

So John Koontz ("The Venables Factor," Nov. 29) wants Bob Stoops fired for his decade of failure at the University of Oklahoma. The years before Stoops were pretty dismal, with three losing seasons. Now when OU loses a game, fans immediately start calling for Stoops' head. Stoops is a great coach and he has integrity. Several years ago he said, "99 percent of these players won't go to the NFL."

What they get out of playing football they will take with them from Owen Field. Just like in life — if everything is great in football, the great times don't feel that great. Maybe that's why when Oklahoma State University loses a game, the fans don't immediately start calling to have the coaches fired. They're pretty happy — great season, bowl game, beat OU. How much better can it get? (Well, except for missing that BCS title game). Maybe we want more, but experiencing some losses can make people "better losers" and constant triumphs can make people "arrogant winners." I'm glad OSU beat OU. It saves the OSU fans from listening to the constant chant of "OSU- sucks." Believe me, I'm not an OU fan. OSU and the University of Tulsa are my teams. Koontz couldn't even mention OSU in his letter. He referred to it as the "agricultural school." He says that OU fans will forget what mediocre football they experienced under Stoops after they "lay the wood to the Aggies." Well, the wood-laying went the opposite direction this year. But it's not the end of the world; it really is "just a football game."

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