVE MULLINS

P, 6-3, 205, Sr., 3L, Phoenix, Ariz. (Paradise Valley HS)

#### **THE NATION'S LEADING RETURNING PUNTER IN 2002**

##### **2001 Honors**

All-America Honorable Mention (Football News)  
Ray Guy Award Semifinalist (one of 10)

##### **Previous Honors**

1999 - First-team Freshman All-America (The Sporting News)  
2000 - Second-team all-Big West Conference

##### **2001 NCAA Statistical Ranking**

4th in punting (44.8)

##### **USU Record**

Season Punting Average (44.8)

##### **Note-able**

- o - After ranking fourth in the NCAA in punting average last year, he returns as the nation's leading punter in 2002.
- o - Had at least one 50-yard punt in every game during 2001, including three 60-plus yard punts.
- o - Dropped 13 of his 50 punts inside the 20-yard line.
- o - Had a great quote in practice after he kicked a nine-yarder in one game as he told the head coach, "If we ever get inside the other team's 10-yard line and we need to really pin them down, I can do that."

##### **2001 Statistics**

50 punts, 2,241 yards, 44.8 average, 67 long, 13 in 20.

**DID YOU KNOW?** -- Mullins came to USU as a quarterback where he spent his first season. He was switched to wide receiver where he has seen game action and has lined up at linebacker in practice. All the while he has been the team's punter and ranked 29th in the NCAA in punting average as both a freshman and sophomore before being listed fourth in the country as a junior.



**USU Career Charts**

<b>Passing Yards</b>	
2.	
<b>3. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>6074</b>
<b>10. JEFF CROSBIE</b>	<b>3315</b>
<b>Passing Completions</b>	
1. Brent Snyder	472
2. Eric Hipple	459
<b>3. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>458</b>
<b>8. JEFF CROSBIE</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Passing Attempts</b>	
<b>5. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>816</b>
<b>7. JEFF CROSBIE</b>	<b>603</b>
<b>Completion Percentage</b>	
1. Keith Myers	.607
<b>2. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>.561</b>
<b>Touchdown Passes</b>	
1. Tony Adams	52
<b>2. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>USU Season Charts</b>	
<b>(2001 Additions)</b>	
<b>Passing Yards</b>	
1. Brent Snyder	3218
2. Anthony Calvillo	3148
<b>3. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>3100</b>
<b>Passing Completions</b>	
<b>1. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>260</b>
2. Anthony Calvillo	247
<b>Passing Attempts</b>	
1. Anthony Calvillo	469
2. Brent Snyder	447
<b>3. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>437</b>
<b>Completion Percentage</b>	
1. Eric Hipple	.602
2. Bill Munson	.597
<b>3. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>.595</b>
<b>Touchdown Passes</b>	
<b>1. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>24</b>
2. Tony Adams	22
<b>Total Offense</b>	
1. Anthony Calvillo	3260
2. Brent Snyder	3154
3. Tony Adams	2953
<b>4. JOSE FUENTES</b>	<b>2920</b>
<b>Receptions</b>	
<b>1. KEVIN CURTIS</b>	<b>100</b>
2. Kevin Alexander	92
<b>Receiving Yardage</b>	
<b>1. KEVIN CURTIS</b>	<b>1531</b>
2. Kevin Alexander	1400
<b>Receiving Touchdowns</b>	
1. Tracy Jenkins	14
<b>6. KEVIN CURTIS</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Extra Points Made</b>	
<b>4. DANE KIDMAN</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Extra Points Attempted</b>	
1. Brad Bohn	43
<b>2. DANE KIDMAN</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Punting Average</b>	
<b>1. STEVE MULLINS</b>	<b>44.82</b>
2. Jerry Arguello	44.79

**Career Starts**

<b>Player, Year, Pos.</b>	<b>Consec.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
Jim Newton, Sr., OT	23	23	1	11	11	—	0
Jose Fuentes, Sr., QB	21	21	1	11	9	0	—
Jamar Glasper, Sr., S	17	21	1	11	9	0	—
Jorge Tapia, Jr. NG	12	20	1	11	8	—	—
Jesse Busta, Sr., LB	12	15	1	11	2	1	—
Kevin Curtis, Sr., WR	12	12	1	11	—	—	—
Ronald Tupea, So., DT	8	8	1	7	—	—	—
Ade Jimoh, Sr., CB	7	21	1	9	11	0	—
Chris Stallworth, Jr., WR	4	16	1	9	6	—	—
Luis Trujillo, Sr., OG	2	8	1	4	3	—	—
Rodney Wilson, Jr., LB	3	7	1	6	—	—	—
Chris Cooley, Jr., TE	2	5	1	4	0	—	—
Casey Poppinga, Sr., TE	1	15	1	5	9	—	—
Derrek Shank, Jr., S	1	11	1	4	6	—	—
Robert Watts, So., LB	1	5	1	4	—	—	—
David Fiefia, Jr., TB	1	4	1	0	3	—	—
Mark Estelle, Jr., CB	1	3	1	2	—	—	—
Jeremy Guenter, So., DE	1	1	1	0	—	—	—
John Chick, Fr., DE	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Aric Galliano, Jr., OC	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Greg Vandermade, Jr., OG	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Grant Calverley, Jr., OT	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Jeff Crosbie, Sr., QB	0	17	0	0	2	11	4
Nate Putnam, So., DE	0	13	0	5	8	—	—
Bryan Jackson, Jr., S	0	4	0	4	0	—	—
Brenen Burningham, So., OT	0	4	0	4	—	—	—
Gary Coleman, Sr., WR	0	3	0	3	—	—	—
Barry McLaughlin, Sr., OT	0	2	0	2	—	—	—
Jerome Dennis So., S	0	1	0	1	—	—	—

**RED ZONE**

Team	Poss.	Scores	TD	FG
USU	1	1	0	0
Utah	4	3	2	1

**CAPTAINS**

Utah Fuentes, Jimoh, Mullins

**POINTS OFF TURNOVERS**

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

**COIN TOSS**

Utah - Won, Deferred, Kicked

**USU SCORING DRIVES**

Opp.	Qtr	Pl-Yds	Time	Score
Utah	2	8-60	0:31	Kidman 22 FG

**BIG PLAYS (15+ Yards)**

	Rush	Pass
USU	0	Curtis-4
Utah	5	3

## Last Time In Utah State Football

### Utah State Team

#### Offense

200 Yards Rushing — 243 vs. Weber State, 2001  
 300 Yards Rushing — 322 vs. New Mexico State, 2000  
 400 Yards Rushing — 428 at Hawaii, 1966  
 300 Yards Passing — 333 vs. South Florida, 2001  
 400 Yards Passing — 441 vs. Weber State, 2001  
 500 Yards Passing — 509 vs. Boise State, 2000  
 500 Yards Total Offense — 684 vs. Weber State, 2001  
 600 Yards Total Offense — 684 vs. Weber State, 2001  
 40 Points — 56 vs. Weber State, 2001  
 50 Points — 56 vs. Weber State, 2001  
 60 Points — 63 at Idaho, 1997  
 Safety by USU — vs. Sam Houston St., 1998

### Opponent Team

#### Defense

200 Yards Rushing — 282, UTAH, 2002  
 300 Yards Rushing — 369, at New Mexico State, 2000  
 400 Yards Rushing — 424 at Oklahoma, 1991  
 300 Yards Passing — 469, Fresno State, 2001  
 400 Yards Passing — 469, Fresno State, 2001  
 500 Yards Passing — 505, Texas Tech, 2000  
 500 Yards Total Offense — 713, Fresno State, 2001  
 600 Yards Total Offense — 713, Fresno State, 2001  
 40 Points — 70, Fresno State, 2001  
 50 Points — 70, Fresno State, 2001  
 60 Points — 70, Fresno State, 2001  
 Safety against USU — Sam Houston St., 1998

### Utah State Individual

100 Yards Rushing — 16-116, David Fiefa at Fresno State, 2001  
 200 Yards Rushing — 38-233, Emmett White vs. Weber State, 2001.  
 100 Yards Rushing by a Quarterback — 12-121, Tony Adams vs. Colorado State, 1972.  
 Two Players with 100 Yards Rushing — Demetrius Brown (22-131) and Brett Payne (28-166) at Pacific, 1989.  
 300 Yards Passing — 24-44, 333, Jose Fuentes at South Florida, 2001.  
 400 Yards Passing — 23-34, 437, Jose Fuentes vs. Weber State, 2001.  
 Two Players with 100 Yards Passing — Patrick Mullins (11-for-16, 105) and Matt Sauk (12-for-25, 169) vs. BYU, 1996.  
 100 Yards Receiving — 7-110 Kevin Curtis at Fresno State, 2001.  
 200 Yards Receiving — 11-221, Kevin Curtis at South Florida, 2001.  
 Two Players with 100 Yards Receiving -- Kevin Curtis (10-252) & Gary Coleman (5-127) VS. Weber State, 2001.  
 100 Yards Receiving by a Running Back — 7-134, Emmett White at New Mexico State, 2000. (first time).  
 100 Yards Rushing and Receiving — 322 rush, 134 receive, Emmett White at New Mexico State, 2000. (first time).  
 80-yard run for a touchdown — 88 yards, Marvin Jackson vs. Fresno State, 1980.  
 80-yard pass for a touchdown — 87 yards, Jeff Crosbie to Aaron Jones vs. Brigham Young, 1999.  
 50-yard field goal — 52, Brad Bohn at North Texas, 1999.  
 Kickoff return for a touchdown — 82 yards, Kevin Alexander at Colorado State, 1994.  
 Punt return for a touchdown — 64 yards, Roger (Fernandez) Robinson at Utah, 2001.  
 Interception return for a touchdown — 31 yards, Tony Walker at Connecticut, 2001.  
 Fumble return for a touchdown — 49 yards, Cade Smith at North Texas, 1999.  
 Kick blocked for a touchdown — (punt) 17 yards, Blake Eagal at North Texas, 1999.

### Opponent Individual

100 Yards Rushing — 30-180, JOHNSON (UTAH), 2002.  
 200 Yards Rushing — 23-207, Staley (Brigham Young), 2001.  
 Two Players with 100 Yards Rushing — Brewer (21-144) and Williams (10-109) (Oklahoma), 1991.  
 300 Yards Passing — 21-27, 432, Carr (Fresno State), 2001.  
 400 Yards Passing — 21-27, 432, Carr (Fresno State), 2001.  
 100 Yards Receiving — 4-158, Berrian (Fresno State), 2001.  
 200 Yards Receiving — 14-242, Insley (Nevada), 1999.  
 Two Players with 100 Yards Receiving — 7-155, McGuffey, 5-138 Floyd (Wyoming), 2001.  
 80-yard run for a touchdown — Unknown  
 80-yard pass for a touchdown — 80 yards, Bramlett to Floyd (Wyoming), 2001.  
 50-yard field goal — 52 yards, Ball (North Texas), 2000.  
 Kickoff return for a touchdown — 100 yards, McGrew (North Texas), 1998.  
 Punt return for a touchdown — 91 yards, Rubin (South Florida), 2001.  
 Interception return for a touchdown — 38 yards, Allen (Idaho State), 2001.  
 Fumble return for a touchdown — 12, Daley (South Florida), 2001  
 Kick blocked for a touchdown — 47, Wright (Fresno State), 2001.

**Game-By-Game Starters**

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>RG</b>	<b>RT</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>FB</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>QB</b>
Utah	Newton	Trujillo	Galliano	V'made	Calverley	Poppinga	Curtis	Stallworth	Cooley	Fiefia	Fuentes
<b>DEFENSE</b>	<b>LE</b>	<b>DT</b>	<b>NG</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>Mack</b>	<b>Mike</b>	<b>Hero</b>	<b>LC</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>RC</b>
Utah	Guenter	Tupea	Tapia	Chick	Watts	Busta	Wilson	Jimoh	Glasper	Shank	Estelle

**Game-By-Game Statistics**

**OFFENSE**

<b>(att-yds-TD-LG)</b>	<b>Rushing</b>	<b>Passing</b>	<b>Total Off.</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>Pen.</b>	<b>Punts</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
Utah	16-(-9)-0-5	42-19-1-174-0-30	58-162-0-30	9	2	5-40	10-42.3	22:57	3

**DEFENSE**

<b>(att-yds-TD-LG)</b>	<b>Rushing</b>	<b>Passing</b>	<b>Total Off.</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>Pen.</b>	<b>Punts</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
Utah	53-282-2-26	30-16-0-165-1-28	83-447	26	0	7-55	6-31.7	37:03	23

**RUSHING**

<b>(att-yds-TD-LG)</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	<b>Fiefia</b>	<b>Fuentes</b>	<b>Robinson</b>	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Watson</b>
Utah	1-5-0-5	2-(-4)-0-0	5-(-27)-0-4	2-5-0-3	3-3-0-1	3-4-0-4

**PASSING**

<b>(a-c-i-yds-TD-LG)</b>	<b>Cox</b>	<b>Fuentes</b>
Utah	2-1-0-(-3)-0-0	37-18-1-174-0-30

**RECEIVING**

<b>(no-yds-TD-LG)</b>	<b>Coleman</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	<b>Jeffery</b>	<b>Poppinga</b>	<b>Stallworth</b>
Utah	4-39-0-13	6-98-0-30	1-(-3)-0-0	2-6-0-4	6-31-0-12

<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	<b>(underlined are good)</b>	<b>PUNTING</b>	<b>Mullins</b>	<b>50+</b>	<b>In 20</b>	<b>Punts</b>
<b>(made-att)</b>	<b>Kidman</b>	<b>(no.-avg.-LG)</b>	Utah	10-42.3-70	1	2
Utah	1-1 ( <u>22</u> )	Utah				40-42-35-36-40-34-30-49-47-70

**DEFENSIVE TACKLES**

<b>(UT-AT=TOT)</b>	<b>Anderson</b>	<b>Busta</b>	<b>Chick</b>	<b>Dennis</b>	<b>DeQuill</b>	<b>Estelle</b>	<b>Glasper</b>	<b>Guenter</b>	<b>B. Jack.</b>	<b>J. Jack.</b>	<b>Jimoh</b>	<b>Luna</b>
Utah	0-2=2	4-8=12	2-3=5	1-0=1	1-1=2	2-4=6	5-6=11	1-1=2	2-0=2	0-1=1	3-1=4	3-3=6

<b>(UT-AT=TOT)</b>	<b>Robinson</b>	<b>Rosen</b>	<b>Shank</b>	<b>Stewart</b>	<b>Tapia</b>	<b>Tupea</b>	<b>Watts</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Wiser</b>
Utah	1-3=4	3-1=4	4-2=6	0-2=2	1-0=1	3-1=4	2-2=4	4-3=7	1-0=1

**DEFENSIVE SPECIAL PLAYS**

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Sacks</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>FF</b>	<b>PBU</b>
Utah	Watts,Busta*,Stewart* ---	---	---	---	---

\* - Half Sack

**GAME 1 Aug. 31**

*at Romney Stadium, Logan, Utah*

**Utah 23**  
**Utah State 3**

A closely contested game for three quarters turned into a 23-3 victory for Utah as the Utes scored 16 points in the game's final quarter. Utah State limited Utah to 240 yards of total offense through three quarters before the Utes ran up 207 yards and scored on their first three possessions of the final quarter. Utah State could not get its offense untracked as the Aggies punted 10 times in the game and could only manage a field goal on a 60-yard drive at the end of the first half. Utah held the ball 37:03, including 13:42 in the final quarter to go on to its fifth straight win in the series.

Kevin Curtis led the USU offensive effort with six receptions for 98 yards, while Chris Stallworth pulled in six balls for 31 yards. USU rushed for minus nine yards, the first time the Aggies did not record positive rushing yards since rushing for minus seven against Kansas State in 1999.

**Note-able:** The attendance of 30,757 was the fourth-best in school history... Five Aggies made their first career starts... DE John Chick became the first freshman to start a season opener since DT Pratt Lyons started in 1993... USU's three points were its fewest since losing to Idaho 31-3 in 1999.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Utah	7	0	0	16	--	23
Utah State	0	3	0	0	--	3

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Utah - 1st (7:43) - Johnson, 13 run (Borreson Kick)  
 USU - 2nd (0:00) - Kidman, 22 field goal  
 Utah - 4th (12:35) - Peroulis, 26 run (Kick Blocked)  
 Utah - 4th (10:49) - Johnson, 17 pass from Rice (Borreson)  
 Utah - 4th (2:20) - Borreson, 27 field goal  
 Attn: 30,757

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	Utah	USU
First Downs	26	9
Rushes-Yards	25-282	16-(-9)
Passing Yards	165	171
Comp.-Att.-Int.	30-16-0	42-19-1
Total Offense	447	162
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-55	5-40
Punts-Avg.	6-31.7	10-42.3
Time of Possession	37:03	22:57

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Individual Rushing**

**Utah:** Johnson 30-176, Peroulis 15-93, Benton 5-30, Rice 3-(-17)

**Utah State:** Curtis 1-5, Robinson 2-5, Watson, 3-4, Samuel 3-3, Fiefia 2-(-4), Fuetnes 5-(-22)

**Individual Passing**

**Utah:** Rice 30-16-0, 165, 1 TD

**Utah State:** Fuentes 37-18-1, 174, Cox 2-1-0, (-3)

**Individual Receiving**

**Utah:** Lyman 6-66, Latendresse 3-40, Johnson 228, Houston 2-14, Bliss 1-13, Arceneaux 1-5, Peroulis 1-(-1)

**Utah State:** Curtis 6-98, Stallworth 6-31, Coleman 4-39, Poppinga 2-6, Jeffery 1-(-3)

**GAME 2 Sept. 8**

*at Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.*

**Utah State**  
**Nebraska**

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Utah State  
 Nebraska

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	USU	NU
First Downs		
Rushes-Yards		
Passing Yards		
Comp.-Att.-Int.		
Total Offense		
Return Yards		
Fumbles-Lost		
Penalties-Yards		
Punts		
Time of Possession		

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Individual Rushing**

**Utah State:**

**Nebraska:**

**Individual Passing**

**Utah State:**

**Nebraska:**

**Individual Receiving**

**Utah State**

**Nebraska:**

### Utah State Depth Chart (as of September 1)

#### Offense

Pos.	No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
LT	79	Jim Newton	6-10	298	Sr.	3L
	72	Donald Penn	6-4	287	Fr.	RS
	69	Barry McLaughlin	6-5	278	Sr.	1L
LG	78	Luis Trujillo	6-2	305	Sr.	2L
	63	Trevor Hutton	6-1	300	Jr.	JC
	60	Ryan Gunstream	6-1	284	Fr.	RS
OC	59	Aric Galliano	6-3	278	Jr.	RS
	55	Mike Scheper	5-11	277	Sr.	1L
	52	David Rawlins	6-0	278	Fr.	RS
RG	77	Greg Vandermade	6-3	291	Jr.	JC
	63	Trevor Hutton	6-1	300	Jr.	JC
RT	74	Grant Calverley	6-4	290	Jr.	RS
	65	Brenen Burningham	6-7	281	So.	1L
	69	Barry McLaughlin	6-5	278	Sr.	1L
TE	81	Casey Poppinga	6-5	255	Sr.	2L
	89	Chris Cooley	6-3	250	Jr.	2L
	86	Patrick McNutt	6-5	255	Fr.	RS
WR (X)	3	Kevin Curtis	5-11	189	Sr.	1L
	11	Donta' Candler	5-11	176	So.	1L
WR (H)	9	Gary Coleman	5-9	173	Sr.	1L
	27	Kenny Coleman	5-10	170	Jr.	JC
	84	Brian Majors	6-1	168	Fr.	RS
WR (Y)	83	Derek Jeffery	5-9	177	Sr.	1L
	19	Jerome Eason	6-3	200	Fr.	HS
	80	Jason Thomas	6-2	200	Fr.	RS
WR (Z)	15	Chris Stallworth	6-2	204	Jr.	2L
	82	Brandon McFee	5-11	170	Fr.	RS
QB	13	Jose Fuentes	6-3	221	Sr.	2L
	14	Travis Cox	6-2	204	So.	1L
	7	Jeff Crosbie	6-4	200	Sr.	3L
TB	39	David Fiefia	5-8	197	Jr.	2L
	28	Roger Robinson	5-10	187	So.	1L
	33	Richard Watson	5-9	216	Fr.	RS
	1	James Samuel	6-0	225	Jr.	JC
FB	89	Chris Cooley	6-3	250	Jr.	2L
	47	Trent Nate	5-10	224	So.	1L

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

#### Defense

Pos.	No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
LE	99	Jeremy Guenter	6-4	255	So.	1L
	41	Justin Jackson	6-2	258	Jr.	JC
	94	Jim Fackrell	6-5	234	Fr.	RS
DT	92	Ronald Tupea	6-1	285	So.	1L
	75	Ryan DeQuillettes	6-2	285	Fr.	RS
NG	73	Jorge Tapia	6-2	290	Jr.	2L
	70	James Robinson	6-2	265	So.	1L
RE	37	John Chick	6-4	236	Fr.	HS
	90	Michael Gates	6-4	226	Fr.	HS
	57	Jake Stewart	6-3	215	Fr.	HS
MACK	30	Robert Watts	6-3	222	So.	1L
	46	Jared Johnstun	6-2	217	Fr.	RS
	8	Nathan Dandridge	5-10	229	So.	1L
MIKE	56	Jesse Busta	6-2	244	Sr.	3L
	43	Nate Fredrick	6-3	208	Fr.	HS
	48	Matt Wiser	5-11	217	Fr.	HS
HERO	49	Rodney Wilson	6-1	213	Jr.	2L
	21	Mike Rosencrans	5-11	191	Jr.	JC
	42	Ryan Taylor	6-3	201	Fr.	HS
LC	2	Mark Estelle	5-9	161	Jr.	1L
	29	Cornelius Lamb	6-3	186	Fr.	RS
	32	Ricky Crockett	5-10	170	Jr.	JC
S	25	Derrek Shank	5-10	202	Jr.	2L
	5	Kevin Anderson	6-0	214	Jr.	JC
S	4	Jamar Glasper	6-1	201	Sr.	3L
	36	Ross Luna	5-10	192	So.	1L
	21	Mike Rosencrans	5-11	191	Jr.	JC
RC	10	Ade Jimoh	6-1	190	Sr.	3L
	20	Jerome Dennis	6-1	188	So.	1L
Nickel	22	Bryan Jackson	5-11	196	Jr.	2L
	26	Andre Bala	5-11	185	So.	1L
	23	Reggie Willson	5-10	177	Fr.	RS

#### Special Teams

P	12	Steve Mullins	6-4	227	Sr.	3L
	38	Ben Chaet	6-0	195	Fr.	RS
PK	87	Dane Kidman	5-10	188	Sr.	1L
	38	Ben Chaet	6-0	195	Fr.	RS
H	7	Jeff Crosbie	6-4	200	Sr.	3L
	12	Steve Mullins	6-4	227	Sr.	3L
LS	48	Matt Wiser	5-11	217	Fr.	HS
	54	Jared Nelthorpe	6-1	193	Fr.	RS
SS	55	Mike Scheper	5-11	277	Sr.	1L
	92	Ronald Tupea	6-1	285	So.	1L
Ret.	28	Roger Robinson	5-10	187	So.	1L
	39	David Fiefia	5-8	197	Jr.	2L