

U of L hopes homecoming a fond farewell

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The University of Louisville football players hope to give their fans something to remember — and forget — in today's homecoming game against Akron at Cardinal Stadium.

Sound paradoxical? Not really. The Cardinals want to say goodbye to the home portion of their 1987 schedule with a victory, while making some bad memories fade at the same time. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

"It's important for us to leave Cardinal Stadium on a high note," defensive tackle Chris Thieneman said. "I think the last game is the one you remember more than others."

"Yeah," said quarterback Jay Gruden. "We've got to get the Southern Miss game out of people's minds."

"Who?" asked Thieneman, grinning.

Funny they should mention Southern Mississippi, because the situation U of L faces

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Site: Cardinal Stadium.

Kickoff: 2 p.m. EDT

Favorite: U of L by 11.

Records: U of L 2-4-1; Akron 2-5.

Last meeting: U of L won 62-6 in 1949.

Series: U of L leads 2-0.

Radio: WHAS-840.

TV: None.

is similar to the position it was in before being blasted 65-6 by the Golden Eagles on Oct. 3.

The Cards were coming off a good performance in a tie at Purdue and a victory over Murray State that had given them a 2-1-1 record and raised hopes about the remainder of the season. But they stubbed their toes badly against Southern Miss to start a three-game tailspin.

Now U of L is hoping to build on last week's gallant effort in a 32-9 loss to fourth-ranked Florida State, a 47-point favorite.

However, U of L not only stared opportunity in the face and blinked against Southern Miss, but it also didn't play well against two other lesser teams: Murray State and

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