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MEDIA GUIDE

2021: MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-6) VS. TOLEDO (7-5)

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2021 BAHAMAS BOWL -- MIDDLE TENNESSEE VS. TOLEDO

2021 BAHAMAS BOWL: After a year off, the Bahamas Bowl - the longest-running international bowl game in college football history - returns as the first game of the Bowl Season schedule. The 2021 Bahamas Bowl features Middle Tennessee (6-6) from Conference USA and Toledo (7-5) from the Mid-American Conference. The game will be played Friday, Dec. 17 (12:00 p.m. ET) in Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (15,000). The game will be televised on ESPN (**Matt Barrie** - play by play; analyst **Booger McFarland**; sideline reporter **Katie George**), ESPN Deportes (**Kenneth Garay** - play by play; analyst **Sebastián Martínez-Christensen**) and carried on the Bowl Season Radio Network (**Kyle Wiggs** - play by play; color analyst **Elvis Gallegos**).

2021 BAHAMAS BOWL QUICK FACTS/DIRECTORY

2021 Matchup:..... Middle Tennessee (Conference USA; visitor) vs. Toledo (Mid-American Conference; home)

2021 Date, Kickoff, Television:..... Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, 12:00 p.m. EST, ESPN

Stadium (Capacity, Surface):..... Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (15,000, Celebration Bermudagrass)

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2019 Bahamas Bowl Result:..... Buffalo 31, Charlotte 9 (Dec. 20, 2019; Attendance: 13,547)

2019 Offensive Player of the Game:..... Buffalo RB Jaret Patterson

2019 Defensive Player of the Game:..... Buffalo LB Malcolm Koonce

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BAHAMAS BOWL STORYLINES

2021 MATCHUP: MIDDLE TENNESSEE VS. TOLEDO

The Bahamas Bowl kicks off the 2021 Bowl Season across the U.S. and the Bahamas on December 27. This is the second time in the bowl's history it is the first bowl game played (also first in 2019).

For the seventh time, the Bahamas Bowl features a Conference USA vs. Mid-American Conference matchup as the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders (6-6, 4-4 C-USA) take on the Toledo Rockets (7-5, 5-3 MAC). The all-time Bahamas Bowl series between the conferences is tied 3-3, as WKU (C-USA) won the 2014 title with a thrilling 49-48 victory over Central Michigan, Western Michigan (MAC) captured the 2015 bowl with a 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee, Old Dominion (C-USA) held off Eastern Michigan 24-20 in the 2016 game, Ohio (MAC) beat UAB 41-6 in 2017, FIU (C-USA) rallied to beat Toledo 35-32 in 2019 and Buffalo (MAC) defeated Charlotte (C-USA) 31-9 in 2019.

This is the first time that Middle Tennessee and Toledo have met in football.

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN

Both Middle Tennessee (2015) and Toledo (2018) are the first schools to make a second visit to the Bahamas in the bowl's seven-year history. Both teams lost in their initial Bahamas appearance as the Blue Raiders were defeated by Western Michigan, and the Rockets were beaten by FIU.

LONG-RUNNING SHOW

The Bahamas Bowl is the longest-running FBS international bowl game in college football history as the bowl celebrates its seventh edition in 2021. The inaugural 2014 Bahamas Bowl was the first FBS bowl game played outside of the U.S. or Canada since the 1937 Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba (Jan. 1, 1937), a 7-7 tie between Auburn and Villanova. The last international bowl game outside the U.S. before the Bahamas Bowl was the 2010 International Bowl in Toronto, won by South Florida 27-3 over Northern Illinois. The International Bowl was contested four times.

RECENT SCORING FIREWORKS

Toledo scored 216 points in the last five games (4-1 record) before the Bahamas Bowl, an average of 43.2 points per game - that includes three games with 49 points scored in each. Middle Tennessee scored 44 or more points in three of the Blue Raiders' six victories. In the first six years of the Bahamas Bowl, there have been **371** points scored, an average of **61.8** combined points per game.

BLUE RAIDERS LOVE TURNOVERS

Middle Tennessee enters the 2021 Bahamas Bowl with FBS-bests in turnovers gained (31) and fumbles recovered (15). The Blue Raiders' turnover margin of +0.92 per game (31 gained/20 lost in 12 games) is 6th-best in FBS.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND ...

Toledo leads the FBS in fewest turnovers (six in 12 games) and fewest interceptions thrown two in 12 games).

HONORED TO BE HERE

Middle Tennessee had eight players honored by Conference USA on the league's All-Conference Teams. The Blue Raiders had three first team selections, two on the second team, and four honorable mention picks.

S **Reed Blankenship**, DB **Quincy Riley** and PR **Jaylin Lane** were the three Blue Raiders on the first unit.

The C-USA second team included DE **Jordan Ferguson** and LB **DQ Thomas**.

TE **Jimmy Marshall**, DB **Greg Grate**, OL **Jordan Palmer** and KR **Jaylin Lane** all earned honorable mention recognition.

Middle Tennessee was represented on the C-USA All-Freshman Team by QB **Nick Vattiato** and S **Deidrick Stanley**.

A total of 11 Toledo student-athletes earned All-MAC honors, the most since placing 12 players on All-MAC teams in 2016. Leading the way were five first-team selections, the most since 2017. Senior OL **Bryce Harris**, senior DBs **Tycen Anderson** and **Samuel Womack**, junior RB **Bryant Koback**, and

junior OLB **Jamal Hines** were all placed on the first team. Anderson, Womack, and Hines make up the first defensive first-team trio for Toledo since 1997.

Senior LB **Jonathan Jones** and junior DE **Desjuan Johnson** were placed on the second team, as was sophomore WR **Devin Maddox**, who was named All-MAC as a return specialist.

Representing the Rockets on the third team are senior OL **Vitaliy Gurman**, junior LB **Dyontae Johnson** and freshman S **Maxen Hook**.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S TROPHY

The Bahamas Bowl renamed its championship trophy to the Prime Minister's Trophy in 2016, in honor of the highest elected office in the Bahamas. A new championship trophy made its debut in 2018. Designed and manufactured by Levy Recognition of Tampa, Fla. (who designed the original trophy that was used from 2014-16), the Prime Minister's Trophy stands 30 inches tall, weighs nearly 30 pounds and features the flags of the United States and The Bahamas. The media attending the bowl select an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Game. The winners of those awards will receive a specially designed football from Big Game USA in Dallas.

UNI-WATCH

Toledo is the designated home team and will wear gold helmets with the Rockets logo on the sides, midnight blue jerseys and midnight blue pants. Middle Tennessee, as the visitor, will wear white helmets with the Blue Raiders logo on the sides, white jerseys and royal blue pants. Both teams will wear the flag stickers of the United States and the Bahamas on the rear of the helmets in a nod to the host country.

FROM SATURDAYS TO SUNDAYS

A total of **49** Bahamas Bowl alumni have played at least one game in the NFL, including **seven** players who made their debuts so far this season: UAB RB **Spencer Brown** (Carolina); Buffalo DE **Malcolm Koonce** (Las Vegas); Buffalo DE **Ledarius Mack** (Chicago); Buffalo RB **Jaret Patterson** (Washington); Ohio T **Austen Pleasants** (Carolina); Old Dominion DE **Bunmi Rotimi** (Washington) and Toledo WR **Cody Thompson** (Seattle). All but Koonce, who was drafted by the Las Vegas Raiders in the third round of the 2021 NFL Draft, made the rosters as undrafted free agents.

At least six Bahamas Bowl alumni have made NFL debuts each year since the start of the 2016 season, including a bowl-high 10 players in 2020.

A total of **28** Bahamas Bowl alumni have been drafted by NFL teams.

A full list of drafted alumni and alumni who have played in the NFL can be found on page 21 of the Bahamas Bowl media guide.

AN "UNOFFICIAL" HONOR

In recognition of ESPN Monday Night Football play-by-play announcer **Steve Levy**, who called the first six Bahamas Bowls, the ESPN broadcast booth has renamed the **Steve Levy Broadcast Booth** for 2021. Steve is a great friend of the bowl, and in his Twitter bio, he refers to himself as the "unofficial, official voice of @TheBahamasBowl". So in that spirit, the bowl has extended an "unofficial" honor to him for his contributions to our game.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bahamas Bowl lost two great friends of the game since the last time the game was played in 2019. Coach **Rob Best**, who had a long career as a college and high school coach, was the color analyst on the national radio broadcasts of the Bahamas Bowl from 2015-19. Coach Best died in October 2020, and the bowl re-named the Bowl Season Radio booth as the **Coach Rob Best Memorial Radio Booth** in his honor for today's game.

Also, Conference USA Assistant Commissioner **Russ Anderson**, who publicized C-USA from the league's inception in 1995, died in April 2021. Russ was a part of our game in 2018, worked tirelessly to promote C-USA's teams and players over the years and was a great friend of the bowl. The Bahamas Bowl communications staff has marked a seat in RDA's honor at today's game.

ESPN EVENTS

About ESPN Events

ESPN Events, a division of ESPN, owns and operates a portfolio of 35 collegiate sporting events nationwide. The roster includes five early-season college football games, 17 college bowl games, 11 college basketball events and a college softball event, which accounts for approximately 400 hours of live programming, reaches nearly 64 million viewers and attracts over 800,000 attendees each year. With satellite offices in more than 10 markets across the country, ESPN Events builds relationships with conferences, schools and local communities, as well as providing unique experiences for teams and fans.



BAHAMAS BOWL TOP 10 MOMENTS (2014-19)

As part of a look back at the first six Bahamas Bowls (2014-19), the Bahamas Bowl staff put together a list of the top 10 moments in bowl history.

TOP 10 MOMENTS

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #10 - 2016: ODU's David Washington to Zach Pascal 47-yard TD pass

The No. 10 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was a key play from the 2016 game between Old Dominion and Eastern Michigan. Midway through the second quarter, ODU led 3-0 against a tough EMU defense. Quarterback David Washington scrambled away from heavy pressure and found Zach Pascal all alone for a 47-yard TD to extend the lead to 10-0. It was one of three TD passes for Washington on the day as the Monarchs beat the Eagles 24-20 in Nassau for ODU's first bowl victory.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #9 - 2015: Late Western Michigan pick leads to Bogan's 4th TD run

The No. 9 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was a key play from the 2015 game between Western Michigan and Middle Tennessee. Late in the fourth quarter, Western Michigan led Middle Tennessee 38-31 in a see-saw affair. WMU safety Rontavious Atkins intercepted MTSU quarterback Brent Stockstill at the Middle Tennessee 33, and he returned the ball 29 yards to the Blue Raiders' 4-yard line. It took two runs for Jamauri Bogan to find the end zone, gaining three yards on first down before finding paydirt on second down with 5:00 left to play as the Broncos stretched the lead to the final margin of 45-31. It was Bogan's fourth touchdown run of the game, which set the Bahamas Bowl record for most rushing TDs.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #8 - 2019: Charlotte's Tucker 51-yard catch and run for a touchdown

The No. 8 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was a long touchdown play from the 2019 game between Buffalo and Charlotte. Late in the third quarter, Buffalo led Charlotte, 24-0, and the 49ers were trying to get back in the game. From their 49-yard line, Charlotte quarterback Chris Reynolds found wide receiver Victor Tucker with a pass at the Buffalo 35. Tucker crossed the field to elude several Bulls defenders, and found some help from his squad to head to the end zone. He broke three attempted tackles to score with 2:20 left in the quarter for the 49ers' first points of the contest.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #7 - 2015: Western Michigan's Braverman 51-yard catch and run for a TD

The No. 7 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was a 68-yard catch and run for a touchdown from the 2015 game between Middle Tennessee and Western Michigan. The game was tied 24-24 early in the fourth quarter in a see-saw game. Western Michigan quarterback Zach Terrell and the Broncos faced a second-and-15 from their 32. Terrell threw toward the right side of the field, where Daniel Braverman caught the pass at mid-field, avoiding two Blue Raider defenders while racing down the sideline for a touchdown with 12:47 remaining in the game for a 31-24 lead.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #6 - 2019: Buffalo's defense stifles Charlotte

The No. 6 moment in Bahamas Bowl history were actually several in the 2019 game between Buffalo and Charlotte. The Buffalo defense made life difficult for Charlotte all day long in a dominating effort. The Bulls' James Patterson intercepted a pass late in the first half that set up a field goal and a 17-0 lead, Malcolm Koonce's strip sack of Charlotte QB Chris Reynolds late in the half was recovered by Ledarius Mack, a Koonce sack of Reynolds late in the third quarter and a game-ending Mack sack to close out a 31-9 victory.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #5 - 2015: Bogan's four-TD game leads Western Michigan

The No. 5 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was a huge day for Western Michigan running back Jamauri Bogan against Middle Tennessee. Bogan set Bahamas Bowl records with 215 yards rushing and four touchdowns in a 45-31 victory over the Blue Raiders. His 62-yard scamper up the middle tied the game at 7-7 early in the first quarter, and his 46-yard run early in the third pushed the Broncos a 24-17 lead. But, it was his pair of barreling 1-yard TD runs in the fourth quarter that broke a 31-31 tie and gave WMU the victory.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #4 - 2015: Western Michigan's Davis has a big day against Middle Tennessee

The No. 4 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was the performance put on by Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis in the 2015 game against Middle Tennessee. Davis set a pair of Bahamas Bowl records with eight receptions for 183 yards, an average of 22.9 yards per reception. His 80-yard TD reception near the

end of the first quarter is the longest receiving touchdown in the history of the Bahamas Bowl.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #3 - 2017: Ohio's Brown scores four in rout of UAB

The No. 3 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was a record-tying day for Ohio running back Dorian Brown. Brown scored on runs of 74, 9, 25 and 14 yards and ended the day with 152 yards rushing on just 12 carries on the way to Offensive Player of the Game honors. The 74-yard TD run in the second quarter is the longest TD run in the history of the bowl, and his 12.7 yards per rush remains a bowl record.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #2 - 2014: WKU goes wild in the first three quarters

The No. 2 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was the offensive explosion by the WKU Hilltoppers in the inaugural game in 2014 against Central Michigan. Western Kentucky quarterback Brandon Doughty threw five TD passes in the first half to Jared Dangerfield, Joel German, Antwane Grant, Mitchell Henry and Willie McNeal to go with a rushing TD from Leon Allen as WKU scored on each of their six first-half possessions against the MAC's top defense for a 42-14 halftime lead. Allen's 21-yard TD in the third quarter pushed the WKU lead to what looked like an unsurmountable 49-14 over the Chippewas.

Bahamas Bowl Top 10 Moment - #1 - 2014: Central Michigan's furious comeback and "Bahamas Relay" finish

The No. 1 moment in Bahamas Bowl history was the comeback that brought the bowl its' greatest highlight. Central Michigan trailed Western Kentucky 49-14 going into the fourth quarter. The Chippewas rallied for 34 points - including an improbable 75-yard, three-relay touchdown on the final play. CMU quarterback Cooper Rush heaved one last gasp pass 47 yards down the field where it was caught by Jesse Kroll at the Hilltoppers 28. Then chaos ensued. After laterals from Kroll, Deon Butler and Courtney Williams, Titus Davis raced 15 yards, dove and grazed the pylon - launching the crowd into pandemonium and the 2014 Bahamas Bowl into history. Only a well-defended 2-point conversion attempt by WKU preserved the Hilltoppers' victory.

THE BAHAMAS

About The Bahamas

Since attaining independence from the UK in 1973, The Bahamas, officially known as the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, has prospered through tourism, international banking, and investment management. The Bahamas relies on tourism to generate most of its economic activity and features world-renowned resorts. The country consists of more than 700 islands, cays, and islets over 100,000 square miles of the Atlantic Ocean just 50 miles off the coast of Florida. The capital city of the Bahamas, Nassau, is located on the island of New Providence. The Prime Minister of the Bahamas is Dr. Hubert A. Minnis.



For more information on The Bahamas visit bahamas.com.

What Makes The Bahamas Unique?

The Bahamas is comprised of 700 islands sprinkled over 100,000 square miles of ocean starting just 50 miles off the coast of Florida. The archipelago is an ecological oasis featuring 2,000 breathtaking islands and cays and boasts the clearest water on the planet—with a visibility of over 200 feet. You can see your toes as easily as you can the world's third largest barrier reef.

We invite you to explore all of our islands. One step and you'll realize our beauty extends far beyond our extraordinary natural wonders. It's the smiles on the faces of the Bahamian people. The unique sounds of our rich culture. The warm hospitality of our heritage and our colorful history.

Our Proximity To The United States Of America

So close to home, yet feels so far away. Just 50 miles off the coast of Florida in the United States, our tropical archipelago is an easy and convenient destination to escape to year-round.

For centuries, our close proximity has attracted all kinds of people: Native Americans. Puritans. Explorers. Even pirates. Now it's your turn. Come discover all of our 700 islands and the hospitality of the Bahamian people. Paradise is just a short plane ride from Miami International Airport, South Florida. And many airlines now offer direct flights to Nassau/Paradise Island, Grand Bahama Island or The Out Islands. You can also sail into one of our 32 ports of entry. Once you arrive, go island-hopping. Explore underwater. Or do nothing but relax on one of our pristine beaches.

Nassau/Paradise Island:

Relax in the tropical ease of our capital city and largest city. Distance: 179 miles from the Florida coast; 45-minute plane ride from Miami.

Weather

This is weather that you can quickly get used to. The trade winds have blessed us with warm year-round weather, with winter lows averaging a comfortable 70 degrees Fahrenheit and summer highs with high humidity at around 80–90, with a gentle dip at night of just 5 to 7 degrees. The result? A climate where you can have fun anytime of the day, any season.

NASSAU/PARADISE ISLAND

Bahamas/Nassau Quick Facts

- Bahamas Governor-General: The Hon. Cornelius A. Smith
- Prime Minister: The Hon. Philip Davis
- New Providence Island (Nassau) Population: 246,329 (2010)
- Tourist Visits: 4.2 million (2019)
- Average temperature high (December) 79°
- Average temperature low (December) 63°
- Average Bahamas Bowl Gametime Temperature: 80°



Nassau & Paradise Island

With the lure of a big city and the ease of a tropical utopia, Nassau & Paradise Island are considered by many as, well, paradise. Nassau, the capital of The Bahamas, is a bustling metropolitan hub full of culture and modern amenities. To the north lies Paradise Island. Its name tells you everything. It's 685 acres of pure euphoria, developed almost exclusively to delight and accommodate visitors. The island boasts resorts, hotels, restaurants, shops, nightlife, a golf course, aquarium and a casino.

Nassau, the capital city of The Bahamas, is located on 21-mile-long New Providence, the Bahamas' 11th-largest island. Nassau's main harbor is protected by Paradise Island. The harbor attracted settlers in the early days, particularly pirates. In fact, Nassau's population consisted mainly of pirates until 1718, when The Bahamas first Royal Governor, Woodes Rogers expelled them, restored order and built Fort Nassau. The Bahamas for centuries adopted Rogers' motto, "Expulsis Piratis, Restituta Commercium," which means, "Pirates Expelled, Commerce Restored." Now, 246,000 people call New Providence Island home, with a large portion of them residing in Nassau.

Junkanoo, a Bahamian national festival, is a kaleidoscope of colors and sound. The rhythmic sounds of cowbells, goat skin drums and whistles, accompanied by an array of brass instruments, create a sweet musical beat that will move you; while brilliantly colored costumes capture your eye, and bring much visual delight. This bi-annual cultural highlight takes place on Bay Street in New Providence and other Family Islands during the early morning hours, from 1-9 am on Boxing Day (the day after Christmas) and New Year's Morning.



2021 BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA INFORMATION

BAHAMAS BOWL COMMUNICATIONS STAFF: Your media hosts for the 2021 Bahamas Bowl are:

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We are committed to help you have a great experience at the 2021 Bahamas Bowl. To that end, we will provide the following to the media.

MEDIA SITE: All press releases, media guides/postseason guides and releases for the participating institutions and the bowl are available in PDF format at www.bahamasbowl.com/media. Media are encouraged to download digital copies to reduce paper use.

MEDIA GUIDES/RELEASES: Media guides/postseason guides & releases for the participating institutions and the bowl will be available at both the Atlantis Media Information Center & gameday at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium.

QUOTES: Quotes of all media availabilities during bowl week will be distributed in the Media Information Center and online at www.bahamasbowl.com/media.

PRESS CONFERENCE VIDEOS: Video of the **November 30** team announcement press conference, the head coach Zoom call **December 8**, the pre-bowl press conference **December 15** and both postgame press conferences will be available via www.bahamasbowl.com/media and the bowl's **YouTube** channel for media back in the United States unable to make the trip to the Bahamas.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: All media attending the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl must apply for MEDIA/PHOTO credentials through the following web site: sportssystems.com/bahamasbowl. No exceptions.

Once the credential request is processed, **Chris Pika**, the Bowl's Communications Director (chris.pika@bahamasbowl.com), will forward a confirmation if the request is approved. Conference and/or individual school media badges will not be accepted as valid credentials.

MEDIA/PHOTO credentials will not be mailed in advance, but will be available for pickup at the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Media Center located at the Atlantis Bahamas (Minos/Neptune rooms in the Convention Center) beginning **Monday, Dec. 13, 2021**. Working media members who have not picked up their credentials by **Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. may do so on game day at the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Will-Call located just inside the Media Center in the Southwest corner of the stadium.

LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE INTERVIEW POLICY: Throughout bowl week, working press must adhere to the policies established by each school regarding access to student-athletes and coaches. Please contact a member of each institution's media relations/athletic communications staff for team policies.

2021 BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA INFORMATION

MEDIA CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION & WORKROOM: The Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Media Information Center will be located at Atlantis – Minos/Neptune (located in the Convention Center). Hours of operation are as follows:

- **Monday, Dec. 13.....9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Lite fare/snacks available Noon-2 p.m.)**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 149:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Lite fare/snacks available Noon-2 p.m.)**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 159:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m./2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Lite fare/snacks available 2:30-4:30 p.m.)**
- **Thursday, Dec. 16.....9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Lite fare/snacks available Noon-2 p.m.)**

(NOTE: Credentials will also be available for pickup at the December 15 Press Conference at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. prior to the start of the press conference)

Both press and photo credentials and other information must be picked up at the Bahamas Bowl Media Center during hours of operation.

In order to serve the media in an efficient manner, the Media Information Center is equipped with a copier. Drinks and snacks will be available. There will be workstations available and ample electrical power for computers and other electrical equipment. Internet service will be available. **Snacks & refreshments will be available each afternoon at times listed above.**

MEDIA HOSPITALITY SUITE: Media hospitality will be located at Atlantis (**Coral Towers - Room 9-225**). Drinks & snacks will be provided for credentialed media. Hours of operation are **9 p.m.-Midnight from Dec. 13-16.**

MEDIA HOTEL/TRANSPORTATION: The Atlantis Bahamas is the official media hotel of the Bahamas Bowl. All media must make their requests for rooms through the online media credentialing process. There are an extremely limited number of media rooms at the Atlantis, and beat writers who staff their team's games during the 2021 season will have priority in the Atlantis media block.

The Bahamas Bowl recommends using taxis or tour companies to travel throughout Nassau. All driving in the Bahamas is done from the left-hand side of the road.

The Bahamas Bowl will provide transportation for traveling U.S. media representatives to key events: the **Bahamas Bowl Press Conference on December 15** at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (leave for stadium at 10:45 a.m. and return to Atlantis at 2:00 p.m.) and the **2021 Bahamas Bowl on December 17** (leave for stadium at 8:30 a.m. and return to Atlantis 3 hours after the conclusion of the game - approximately 7:00 p.m.). **Media buses will be staged at the Atlantis (Coral Towers lobby).** All media members must show their credentials in order to use the transportation service.

GAMEDAY MEDIA TRIBUNE/MEDIA BOOTHS/MEDIA CENTER: Entrance into the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Tribune and Media Center is by credential only for the news media and communications staff. A limited number of telephones (restricted long distance) and email/copy service will be available to the working press.

The media tribune, press booths and media center will be open to the media at 8:30 a.m. Press releases, statistics, media guides and flip cards will be available. A pregame meal will be served only to accredited media approximately two hours prior to kickoff (Noon) in the Media Center, located in the Southwest corner of the stadium below the media tribune. Beverages and snacks will be available throughout the game.

2021 BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA INFORMATION

The Media Tribune at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium is outside and under cover (similar to auxiliary press setups at Super Bowls and other major sporting events). Power, wireless and wired internet will be available to each individual seated in the media tribune. Booths for coaches, ESPN, radio networks and instant replay are located at the top of the Western Grandstand in the Media Booths. Seat and booth assignments will be made by the bowl.

The media workroom at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium will remain open until **three hours** after the conclusion of the game. The media bus will leave the stadium heading back to Atlantis Coral Towers at **approximately 7:00 p.m.**

GAMEDAY MEDIA SERVICES: Flip cards, stats and game notes will be available prior to the start of the Bahamas Bowl in the main press areas. Complete box scores and play-by-play will be distributed to the media at the end of each quarter. Coaches and student-athlete quotes will be distributed shortly after the conclusion of the press conferences. If you need a box score emailed to your news organization, make a request to a Communications staffer.

INTERNET ACCESS: Wireless and wired access will be available to the media in Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. The wireless access network and password will be distributed to the media on gameday at the stadium.

LIVE STATISTICS: The Bahamas Bowl has contracted with StatBroadcast to provide instant stats information during the bowl to media in attendance in Nassau and back in the United States. To access the stat feed, point your browser to **bahamas.statbroadcast.com**.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEO: Bahamas Bowl photo credentials must be visible at all times. Bowl organizers will adhere to the NCAA's sideline control policy, which states that:

Sideline photographers are restricted outside the 20-yard lines in the areas designated and are reminded to stay behind the dotted restraining line around the field. No media personnel, including journalists, radio and television personnel or their equipment, shall be in the team area or coaching box.

POSTGAME INTERVIEW POLICY: Following a 10-minute cooling-off period, postgame interviews will take place in the Media Center in the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. Only individuals displaying proper credentials will be permitted in the interview area. Security will be posted in these locations and will not allow anyone to obstruct entrances. The runner-up head coach and two student-athletes will go first, followed by the winning institution's head coach and three student-athletes. The game's Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game are required to attend as part of their team's student-athlete contingent. The Prime Minister's Trophy will be presented to the championship team along with awards to the offensive and defensive players of the game on field immediately following the game.

The cooling-off period for the runner-up team begins when the head coach enters the locker room immediately after the game. The winning head coach and student-athletes must proceed directly from the field to the interview room after the postgame trophy presentation unless requested for a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by ESPN. Both teams' locker rooms are closed to the media.

Regardless of any personal regular-season radio or television contracts, the coach is first obligated to the entire media staffing the Bahamas Bowl and must report to the interview room immediately after the 10-minute cooling off period. The coach cannot delay a postgame interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single radio, newspaper, or television reporter unless requested to grant a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by ESPN. After fulfilling the commitment to the entire media covering the game, the coach and student-athletes may participate in special interviews.

2021 BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA SCHEDULE

Members of the media with Bahamas Bowl credentials are invited to cover the following events:

Bahamas Bowl Team Announcement Press Conference

Tuesday, Nov. 30 Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bahamas Bowl Head Coaches Press Conference (via Zoom)

Wednesday, Dec. 8 Online (Zoom) 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bahamas Bowl Player Beach Bash & Dinner

Tuesday, Dec. 14..... Atlantis – Lagoon & West Beach4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
(Limited number of media will be permitted to attend from 4:00-5:00 pm (end of Bahamas Bowl Dance Contest) -

NOTE: there is **no food** available for media at this event. Please contact Chris Pika for access.)

Bahamas Bowl Press Conference

Wednesday, Dec. 15 Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Center12:00 p.m. – 1 p.m.

All Bahamas Bowl credentialed media encouraged to attend. Toledo’s head coach and two student-athletes will be available to the media from 12:00-12:30 p.m. and Middle Tennessee’s head coach and two student-athletes will be available to the media from 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. A photo opportunity with the two head coaches and the Prime Minister’s Trophy will take place at 12:30 p.m. Contact Chris Pika at 678-908-4853 for info.

Bus for U.S. Media leaves Atlantis Coral Towers lobby at 10:45 a.m. and leaves from Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium to Atlantis Coral Towers lobby at 2 p.m.

2021 Bahamas Bowl

Friday, Dec. 17 Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium 12:00 p.m.

Only Bahamas Bowl credentialed media may attend the game/postgame press conferences. The Prime Minister’s Trophy & the Offensive & Defensive Player of the Game awards will be presented following the game.

Bus for U.S. Media leaves Atlantis Coral Towers lobby at 8:30 a.m. and leaves from Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium to Atlantis Coral Towers lobby at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Bahamas Bowl Postgame Press Conference

Friday, Dec. 17 Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Center Following Game
Postgame press conferences will begin approximately 10 minutes after the conclusion of the game. The runner-up head coach and two student-athletes will go first, followed by winning team’s head coach and three student-athletes. The game’s Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game are required to attend as part of their team’s contingent.

Note: A complete list of team activities will be available at the Bahamas Bowl Media Center. While every activity will not be open to the media, every effort will be made to assist media in covering the teams during bowl week and on game day. For all event information listed above, please contact Chris Pika, Director of Communications at 678-908-4853 or chris.pika@bahamasbowl.com.

2021 BAHAMAS BOWL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedule correct as of **December 10, 2021 (Schedule subject to change)**

MONDAY, DEC. 13

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Media Center, Credentials & HospitalityAtlantis – Minos/Neptune
 12:00 p.m. Middle Tennessee Airport Arrival* Lynden Pindling International Airport
 1:30 p.m. Middle Tennessee Hotel Arrival* Atlantis Bahamas
 3:00 p.m. Toledo Airport Arrival* Lynden Pindling International Airport
 4:30 p.m. Toledo Hotel Arrival* Atlantis Bahamas
(- team arrival times at airport/Atlantis are approximate and subject to change)*
9:00 p.m. - Midnight Media Hospitality Atlantis - Coral Towers 9-225

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Media Center, Credentials & HospitalityAtlantis – Minos/Neptune
 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Toledo Practice* Roscow A.L. Davies Field
 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Middle Tennessee Practice* Robinson Stadium Practice Field
(- team practice times/locations subject to change)*
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Player Beach Bash & Dinner..... Atlantis – Lagoon & West Beach
(Limited media availability - contact Chris Pika to cover event)
9:00 p.m. - Midnight Media Hospitality Atlantis - Coral Towers 9-225

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Media Center, Credentials & HospitalityAtlantis – Minos/Neptune
 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Middle Tennessee Practice* Roscow A.L. Davies Field
 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Toledo Practice* Robinson Stadium Practice Field
(- team practice times/locations subject to change)*
 11:00 a.m. – Noon Media Credential Pickup Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
 Noon – 1 p.m. Bowl Press Conferences Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Center
*(Toledo Noon - 12:30 pm; Coaches photo opportunity with Prime Minister's Trophy; Middle Tennessee 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
 (Credentials can also be picked up at TARNs prior to the press conference from 11 a.m. - Noon)*
2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Media Center, Credentials & HospitalityAtlantis – Minos/Neptune
9:00 p.m. - Midnight Media Hospitality Atlantis - Coral Towers 9-225

THURSDAY, DEC. 16

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Media Center, Credentials & HospitalityAtlantis – Minos/Neptune
 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Toledo Walk-Thru Practice Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Middle Tennessee Walk-Thru Practice Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Team Pep Rallies (subject to change) Atlantis - Royal Deck; Dolphin Cay Lawn
9:00 p.m. - Midnight Media Hospitality Atlantis - Coral Towers 9-225

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

9:00 a.m. Parking Gates Open Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
 9:00 a.m. Media Areas Open Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Media Credential Will-CallThomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Center
 9:30 a.m. Stadium Gates Open Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
12:00 p.m. Bahamas Bowl.....Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
 Immediately Following Game. Postgame Trophy/Awards Presentation .. Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium – Midfield
 Immediately Following Game. Postgame Press Conferences Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Center
 Postgame + 3 Hours Media Postgame Workroom.....Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Workroom

NOTE: Media availability to observe practices is subject to the rules of the participating institutions

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE MEDIA

PASSPORTS: The Bahamas Bowl reminds all media that all U.S. citizens coming to the Bowl must have a valid United States Passport for the time of travel. It is possible to secure passports on short notice, but costs will be much higher for the individuals involved and delays in receiving passports are possible during the holiday season. For information on how to obtain a U.S. Passport, visit [passports.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport/hurry.html). For obtaining an expedited passport in a hurry, visit travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport/hurry.html.

REQUIRED BAHAMAS TRAVEL HEALTH VISA: ALL visitors must obtain a Bahamas Travel Health Visa prior to traveling to the Bahamas. For more information on current Bahamas COVID-19 protocols and the Bahamas Travel Health Visa, please visit travel.gov.bs.

COVID-19 TEST BEFORE RETURNING TO U.S.: You will need to get a COVID-19 viral test (regardless of vaccination status or citizenship) **no more than 1 day** before you travel by air into the United States. You must show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight.

UNITED STATES EMBASSY: The United States Embassy in the Bahamas is located at **42 Queen Street** in Nassau. The American Citizen Services Unit stands ready to help American citizens in The Bahamas – and their loved ones – in emergency situations. American citizens overseas, of course, remain subject to the laws of the country they are in. The American Citizens Services Unit can assist in areas, including: illness/injury, lost/stolen U.S. Passport, arrest/detention, victims of crime, etc.

In case of emergencies involving the death, injury, welfare, or arrest of an American citizen in The Bahamas, please call **242-322-1181**, ext. 1 during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Friday), or **242-322-1181**, ext 43111 at all other times. (Please note that the Duty Officer who answers this number will not be able to assist with visa or routine passport matters.) The U.S. Embassy website is bs.usembassy.gov.

CELL PHONES/INTERNET: The Bahamas Bowl staff reminds media that cell phone roaming rates for voice and data usage in the Bahamas can be extremely high per minute. All participants should check with their cell-phone service provider for pertinent information on current international/roaming rates. Phones can be used in “Airplane Mode” in the Bahamas (no data usage) in order to use phone cameras, etc. Atlantis Bahamas has WiFi in rooms (free)/some public areas (daily fee if not staying at Atlantis). Calling cards for public phones located in the resort can be purchased at the Atlantis. You can also use apps like Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, etc. while using WiFi.

CURRENCY: The legal tender is the Bahamian dollar, which is equivalent to the U.S. dollar. U.S. currency is accepted throughout the Bahamas, as are most major credit cards and traveler’s checks. ATMs are located at both Paradise Island and Cable Beach casinos, Rawson Square, major banks and in most hotels.

ELECTRICITY: With standard North American 120-volt/60-cycle AC electrical current, you will be able to operate American laptops, electronics, hairdryers, shavers and other small electrical appliances without adapters.

GETTING AROUND: From the Lynden Pindling International Airport, taxi rates are approximately \$32 to downtown Nassau, \$22 to Cable Beach and \$38 to Paradise Island (plus the \$2 bridge toll to PI) - based on two passengers (extra bags/passengers will cost more). Taxi service is available from the Atlantis to take you into Nassau to visit tourist areas, restaurants, etc. Shared van rides into downtown Nassau from the Atlantis run \$5 per person (you will be dropped off in downtown Nassau near the Government House), while solo taxi rides run \$13 to downtown with higher rates outside the downtown zone. Unshared rides from downtown Nassau back to the Atlantis are \$13 per person (not including the \$2 bridge toll for taxis to get back to Paradise Island).

Ferry boats (water taxis) can take you between Nassau and Paradise Island while at the same time giving you a waterfront view of Nassau Harbour. Tickets can be purchased at the tour desk at Festival Place and at Woodes Rogers Wharf right next door. Tickets cost \$6 per person (plus a suggested \$1 tip for the storyteller who usually accompanies the ride) and the trip is approximately 10 minutes each way. Ferries leave every half hour on the hour from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

City buses, known locally as “jitneys”, run in downtown Nassau and Cable Beach several times a day. The cost for a one-way ride is \$1.50 per person, and exact change is required. Pay as you exit the bus.

TIPPING: Restaurants and hotels **automatically add 15%** to all food and beverage checks in lieu of gratuity. For exceptional service you may wish to leave something extra. Bellboys, doormen and porters usually receive \$3 per bag. Taxi drivers should be tipped about 15% of the fare.

CUSTOMS: U.S. citizens out of the country for 48 hours are allowed up to \$800 worth of duty-free merchandise. Less than 48 hours, the duty-free exemption is \$200. Limitations include 32 ounces of tobacco for those over 21 and no more than two liters of alcohol. To make traveling easier, consider packing things you’re going to declare separately and keep all your sales receipts.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: Internationally trained doctors are available at the hotels and throughout the Nassau Paradise Island. Two hospitals are fully equipped to respond to emergency medical situations. Princess Margaret Hospital (public) and Doctor’s Hospital (private) are both located in Nassau.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Driving Directions From Lynden Pindling International Airport to the Atlantis Bahamas (11.8 miles):

Go north on US Departures Rd. (0.2 miles), at the roundabout, take first exit onto Windsor Field Rd. (0.4 miles), go through one roundabout (0.4 miles) and stay on Windsor Field Rd., at the next roundabout (0.7 miles), take the first exit to John F. Kennedy Drive and go through two roundabouts, at the third roundabout (4.3 miles), take the first exit onto Prospect Ridge Rd., at the next roundabout (0.8 miles), take the first exit onto West Bay St., continue on West Bay St. (1.9 miles), at the next roundabout, continue on West Bay St. (1.1 miles), turn left onto Marlborough St. (0.1 miles), road becomes Navy Lion Rd. (213 feet), turn right onto Bay St. (1.2 miles), turn left and cross the Sir Sidney Poitier Bridge (0.5 miles), take first right onto Paradise Beach Rd., at the roundabout (0.1 miles), take the first exit and continue (0.2 miles), Atlantis Resort will be on the left.

**Driving Directions From Atlantis Bahamas to Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium/
Robinson Stadium Practice Field (4.6 miles):**

Head east toward Casino Drive (0.2 miles), at the roundabout, take second exit onto Paradise Island Bridge – Southbound Rd., cross bridge (0.5 miles) – road becomes Mackey St., continue on Mackey St. (1.2 miles), turn right on Wulff Rd., continue on Wulff Rd. (1.3 miles), Wulff Rd. becomes Poinciana Dr., continue on Poinciana Dr. (0.5 miles), at the roundabout, take first exit onto Thompson Blvd., continue on Thompson Blvd. (0.7 miles), turn left on Bahamas Games Blvd., continue on Bahamas Games Blvd. (0.2 miles), Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium will be on the left. Robinson Stadium Practice Field is located behind the National Stadium. **NOTE: If taking cab/tour company to the National Stadium, have them drop you at Western Grandstand entrance (side of stadium with spires on top of the grandstand). If going to the Practice Field, have them drop you at the Eastern Grandstand entrance of the stadium.**

Driving Directions From Atlantis Bahamas to Roscow A.L. Davies Field (5.2 miles)

Head east toward Casino Drive (0.2 miles), at the roundabout, take second exit onto Paradise Island Bridge – Southbound Rd., cross bridge (0.4 miles) – road becomes Mackey St., continue on Mackey St. (1.2 miles), turn right on Wulff Rd., continue on Wulff Rd. (1.3 miles), Wulff Rd. becomes Poinciana Dr. Continue on Poinciana Dr. (0.5 miles), at the roundabout, take first exit onto Thompson Blvd., continue on Thompson Blvd. (0.4 miles), turn left on Moss St., stay on Moss St. (0.1 miles), turn right and follow road (0.7 miles), at roundabout, take first exit onto Celery Dr., stay on Celery Dr. (0.3 miles), Roscow A.L. Davies Field will be on the left.

2021-22 BOWL SCHEDULE

BOWL GAME	MATCHUP	LOCATION	TIME/NETWORK
FRIDAY, DEC. 17			
Bahamas Bowl	Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo	Nassau, Bahamas	12 p.m./ESPN
Tailgreeter Cure Bowl	Northern Illinois vs. Coastal Carolina	Orlando, Fla.	6 p.m./ESPN2
SATURDAY, DEC. 18			
RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl	WKU vs. App State	Boca Raton, Fla.	11 a.m./ESPN
Cricket Celebration Bowl	South Carolina State vs. Jackson State	Atlanta, Ga.	Noon/ABC
PUBG New Mexico Bowl	UTEP vs. Fresno State	Albuquerque, N.M.	2:15 p.m./ESPN
Radiance Tech Independence Bowl	UAB vs. BYU	Mobile, Ala.	5:45 p.m./ESPN
LendingTree Bowl	Eastern Michigan vs. Liberty	Montgomery, Ala.	5:30 p.m./ESPN
Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl	Utah State vs. Oregon State	Inglewood, Calif.	7:30 p.m./ABC
R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	Louisiana vs. Marshall	New Orleans, La.	9:15 p.m./ESPN
MONDAY, DEC. 20			
Myrtle Beach Bowl	Old Dominion vs. Tulsa	Conway, S.C.	2:30 p.m./ESPN
TUESDAY, DEC. 21			
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Kent State vs. Wyoming	Boise, Idaho	3:30 p.m./ESPN
Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl	UTSA vs. San Diego State	Frisco, Texas	7:30 p.m./ESPN
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22			
Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	Missouri vs. Army	Fort Worth, Texas	8 p.m./ESPN
THURSDAY, DEC. 23			
Frisco Football Classic	North Texas vs. Miami (OH)	Honolulu, HI	8 p.m./ESPN
Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl	UCF vs. Florida	Tampa, Fla.	7 p.m./ESPN
FRIDAY, DEC. 24			
EasyPost Hawai'i Bowl	Memphis vs. Hawai'i	Annapolis, Md.	Noon/ESPN
SATURDAY, DEC. 25			
TaxAct Camellia Bowl	Georgia State vs. Ball State	Montgomery, Ala.	2:30 p.m./ESPN
MONDAY, DEC. 27			
Quick Lane Bowl	Western Michigan vs. Nevada	Detroit, Mich.	11 a.m./ESPN
Military Bowl, presented by Peraton	Boston College vs. East Carolina	Annapolis, Md.	2:30 p.m./ESPN
TUESDAY, DEC. 28			
TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl	Houston vs. Auburn	Birmingham, Ala.	Noon/ESPN
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl	Air Force vs. Louisville	Dallas, Texas	3:15 p.m./ESPN
AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Mississippi State vs. Texas Tech	Memphis, Tenn.	6:45 p.m./ESPN
SDCCU Holiday Bowl	UCLA vs. NC State	San Diego, Calif.	8 p.m./FOX
Guaranteed Rate Bowl	West Virginia vs. Minnesota	Phoenix, Ariz.	10:15 p.m./ESPN
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29			
Wasabi Fenway Bowl	SMU vs. Virginia	Boston, Mass.	11 a.m./ESPN
New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Maryland vs. Virginia Tech	Bronx, N.Y.	2:15 p.m./ESPN
Cheez-It Bowl	Clemson vs. Iowa State	Orlando, Fla.	5:45 p.m./ESPN
Valero Alamo Bowl	Oregon vs. Oklahoma	San Antonio, Texas	9:15 p.m./ESPN
THURSDAY, DEC. 30			
Duke's Mayo Bowl	North Carolina vs. South Carolina	Charlotte, N.C.	11:30 a.m./ESPN
TransPerfect Music City Bowl	Tennessee vs. Purdue	Nashville, Tenn.	3 p.m./ESPN
Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Pitt vs. Michigan State	Atlanta, Ga.	7 p.m./ESPN
SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl	Wisconsin vs. Arizona State	Las Vegas, Nev.	10:30 p.m./ESPN
FRIDAY, DEC. 31			
TaxSlayer Gator Bowl	Wake Forest vs. Texas A&M	Jacksonville, Fla.	11 a.m./ESPN
Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl	Washington State vs. Miami (FL)	El Paso, Texas	Noon/CBS
Barstool Sports Arizona Bowl	Central Michigan vs. Boise State	Tucson, Ariz.	2 p.m./Barstool
College Football Playoff Semifinals			
Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic	CFP Semifinal: Cincinnati vs. Alabama	Arlington, Texas	3:30 p.m./ESPN
Capital One Orange Bowl	CFP Semifinal: Georgia vs. Michigan	Miami Gardens, Fla.	7:30 p.m./ESPN
SATURDAY, JAN. 1			
Outback Bowl	Penn State vs. Arkansas	Tampa, Fla.	Noon/ESPN2
PlayStation Fiesta Bowl	Oklahoma State vs. Notre Dame	Glendale, Ariz.	1 p.m./ESPN
Vrbo Citrus Bowl	Iowa vs. Kentucky	Orlando, Fla.	1 p.m./ABC
Rose Bowl Game, presented by Capital One Venture X	Utah vs. Ohio State	Pasadena, Calif.	5 p.m./ESPN
Allstate Sugar Bowl	Baylor vs. Ole Miss	New Orleans, La.	8:45 p.m./ESPN
TUESDAY, JAN. 4			
TaxAct Texas Bowl	LSU vs. Kansas State	Houston, Texas	9 p.m./ESPN
MONDAY, JAN. 13			
CFP National Championship	Cotton/Orange Winners	Indianapolis, Ind.	8 p.m./ESPN

NOTE: All times Eastern

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Game Date	Score	Attendance	Weather	Players of the Game
December 24, 2014	WKU 49, Central Michigan 48	13,667	Mostly Cloudy, 79°	QB Brandon Doughty, WKU (offense) DE Derik Overstreet, WKU (defense)
December 24, 2015	Western Michigan 45, Middle Tennessee 31	13,123	Mostly Cloudy, 81°	RB Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan (offense) LB Grant DePalma, Western Michigan (defense)
December 23, 2016	Old Dominion 24, Eastern Michigan 20	13,422	Partly Cloudy, 80°	RB Ray Lawry, Old Dominion (offense) LB TJ Ricks, Old Dominion (defense)
December 22, 2017	Ohio 41, UAB 6	13,585	Partly Cloudy, 82°	RB Dorian Brown, Ohio (offense) S Javon Hagan, Ohio (defense)
December 21, 2018	FIU 35, Toledo 32	13,510	Partly Cloudy, 81°	QB Christian Alexander, FIU (offense) LB Edwin Freeman, FIU (defense)
December 20, 2019	Buffalo 31, Charlotte 9	13,547	Mostly Cloudy, 77°	RB Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (offense) DE Malcolm Koonce, Buffalo (defense)

INDIVIDUAL

RUSHING

Most Rushing Attempts

- 32-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019 (173 yards)
- 23-Ray Lawry, Old Dominion 2016 (133 yards)
- 19-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (215 yards)
- 15-Anthony Jones, FIU 2018 (92 yards)
- 14-Anthony Wales, WKU 2014 (95 yards)
- 14-Bryant Koback, Toledo 2018 (42 yards)
- 14-Chris Reynolds, Charlotte 2019 (10 yards)

Most Rushing Yards

- 215-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (19 attempts)
- 173-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019 (32 attempts)
- 152-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (12 attempts)
- 133-Ray Lawry, Old Dominion 2016 (23 attempts)
- 95-Anthony Wales, WKU 2014 (14 attempts)

Most Rushing Yards in a Half

- 152-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (17 attempts, 2nd half)

Most Rushing Yards - Quarterback

- 83-Christian Alexander, FIU 2018 (11 attempts)
- 43-Eli Peters, Toledo 2018 (5 attempts)
- 31-A.J. Erdely, UAB 2017 (5 attempts)
- 30-Nathan Rourke, Ohio (3 attempts)
- 28-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (6 attempts)

Highest Rushing Yard Average Per Attempt (min. 10 attempts)

- 12.7-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (12 for 152)
- 11.3-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (19 for 215)
- 7.5-Christian Alexander, FIU 2018 (11 for 83)
- 6.8-Anthony Wales, WKU 2014 (14 for 95)
- 6.1-Anthony Jones, FIU 2018 (15 for 92)

Most Touchdowns Rushing

- 4-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015
- 4-Dorian Brown, Ohio, 2017
- 3-Anthony Jones, FIU 2018
- 2-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019

Longest Rush

- 74t-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017
- 62t-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015
- 61-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015
- 46t-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015
- 46t-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015

Longest Rushing Touchdown

- 74t-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017
- 62t-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015
- 46t-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015
- 46t-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015
- 30t-Anthony Jones, FIU 2018

PASSING

Most Pass Attempts

- 46-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (26-46-1, 300 yards, 2 TD)
- 45-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (28-45-1, 493 yards, 7 TD)
- 45-A.J. Erdely, UAB (24-45-0, 254 yards, 0 TD)
- 42-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (31-42-0, 486 yards, 5 TD)
- 39-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (26-39-1, 327 yards, 3 TD)

Most Pass Attempts without an Interception

- 45-A.J. Erdely, UAB 2017

Most Pass Completions

- 31-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (31-42-0, 486 yards, 5 TD)
- 28-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (28-45-1, 493 yards, 7 TD)
- 26-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (26-39-1, 327 yards, 3 TD)
- 26-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (26-46-1, 300 yards, 2 TD)
- 24-A.J. Erdely, UAB 2017 (24-45-0, 254 yards, 0 TD)

Most Consecutive Completions

- 9-Christian Alexander, FIU 2018

Most Passing Yards

- 493-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (28-45-1, 7 TD)
- 486-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (31-42-0, 5 TD)
- 327-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (26-39-1, 3 TD)
- 300-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (26-46-1, 2 TD)
- 297-Zach Terrell, Western Michigan 2015 (18-26-1, 2 TD)

Most Passing Yards in a Half

- 350-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (22-30-0, 5 TD; 1st half)

Most Passing Yards in a Quarter

- 255-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (13-17-0, 5 TD, 4th quarter) - *NCAA bowl record*

Most Touchdown Passes

- 7-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 - *NCAA bowl record*
- 5-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014
- 3-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015
- 3-David Washington, Old Dominion 2016
- 3-Eli Peters, Toledo 2018

Highest Completion Percentage (minimum 20 attempts)

- 73.8-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (31 of 42)
- 69.2-Zach Terrell, Western Michigan 2015 (18 of 26)
- 66.7-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (26 of 39)
- 65.4-Christian Alexander, FIU 2018 (17 of 26)
- 62.5-Chris Reynolds, Charlotte 2019 (15 of 24)

Most Interceptions

- 1-by seven players

Longest Pass

- 80t-Zach Terrell to Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015
- 75t-Cooper Rush to Jesse Kroll (47 yards), lateral to Deon Butler (11 yards), lateral to Courtney Williams (2 yards) and lateral to Titus Davis (15 yards), Central Michigan 2014
- 68t-Zach Terrell to Daniel Braverman, Western Michigan 2015
- 56t-Nathan Rourke to Papi White, Ohio 2017
- 55t-Brandon Doughty to Willie McNeal, WKU 2014

Longest Passing Touchdown

- 80t-Zach Terrell to Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015
- 75t-Cooper Rush to Jesse Kroll (47 yards), lateral to Deon Butler (11 yards), lateral to Courtney Williams (2 yards) and lateral to Titus Davis (15 yards), Central Michigan 2014
- 68t-Zach Terrell to Daniel Braverman, Western Michigan 2015
- 56t-Nathan Rourke to Papi White, Ohio 2017
- 55t-Brandon Doughty to Willie McNeal, WKU 2014

RECEIVING

Most Receptions

- 8-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (183 yards, 1 TD)
- 8-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (126 yards, 2 TD)
- 7-Dieulu Aristilde, Eastern Michigan 2016 (80 yards, 0 TD)
- 6-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (137 yards, 4 TD)
- 6-Eddie Daugherty, Eastern Michigan 2016 (72 yards, 0 TD)
- 6-Andre Wilson, UAB 2017 (56 yards, 0 TD)

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6-Andrew Meyer, Ohio 2017 (50 yards, 0 TD)
6-Diontae Johnson, Toledo 2018 (98 yards, 1 TD)

Most Receiving Yards

183-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (8 receptions, 1 TD)
155-Willie McNeal, WKU 2014 (5 receptions, 1 TD)
137-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (6 receptions, 4 TD)
126-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (8 receptions, 2 TD)
109-Jesse Kroll, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receptions, 0 TD)

Most Receiving Yards in a Half

184-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (7 receptions, 1st half)

Most Touchdowns Receiving

4-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (6 receptions, 137 yards) - *tied NCAA bowl record*
2-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (8 receptions, 126 yards)
2-Courtney Williams, Central Michigan 2014 (3 receptions, 70 yards)
2-Jon'Vea Johnson, Toledo 2018 (3 receptions, 49 yards)

Highest Average Per Reception (minimum 3 receptions)

31.0-Willie McNeal, WKU 2014 (5 receptions, 155 yards)
27.3-Jesse Kroll, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receptions, 109 yards)
26.5-Papi White, Ohio 2017 (4 receptions, 106 yards)
23.3-Courtney Williams, Central Michigan 2014 (3 receptions, 70 yards)
22.9-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (8 receptions, 183 yards)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Plays

53-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (8 rushes, 45 passes)
52-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (6 rushes, 46 passes)
50-A.J. Erdely, UAB 2017 (5 rushes, 45 passes)
48-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (9 rushes, 39 passes)
44-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (2 rushes, 42 passes)

Most Total Yards

519-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (26 rushing, 493 passing)
490-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (4 rushing, 486 passing)
349-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (22 rushing, 327 passing)
328-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (28 rushing, 300 passing)
307-Eli Peters, Toledo 2018 (43 rushing, 264 passing)

Highest Average Per Play (minimum 40 plays)

11.1-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (44 plays, 490 yards)
9.8-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (53 plays, 519 yards)
7.3-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (48 plays, 349 yards)
7.2-Eli Peters, Toledo 2018 (43 plays, 307 yards)
6.3-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (52 plays, 328 yards)

Most Touchdowns Responsible For (TDs scored and passed for)

7-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (7 pass) - *tied NCAA bowl record*
5-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (5 pass)
4-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receiving)
4-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (4 rush)
4-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (4 rush)

Most Points Responsible For (Points scored and passed for)

42-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (7 passing TD) - *tied NCAA bowl record*
30-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (5 passing TD)
24-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receiving TD)
24-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (4 rushing TD)
24-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (4 rushing TD)

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (Yards from rushing, receiving & runbacks)

Most Plays

32-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019 (32 rushing)
25-Ray Lawry, Old Dominion 2016 (23 rushing, 2 receiving)
19-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (19 rushing)
18-Leon Allen, WKU 2014 (13 rushing, 5 receiving)
16-Blake Banham, Eastern Michigan 2016 (13 rushing, 2 receiving, 1 punt return)
16-Bryant Koback, Toledo 2018 (14 rushing, 2 receiving)

Most All-Purpose Yards

215-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (215 rushing)
187-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (61 rushing, 126 receiving)
183-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (183 receiving)
175-Willie McNeal, WKU 2014 (155 receiving, 20 kickoff return)
173-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019 (173 rushing)

Highest Average Per Play (minimum 10 plays)

18.7-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (187 yards, 10 plays)
15.0-Andre Wilson, UAB 2017 (165 yards, 11 plays)
11.3-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (215 yards, 19 plays)

7.1-Anthony Wales, WKU 2014 (107 yards, 15 plays)
5.8-Ray Lawry, Old Dominion 2016 (147 yards, 25 plays)

TANDEM YARDS (Yardage from rushing and receiving)

Most Plays

32-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019 (173 rushing yards)
25-Ray Lawry, Old Dominion 2016 (133 rushing yards, 14 receiving yards)
19-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (215 rushing yards)
18-Leon Allen, WKU 2014 (52 rushing yards, 45 receiving yards)
16-Bryant Koback, Toledo 2018 (42 rushing yards, 11 receiving yards)

Most Tandem Yards

215-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (19 rushing)
187-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (2 rushing, 8 receiving)
183-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (8 receiving)
173-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019 (32 rushing)
152-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (12 rushing)

Highest Average Per Play (minimum 10 plays)

18.7-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (10 plays, 187 yards)
12.7-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (12 plays, 152 yards)
11.3-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (19 plays, 215 yards)
7.1-Anthony Wales, WKU 2014 (15 plays, 107 yards)
5.8-Ray Lawry, Old Dominion 2016 (25 plays, 147 yards)

SCORING

Most Points Scored - Non-Kicker

24-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receiving TD)
24-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (4 rushing TD)
24-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (4 rushing TD)
18-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (1 rushing TD, 2 receiving TD)
18-Anthony Jones, FIU 2018 (3 rushing TD)

Most Points - Kicker

9-Andrew Haldeman, Western Michigan 2015 (1 FG, 6 PAT)
8-Paul Fricano, Eastern Michigan 2016 (2 FG, 2 PAT)
7-Cody Clark, Middle Tennessee 2015 (1 FG, 4 PAT)
7-Alex McNulty, Buffalo 2019 (1 FG, 4 PAT)
6-by five players

Most Points Rushing

24-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015
24-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017
18-Anthony Jones, FIU 2018
12-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019

Most Points Receiving

24-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014
12-Courtney Williams, Central Michigan 2014
12-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015
12-Jon'Vea Johnson, Toledo 2018

Most Touchdowns

4-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receiving TD)
4-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (4 rushing TD)
4-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (4 rushing TD)
3-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (1 rushing TD, 2 receiving TD)
3-Anthony Jones, FIU 2018 (3 rushing TD)

FIELD GOALS/EXTRA POINTS

Most Field Goals

2-Paul Fricano, Eastern Michigan 2016 (24 yards, 19 yards)
2-Nick Vogel, UAB 2017 (34 yards, 25 yards)

Most Field Goal Attempts

3-Nick Vogel, UAB 2017 (47, blocked; 34, good; 25, good)
2-Andrew Haldeman, Western Michigan 2015 (30, miss; 47, good)
2-Paul Fricano, Eastern Michigan 2016 (24, good; 19, good)
2-Jonathan Cruz, Charlotte 2019 (33, miss; 32, good)

Longest Field Goal

47-Andrew Haldeman, Western Michigan 2015
34-Brad Davis, Old Dominion 2016
34-Nick Vogel, UAB 2017
32-Jonathan Cruz, Charlotte 2019
31-Alex McNulty, Buffalo 2019

Longest Field Goal Attempt

47-Andrew Haldeman, Western Michigan 2015 (made)
47-Nick Vogel, UAB 2017 (blocked)
36-Garrett Schwettman, WKU 2014 (missed)

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34-Brad Davis, Old Dominion 2016 (made)

34-Nick Vogel, UAB 2017 (made)

Most Extra-Point Kick Attempts

6-Brian Eavey, Central Michigan 2014 (6 made)

6-Garrett Schwettman, WKU 2014 (6 made)

6-Andrew Haldeman, Western Michigan 2015 (6 made)

6-Louie Zervos, Ohio 2017 (5 made)

5-Jose Borregales, FIU 2018 (5 made)

Most Extra Point Kicks Made

6-Brian Eavey, Central Michigan 2014 (6 attempts)

6-Garrett Schwettman, WKU 2014 (6 attempts)

6-Andrew Haldeman, Western Michigan 2015 (6 attempts)

5-Louie Zervos, Ohio 2017 (6 attempts)

5-Jose Borregales, FIU 2018 (5 attempts)

Most Two-Point Conversions

1-Eli Peters, FIU 2018 (pass attempt completed)

Most Two-Point Conversion Attempts

1-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (pass attempt failed)

1-Eli Peters, FIU 2018 (pass attempt completed)

1-Chris Reynolds, Charlotte 2019 (pass attempt failed)

PUNTING

Most Punts

5-Matt Bonadies, Middle Tennessee 2015 (224 yards, 44.8 average)

5-Joel Dixon, UAB 2017 (209 yards, 41.8 average)

5-Bailey Flint, Toledo 2018 (227 yards, 45.4 average)

4-Ron Coluzzi, Central Michigan 2014 (77 yards, 19.2 average)

4-J. Schroeder, Western Michigan 2015 (122 yards, 30.5 average)

4-Bailey Cate, Old Dominion 2016 (158 yards, 39.5 average)

4-Michael Farkas, Ohio 2017 (173 yards, 43.2 average)

4-Stone Wilson, FIU 2018 (167 yards, 41.8 average)

Longest Punt

54-Michael Farkas, Ohio 2017

54-Bailey Flint, Toledo 2018

52-Matt Bonadies, Middle Tennessee 2015

52-Stone Wilson, FIU 2018

50-Joel Dixon, UAB 2017

Highest Punting Average (minimum 3 punts)

45.4-Bailey Flint, Toledo 2018 (5 punts, 227 yards)

44.8-Matt Bonadies, Middle Tennessee 2015 (5 punts, 224 yards)

43.2-Michael Farkas, Ohio 2017 (4 punts, 173 yards)

42.7-Jackson Baltar, Buffalo 2019 (3 punts, 128 yards)

41.8-Joel Dixon, UAB 2017 (5 punts, 209 yards)

41.8-Stone Wilson, FIU 2018 (4 punts, 167 yards)

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns

2-Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee 2015 (5 yards)

2-Nafees Lyon, Charlotte 2019 (31 yards)

Most Punt Return Yards

34-Kylan Nelson, Ohio 2017 (1 return)

31-Nafees Lyon, Charlotte 2019 (2 returns)

23-Papi White, Ohio 2017 (1 return)

21-Diontae Johnson, Toledo 2018 (1 return)

5-Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee 2015 (2 returns)

5-Andre Wilson, UAB 2017 (1 return)

Highest Punt Return Average (minimum 2 returns)

15.5-Nafees Lyon, Charlotte 2019 (2 returns, 31 yards)

2.5-Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee 2015 (2 returns, 5 yards)

Longest Punt Returns

34-Kylan Nelson, Ohio 2017

23-Papi White, Ohio 2017

22-Nafees Lyon, Charlotte 2019

21-Diontae Johnson, Toledo 2018

9-Nafees Lyon, Charlotte 2019

Punt Returns for Touchdown

Has not occurred

KICK RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

5-Jaron Johnson, Eastern Michigan 2016 (89 yards)

4-Darius Phillips, Western Michigan 2015 (88 yards)

4-Andre Wilson, UAB 2017 (102 yards)

3-Zach Pascal, Old Dominion 2016 (78 yards)

2-Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee 2015 (56 yards)

2-Amari Coleman, Central Michigan 2014 (33 yards)

2-Courtney Williams, Central Michigan 2014 (28 yards)

2-Demetrius Davis, UAB 2017 (19 yards)

2-Bryce Singleton, FIU 2018 (20 yards)

Most Kickoff Return Yards

102-Andre Wilson, UAB 2017 (4 returns)

89-Jaron Johnson, Eastern Michigan 2016 (5 returns)

88-Darius Phillips, Western Michigan 2015 (4 returns)

78-Zach Pascal, Old Dominion 2016 (3 returns)

56-Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee 2015 (2 returns)

Highest Kickoff Return Average (minimum 2 returns)

28.0-Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee 2015 (2 returns, 56 yards)

26.0-Zach Pascal, Old Dominion 2016 (3 returns, 78 yards)

25.5-Andre Wilson, UAB 2017 (4 returns, 102 yards)

22.0-Darius Phillips, Western Michigan 2015 (4 returns, 88 yards)

17.8-Jaron Johnson, Eastern Michigan 2016 (5 returns, 89 yards)

Longest Kickoff Returns

45-Andre Wilson, UAB 2017

32-Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee 2015

29-Darius Phillips, Western Michigan 2015

29-Zach Pascal, Old Dominion 2016

28-Darius Phillips, Western Michigan 2015

Kickoff Returns for Touchdown

Has not occurred

TACKLES

Most Total Tackles

12-Grant DePalma (LB), Western Michigan 2015

11-Jamez Brickhouse (CB), Old Dominion 2016

11-Christian Byrum (S), Old Dominion 2016

11-Markees Watts (DE), Charlotte 2019

10-Justin Cherocci (LB), Central Michigan 2014

Most Solo Tackles

8-Jamez Brickhouse (CB), Old Dominion 2016

6-Javon Hagan (S), Ohio 2017

6-Tuzar Skipper (DE), Toledo 2018

5-Daeshawn Bertram (LB), WKU 2014

5-Rontavious Atkins (S), Western Michigan 2015

5-Grant DePalma (LB), Western Michigan 2015

5-Jamarcus Howard (CB), Middle Tennessee 2015

5-Anthony Wilson (LB), Old Dominion 2016

5-Edwin Freeman (LB), FIU 2018

5-Marquavis Gibbs (S), Charlotte 2019

Most Assisted Tackles

9-Markees Watts (DE), Charlotte 2019

8-Christian Byrum (S), Old Dominion 2016

7-Grant DePalma (LB), Western Michigan 2015

6-Tony Annese (S), Central Michigan 2014

6-Justin Cherocci (LB), Central Michigan 2014

6-Branden Leston (S), WKU 2014

6-Anthony Rush (DT), UAB 2017

6-Sage Lewis (LB), FIU 2018

6-Ja'Cione Fugate (S), Charlotte 2019

Most Tackles for Loss

2.5-Derik Overstreet (DE), WKU 2014 (-14 yards)

2-Cleveland Smith (DT), Western Michigan 2015 (-2 yards)

2-Pat O'Connor (DE), Eastern Michigan 2016 (-4 yards)

2-Chad Moore (LB), Ohio 2017 (-3 yards)

2-Malcolm Koonce (DE), Buffalo 2019 (-5 yards)

SACKS

Most Quarterback Sacks

2-Derik Overstreet (DE), WKU 2014 (-13 yards)

2-Malcolm Koonce (DE), Buffalo 2019 (-5 yards)

PASS BREAKUPS

Most Pass Breakups

4-Wonderful Terry (CB), WKU 2014

2-Ronald Zamort (CB), Western Michigan 2015

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2-Javon Hagan (S), Ohio 2017
 2-Jalen Fox (CB), Ohio 2017
 2-Duke Culver (S), UAB 2017

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions

1-Cam Thomas (CB), WKU 2014 (16 yards)
 1-Justin Akins (DE), Middle Tennessee 2015 (0 yards)
 1-Rontavious Atkins (S), Western Michigan 2015 (29 yards)
 1-Vince Calhoun (S) Eastern Michigan 2016 (27 yards)
 1-Denzel Williams (S), Old Dominion 2016 (0 yards)
 1-Marquavis Gibbs (S), Charlotte 2019 (34 yards)
 1-James Patterson (LB), Buffalo 2019 (20 yards)

Longest Interception Returns

32-Marquavis Gibbs, Charlotte 2019
 29-Rontavious Atkins, Western Michigan 2015
 27-Vince Calhoun, Eastern Michigan 2016
 20-James Patterson, Buffalo 2019
 16-Cam Thomas, WKU 2014

Interceptions Returned for Touchdown

Has not occurred

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles Forced

1-by 12 players

Most Fumbles Recovered

1-Tony Annese (S), Central Michigan 2014 (27 yards)
 1-Justin Cherocci (LB), Central Michigan 2014 (0 yards)
 1-Darius Phillips (CB), Western Michigan 2015 (1 yard)
 1-DeDarallo Blue (STAR), Toledo 2018 (5 yards)
 1-Rishard Dames (CB), FIU 2018 (0 yards)
 1-Ledarius Mack (DE), Buffalo 2019 (3 yards)

Longest Fumble Returns

27-Tony Annese, Central Michigan 2014
 5-DeDarallo Blue, Toledo 2018
 3-Ledarius Mack, Buffalo 2019
 1-Darius Phillips, Western Michigan 2015

Fumbles Returned for Touchdown

Has not occurred

HALFTIME

Most Yards Rushing

79-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (4 attempts)

Most Yards Passing

305-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (22-28-0, 5 TD)

Most Pass Completions

22-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (28 attempts)

Most Pass Receptions

7-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (184 yards)

Most Yards Receiving

184-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (7 receptions)

Most Total Offense Yards

353-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (3 rushing, 350 passing)

MILESTONE GAMES

100-Yard Rushing Games

215-Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan 2015 (19 attempts, 4 TD)
 173-Jaret Patterson, Buffalo 2019 (32 attempts, 2 TD)
 152-Dorian Brown, Ohio 2017 (12 attempts, 4 TD)
 133-Ray Lawry, Old Dominion 2016 (23 attempts, 0 TD)

100-Yard Receiving Games

183-Corey Davis, Western Michigan 2015 (8 receptions, 1 TD)
 155-Willie McNeal, WKU 2014 (5 receptions, 1 TD)
 137-Titus Davis, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receptions, 4 TD)
 126-Richie James, Middle Tennessee 2015 (8 receptions, 2 TD)
 109-Jesse Kroll, Central Michigan 2014 (4 receptions, 0 TD)
 106-Papi White, Ohio 2017 (4 receptions, 1 TD)
 101-Daniel Braverman, Western Michigan 2015 (5 receptions, 1 TD)

300-Yard Passing Games

493-Cooper Rush, Central Michigan 2014 (28-45-1, 7 TD)
 486-Brandon Doughty, WKU 2014 (31-42-0, 5 TD)
 327-Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee 2015 (26-39-1, 3 TD)
 300-Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan 2016 (26-46-1, 2 TD)

BAHAMAS BOWL WINNING HEAD COACHES



2014: WKU
Jeff Brohm



2015: Western Michigan
P.J. Fleck



2016: Old Dominion
Bobby Wilder



2017: Ohio
Frank Solich



2018: FIU
Butch Davis



2019: Buffalo
Lance Leipold

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TEAM

SCORING

Most Points Scored

49-WKU 2014
48-Central Michigan 2014
45-Western Michigan 2015
41-Ohio 2017
35-FIU 2018

Most Points Scored in Defeat

48-Central Michigan 2014

Most Points Scored – Half

42-WKU 2014 (1st half)
34-Central Michigan 2014 (2nd half)
28-Western Michigan 2015 (2nd half)

Most Points Scored – 1st Quarter

21-WKU 2014
17-Middle Tennessee 2015
17-Western Michigan 2015

Most Points Scored – 2nd Quarter

21-WKU 2014
14-Ohio 2017
14-FIU 2018

Most Points Scored – 3rd Quarter

17-Eastern Michigan 2016
14-Ohio 2017

Most Points Scored – 4th Quarter

34-Central Michigan 2014
21-Western Michigan 2015

Most Consecutive Points Scored

34-Central Michigan 2014 (11:37-0:00 4th quarter)
24-Buffalo 2019 (9:12 1st quarter-5:22 3rd quarter)

Most Touchdowns

7-WKU 2014
7-Central Michigan 2014
6-Western Michigan 2015
6-Ohio 2017
5-FIU 2018

Largest Deficit Overcome to Win

10-FIU 2018 (0-10; 0:12, 1st quarter)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs

30-WKU 2014
28-Central Michigan 2014
28-Eastern Michigan 2016
26-FIU 2018
24-Ohio 2017

Most Rushing First Downs

13-Old Dominion 2016
13-Buffalo 2019
11-Ohio 2017
10-Western Michigan 2015
10-FIU 2018

Most Passing First Downs

22-WKU 2014
20-Central Michigan 2014
16-Eastern Michigan 2016
13-FIU 2018
12-Toledo 2018

Most First Downs by Penalty

4-Eastern Michigan 2016
4-Ohio 2017
4-UAB 2017
3-FIU 2018
2-Central Michigan 2014
2-WKU 2014

RUSHING

Most Attempts

46-Buffalo 2019

43-FIU 2018

41-Western Michigan 2015

39-Old Dominion 2016

38-Eastern Michigan 2016

Most Net Rushing Yards

282-Western Michigan 2015
249-Ohio 2017
236-FIU 2018
206-Old Dominion 2016
205-Buffalo 2019

Most Rushing Yards in a Half

183-Western Michigan 2015 (2nd half)
145-Ohio 2017 (1st half)
143-FIU 2018 (2nd half)
125-Buffalo 2019 (2nd half)
121-Old Dominion 2016 (2nd half)

Highest Average Per Rush

7.8-Ohio 2017 (32 for 249)
6.9-Western Michigan 2015 (41 for 282)
5.5-FIU 2018 (43 for 236)
5.3-Old Dominion 2016 (39 for 206)
5.0-WKU 2014 (32 for 161)

Most Touchdowns Rushing

4-Western Michigan 2015
4-Ohio 2017
4-FIU 2018
3-Buffalo 2019
2-WKU 2014

PASSING/RECEIVING

Most Pass Attempts

47-Eastern Michigan 2016
45-Central Michigan 2014
45-UAB 2017
42-WKU 2014
39-Middle Tennessee 2015

Most Pass Completions

31-WKU 2014
28-Central Michigan 2014
26-Middle Tennessee 2015
26-Eastern Michigan 2016
24-UAB 2017

Most Net Passing Yards

493-Central Michigan 2014
486-WKU 2014
331-Western Michigan 2015
327-Middle Tennessee 2015
300-Eastern Michigan 2016

Most Net Passing Yards in a Half

350-WKU 2014 (1st half)
291-Central Michigan 2014 (2nd half)
233-Western Michigan 2015 (1st half)
203-Central Michigan 2014 (1st half)
198-Middle Tennessee 2015 (1st half)

Most Touchdown Passes

7-Central Michigan 2014 - *NCAA bowl record*
5-WKU 2014
3-Middle Tennessee 2015
3-Old Dominion 2016
3-Toledo 2018

Highest Completion Percentage (min. 20 attempts)

73.8-WKU 2014 (31 of 42)
70.4-Western Michigan 2015 (19 of 27)
66.7-Middle Tennessee 2015 (26 of 39)
66.7-FIU 2018 (18 of 27)
63.6-Ohio 2017 (14 of 22)

Highest Average Per Attempt

12.3-Western Michigan 2015 (27 for 331)
11.6-WKU 2014 (42 for 486)
11.0-Central Michigan 2014 (45 for 493)
9.5-Ohio 2017 (22 for 210)
9.4-Old Dominion 2016 (20 for 188)

Highest Average Per Completion

17.6-Central Michigan 2014 (28 for 493)
17.4-Western Michigan 2015 (19 for 331)
17.1-Old Dominion 2016 (11 for 188)
15.7-WKU 2014 (31 for 486)
15.0-Ohio 2017 (14 for 210)

Most Interceptions

1-by seven teams

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Plays

85-Eastern Michigan 2016
74-Central Michigan 2014
74-WKU 2014
70-UAB 2017
70-FIU 2018

Most Total Yards

647-WKU 2014
613-Western Michigan 2015
607-Central Michigan 2014
470-Eastern Michigan 2016
459-Ohio 2017
459-FIU 2018

Highest Average Per Play

9.0-Western Michigan 2015 (68 for 613)
8.7-WKU 2014 (74 for 647)
8.5-Ohio 2017 (54 for 459)
8.2-Central Michigan 2014 (74 for 607)
6.8-Middle Tennessee 2015 (65 for 442)

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles

4-FIU 2018
3-WKU 2014
2-Western Michigan 2015
2-Ohio 2017
1-by five teams

Most Fumbles Lost

2-WKU 2014
1-by four teams

PENALTIES

Most Penalties

9-WKU 2014
9-Western Michigan 2015
8-Central Michigan 2014
8-UAB 2017
7-FIU 2018

Most Penalty Yards

105-WKU 2014
77-Central Michigan 2014
70-Ohio 2017
65-Old Dominion 2016
62-Western Michigan 2015

PUNTING

Most Punts

5-Middle Tennessee 2015
5-UAB 2017
5-Toledo 2018
4-by five teams

Most Punting Yards

227-Toledo 2018
224-Middle Tennessee 2015
209-UAB 2017
173-Ohio 2017
167-FIU 2018

Highest Punting Average

45.4-Toledo 2018 (5 for 227)
44.8-Middle Tennessee 2015 (5 for 224)
43.2-Ohio 2017 (4 for 173)

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42.7-Buffalo 2019 (3 for 128)
41.8-UAB 2017 (5 for 209)
41.8-FIU 2018 (4 for 167)

Highest Net Punting Average

40.0-Middle Tennessee 2015
39.5-Old Dominion 2016
37.4-Toledo 2018
37.0-Ohio 2017
36.5-FIU 2018

Most Punts Inside the 20

2-Middle Tennessee 2015
2-Eastern Michigan 2016
2-Old Dominion 2016
2-Toledo 2018

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns

2-Middle Tennessee 2015
2-Ohio 2017
2-Charlotte 2019

Most Punt Return Yards

57-Ohio 2017
31-Charlotte 2019
21-Toledo 2018
5-Middle Tennessee 2015
5-UAB 2017

Highest Punt Return Average

28.5-Ohio 2017 (2 for 57 yards)
15.5-Charlotte 2019 (2 for 31 yards)
21.0-Toledo 2018 (1 for 21 yards)
5.0-UAB 2017 (1 for 5 yards)
4.0-Western Michigan 2015 (1 for 4 yards)
4.0-Buffalo 2019 (1 for 4 yards)

Punt Returns for Touchdown

Has not occurred

KICK RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

6-UAB 2017
5-Western Michigan 2015
5-Eastern Michigan 2016
4-Central Michigan 2014
3-Old Dominion 2016
3-FIU 2018

Most Kickoff Return Yards

121-UAB 2017
111-Western Michigan 2015
89-Eastern Michigan 2016
78-Old Dominion 2016
61-Central Michigan 2014

Highest Kickoff Return Average

28.0-Middle Tennessee 2015 (2 for 56)
26.0-Old Dominion 2016 (3 for 78)
22.2-Western Michigan 2015 (5 for 111)
22.0-Toledo 2018 (1 for 22)
20.2-UAB 2017 (6 for 121)

Kickoff Returns for Touchdown

Has not occurred

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions

1-by seven teams

Most Interception Return Yards

34-Charlotte 2019
29-Western Michigan 2015
27-Eastern Michigan 2016
20-Buffalo 2019
16-WKU 2014

Interceptions Returned for Touchdown

Has not occurred

FUMBLES (DEFENSE)

Most Fumbles Forced

3-Toledo 2018
2-UAB 2017

Most Fumbles Recovered

2-Central Michigan 2014
1-by four teams

Most Fumbles Returned

2-Central Michigan 2014

1-by four teams

Most Fumble Return Yardage

27-Central Michigan 2014
5-Toledo 2018
3-Buffalo 2019
1-Western Michigan 2015

Fumbles Returned for Touchdown

Has not occurred

TIME OF POSSESSION

Most Time of Possession

34:48-Western Michigan 2015
33:12-Buffalo 2019
33:11-FIU 2018
32:51-Central Michigan 2014
32:30-Eastern Michigan 2016

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

Most Third-Down Conversions

13-Eastern Michigan (20 attempts)
9-FIU 2018 (15 attempts)
8-WKU 2014 (12 attempts)
7-Buffalo 2019 (14 attempts)
6-Central Michigan 2014 (12 attempts)
Most Third-Down Conversion Attempts
20-Eastern Michigan 2016 (13 made)
15-UAB 2017 (3 made)
15-FIU 2018 (9 made)
14-Middle Tennessee 2015 (5 made)
14-Buffalo 2019 (7 made)

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

Most Fourth-Down Conversions

2-Toledo 2018 (2 attempts)
2-Buffalo 2019 (2 attempts)
2-Charlotte 2019 (4 attempts)

Most Fourth-Down Conversion Attempts

4-Charlotte 2019 (2 made)
2-by six teams

FIELD GOALS/EXTRA POINTS

Most Field Goals

2-Eastern Michigan 2016 (2 attempts)
2-UAB 2017 (3 attempts)

Most Field Goal Attempts

3-UAB 2017 (2 made)
2-Western Michigan 2015 (1 made)
2-Eastern Michigan 2016 (2 made)
2-Charlotte 2019 (1 made)

Most Extra-Point Kick Attempts

7-WKU 2014 (7 made)
6-Central Michigan 2014 (6 made)
6-Western Michigan 2015 (6 made)
6-Ohio 2017 (5 made)
5-FIU 2018 (5 made)

Most Extra-Point Kicks Made

7-WKU 2014 (7 attempts)
6-Central Michigan 2014 (6 attempts)
6-Western Michigan 2015 (6 attempts)
5-Ohio 2017 (6 attempts)
5-FIU 2018 (5 attempts)

Most Two-Point Conversions

1-Toledo 2018 (1 attempt)

Most Two-Point Conversion Attempts

1-Central Michigan 2014 (0 made)
1-Toledo 2018 (1 made)
1-Charlotte 2019 (0 made)

TACKLES

Most Total Tackles

90-Old Dominion 2016
76-Middle Tennessee 2015
74-WKU 2014
72-Charlotte 2019
71-Toledo 2018
71-Buffalo 2019

Most Solo Tackles

44-Old Dominion 2016
41-Ohio 2017
40-Middle Tennessee 2015
39-Central Michigan 2014
38-Western Michigan 2015

Most Assisted Tackles

48-Buffalo 2019
46-Old Dominion 2016
44-Charlotte 2019
42-WKU 2014
38-Eastern Michigan 2016
38-Toledo 2018

Most Tackles for Loss

8-WKU 2014 (-27 yards)
6-Western Michigan 2015 (-22 yards)
6-Buffalo 2019 (-20 yards)
5-Eastern Michigan 2016 (-16 yards)
5-FIU 2018 (-14 yards)

Most Tackles for Loss Yardage

-27-WKU 2014 (8 tackles)
-22-Western Michigan 2015 (6 tackles)
-20-Buffalo 2019 (6 tackles)
-16-Eastern Michigan 2016 (5 tackles)
-14-UAB 2017 (3 tackles)
-14-FIU 2018 (5 tackles)

SACKS

Most Quarterback Sacks

5-Buffalo 2019 (-16 yards)
4-WKU 2014 (-19 yards)
3-Western Michigan 2015 (-19 yards)
2-Middle Tennessee 2015 (-5 yards)
1-Eastern Michigan 2016 (-5 yards)
1-FIU 2018 (-6 yards)

Most Sack Yardage

-19-WKU 2014 (4 sacks)
-19-Western Michigan 2015 (3 sacks)
-16-Buffalo 2019 (5 sacks)
-6-FIU 2018 (1 sack)
-5-Middle Tennessee 2015 (2 sacks)
-5-Eastern Michigan 2016 (1 sack)

PASS BREAKUPS

Most Pass Breakups

7-Ohio 2017
6-WKU 2014
6-Western Michigan 2015
5-FIU 2018
4-Middle Tennessee 2015

DRIVES

Most Plays (All Drives)

16-Old Dominion (58 yards, 7:17; FG) 2016
16-Buffalo (75 yards, 9:07; TD) 2019

Most Yards (All Drives)

96-FIU (7 plays, 3:21; TD) 2018

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Fewest Yards (Scoring Drives Only)

-2-Buffalo (4 plays, 1:55; FG) 2019

Longest Drive Time (All Drives)

9:07-Buffalo (16 plays, 75 yards, TD) 2019

Shortest Drive Time (Scoring Drives Only)

0:01-Central Michigan (1 play, 80 yards, TD) 2014

COMBINED

SCORING

Most Points Scored

97-WKU 49, Central Michigan 48 2014

Most Points Scored - Half

56-WKU 42, Central Michigan 14 2014 (1st half)

Most Points Scored - First Quarter

34-Middle Tennessee 17, Western Michigan 17 2015

Most Points Scored - Second Quarter

28-WKU 21, Central Michigan 7 2014

Most Points Scored - Third Quarter

24-Eastern Michigan 17, Old Dominion 7 2016

Most Points Scored - Fourth Quarter

34-Central Michigan 34, WKU 0 2014

Most Touchdowns

14-WKU 7, Central Michigan 7 2014

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs

58-WKU 30, Central Michigan 28 2014

Most Rushing First Downs

21-Old Dominion 13, Eastern Michigan 8 2016

Most Passing First Downs

42-WKU 22, Central Michigan 20 2014

Most First Downs by Penalty

8-Ohio 4, UAB 4 2017

RUSHING

Most Attempts

77-Old Dominion 39, Eastern Michigan 38 2016

77-Buffalo 46, Charlotte 31 2019

Most Net Rushing Yards

397-Western Michigan 282, Middle Tennessee 115 2015

Most Rushing Yards in a Half

235-Old Dominion 121, Eastern Michigan 114 2016 (2nd half)

Most Touchdowns Rushing

5-Western Michigan 4, Middle Tennessee 1 2015

5-FIU 4, Toledo 1 2018

PASSING/RECEIVING

Most Pass Attempts

87-Central Michigan 45, WKU 42 2014

Most Pass Completions

59-WKU 31, Central Michigan 28 2014

Most Net Passing Yards

979-Central Michigan 493, WKU 486 2014 - *NCAA bowl record*

Most Net Passing Yards in a Half

553-WKU 350, Central Michigan 203 2014 (first half)

Most Touchdown Passes

12-Central Michigan 7, WKU 5 2014 - *NCAA bowl record*

Highest Completion Percentage

68.2-45 of 66; Middle Tennessee (26/39), Western Michigan (19/27) 2015

Highest Average Per Attempt

11.3-87 for 979; WKU (42-486), Central Michigan (45-493) 2014

Highest Average Per Completion

16.6-59 for 979; Central Michigan (28-493), WKU (31-486) 2014

Most Interceptions

2-Middle Tennessee 1, Western Michigan 1 2015

2-Eastern Michigan 1, Old Dominion 1 2016

2-Buffalo 1, Charlotte 1 2019

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Plays

148-Central Michigan 74, WKU 74 2014

Most Total Yards

1254-WKU 647, Central Michigan 607 2014

Highest Average Per Play

8.5-148 for 1254; WKU (74-647), Central Michigan (74-607) 2014

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles

5-FIU 4, Toledo 1 2018

Most Fumbles Lost

2-WKU 2, Central Michigan 0 2014

2-FIU 1, Toledo 1 2018

PENALTIES

Most Penalties

17-WKU 9, Central Michigan 8 2014

Most Penalty Yards

182-WKU 105, Central Michigan 77 2014

PUNTING

Most Punts

9-Middle Tennessee 5, Western Michigan 4 2015

9-UAB 5, Ohio 4 2017

9-Toledo 5, FIU 4 2018

Most Punting Yards

394-Toledo 227, FIU 167 2018

Highest Punting Average

43.8-9 for 394; Toledo (5-227), FIU (4-167) 2018

Most Punts Inside the 20

4-Eastern Michigan 2, Old Dominion 2 2016

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns

3-Middle Tennessee 2, Western Michigan 1 2015

3-Ohio 2, UAB 1 2017

3-Charlotte 2, Buffalo 1 2019

Most Punt Return Yards

62-Ohio 57, UAB 5 2017

Highest Punt Return Average

20.7-3 for 62; Ohio (2-57), UAB (1-5) 2017

Punt Returns for Touchdown

Has not occurred

KICK RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

8-Eastern Michigan 5, Old Dominion 3 2016

8-UAB 6, Ohio 2 2017

Most Kickoff Return Yards

167-Western Michigan 111, Middle Tennessee 56 2015

167-Eastern Michigan 89, Old Dominion 78 2016

Highest Kickoff Return Average

23.9-7 for 167; Western Michigan (5-111),

Middle Tennessee (2-56) 2015

Kickoff Returns for Touchdown

Has not occurred

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions

2-Middle Tennessee 1, Western Michigan 1 2015

2-Eastern Michigan 1, Old Dominion 1 2016

2-Buffalo 1, Charlotte 1 2019

Most Interception Return Yards

54-Charlotte 34, Buffalo 20 2019

Interceptions Returned for Touchdown

Has not occurred

FUMBLES (DEFENSE)

Most Fumbles Forced

4-Toledo 3, FIU 1 2018

Most Fumbles Recovered

2-Central Michigan 2, WKU 0 2014

2-FIU 1, Toledo 1 2018

Most Fumbles Returned

2-Central Michigan 2, WKU 0 2014

2-FIU 1, Toledo 1 2018

Most Fumble Return Yardage

27-Central Michigan 27, WKU 0 2014

Fumbles Returned for Touchdowns

Has not occurred

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

Most Third-Down Conversions

18-Eastern Michigan 13, Old Dominion 5 2016

Most Third-Down Conversion Attempts

31-Eastern Michigan 20, Old Dominion 11 2016

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

Most Fourth-Down Conversions

4-Buffalo 2, Charlotte 2 2019

Most Fourth-Down Conversion Attempts

6-Charlotte 4, Buffalo 2 2019

FIELD GOALS/EXTRA POINTS

Most Field Goals

3-Eastern Michigan 2, Old Dominion 1 2016

Most Field Goal Attempts

3-Western Michigan 2, Middle Tennessee 1 2015

3-Eastern Michigan 2, Old Dominion 1 2016

3-UAB 3, Ohio 0 2017

3-Charlotte 2, Buffalo 1 2019

Most Extra-Point Kick Attempts

13-WKU 7, Central Michigan 6 2014

Most Extra Point Kicks Made

13-WKU 7, Central Michigan 6 2014

Most Two-Point Conversions

1-Toledo 1, FIU 0 2018

Most Two-Point Conversion Attempts

1-Central Michigan 1, WKU 0 2014

1-Charlotte 1, Buffalo 0 2019

TACKLES

Most Total Tackles

158-Old Dominion 90, Eastern Michigan 68 2016

Most Solo Tackles

78-Middle Tennessee 40, Western Michigan 38 2015

Most Assisted Tackles

92-Buffalo 48, Charlotte 44 2019

Most Tackles for Loss

11-WKU 8, Central Michigan 3 2014

Most Tackle for Loss Yardage

29-Western Michigan 22, Middle Tennessee 7 2015

29-Buffalo 20, Charlotte 9 2019

SACKS

Most Quarterback Sacks

5-Western Michigan 3, Middle Tennessee 2 2015

5-Buffalo 5, Charlotte 0 2019

Most Sack Yardage

24-Western Michigan 19, Middle Tennessee 5 2015

PASS BREAKUPS

Most Pass Breakups

10-Western Michigan 6, Middle Tennessee 4 2015

10-Ohio 7, UAB 3 2017

BAHAMAS BOWL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

BOWL FIRSTS

Coin Toss: Central Michigan won the toss and elected to kickoff 2014
Player to Touch Football: Central Michigan K **Ron Coluzzi** (touchback) 2014
Offensive Play: WKU QB **Brandon Doughty** (incomplete pass intended for **Willie McNeal**) 2014
Touchdown/Passing TD: WKU QB **Brandon Doughty** 14-yard pass to WR **Jared Dangerfield** (11:23-1st quarter) 2014
Rushing Touchdown: WKU RB **Leon Allen** 1-yard run (0:04-2nd quarter) 2014
Interception Return Touchdown: has not occurred
Fumble Return Touchdown: has not occurred
Kickoff Return Touchdown: has not occurred
Punt Return Touchdown: has not occurred
Extra Point: WKU K **Garrett Schwettman** (11:23-1st quarter) 2014
2-Point Conversion: Toledo QB **Eli Peters** pass to WR **Cody Thompson** (7:21-4th quarter) 2018
Field Goal: Western Michigan K **Andrew Haldeman** (47 yards; 1:23-1st quarter) 2015
Safety: has not occurred
Turnover: WKU's **Cam Thomas** interception of Central Michigan QB **Cooper Rush** pass in the end zone and returned 16 yards (4:41-1st quarter) 2014
Overtime: has not occurred

CONFERENCE MATCHUP HISTORY

2014: Mid-American Conference (visitor) vs. Conference USA (home; East sideline)
2015: Conference USA (visitor) vs. Mid-American Conference (home; West sideline)
2016: Mid-American Conference (visitor) vs. Conference USA (home; West sideline)
2017: Conference USA (visitor) vs. Mid-American Conference (home; East sideline)
2018: Conference USA (visitor) vs. Mid-American Conference (home; West sideline)
2019: Mid-American Conference (visitor) vs. Conference USA (home; West sideline)
2021: Conference USA (visitor) vs. Mid-American Conference (home; West sideline)

BOWL TRENDS

(Record for team holding advantage; ties in parenthesis)

First Downs (1): 4-1
Rushing Yards:..... 6-0
Passing Yards:..... 1-5
Total Offense: 5-1
QB Sacks (1):..... 4-1
Fewest Turnovers (3):..... 2-1
Third Down Efficiency Pct.: 5-1
Least Total Penalties:..... 2-4
Time of Possession:..... 4-2

Total Points:

371 (61.8 combined points per game)

Total Points By Quarter/Half:

1st - 95; 2nd - 76; First half - 171; 3rd - 89; 4th - 111; Second half - 200

One-Point Games:

2014 (WKU 49, Central Michigan 48)

Teams scoring following opening kickoff: 4 times in 6 years

2014 (WKU), 2015 (Middle Tennessee), 2016 (Old Dominion), 2017 (Ohio)

Teams scoring on first possession (including opening kickoff): 8 times in 6 years

2014 (WKU, Central Michigan), 2015 (Middle Tennessee, Western Michigan), 2016 (Old Dominion), 2017 (Ohio), 2018 (Toledo), 2019 (Buffalo)

Teams scoring first won 4 times in 6 years:

2014 (WKU), 2016 (Old Dominion), 2017 (Ohio), 2019 (Buffalo)

Teams leading after one quarter won 4 times in 6 years:

2014 (WKU), 2016 (Old Dominion), 2017 (Ohio), 2019 (Buffalo)

Ties after one quarter:

2015 (17-17; Western Michigan won 45-31)

Teams leading at halftime won 5 times in 6 years:

2014 (WKU), 2016 (Old Dominion), 2017 (Ohio), 2018 (FIU), 2019 (Buffalo)

Ties at halftime:

2015 (17-17; Western Michigan won 45-31)

Teams leading after three quarters won 4 times in 6 years:

2014 (WKU), 2017 (Ohio), 2018 (FIU), 2019 (Buffalo)

Ties after three quarters:

2015 (24-24; Western Michigan won 45-31); 2016 (17-17; Old Dominion won 24-20)

NFL DRAFT HISTORY (27 + 1 SUPPLEMENTAL)

2015 (1): Round 6, No. 199 overall: Central Michigan NT **Leterrius Walton** (Pittsburgh Steelers)*
2016 (7): Round 3, No. 64 overall: Middle Tennessee S **Kevin Byard** (Tennessee Titans)*; Round 4, No. 110 overall: WKU TE **Tyler Higbee** (Los Angeles Rams)*; Round 4, No. 121 overall: Western Michigan T **Willie Beavers** (Minnesota Vikings)*; Round 6, No. 212 overall: Central Michigan S **Kavon Frazier** (Dallas Cowboys)*; Round 7, No. 223 overall: WKU QB **Brandon Doughty** (Miami Dolphins); Round 7, No. 230 overall: Western Michigan WR **Daniel Braverman** (Chicago Bears)*; Round 7, No. 249 overall: WKU CB **Prince Charles Iworah** (San Francisco 49ers)*
2017 (6): Round 1, No. 5 overall: Western Michigan WR **Corey Davis** (Tennessee Titans)*; Round 2, No. 38 overall: WKU G **Forrest Lamp** (Los Angeles Chargers)*; Round 2, No. 64 overall: Western Michigan G **Taylor Moton** (Carolina Panthers)*; Round 3, No. 72 overall: WKU WR **Taywan Taylor** (Tennessee Titans)*; Round 7, No. 248 overall: Western Michigan LB **Keion Adams** (Pittsburgh Steelers); Round 7, No. 250 overall: Eastern Michigan DE **Pat O'Connor** (Detroit Lions)*
2018 (4): Round 3, No. 92 overall: Western Michigan T **Chukwuma Okorafor** (Pittsburgh Steelers)*; Round 5, No. 170 overall: Western Michigan CB **Darius Phillips** (Cincinnati Bengals)*; Round 7, No. 227 overall: Ohio LB **Quentin Poling** (Miami Dolphins)*; Round 7, No. 240 overall: Middle Tennessee WR **Richie James** (San Francisco 49ers)*
2018 Supplemental Draft (1): Round 3: Western Michigan CB **Sam Beal** (New York Giants)*
2019 (5): Round 3, No. 66 overall: Toledo WR **Diontae Johnson** (Pittsburgh Steelers)*; Round 3, No. 95 overall: Old Dominion DE **Oshane Ximines** (New York Giants)*; Round 4, No. 106 overall: Eastern Michigan DE **Maxx Crosby** (Oakland Raiders)*; Round 6, No. 184 overall: Old Dominion WR **Travis Fulgham** (Detroit Lions)*; Round 6, No. 185 overall: Toledo CB **Ka'dar Hollman** (Green Bay Packers)*
2020 (3): Round 3, No. 102 overall: Charlotte DE **Alex Highsmith** (Pittsburgh Steelers)*; Round 4, No. 129 overall: Charlotte T **Cameron Clark** (New York Jets); Round 7, No. 221 overall: FIU CB **Stantley Thomas-Oliver III** (Carolina Panthers)*
2021 (1): Round 3, No. 79 overall: Buffalo DE **Malcolm Koonce** (Las Vegas Raiders)*
 * - has played in a NFL regular season or postseason game (25)

NFL PLAYER HISTORY (49)

(Debut season of players who played in at least one NFL game)

2015 (2): WKU TE **Mitchell Henry** (Denver)*; Central Michigan NT **Leterrius Walton** (Pittsburgh)
2016 (6): Western Michigan T **Willie Beavers** (Minnesota); Western Michigan WR **Daniel Braverman** (Chicago); Middle Tennessee S **Kevin Byard** (Tennessee); Central Michigan S **Kavon Frazier** (Dallas); WKU TE **Tyler Higbee** (LA Rams); WKU CB **Prince Charles Iworah** (San Francisco)
2017 (7): Old Dominion DT **Raashad Coward** (Chicago)*; Western Michigan WR **Corey Davis** (Tennessee); Western Michigan G **Taylor Moton** (Carolina); Eastern Michigan DE **Pat O'Connor** (Tampa Bay); Central Michigan QB **Cooper Rush** (Dallas)*; WKU WR **Taywan Taylor** (Tennessee); WKU OL **Darrell Williams** (San Francisco)*
2018 (8): Western Michigan TE **Donnie Ernsberger** (Tampa Bay)*; Middle Tennessee WR **Richie James** (San Francisco); WKU G **Forrest Lamp** (LA Chargers); Western Michigan T **Chukwuma Okorafor** (Pittsburgh); Old Dominion WR **Zach Pascal** (Indianapolis)*; Western Michigan CB **Darius Phillips** (Cincinnati); UAB CB **Darius Williams** (Baltimore)*; Eastern Michigan T **Andrew Wylie** (Kansas City)*
2019 (9): Western Michigan CB **Sam Beal** (New York Giants); Eastern Michigan DE **Maxx Crosby** (Oakland); Old Dominion WR **Travis Fulgham** (Detroit); Toledo CB **Ka'dar Hollman** (Green Bay); Toledo WR **Diontae Johnson** (Pittsburgh); Ohio LB **Quentin Poling** (Oakland); UAB DT **Anthony Rush** (Philadelphia)*; Toledo LB **Tuzar Skipper** (Pittsburgh)*; Old Dominion DE **Oshane Ximines** (New York Giants)
2020 (10): Western Michigan RB **LeVante Bellamy** (Denver)*; Old Dominion RB **Jeremy Cox** (Denver)*; Toledo TE **Reggie Gilliam** (Buffalo)*; Middle Tennessee LB **Darius Harris** (Kansas City)*; Charlotte DE **Alex Highsmith** (Pittsburgh); Middle Tennessee CB **Jovante Moffatt** (Cleveland)*; Central Michigan DE **Joe Ostman** (Philadelphia)*; FIU DT **Teair Tart** (Tennessee)*; FIU CB **Stantley Thomas-Oliver III** (Carolina), Old Dominion DE **Tim Ward** (Kansas City)*
2021 (7): UAB RB **Spencer Brown** (Carolina)*; Buffalo DE **Malcolm Koonce** (Las Vegas); Buffalo DE **Ledarius Mack** (Chicago)*; Buffalo RB **Jaret Patterson** (Washington)*; Ohio T **Austen Pleasants** (Carolina)*; Old Dominion DE **Bunmi Rotimi** (Washington)*; Toledo WR **Cody Thompson** (Seattle)*
 * - undrafted players (24)

BAHAMAS BOWL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

TV/RADIO COVERAGE HISTORY

2014 (ESPN/ESPN Radio)

TV (ESPN): Steve Levy, Lou Holtz and Mark May; **Sideline:** Laura Rutledge;

Producer: Bart Fox; **Director:** Paul Druchniak

Radio (ESPN Radio): John Brickley and Pete Najarian

2015 (ESPN/Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Radio Network)

TV (ESPN): Steve Levy, Mack Brown and Mark May; **Sideline:** Kaylee Hartung;

Producer: Brett Wilensky; **Director:** Jeff Montoni

Radio (PBB Radio Network): Brian Hanni and Rob Best

2016 (ESPN/Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Radio Network)

TV (ESPN): Steve Levy and Mack Brown; **Sideline:** Kaylee Hartung;

Producer: Adam Coppinger; **Director:** Brett Lancaster

Radio (PBB Radio Network): Brian Hanni and Rob Best

2017 (ESPN/Bahamas Bowl Radio Network)

TV (ESPN): Steve Levy and Desmond Howard; **Sideline:** Laura Rutledge;

Producer: Adam Coppinger; **Director:** Brett Lancaster

Radio (BB Radio Network): Kyle Wiggs and Rob Best

2018 (ESPN/Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Radio Network)

TV (ESPN): Steve Levy and Desmond Howard; **Sideline:** Laura Rutledge;

Producer: Adam Coppinger; **Director:** Brett Lancaster

Radio (MWBB Radio Network): Kyle Wiggs and Rob Best

2019 (ESPN/Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Radio Network)

TV (ESPN): Steve Levy and Greg McElroy; **Sideline:** Dianna Russini;

Producer: Adam Coppinger; **Director:** Brett Lancaster

Radio (MWBB Radio Network): Kyle Wiggs and Rob Best

2021 (ESPN/Bowl Season Radio)

TV (ESPN): Kevin Negandhi and Booger McFarland; **Sideline:** Katie George;

Producer: Adam Coppinger; **Director:** Steve Towle

TV (ESPN Deportes): Kenneth Garay and Sebastián Martínez-Christensen

Radio (Bowl Season Radio): Kyle Wiggs and Elvis Gallego

OFFICIATING CREWS

2014 (American Athletic Conference)

Referee: John McDavid; **Umpire:** Greg Benner; **Center Judge:** Larry Hayes; **Head Linesman:** Lyndell Shelton; **Line Judge:** Jeff Cooney; **Field Judge:** Dan Gallagher; **Side Judge:** Mark Windham; **Back Judge:** Jim Downey

2015 (Mountain West Conference)

Referee: Brandon Cruse; **Umpire:** Richard Podraza; **Center Judge:** Mike Contreras; **Head Linesman:** Doug Moore; **Line Judge:** Derek Anderson; **Field Judge:** Richard Almeroth; **Side Judge:** Tutashinda Salaam; **Back Judge:** Daniel Young; **Alternate:** David Alvarez

2016 (Sun Belt Conference)

Referee: Chuck Lewis; **Umpire:** Chad Walker; **Center Judge:** Joe Baden; **Head Linesman:** Scott Petersen; **Line Judge:** Dion Quinn; **Field Judge:** Dan Moore; **Side Judge:** Chip Shields; **Back Judge:** Matt Hollifield; **Alternate:** Ted Pitts

2017 (American Athletic Conference)

Referee: Charles Lamertina; **Umpire:** Ken Huffines; **Center Judge:** Mark Mobra; **Head Linesman:** Dan Harrington; **Line Judge:** Baron Ballester; **Field Judge:** Chris Bikowski; **Side Judge:** Ken Bushey; **Back Judge:** Jim Sima; **Alternate:** Charles Lewis

2018 (Mountain West Conference)

Referee: Michael VanderVelde; **Umpire:** Rico Orsot; **Center Judge:** Abram Anaya; **Head Linesman:** Bill Scott; **Line Judge:** John Kilmer; **Field Judge:** Robert Asel; **Side Judge:** Dave Curschman; **Back Judge:** Robert Lewis; **Alternate:** Scott Melancon

2019 (Sun Belt Conference)

Referee: Wayne Winkler; **Umpire:** John Short; **Center Judge:** Michael Sweatman; **Head Linesman:** Stuart Slaughter; **Line Judge:** Ron Tubbs; **Field Judge:** DuVal West; **Side Judge:** Chip Shields; **Back Judge:** Jay Brown; **Alternate:** Clay Brownlee

BAHAMAS BOWL OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE GAME



2014: WKU
QB **Brandon Doughty**
31-42 passing
486 yds., 5 TD



2015: Western Michigan
RB **Jamauri Bogan**
19 rush, 215 yds.,
4 TD



2016: Old Dominion
RB **Ray Lawry**
23 rush, 133 yds.;
2 receptions, 14 yds.



2017: Ohio
RB **Dorian Brown**
12 rush, 152 yds.,
4 TD



2018: FIU
QB **Christian Alexander**
17-26 passing, 209 yds.,
1 TD; 11 rush, 83 yds.



2019: Buffalo
RB **Jaret Patterson**
32 rush, 173 yds.,
2 TD

BAHAMAS BOWL DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE GAME



2014: WKU
DE **Derik Overstreet**
5 total tackles (3 UA),
2 sacks, 2.5 TFL, 1 QBH



2015: Western Michigan
LB **Grant DePalma**
12 total tackles (5 UA),
0.5 sack, 1 TFL



2016: Old Dominion
LB **TJ Ricks**
9 total tackles (4 UA),
1 TFL



2017: Ohio
S **Javon Hagan**
9 total tackles (6 UA),
1 forced fumble, 2 PBU



2018: FIU
LB **Edwin Freeman**
8 total tackles (5 UA)



2019: Buffalo
DE **Malcolm Koonce**
5 total tackles (2 UA),
2 sacks, 2 TFL, 1 FF, 1 QBH

2014 POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL: WKU 49, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 48 (DEC. 24, 2014)

WKU survived a furious Central Michigan fourth-quarter comeback, which included a 75-yard last-gasp relay play for a touchdown as time expired, but a broken-up 2-point conversion attempt following the improbable TD gave the Hilltoppers a 49-48 victory and the inaugural Popeyes Bahamas Bowl title.

The four-person relay by the Chippewas was an immediate hit on ESPN and social media. The final TD was named the play of the bowl season by ESPN's SportsCenter and was a finalist for a Best Play ESPY.

WKU (8-6) finally put an end to Central Michigan's 34-point fourth quarter with a defensive stop in the back corner of the end zone.

Trailing 49-42 with one second remaining, the Central Michigan offense lined up for one final prayer from its 25 that was answered.

Quarterback **Cooper Rush** heaved one last gasp pass 47 yards down the field where it was caught by **Jesse Kroll** at the Hilltoppers 28. Then chaos ensued. After laterals from Kroll, **Deon Butler** and **Courtney Williams**, **Titus Davis** raced 15 yards, dove and grazed the pylon - launching the crowd into pandemonium.

With the WKU lead trimmed to an unimaginably thin 49-48, the Chippewas (7-6) threw caution to the wind and tried for a 2-point conversion in hopes of winning the game. Rush threw for Kroll, but WKU defensive back **Wonderful Terry** broke up the fade-route pass to give WKU its first FBS bowl victory in school history under first-year head coach Jeff Brohm.

CMU head coach **Dan Enos** discussed the decision to go for two and the victory. "We didn't want to go to overtime because we had had trouble stopping them all day," explained Enos. "I looked at the players and said, 'What do you got?' and they said, 'Let's do it. Let's win this game.'"

Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Player of the Game honors went to WKU's **Brandon Doughty** (offense) and WKU defensive end **Derik Overstreet** (defense). Doughty threw for 486 yards, 350 in the first half with five touchdowns, all to different receivers. Overstreet recorded five tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss that included two second-half sacks.

Before the nightmarish fourth quarter, the Hilltoppers played as crisp and dominant a game as they had all season long.

Doughty threw five touchdown passes in the first half to **Jared Dangerfield**, **Joel German**, **Antwane Grant**, **Mitchell Henry** and **Willie McNeal** to go with a rushing TD from **Leon Allen** as WKU scored on each of their six first-half possessions against the MAC's top defense for a 42-14 halftime lead. Rush also threw for a pair of scores to Davis and Williams in the half.

That Hilltopper advantage was extended to 49-14 after Allen scored on a 21-yard run midway through the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was a different story, as Rush connected with Davis for touchdowns twice to cut WKU's lead to 49-28. Then defensive end **Joe Ostman** flipped a 52-yard completion to WKU's McNeal inside out by forcing a fumble at the Central Michigan 13, which was recovered by Chippewas corner **Tony Annese**. Annese returned the fumble back to the CMU 36, and from there, Central Michigan marched down the field to score on a Rush TD pass to Williams to trail by 14.

WKU was forced to punt on their ensuing possession, and a four-play, 55-second drive capped by a 7-yard TD strike from Rush to **Anthony Garland** with 1:09 left gave Central Michigan hope.

WKU successfully recovered the CMU onside kick after the score and milked the clock before being forced to punt, which set up the final frenzied play for the Chippewas that left the stadium breathless and WKU in possession of the inaugural Popeyes Bahamas Bowl trophy.

Rush set FBS bowl records for touchdown passes with seven and most net passing yards with 255 in the fourth quarter alone. The combined 971 passing yards and 12 TD passes for Doughty and Rush also broke FBS two-team bowl records.

2014 GAME SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F (Record)
Central Michigan (MAC)	7	7	0	34	48 (7-6)
WKU (C-USA)	21	21	7	0	49 (8-5)

Attendance: 13,667; **Time:** 3:39; **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 79 degrees

Head Coaches: Central Michigan-Dan Enos; WKU-Jeff Brohm

Offensive Player of the Game: WKU QB Brandon Doughty

Defensive Player of the Game: WKU DE Derik Overstreet

Scoring Summary

Qtr-Time	Team	Scoring Play - Scoring Drive (Plays-Yards-Time)	CMU-WKU	Score
1-11:23	WKU	Dangerfield 14 pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick)	11-75-3:37	0-7
1-10:00	CMU	Davis 21 pass from Rush (Eavey kick)	3-75-1:23	7-7
1-8:07	WKU	German 12 pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick)	6-75-1:53	7-14
1-1:13	WKU	Grant 19 pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick)	9-84-3:28	7-21
2-10:03	WKU	Henry 16 pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick)	10-81-3:23	7-28
2-2:55	CMU	Williams 30 pass from Rush (Eavey kick)	12-79-6:59	14-28
2-0:41	WKU	McNeal 55 pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick)	3-69-1:14	14-35
2-0:04	WKU	Allen 1 rush (Schwettman kick)	6-62-0:42	14-42
3-8:55	WKU	Allen 21 rush (Schwettman kick)	1-21-0:10	14-49
4-11:37	CMU	Davis 12 pass from Rush (Eavey kick)	10-80-4:42	21-49
4-8:03	CMU	Davis 23 pass from Rush (Eavey kick)	5-50-2:04	28-49
4-3:06	CMU	Williams 10 pass from Rush (Eavey kick)	7-64-3:10	35-49
4-1:09	CMU	Garland 7 pass from Rush (Eavey kick)	4-55-0:51	42-49
4-0:00	CMU	Kroll 47 pass from Rush, Butler 11 lateral, Williams 2 lateral, Davis 15 lateral (pass failed)	1-80-0:01	48-49

TEAM STATISTICS

	CMU	WKU
FIRST DOWNS	28	30
RUSHING ATT-YARDS-TD	29-114-0	32-161-2
NET YARDS PASSING	493	486
Comp-Att-Int	28-45-1	31-42-0
Passing Touchdowns	7	5
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	74-607	74-647
Average Gain Per Play	8.2	8.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-77	9-105
PUNTS-YARDS	4-77	3-84
Average Yards Per Punt	19.2	28.0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	4-61-0	1-20-0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-16-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards	2-27	0-0
Time of Possession	32:51	27:09
3rd Down Conversions	6-12	8-12
4th Down Conversions	1-2	1-1
Sacks by: Number-Yards	0-0	4-19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Attempts-Yards)

CMU - Martez Walker 9-68, Cooper Rush 8-26, Devon Spalding 8-12, Saylor Lavallii 4-8. WKU - Anthony Wales 14-95 1 TD, Leon Allen 13-52 1 TD, Taywan Taylor 1-11, Brandon Doughty 2-4, Kylan Towner 1-1.

PASSING (Completions-Attempts-Interceptions)

CMU - Rush 28-45-1, 493 yds., 7 TD.

WKU - Doughty 31-42-0, 486 yds., 5 TD.

RECEIVING (Receptions-Yards)

CMU - Titus Davis 6-137 4 TD, Jesse Kroll 4-109, Courtney Williams 3-70 2 TD, Deon Butler 4-69, Anthony Rice 3-32, Mike Kinville 2-26, Joe Bacci 1-21, Spalding 2-17, Anthony Garland 1-7 1 TD, Lavallii 2-5. WKU - Willie McNeal 5-155 1 TD, Jared Dangerfield 5-87 1 TD, Mitchell Henry 3-47 1 TD, Allen 5-45, Nicholas Norris 3-33, Antwane Grant 2-30 1 TD, Taylor 1-28, Joel German 4-27 1 TD, Tim Gorski 1-18, Wales 1-12, Tyler Higbee 1-4.

PUNTING (Punts-Average-Long)

CMU - Ron Coluzzi 4-19.3, 25 long. WKU - Joseph Occhipinti 3-28.0, 41 long.

2015 POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL: WESTERN MICHIGAN 45, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 31 (DEC. 24, 2015)

Jamauri Bogan rushed 19 times for a career-high 215 yards and four touchdowns to power Western Michigan to a 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee in the 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

It was one big play after another in the contest, as the two teams combined for 1,055 yards of total offense and seven scoring plays of 29 or more yards.

But it was a pair of 1-yard plunges just 1:12 apart in the fourth quarter by the redshirt freshman Bogan that made the difference.

After his 61-yard run set Western Michigan (8-5) up in the red zone, Bogan banged in from a yard out with 6:12 left in the game to give the Broncos a 38-31 advantage.

Three plays later, safety **Rontavious Atkins** intercepted MTSU quarterback **Brent Stockstill** and returned the ball 29 yards to the 4-yard line. It took two runs for Bogan to find the end zone, gaining three yards on first down before finding paydirt on second down with 5:00 left to play.

The Bronco defense held on downs on Middle Tennessee's ensuing possession and the WMU offense ran out the clock to seal the victory.

"This is what 'Row the Boat' is all about," WMU head coach **P.J. Fleck** said. "This is why it was invented. This is what it's for. There was all types of adversity in that football game that our kids could have given up, could have folded. Two years ago, we probably would have. Last year, we would have done it some of the time. This year, no way."

Bogan was named the Offensive Player of the Game of the game for his efforts, while WMU linebacker **Grant DePalma** was named the game's Defensive Player of the Game. DePalma led all tacklers with 12 stops (five solo) and a tackle for loss.

WMU quarterback **Zach Terrell** was 18-of-26 passing for 297 yards and a pair of touchdowns. **Corey Davis** caught eight balls for 183 yards and a TD.

Stockstill had a solid day for Middle Tennessee (7-6), completing 26-of-39 passes for 327 yards and three scores to lead the Blue Raider offense. His top target was **James Richie**, who caught eight passes for 126 yards and two scores and ran twice for 61 yards and a third touchdown.

The two teams combined for 475 yards of total offense and 34 points in the first quarter.

It took MTSU only 1:17 to get on the board when James scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 46-yard run to quickly make it 7-0.

Bogan answered just three plays later, running up the middle for 62 yards and a TD, and it was 7-7 with only 2:17 gone in the contest.

Stockstill hit James on a 44-yard scoring pass just 1:39 later to put Middle Tennessee back on top 14-7.

Andrew Haldeman drilled a 47-yard field goal with 3:23 left in the first quarter to pull Western Michigan within 14-10.

Cody Clark kicked a 23-yard field goal on the Blue Raiders' next possession to extend the lead to 17-10 with 1:04 left in the quarter.

The Broncos quickly tied the game at 17-all when Terrell hit Davis on an 80-yard pass and run with three seconds left in the opening quarter. Davis caught the ball on a 5-yard hitch pattern, broke a tackle and raced the remaining 75 yards down the sideline for the score.

WMU struck quickly in the second half on another 46-yard run by Bogan to go up 24-17 with 2:57 gone.

After a short punt set MTSU up at the Western Michigan 32-yard line, it took just two plays for the Blue Raiders to tie the game. Stockstill hit **Christian Collis** on a 17-yard pass with 28 seconds left in the third quarter to tie the game at 24-24.

Terrell hit **Daniel Braverman** on a 68-yard scoring pass to put WMU back on top 31-24 with 12:47 to play in the game.

Again, MTSU answered when Stockstill hit James on a 29-yard pass with 9:41 left in the game to tie it at 31-31.

Western Michigan finished the day with an impressive 613 yards of total offense, and the Broncos, second in FBS in time of possession, held the ball for nearly 35 minutes.

2015 GAME SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F (Record)
Middle Tennessee (C-USA)	17	0	7	7	31 (7-6)
Western Michigan (MAC)	17	0	7	21	45 (8-5)

Attendance: 13,321; **Time:** 3:38; **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 81 degrees

Head Coaches: Middle Tennessee-Rick Stockstill; Western Michigan-P.J. Fleck

Offensive Player of the Game: Western Michigan RB Jamauri Bogan

Defensive Player of the Game: Western Michigan LB Grant DePalma

Scoring Summary

Qtr-Time	Team	Scoring Play - Scoring Drive (Plays-Yards-Time)	MT-WMU	Score
1-13:43	MT	James 46 rush (Clark kick) 5-75-1:17		7-0
1-12:43	WMU	Bogan 62 rush (Haldeman kick) 3-71-1:00		7-7
1-11:04	MT	James 44 pass from Stockstill (Clark kick) 5-75-1:39		14-7
1-3:23	WMU	Haldeman 47 FG 6-28-2:32		14-10
1-1:04	MT	Clark 23 FG 6-69-2:19		17-10
1-0:03	WMU	Davis 80 pass from Terrell (Haldeman kick) 2-85-1:01		17-17
3-12:03	WMU	Bogan 46 rush (Haldeman kick) 6-69-2:57		17-24
3-0:18	MT	Collis 17 pass from Stockstill (Clark kick) 2-32-0:28		24-24
4-12:47	WMU	Braverman 68 pass from Terrell (Haldeman kick) 5-75-2:31		24-31
4-9:41	MT	James 29 pass from Stockstill (Clark kick) 6-70-3:06		31-31
4-6:12	WMU	Bogan 1 rush (Haldeman kick) 6-82-3:29		31-38
4-5:00	WMU	Bogan 1 rush (Haldeman kick) 2-4-0:47		31-45

TEAM STATISTICS

	MT	WMU
FIRST DOWNS	18	18
RUSHING ATT-YARDS-TD	26-115-1	41-282-4
NET YARDS PASSING	327	331
Comp-Att-Int	26-39-1	19-27-1
Passing Touchdowns	3	2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-442	68-613
Average Gain Per Play	6.8	9.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-40	9-62
PUNTS-YARDS	5-224	4-122
Average Yards Per Punt	44.8	30.5
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-5-0	1-4-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-56-0	5-111-0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	1-29-0
Fumble returns: Number-Yards	0-0	1-1
Time of Possession	25:12	34:48
3rd Down Conversions	5-14	3-12
4th Down Conversions	0-2	1-1
Sacks by: Number-Yards	2-5	3-19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Attempts-Yards)

MT - Richie James 2-61 1 TD, Shane Tucker 10-30, Brent Stockstill 9-22, Jordan Parker 5-2. WMU - Jamauri Bogan 19-215 4 TD, Jarvion Franklin 7-36, Levante Bellamy 5-24, Tom Flacco 2-10, Zach Terrell 3-4, Donnie Ernsberger 1-2, Team 4-(-9).

PASSING (Completions-Attempts-Interceptions)

MT - Stockstill 26-39-1, 327 yds., 3 TD.

WMU - Terrell 18-26-1, 297 yds., 2 TD; Flacco 1-1-0, 34 yds., 0 TD.

RECEIVING (Receptions-Yards)

MT - James 8-126 2 TD, Ed Batties 5-88, Parker 3-18, Demetrius Frazier 3-11, Shane Tucker 3-7, Christian Collis 2-49 1 TD, Terry Pettis 1-19, Grammer 1-9. WMU - Corey Davis 8-183 1 TD, Daniel Braverman 5-101, 1 TD, Jeremiah Mullinax 2-20, Kendrick Roberts 1-9, Franklin 1-7, Michael Henry 1-6, Bellamy 1-5.

PUNTING (Punts-Average-Long)

MT - Matt Bonadies 5-44.8, 52 long. WMU - J. Schroeder 4-30.5, 36 long.

2016 POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL: OLD DOMINION 24, EASTERN MICHIGAN 20 (DEC. 23, 2016)

Old Dominion, making the school's first bowl appearance since the football program restarted in 2009, held off Eastern Michigan 24-20 to win the 2016 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

"I just want to say how excited we are to win the game, but number two how grateful we are for how we were treated this week by everybody associated with the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - all the wonderful people we met," ODU head coach **Bobby Wilder** said. "This was a life-changing experience. We made memories to last a lifetime, and to win the game makes it that much more special."

Led by Offensive Player of the Game running back **Ray Lawry** and his 133 rushing yards, the Monarchs (10-3) left the Bahamas with a six-game win streak and their first bowl trophy. Quarterback **David Washington** added 188 passing yards and three touchdowns for ODU.

"He's really good, obviously tough to tackle," EMU head coach **Chris Creighton** said of Lawry. "We've become a pretty good tackling team, and I think today, he had a lot to do with several missed tackles. Their running game obviously didn't trip today."

Eastern Michigan quarterback **Brogan Roback** did all he could to keep the Eagles (7-6) in the game, throwing for 300 yards and two second-half touchdowns, but it was not enough to help EMU to a title in their first bowl game in 29 years.

Eastern Michigan dominated the time of possession, holding the ball 32:30 to the Monarchs' 27:30, and converted on a season-high 13 third-downs, but it was the Old Dominion defense that made one final stand late in the fourth quarter.

ODU senior linebacker **TJ Ricks** was named Defensive Player of the Game after finishing with nine tackles, including one for a loss.

"The defense ... we just came to the sideline and talked to each other and just told each other to trust each other," Ricks said of the entire ODU defensive performance. "You're our 1/11th on the field. If one guy does his job, and everybody else does their job, we'll be good on defense."

Through the first 30 minutes, Old Dominion was the only team able to put points on the board, holding a 10-0 lead at the half.

ODU scored first when **Brad Davis** connected on a 34-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead with 7:43 remaining in the first quarter. The 16-play, 58-yard drive appeared to stall at midfield when the Monarchs faced a fourth-and-two situation. Wilder dialed up a fake punt, calling a direct snap to running back **Jeremy Cox**, who drove the ball three yards for the first down.

Old Dominion extended its lead to 10-0 behind a 47-yard touchdown pass from Washington to **Zach Pascal**. The six-play, 80-yard drive began with **Anthony Wilson** picking off Roback in the end zone for a touchback, and the drive took just 2:23.

After receiving the kickoff to start the second half, Roback put the Eagles on the board, driving his team 76 yards in 2:50, capped off by a five-yard strike to wide receiver **Sergio Bailey** to cut the Old Dominion lead to 10-7.

It didn't take long for the Monarchs to respond, as Washington found **Travis Fulgham** downfield for a 31-yard touchdown with no defender in sight to push the ODU lead to 17-7 with 9:50 remaining in the third quarter.

Roback hit **Johnnie Niupalau** for a five-yard touchdown pass, capitalizing on another quick drive to pull to 17-14 with 7:25 left in the third quarter.

A 24-yard field goal by Eastern Michigan's **Paul Fricano** with 12 seconds remaining in the third tied the game at 17-17.

Opening the fourth quarter, Washington drove Old Dominion 72 yards in 2:09 to put the Monarchs back on top 24-17 after hitting **Jonathan Duhart** on a five-yard TD pass in the corner of the end zone - his third passing touchdown of the game.

Fricano connected on a 19-yard field goal with 9:08 to play to cut the Monarchs lead to 24-20.

The Eagles had a chance late, driving the ball to midfield, but couldn't keep their drive going, punting the ball back to Old Dominion. ODU ran out the final 5:21 to secure the victory.

Linebacker **Kyle Rachwal** led the Eagles defense with eight tackles.

2016 GAME SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F (Record)
Eastern Michigan (MAC)	0	0	17	3	20 (7-6)
Old Dominion (C-USA)	3	7	7	7	24 (10-3)

Attendance: 13,422; **Time:** 3:25; **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 80 degrees

Head Coaches: Eastern Michigan-Chris Creighton; Old Dominion-Bobby Wilder

Offensive Player of the Game: Old Dominion RB Ray Lawry

Defensive Player of the Game: Old Dominion LB TJ Ricks

Scoring Summary

Qtr-Time	Team	Scoring Play - Scoring Drive (Plays-Yards-Time)	EMU-ODU Score
1-7:43	ODU	Davis 34 FG 16-58-7:17	0-3
2-7:59	ODU	Pascal 47 pass from Washington (Davis kick) 6-80-2:23	0-10
3-12:04	EMU	Bailey 5 pass from Roback (Fricano kick) 9-76-2:50	7-10
3-9:50	ODU	Fulgham 31 pass from Washington (Davis kick) 5-72-2:08	7-17
3-7:25	EMU	Niupalau 5 pass from Roback (Fricano kick) 7-71-2:20	14-17
3-0:12	EMU	Fricano 24 FG 14-66-5:11	17-17
4-12:56	ODU	Duhart 5 pass from Washington (Davis kick) 7-22-2:09	17-24
4-9:08	EMU	Fricano 19 FG 10-77-3:39	20-24

TEAM STATISTICS

	EMU	ODU
FIRST DOWNS	28	20
RUSHING ATT-YARDS-TD	38-170-0	39-206-0
NET YARDS PASSING	300	188
Comp-Att-Int	26-47-1	11-20-1
Passing Touchdowns	2	3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	85-470	59-394
Average Gain Per Play	5.5	6.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-15	5-65
PUNTS-YARDS	3-115	4-158
Average Yards Per Punt	38.3	39.5
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	5-89-0	3-78-0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-27-0	1-0-0
Fumble returns: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	32:30	27:30
3rd Down Conversions	5-14	3-12
4th Down Conversions	0-1	1-1
Sacks by: Number-Yards	1-5	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Attempts-Yards)

EMU - Blake Banham 13-63, Breck Turner 8-48, Ian Eriksen 9-30, Brogan Roback 6-28, Eddie Daugherty 1-5, Isaac Holder 1-(-4). ODU - Ray Lawry 23-133, Jeremy Cox 10-47, Zach Pascal 3-25, David Washington 2-2, Team 1-(-1).

PASSING (Completions-Attempts-Interceptions)

EMU - Roback 26-46-1, 300 yds., 2 TD; Team 0-1-0, 0 yds. ODU - Washington 11-20-1, 188 yds., 3 TD.

RECEIVING (Receptions-Yards)

EMU - Dieuly Aristilde 7-80, Daugherty 6-72, Sergio Bailey 5-69 1 TD, Johnnie Niupalau 4-31, 1 TD, Banham 2-18, Sam Browning 1-24, Turner 1-6. ODU - Jonathan Duhart 3-45, 1 TD, Pascal 2-53, 1 TD, Melvin Vaughn 2-46, Lawry 2-14, Travis Fulgham 1-31, 1 TD, Isaiah Harper 1-(-1).

PUNTING (Punts-Average-Long)

EMU - Austin Barnes 3-38.3, 48 long. ODU - Bailey Cate 4-39.5, 43 long.

2017 BAHAMAS BOWL: OHIO 41, UAB 6 (DEC. 22, 2017)

Dorian Brown tied a Bahamas Bowl record with four touchdown runs to lead Ohio to a 41-6 victory over UAB in the 2017 Bahamas Bowl.

The Bobcats (9-4) posted their first bowl game win since 2012 and the third bowl game win in the history of the Ohio program.

The Blazers, who reinstated their football program this year after a two-year hiatus, finished with an 8-5 record.

Ohio swept the postgame awards as Brown was named the Offensive Player of the Game and safety **Javon Hagan** was named the Defensive Player of the Game.

Brown scored on runs of 74, 9, 25 and 14 yards and ended the day with 152 yards rushing on just 12 carries. Hagan had a game-high nine tackles (six solo) and a forced fumble to lead the stout Ohio defense.

"It was a great win," Ohio head coach **Frank Solich** said. "We certainly appreciate all this team has been about - the way they've gone through the season, the way they started to prepare for the Bahamas Bowl at home and then continue the preparation here. To end up playing a very, very good football game, I couldn't be any more pleased. I feel like eight wins were not enough with this football team, so this ninth win puts a little icing on the cake."

The Bobcats scored on their opening possession, marching 75 yards in 11 plays. **Nathan Rourke** hit **D.L. Knock** on a 2-yard touchdown pass with 6:41 gone in the contest.

Rourke then hit **Papi White** on a 56-yard TD strike on Ohio's second possession with 3:40 left in the first quarter. White led all receivers in the contest with four catches for 106 yards and a score. Ohio missed the PAT as the Bobcats led 13-0.

Ohio made it 20-0 when Brown raced 74 yards for his first touchdown of the day with 12:26 left in the first half.

UAB got on the board with a 34-yard field goal by **Nick Vogel** to pull within 20-3 at the 7:28 mark of the second quarter.

Brown got his second touchdown of the game on an 9-yard run with 1:17 left in the first half. **Louie Zervos** made the PAT, and Ohio's lead was 27-3 at intermission.

UAB took the second-half kickoff, marched 83 yards in 11 plays and converted on a 25-yard field goal by Vogel to pull within 27-6 with 10:46 left in the third quarter.

After a 34-yard punt return by **Kylan Nelson** gave OU the ball at the UAB 25, Brown raced in on the next play to make it 34-6 with 7:45 to play in the third period.

Brown's fourth and final score of the day was a 14-yard scamper with 4:05 left in the third to wrap up the scoring.

"I missed two games last time we played," Brown said. "It actually motivated me. I give a lot of props to the O-line as well, because they did a tremendous job blocking and making it easy for me to run the ball."

A.J. Erdely completed 24-of-45 passes for 254 yards for the Blazers.

Rourke finished the day 12-of-18 passing for 185 yards and two touchdowns and ran three times for 30 yards to finish with 215 yards of total offense.

Ohio's **A.J. Ouellette** ran eight times for 26 yards, which put him over the 1,000-yard mark for the season at 1,006 yards in 13 games.

Ohio out-gained UAB 459-353 in total offense as the Bobcats evened the Bahamas Bowl series at 2-2 between the Mid-American Conference and Conference USA.

"This was not our day today," UAB head coach **Bill Clark** said. "But this won't take anything away from what this group has done. It was a historic year, our group has set the bar very high for the next UAB teams to come."

Defensively for UAB, **Anthony Rush** and **Tevin Crews** had a team-high seven tackles each.

"Being from Florida, it felt good to get the heat again because it's so cold in Ohio," Hagan said. "The food was fantastic. This bowl is just a great experience. It's definitely one of the best bowls I've experienced so far. The atmosphere, the water, the beach, the slides, it was just so fun. I felt like a little kid again."

2017 GAME SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F (Record)
UAB (C-USA)	0	3	3	0	6 (8-5)
Ohio (MAC)	13	14	14	0	41 (9-4)

Attendance: 13,585; **Time:** 3:07; **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 82 degrees

Head Coaches: UAB-Bill Clark; Ohio-Frank Solich

Offensive Player of the Game: Ohio RB Dorian Brown

Defensive Player of the Game: Ohio S Javon Hagan

Scoring Summary

Qtr-Time	Team	Scoring Play - Scoring Drive (Plays-Yards-Time)	UAB-OU Score
1-8:41	OU	Knock 2 pass from Rourke (Zervos kick) 11-75-6:19	0-7
1-3:40	OU	White 56 pass from Rourke (kick failed) 3-70-1:20	0-13
2-12:26	OU	Brown 74 run (Zervos kick) 1-74-0:15	0-20
2-7:28	UAB	Vogel 34 FG 6-55-1:42	3-20
2-1:16	OU	Brown 9 run (Zervos kick) 9-63-6:12	3-27
3-10:46	UAB	Vogel 25 FG 11-83-4:14	6-27
3-7:45	OU	Brown 25 run (Zervos kick) 1-25-0:09	6-34
3-4:05	OU	Brown 14 run (Zervos kick) 6-67-3:08	6-41

TEAM STATISTICS

	UAB	OU
FIRST DOWNS	20	24
RUSHING ATT-YARDS-TD	25-99-0	32-249-4
NET YARDS PASSING	254	210
Comp-Att-Int	24-45-0	14-22-0
Passing Touchdowns	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-353	54-459
Average Gain Per Play	5.0	8.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-56	6-70
PUNTS-YARDS	5-209	4-173
Average Yards Per Punt	41.8	43.2
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-5-0	2-57-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	6-121-0	2-28-0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble returns: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	29:34	30:26
3rd Down Conversions	3-15	2-7
4th Down Conversions	0-2	0-1
Sacks by: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Attempts-Yards)

UAB - Spencer Brown 13-37, James Noble III 5-32, A.J. Erdely 5-31, Donnie Lee 2-(-1).
 OU - Dorian Brown 12-152, 4 TD, Julian Ross 6-39, Nathan Rourke 3-20, A.J. Ouellette 8-26, Papi White 1-8, Quinton Maxwell 2-(-6).

PASSING (Completions-Attempts-Interceptions)

UAB - Erdely 24-45-0, 254 yds.
 OU - Rourke 12-18-0, 185 yds., 2 TD; Maxwell 1-3-0, 10 yds.; Andrew Meyer 1-1-0, 15 yds.

RECEIVING (Receptions-Yards)

UAB - Andre Wilson 6-58, Ronnie Turner Jr. 4-67, Collin Lisa 4-55, Xavier Ubosi 4-20, Lee 2-2, Brown 1-26, Hayden Pittman 1-21, Logan Scott 1-4, Noble III 1-1. OU - Meyer 6-50, White 4-106, 1 TD, Troy Mangen 1-24, Rourke 1-15, Ouellette 1-13, Knock 1-2, 1 TD.

PUNTING (Punts-Average-Long)

UAB - Joel Dixon 5-41.8, 50 long. OU - Michael Farkas 4-43.2, 54 long.

2018 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL: FIU 35, TOLEDO 32 (DEC. 21, 2018)

FIU erased a 10-0 first-quarter deficit by halftime, and the Panthers held on for a 35-32 victory over Toledo in the 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

The bowl game was played in a strong tropical breeze between 15-20 MPH and near-perfect field conditions at kickoff after early-morning storms blew over New Providence Island several hours before game time.

FIU quarterback **Christian Alexander** was named the Offensive Player of the Game, going 17-for-26 through the air for 209 yards and a touch-down. He also added 87 yards on 10 carries, which set the bowl's record for a quarterback.

Panther running back **Anthony Jones** carried the ball 15 times for 92 yards and three touchdowns to lead FIU in rushing. The Panthers had a 236-124 advantage in rushing yards.

FIU linebacker **Edwin Freeman** was selected as the Defensive Player of the Game as he led the Panthers with eight tackles, including five unassisted stops.

FIU (9-4) closed the season with a school-record nine victories.

"It's spectacular to have won this game. These kids, the things that our entire football team has done for the last 10 or 11 months have been amazing," said FIU head coach **Butch Davis**. "The hard work, the dedication, the unselfishness - you don't win nine football games and set a school record for the most victories or win a bowl game without an awful lot of great plays."

The Toledo (7-6) scoring offense also flexed its muscles at times, led by quarterback **Eli Peters**, who threw for 264 yards and three touchdowns and was the Rockets' rushing leader with five carries for 43 yards. **Jon'Vea Johnson** caught two of the touchdown tosses, while **Diontae Johnson** had six receptions for 98 yards and a score.

Toledo stole the momentum right away when **Terrance Taylor** forced a fumble on the opening kickoff that was recovered and returned to the FIU 3 by **DeDarallo Blue**. Two plays later, **Bryant Koback** powered three yards for a touchdown to give the Rockets a 7-0 lead just 23 seconds into the game - the fastest touchdown in the bowl's history.

The Rockets extended their lead to 10-0 on a 28-yard field goal by **Jameson Vest** with 12 seconds left in the first quarter.

The second quarter belonged to FIU, as the Panthers took a 14-10 lead into halftime, thanks to a pair of lengthy touchdown drives. The Panthers got on the board on an eight-play, 75-yard drive capped off by a six-yard run by Jones to cut Toledo's lead to 10-7 with 12:44 left in the half.

Alexander then connected on a 36-yard touchdown pass to **Sterling Palmer** to complete a seven-play, 96-yard scoring drive, the longest scoring drive by yards in the bowl's history.

The Rockets marched down the field on their first possession of the third quarter and scored on a Peters seven-yard touchdown pass to Jon'Vea Johnson for Toledo's final lead of the game at 17-14.

Jones scored his second touchdown of the day on a 30-yard sprint with 3:47 left in the third quarter to put FIU up for good at 21-17.

The fourth quarter saw plenty of scoring as FIU worked to hold off a Toledo comeback. **Maurice Alexander** extended the Panthers' lead to 28-17 with 11:12 remaining in the game on a 16-yard TD run.

Toledo made it interesting midway through the final quarter by closing the gap to 28-25 with 7:21 to go. Peters connected with Diontae Johnson for a two-yard touchdown and then followed it up with a 2-point conversion on a pass to **Cody Thompson**.

The Panthers iced the game with a drive that took 6:40 off the clock. Jones' third TD run of the game, an 18-yard scamper with 41 seconds to play, pushed the FIU advantage to 35-25.

Peters hit Jon'Vea Johnson for a 43-yard TD pass with two seconds left for Toledo to cut the margin to 35-32, but the Panthers recovered the ensuing onside kick to seal the victory, and FIU raised the Prime Minister's Trophy as a bowl champion for the first time since 2010.

Maurice Alexander led the Panthers with five catches for 30 yards, while **Tony Gaiter IV** had four catches for 52 yards.

Linebacker **Richard Olekanma** and defensive end **Tuzar Skipper** each had eight total tackles to lead Toledo.

2018 GAME SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F (Record)
FIU (C-USA)	0	14	7	14	35 (9-4)
Toledo (MAC)	10	0	7	15	32 (7-6)

Attendance: 13,510; **Time:** 3:33; **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 81 degrees

Head Coaches: FIU-Butch Davis; Toledo-Jason Candle

Offensive Player of the Game: FIU QB Christian Alexander

Defensive Player of the Game: FIU LB Edwin Freeman

Scoring Summary

Qtr-Time	Team	Scoring Play - Scoring Drive (Plays-Yards-Time)	FIU-TOL	Score
1-14:37	TOL	Koback 3 rush (Vest kick) 2-8-0:13		0-7
1-0:12	TOL	Vest 28 FG 12-52-5:09		0-10
2-12:44	FIU	Jones 6 rush (Borregales kick) 8-75-2:28		7-10
2-2:57	FIU	Palmer 36 pass from C. Alexander (Borregales kick) 7-96-3:21		14-10
3-10:35	TOL	J. Johnson 7 pass from Peters (Vest kick) 8-75-4:25		14-17
3-3:47	FIU	Jones 30 rush (Borregales kick) 8-80-4:16		21-17
4-11:12	FIU	M. Alexander 16 rush (Borregales kick) 9-88-5:17		28-17
4-7:21	TOL	Di. Johnson 2 pass from Peters (Peters pass) 10-75-3:51		28-25
4-0:41	FIU	Jones 18 rush (Borregales kick) 13-83-6:40		35-25
4-0:02	TOL	J. Johnson 43 pass from Peters (Vest kick) 5-75-0:39		35-32

TEAM STATISTICS

	FIU	TOL
FIRST DOWNS	26	21
RUSHING ATT-YARDS-TD	43-236-4	27-124-1
NET YARDS PASSING	223	264
Comp-Att-Int	18-27-0	22-28-0
Passing Touchdowns	1	3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-459	65-388
Average Gain Per Play	6.6	6.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-50	5-55
PUNTS-YARDS	4-167	5-227
Average Yards Per Punt	41.8	45.4
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	1-21-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-37-0	1-22-0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards	1-0	1-5
Time of Possession	33:11	26:49
3rd Down Conversions	9-15	2-11
4th Down Conversions	1-2	2-2
Sacks by: Number-Yards	1-6	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Attempts-Yards)

FIU - Anthony Jones 15-92, 3 TD, Christian Alexander 11-83, D'Vonte Price 6-39, Maurice Alexander 3-12, 1 TD, Napoleon Maxwell 7-11, Team 1-(-1). TOL - Eli Peters 5-43, Bryant Koback 14-42, 1 TD, Shakif Seymour 8-39.

PASSING (Completions-Attempts-Interceptions)

FIU - C. Alexander 17-26-0, 209 yds., 1 TD; M. Alexander 1-1-0, 14 yds. TOL - Peters 22-38-0, 264 yds., 3 TD.

RECEIVING (Receptions-Yards)

FIU - M. Alexander 5-30, Tony Gaiter IV 4-52, Sterling Palmer 3-64, 1 TD, Austin Maloney 2-28, Maxwell 2-10, Bryce Singleton 1-32, C] Worton 1-7. TOL - Diontae Johnson 6-98, 1 TD, Cody Thompson 5-55, Jon'Vea Johnson 3-49, 2 TD, Seymour 2-17, Reggie Gilliam 2-13, Koback 2-11, Desmond Phillips 1-15, Drew Rosi 1-6.

PUNTING (Punts-Average-Long)

FIU - Stone Wilson 4-41.8, 52 long. TOL - Bailey Flint 5-45.4, 54 long.

2019 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL: BUFFALO 31, CHARLOTTE 9 (DEC. 20, 2019)

Buffalo running back **Jaret Patterson** rushed a bowl-record 32 times for 173 yards and two touchdowns to help secure the program's first-ever bowl victory, as the Bulls defeated Charlotte 31-9 in the 2019 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

Patterson was selected as the Offensive Player of the Game and punctuated the victory with his second touchdown run with 1:43 left in the contest. The Bulls' final drive went for 16 plays and spanned 9:07. Patterson accounted for 81 rushing yards on 13 attempts during the drive, as he was handed the ball on the first nine plays of the possession to ice the game.

Buffalo defensive end **Malcolm Koonce** was awarded Defensive Player of the Game honors thanks to his five tackles, two sacks and one forced fumble. Koonce's strip sack of Charlotte quarterback **Chris Reynolds** was recovered by the Bulls' **Ledarius Mack** with six seconds remaining in the second quarter and helped the Bulls preserve a 17-0 lead heading into halftime.

"I'm really proud of our guys, especially after a layoff, to play as well as we did, as physical as we did," said Buffalo head coach **Lance Leipold**. "We were able to establish the running game. Our defense, especially in the first half, played outstanding. We got some key fourth down stops, created a couple turnovers. It's a team effort, but these three gentlemen sitting next to me (Patterson, Koonce, James Patterson) had great days and great seasons."

Buffalo (8-5) finished the season with three straight victories and five victories in the Bulls' final six games. Charlotte (7-6) fell in the 49ers' first bowl appearance in school history.

Aside from Patterson's performance on the ground, both defenses turned in solid performances. Buffalo held a slight 282-278 advantage in total offense. The combined 560 yards were the fewest in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history, which was a distinction previously held by the 2017 game between Ohio and UAB (812 combined yards).

Charlotte defensive end **Markees Watts** led all players with 11 tackles, while safety **Marquavis Gibbs** tallied an interception for the 49ers. Buffalo linebacker **James Patterson** (Jaret's twin brother) also had an interception for the Bulls.

After forcing a three-and-out on Charlotte's first drive of the game, Buffalo marched 61 yards in seven plays to go up 7-0 at the 9:12 mark of the first quarter. Patterson ran the ball five times for 46 yards on the drive, while Antonio Nunn caught two passes from **Kyle Vantrease** for 15 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown reception along the right sideline of the endzone.

The Bulls went up 14-0 with 3:33 left in the first half on a one-yard sneak by Vantrease. Buffalo moved the ball deliberately down the field for the score, running 15 plays (11 rushes) and taking 8:26 off the clock.

James Patterson intercepted Reynolds on the 49ers' next play from scrimmage and returned it 20 yards to the Charlotte 12, setting up the short field. The 49ers defense held strong, though, holding the Bulls to a 31-yard field goal by **Alex McNulty** that put Buffalo up 17-0 with 1:25 remaining in the half.

Jaret Patterson added to the Bulls' lead at 5:22 in the third with a six-yard touchdown run. Buffalo took over on downs to start the drive at the Charlotte 43-yard line with 9:07 on the clock, and it was a healthy dose of Patterson from there. He rushed the ball on five of the seven plays, including the score to put the Bulls up 24-0.

Charlotte got on the scoreboard with 2:20 left in the third on a 51-yard touchdown strike from Reynolds to **Victor Tucker**. Tucker caught a short crossing route and did the rest with his feet, alluding several Bulls defenders en route to the end zone. The 49ers two-point attempt came up short, keeping the score at 24-6.

On the next Buffalo drive, Charlotte forced a quick three-and-out. After taking over via punt on their own 31-yard line, the 49ers went 54 yards on 10 plays to set up a successful 32-yard field goal by **Jonathan Cruz**. That score cut the deficit to 24-9 with 10:50 to go in the game before Patterson and the Bulls put the game away with their final drive.

Nunn led the Bulls with five catches for 53 yards and a score, while Charlotte's **Tyler Ringwood** had five receptions for 64 yards.

2019 GAME SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F (Record)
Buffalo (MAC)	7	10	7	7	31 (8-5)
Charlotte (C-USA)	0	0	6	3	9 (7-6)

Attendance: 13,547; **Time:** 3:14; **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 77 degrees

Head Coaches: Buffalo-Lance Leipold; Charlotte-Will Healy

Offensive Player of the Game: Buffalo RB Jaret Patterson

Defensive Player of the Game: Buffalo DE Malcolm Koonce

Scoring Summary

Qtr-Time	Team	Scoring Play - Scoring Drive (Plays-Yards-Time)	BUF-CLT Score
1-9:12	BUF	Nunn 12 pass from Vantrease (McNulty kick) 7-61-3:11	7-0
2-3:33	BUF	Vantrease 1 rush (McNulty kick)	14-0
2-1:25	BUF	McNulty 31 FG 4--2-1:55	17-0
3-5:22	BUF	Jaret Patterson 6 rush (McNulty kick) 7-43-3:45	24-0
3:2:20	CLT	Tucker 51 pass from Reynolds (pass failed) 7-75-3:02	24-6
4-10:50	CLT	Cruz 32 FG 10-54-5:26	24-9
4-1:03	BUF	Jaret Patterson 10 rush (McNulty kick) 16-75-9:07	31-9

TEAM STATISTICS

	BUF	CLT
FIRST DOWNS	19	15
RUSHING ATT-YARDS-TD	46-205-3	31-80-0
NET YARDS PASSING	77	198
Comp-Att-Int	8-17-1	15-24-1
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-282	55-278
Average Gain Per Play	4.5	5.1
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	2-30	3-20
PUNTS-YARDS	3-128	1-39
Average Yards Per Punt	42.7	39.0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-4-0	2-31-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-20-0	1-34-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards	1-3	0-0
Time of Possession	33:12	26:48
3rd Down Conversions	7-14	5-12
4th Down Conversions	2-2	2-4
Sacks by: Number-Yards	5-16	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Attempts-Yards)

BUF - Jaret Patterson 32-173, 2 TD, Kevin Marks 12-27, Kyle Vantrease 2-5, 1 TD.
CLT - Benny Lemay 13-45, Victor Tucker 1-12, Chris Reynolds 14-10, Micaleous Elder 2-10, Aaron McAllister 1-3.

PASSING (Completions-Attempts-Interceptions)

BUF - Vantrease 8-17-1, 77 yds., 1 TD.
CLT - Reynolds 15-24-1, 198 yds., 1 TD.

RECEIVING (Receptions-Yards)

BUF - Antonio Nunn 5-53, 1 TD, Zac Lefebvre 2-18, Daniel Lee 1-6. CLT - Tyler Ringwood 5-64, Cameron Dollar 4-48, Tucker 3-61, 1 TD, Elder 2-18, Ryan Carriere 1-7.

PUNTING (Punts-Average-Long)

BUF - Jackson Baltar 3-42.7, 47 long. CLT - Connor Bowler 1-39.0, 39 long.

BAHAMAS BOWL ALL-DECADE TEAM (2014-19)

OFFENSE

QB (tie): **Brandon Doughty**, WKU (2014)
 QB (tie): **Cooper Rush**, Central Michigan (2014)
 RB: **Jamauri Bogan**, Western Michigan (2015)
 RB: **Dorian Brown**, Ohio (2017)
 WR: **Corey Davis**, Western Michigan (2015)
 WR: **Titus Davis**, Central Michigan (2014)
 TE: **Mitchell Henry**, WKU (2014)
 C: **Mike Novitsky**, Buffalo (2019)
 G: **Forrest Lamp**, WKU (2014)
 G: **Taylor Moton**, Western Michigan (2015)
 T: **Willie Beavers**, Western Michigan (2015)
 T: **Chukwuma Okorafor**, Western Michigan (2015)

DEFENSE

DE: **Malcolm Koonce**, Buffalo (2019)
 DE: **Derik Overstreet**, WKU (2014)
 DT: **Anthony Rush**, UAB (2017)
 DT: **Leterrius Walton**, Central Michigan (2014)
 LB: **Grant DePalma**, Western Michigan (2015)
 LB: **Edwin Freeman**, FIU (2018)
 LB: **TJ Ricks**, Old Dominion (2016)
 CB: **Jamez Brickhouse**, Old Dominion (2016)
 CB: **Wonderful Terry**, WKU (2018)
 S: **Christian Byrum**, Old Dominion (2016)
 S: **Javon Hagan**, Ohio (2017)

SPECIAL TEAMS

P: **Matt Bonadies**, Middle Tennessee (2015)
 PK: **Andrew Haldeman**, Western Michigan (2015)
 RET: **Andre Wilson**, UAB (2017)

COACH

P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan (2015)

OFFENSE

QB (tie): Brandon Doughty, WKU (2014): In a shootout that defined the Bahamas Bowl's inaugural game, Doughty threw for 350 yards (bowl record for one half) and five touchdowns -- all in the first half as the Hilltoppers built a 42-14 halftime lead. He finished 31-for-42 passing with 486 yards as the Hilltoppers held off a furious rally by Central Michigan to win 49-48. Doughty, who was the bowl's first Offensive Player of the Game, also holds bowl records for completions (31) and completion percentage (73.8).

QB (tie): Cooper Rush, Central Michigan (2014): Rush set the NCAA all-bowl record with seven touchdown passes and holds the bowl record with 493 yards on 28-of-45 passing in a losing effort to WKU. Rush also set the NCAA all-bowl record with an incredible 255 passing yards in the fourth quarter alone on 13-of-17 passing for five TDs as the Chippewas rallied from a 49-14 deficit to pull to 49-48 after an exhilarating final-play, three-lateral passing touchdown as time expired.

RB: Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan (2015): Bogan set bowl records for most rushing yards (215), most rushing TDs (four), and most rushing yards in a half (152 in the second half) on 19 carries on the way to Offensive Player of the Game honors as the Broncos beat Middle Tennessee 45-31. Bogan gashed the Blue Raiders defense on scoring runs of 62 and 46 yards and added a 61-yard carry.

RB: Dorian Brown, Ohio (2017): Brown was selected as the bowl's Offensive Player of the Game as he tied the bowl record with four rushing TDs, including the longest TD carry in bowl history -- a 74-yard sprint. He made the most of his 12 carries for 152 yards to set the bowl mark for highest average per rush (12.7) in the Bobcats' dominant 41-6 victory over UAB.

WR: Corey Davis, Western Michigan (2015): A year after his brother, Titus, had a big performance in the Bahamas Bowl for Central Michigan, Corey set records of his own for Western Michigan against Middle Tennessee as he had a bowl-record

183 receiving yards on eight receptions (tied for most in Bahamas Bowl history), including a bowl-record 184 receiving yards in a single half and averaged 22.9 yards per reception in the 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee. He was selected No. 5 overall by the Tennessee Titans in the 2017 NFL Draft, the highest selection of a Bahamas Bowl alumnus in the game's history.

WR: Titus Davis, Central Michigan (2014): Davis, the older brother of Corey, had a huge day in the inaugural Bahamas Bowl with six receptions for 137 yards and a NCAA all-bowl-record-tying four TDs -- three in the fourth quarter, including a memorable 15-yard sprint to the goal line to finish off a three-lateral play on the final play from scrimmage -- as the Chippewas rallied from a 35-point deficit to fall just short to WKU. He died of renal medullary carcinoma in November 2020 at age 27.

TE: Mitchell Henry, WKU (2014): Henry caught three passes for 47 yards and a second-quarter touchdown in the Hilltoppers' 49-48 victory over Central Michigan. Henry was the first undrafted player in Bahamas Bowl history to play in the NFL, as he saw action in two games with the Denver Broncos in 2015. He died of acute myeloid leukemia in June 2017 at age 24.

C: Mike Novitsky, Buffalo (2019): Novitsky anchored the Bulls' offensive line that led the way to 205 rushing yards and three TDs on 46 carries. The O-line did not give up a sack and allowed only three tackles for loss in a 31-9 victory over Charlotte.

G: Forrest Lamp, WKU (2014): Lamp was a member of the Hilltoppers' offensive line that posted a bowl-record 647 yards of total offense in the 49-48 shootout against Central Michigan. He was selected by the Los Angeles Chargers in the second round (No. 38 overall) in the 2017 NFL Draft.

G: Taylor Moton, Western Michigan (2015): Moton was part of an offensive line that racked up 613 yards of total offense against Middle Tennessee in the Broncos' 45-31 victory, second most in bowl history. He was selected by the Carolina Panthers in the second round of the 2017 NFL Draft.

T: Willie Beavers, Western Michigan (2015): Beavers helped the Broncos offense set a record for the highest average yardage per play (9.0) in the 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee. He was selected by the Minnesota Vikings in the sixth round of the 2016 NFL Draft -- the first offensive lineman in Bahamas Bowl history to be drafted.

T: Chukwuma Okorafor, Western Michigan (2015): Okorafor was a part of the Broncos' offensive line that totaled 613 yards of total offense (second in bowl history) in the 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee. He was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the third round of the 2018 NFL Draft.

DEFENSE

DE: Malcolm Koonce, Buffalo (2019): Koonce tied the bowl record with two sacks among his five total tackles and added two tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry to earn the Defensive Player of the Game award in the Bulls' dominant 31-9 victory over Charlotte.

DE: Derik Overstreet, WKU (2014): Overstreet set bowl records with 2.5 tackles for loss and two sacks for minus-13 yards to go along with five total tackles for Defensive Player of the Game honors in the Hilltoppers' 49-48 victory over Central Michigan in the inaugural Bahamas Bowl.

DT: Anthony Rush, UAB (2017): Rush tied for the team lead with seven total tackles (six assisted) in the Blazers' 41-6 defeat to Ohio. The six assists is the most by a defensive tackle in the bowl's history.

DT: Leterrius Walton, Central Michigan (2014): Walton had three tackles (two solo) in the 49-48 defeat to WKU. He was selected in the sixth round of the 2015 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers, and was the first Bahamas Bowl alumnus selected and the first to play in the NFL.

LB: Grant DePalma, Western Michigan (2015): DePalma set the bowl record with 12 total tackles (five solo, seven assisted) in the Broncos' 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee on the way to Defensive Player of the Game honors.

LB: Edwin Freeman, FIU (2018): Freeman led the Panthers with eight tackles, including five unassisted stops, in the 35-32 victory over Toledo. He was selected as the Defensive Player of the Game.

LB: TJ Ricks, Old Dominion (2016): Ricks led the Monarchs with nine tackles, including one for loss, for Defensive Player of the Game honors in the 24-20 victory over Eastern Michigan. He anchored an ODU defense that posted a bowl-record 90 total tackles and a late stand that preserved the first bowl victory in the school's history.

CB: Jamez Brickhouse, Old Dominion (2016): Brickhouse was all over the field for the Monarchs in the 24-20 victory over Eastern Michigan with 11 total tackles, including a bowl-record eight solo stops.

CB: Wonderful Terry, WKU (2018): Set the bowl record for pass breakups in the inaugural game with four, but his last one was the most important as he tipped away a two-point conversion pass in the back of the end zone on the final play of the game to preserve WKU's 49-48 victory over Central Michigan.

S: Christian Byrum, Old Dominion (2016): Byrum had 11 total tackles, the most by a safety in the bowl's history in the Monarchs' 24-20 victory over Eastern Michigan. He also set a record for assisted tackles with eight.

S: Javon Hagan, Ohio (2017): Hagan posted nine total tackles (six solo; tied for second in bowl history) and a pair of pass breakups in the Bobcats' 41-6 victory over UAB. He was selected as the bowl's Defensive Player of the Game.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P: Matt Bonadies, Middle Tennessee (2015): Bonadies averaged 44.8 yards (40.0 net yards) on five punts for the Blue Raiders, including a 52-yarder, and placed two inside the Western Michigan 20-yard line in the defeat to the the Broncos.

PK: Andrew Haldeman, Western Michigan (2015): Haldeman had a big day in the Broncos' 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee as he made 6-of-6 extra-point kicks and added a bowl-record 47-yard field goal in the first quarter.

RET: Andre Wilson, UAB (2017): Wilson set two bowl records in his four kickoff returns against Ohio as he gained 102 yards, including a 45-yarder. He averaged 25.5 yards per return, and he returned one punt for five yards. He was also the Blazers' leading receiver with six catches for 58 yards.

COACH

P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan (2015): Fleck's Broncos squad came to the Bahamas with a 7-5 record, and pulled away for a 45-31 victory over Middle Tennessee. Fleck's unbridled enthusiastic mantra of "Row The Boat" got national attention, and the Broncos used the Bahamas Bowl success as a springboard to an undefeated regular season, a MAC title and a New Year's Six bowl berth in 2016.

Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium

The Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl is played in Nassau's state-of-the-



medal at the 1962 Central American and Caribbean Games.

Robinson won nine Big Ten Conference titles as a sprinter at the University of Michigan from 1959-61. He was inducted into Michigan's Hall of Honor in 1985 and the inaugural class of Michigan's Men's Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2006.

Discussions on the new stadium had begun some nine years before, with Robinson himself chairing the initial and final committee on the stadium. Robinson died November 25, 2012, just two days after the celebration of his partici-

pation in the Melbourne Olympics and before he could see the facility that bears his name in use.

The facility has been the site for track (2013 Carifta Games and the 2014



THOMAS A. ROBINSON NATIONAL STADIUM CAMPUS



ENTRANCES

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| 1 - Teams | 3 - Media |
| 1a - VIPs | 3 - ESPN Crew |
| 1a - Spirit Groups | 4 - Officials |
| 2 - Spectators/Vendors | 4 - Pre/Half Performers |
| 2a - Institution Will-Call | 5 - ESPN Stadium Party |

PARKING

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| P2 - ACKLINS | P6 - GRAND BAHAMA | P10 - RUM CAY |
| P3 - CAT ISLAND | P7A&B - INAGUA | P11 - SAN SALVADOR |
| P4 - ELEUTHERA | P8 - MAYAGUANA | |



2021 MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-6, 4-4 C-USA)

SEPTEMBER

4	MONMOUTH	W, 50-15
11	at Virginia Tech	L, 14-35
18	at UTSA*	L, 13-27
24	at Charlotte*	L, 39-42

OCTOBER

2	MARSHALL*	W, 34-28
9	at Liberty	L, 13-41
22	at UConn	W, 44-13
30	SOUTHERN MISS*	W, 35-10

NOVEMBER

6	at WKU*	L, 21-48
13	FIU*	W, 50-10
20	OLD DOMINION*	L, 17-24
27	at Florida Atlantic*	W, 27-17

DECEMBER

17 vs. Toledo (Bahamas Bowl)

* - C-USA games; home games in CAPS

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-6, 4-4 C-USA) vs. TOLEDO (7-5, 5-3 MAC)

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MTSU
 Nickname Blue Raiders
 2021 Record 6-6 (4-4 C-USA)
 Head Coach Rick Stockstill
 Record at MTSU (Yrs.) 100-98 (16)



TOLEDO
 Nickname Rockets
 2018 Record 7-5 (5-3 MAC)
 Head Coach Jason Candle
 Record at Toledo (Yrs.) 45-26 (6)

THE SERIES

» The 2021 Bahamas Bowl will be the first meeting between the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders and the Toledo Rockets. The all-time Bahamas Bowl series between Conference USA and the MAC is tied 3-3.

THE COACHES

» **RICK STOCKSTILL** is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach, all at Middle Tennessee (100-98 overall record). The 2021 Bahamas Bowl is the Blue Raiders' 13th bowl appearance overall, and this is Middle Tennessee's second appearance in the Bahamas Bowl (2015). Stockstill spent 23 years as a college assistant at Bethune-Cookman, UCF, Clemson, East Carolina and South Carolina. He was a three-year letterman (1979-81) at Florida State as a quarterback, where he was team captain and earned Honorable Mention All-America honors in 1981.

» **JASON CANDLE** is in his sixth full season as a college head coach, all at Toledo (45-26 overall record). The 2021 Bahamas Bowl is the Rockets' 19th bowl appearance overall, and this is the second Bahamas Bowl appearance for Toledo (2018). Candle was an assistant coach at Mount Union (2002-08) and Toledo (2009-15). He played wide receiver at Geneva College (1998-99) and Mount Union (2000-01). Candle was an All-Ohio Athletic Conference first-team selection at wide receiver in 2001 for Mount Union, and he was a key member of the Purple Raiders' 2000 and 2001 national championship teams.

2021 TOLEDO (7-5, 5-3 MAC)

SEPTEMBER

4	NORFOLK STATE	W, 49-10
11	at Notre Dame	L, 29-32
18	COLORADO STATE	L, 6-22
25	at Ball State*	W, 22-12

OCTOBER

2	at UMass	W, 45-7
9	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 20-22
16	at Central Michigan*	L, 23-26 (OT)
23	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	W, 34-15

NOVEMBER

2	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	L, 49-52
10	at Bowling Green*	W, 49-17
16	at Ohio*	W, 35-23
27	AKRON*	W, 49-15

DECEMBER

17 vs. Middle Tennessee (Bahamas Bowl)

* - MAC games; home games in CAPS

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISON

Middle Tennessee (6-6, 4-4 C-USA)

TEAM STATISTICS	MTSU	OPP
Points/Game	29.8	25.8
First Downs	232	241
Rushing/Game	120.8	128.2
Passing/Game	235.3	238.6
Total Offense/Game	356.2	366.8
Fumbles-Lost	19-8	20-15
Pen./Yds per Game	79/58.3	70/47.0
Time of Possession	29:56	30:04

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
Pettaway	74	359	5.8	3	35.9
Peasant	64	240	3.8	2	21.8

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	YPG
Vattiato	92-136-6	777	5	155.4

RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Marshall	45	510	11.3	6	42.5
Pierce	39	409	10.5	5	34.1

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	PBU
Blankenship	71-35-106	10.0	1	9
Grate	55-29-84	1.0	3	4

Toledo (7-5, 5-3 MAC)

TEAM STATISTICS	TOL	OPP
Points/Game	34.2	21.0
First Downs	250	230
Rushing/Game	192.9	150.8
Passing/Game	241.3	191.8
Total Offense/Game	434.3	342.6
Fumbles-Lost	10-4	12-6
Pen./Yds per Game	118/88.0	75/57.3
Time of Possession	28:06	31:46

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
Koback	190	1274	6.7	15	106.2
Finn	99	422	4.3	8	35.2

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	YPG
Finn	126-211-1	1855	16	154.6

RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Maddox	38	562	14.8	4	46.8
Winstead	34	489	14.4	1	40.8

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	PBU
Jones	27-64-91	9.0	0	3
Hook	33-55-88	2.5	0	8

2021 NCAA TEAM RANKS (thru Dec. 4)

Category	MTSU	TOL
Total Offense	99	38
Rushing Offense	106	33
Passing Offense	65	57
Passing Efficiency	72	46
Scoring Offense	54	25
Total Defense	54	t-33
Rushing Defense	t-32	66
Passing Yards Allowed	84	17
Passing Efficiency Def.	27	20
Scoring Defense	64	t-27
Turnover Margin	6	t-24
3rd Down Conversion %	126	90
4th Down Conversion %	t-88	112
3rd Down Conversion % Def.	53	55
4th Down Conversion % Def.	t-54	t-43
Red Zone Offense	78	t-37
Red Zone Defense	t-99	t-46
Net Punting	62	59
Punt Returns	4	21
Kickoff Returns	65	114
First Downs Offense	t-95	t-73
First Downs Defense	t-55	t-40
Fewest Penalties Per Game	85	130
Time of Possession	64	108



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MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE					DEFENSE					SPECIAL TEAMS							
QB	18	NICK VATTIATO	6-1	185	Fr.	LE	40	RICHARD KINLEY	6-2	220	r-Fr.	P	13	KYLE ULBRICH	6-0	185	r-Jr.
	12	Mike DiLiello	6-1	207	r-So.		94	Ralph Mercy	6-2	244	Fr.		38	Miles Tillman	5-11	185	Fr.
RB	32	MARTELL PETTAWAY	5-9	196	Sr.	LT	57	MARLEY COOK	6-1	284	r-Fr.	PK	7	ZEKE RANKIN	5-8	170	Fr.
	36	Frank Peasant	5-10	215	Fr.		99	Jordan Branch	6-0	283	r-So.		48	Alex Usry	5-10	185	r-Jr.
LT	64	JACQUI GRAHAM	6-5	290	r-So.	RT	96	ZAYLIN WOOD	6-1	268	r-Fr.	KO	24	SCOTT PAYNE	5-11	196	r-Fr.
	77	Eric Magwood	6-4	300	r-Sr.		88	Ja'Kerrius Wyatt	6-3	270	r-Jr.		7	Zeke Rankin	5-8	170	Fr.
LG	74	STEVEN LOSOYA	6-4	290	r-Fr.	RE	91	JORDAN FERGUSON	6-2	255	r-Jr.	LS	69	BRODY BUTLER	5-11	196	r-Fr.
	65	Marcus Greer	6-1	298	r-So.		49	Jorden Starling	6-4	215	r-So.		68	Carson Garrison	6-0	195	r-Fr.
C	62	JORDAN PALMER	6-0	290	Jr.	WLB	20	DQ THOMAS	6-2	216	Sr.	H	13	KYLE ULBRICH	6-0	185	r-Jr.
	65	Marcus Greer	6-1	298	r-So.		41	Raquon Hartley	6-1	188	r-Fr.		24	Scott Payne	5-11	196	r-Fr.
RG	77	ERIC MAGWOOD	6-4	300	r-Sr.	MLB	4	JONATHAN BUTLER	6-0	231	Jr.	KR	83	JAYLIN LANE	5-8	174	Fr.
	78	Dorian Hinton	6-4	317	r-Fr.		46	Andrew Leak	5-10	203	r-Fr.		7	DJ England-Chisolm	5-7	150	So.
RT	53	LANCE ROBINSON	6-3	284	Fr.	SLB	42	CODY SMITH	6-2	220	r-Jr.	PR	83	JAYLIN LANE	5-8	174	Fr.
	77	Eric Magwood	6-4	300	r-Sr.		35	Jalen Davis	6-1	195	r-Fr.		12	Reed Blankenship	6-1	200	Sr.
TE	6	JIMMY MARSHALL	6-5	234	Sr.	LC	19	TELDRICK ROSS	5-10	189	r-So.	 					
	21	Will Gilchrist	6-2	239	r-Sr.		23	Jalen Jackson	6-2	171	r-Fr.						
WR-X	81	CJ WINDHAM	6-2	212	r-Sr.	SS	1	GREG GRATE	5-11	186	Jr.						
	2	Izaiah Gathings	6-4	225	Jr.		29	Marcus LaFrance	6-2	188	r-Fr.						
WR-Y	9	JARRIN PIERCE	5-11	190	r-Sr.	FS	12	REED BLANKENSHIP	6-1	200	Sr.						
	89	Yusuf Ali	5-9	171	r-Jr.		17	Tra Fluellen	6-2	207	So.						
WR-Z	83	JAYLIN LANE	5-8	174	Fr.	RC	3	QUINCY RILEY	6-0	181	r-Fr.						
	7	DJ England-Chisolm	5-7	150	So.		33	Decorian Patterson	6-0	191	r-So.						



TOLEDO ROCKETS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE					DEFENSE					SPECIAL TEAMS							
LT	78	VITALIY GURMAN	6-4	307	Sr.	OLB	91	JAMAL HINES	6-3	250	Jr.	PK	17	THOMAS CLUCKEY	6-1	195	So.
	70	Michael Bergen	6-4	280	r-Fr.		85	Adrian Woliver	6-2	250	So.		29	Evan Davis	5-9	180	So.
LG	71	VINNY SCIURY	6-3	292	Fr.	DT	95	JUDGE CULPEPPER	6-4	290	So.	P	49	BAILEY FLINT	6-4	215	Sr.
	78	Vitaliy Gurman	6-4	307	Sr.		96	David Hood	6-1	280	Sr.		17	Thomas Cluckey	6-1	195	So.
C	72	BRYCE HARRIS	6-3	209	Sr.	DT	97	CAVON BUTLER	6-3	310	So.	H	49	BAILEY FLINT	6-4	215	Sr.
	63	Parker Bisek	6-3	290	r-Fr.		98	Darius Alexander	6-4	320	r-Fr.	LS	58	SEAN MILLS	6-2	220	Sr.
RG	60	TYLER LONG	6-4	290	So.	OLB	99	DESJUAN JOHNSON	6-3	255	Jr.	KR	21	JACQUEZ STUART	5-9	170	r-Fr.
	65	Luke Doerger	6-2	292	Sr.		48	Nate Givhan	6-4	240	Jr.		4	Danzel McKinley-Lewis	5-11	190	Sr.
RT	68	MITCHELL BERG	6-6	310	Jr.	WLB	2	DYONTAE JOHNSON	6-2	230	Jr.	PR	8	DEVIN MADDOX	5-9	175	So.
	74	Lavel Dumont	6-4	315	So.		35	AJ Crider	6-1	227	Jr.		10	Adam Beale	5-8	165	So.
TE	9	JAMAL TURNER	6-6	255	Jr.	LB	30	JONATHAN JONES	5-11	225	Sr.		6	Nate Bauer	6-0	195	So.
	89	Drew Rosi	6-4	240	Sr.		42	Jackson Barrow	6-0	220	r-Fr.	 					
QB	7	DEQUAN FINN	6-2	198	r-Fr.	CB	27	QUINYON MITCHELL	6-0	197	Fr.						
	11	Tucker Gleason	6-3	225	Fr.		13	Chris McDonald	5-10	185	So.						
RB	22	BRYANT KOBACK	6-0	205	Jr.	SS	25	MAXEN HOOK	6-0	210	Fr.						
	3	Micah Kelly	5-9	195	r-Fr.		6	Nate Bauer	6-0	195	So.						
- or -	21	Jacquez Stuart	5-9	170	r-Fr.	FS	1	TYCEN ANDERSON	6-2	205	Sr.						
WR	14	ISAAH WINSTEAD	6-3	210	Jr.		7	Zachary Ford	6-3	203	So.						
	15	Matt Landers	6-5	200	Jr.	CB	0	SAMUEL WOMACK	5-10	185	Sr.						
WR-X	4	DANZEL MCKINLEY-LEWIS	5-11	190	Sr.		21	Justin Clark	5-11	180	Jr.						
- or -	19	JERJUAN NEWTON	5-11	1986	r-Fr.	S/NB	6	NATE BAUER	6-0	195	So.						
WR-M	8	DEVIN MADDOX	5-9	175	So.		13	Chris McDonald	5-10	185	So.						
	17	Demeer Blankumsee	5-10	180	Fr.												

GAME OFFICIALS (American Athletic Conference)

Referee	Nate Black	Line Judge	Alex Amaya	Alternate	DJ Hynes
Umpire	Joe Pennucci	Field Judge	Matt Hill	Replay Official	Thomas Considine
Center Judge	Steve Anderson	Side Judge	Eric Hartman	Replay Communicator	Jack Winter
Head Linesman	Jeff Pruitt	Back Judge	Frederick Dimpfel	Instant Replay Technician	Sarah Ryckman (DVSport)

Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

Head Coach: Rick Stockstill (100-98, 16 seasons at Middle Tennessee/overall)

OC/QB: Brent Dearmon (booth) • **DC/S:** Scott Shafer (booth) • **DL:** Tommy West (field) • **WR:** Brent Stockstill (field) • **OL:** Rick Mallory (booth)

RB: Jeff Beckles (Field) • **OT/RG/STC:** Mike Polly (field) • **DL:** Dustin Royston (booth) • **CB:** Kenneth Gilstrap (field)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
0	Richard Kinley	DE	6-2	232	r-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn./Lausanne HS
1	Gregory Grate Jr.	S	5-11	197	Jr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Carol City Sr. HS
2	Izaiah Gathings	WR	6-4	225	Jr.	Statesville, N.C./Gardner-Webb
3	Quincy Riley	CB	6-0	181	r-Fr.	Columbia, S.C./A.C. Flora HS
4	Johnathan Butler	LB	6-0	231	Jr.	Sumter, S.C./Highland (Kan.) CC
5	Deonte Stanley	CB	6-2	193	r-Fr.	Dillon, S.C./Latta HS
6	Jimmy Marshall	WR	6-5	229	Sr.	Macon, Ga./Tattnall Square Academy
+ 7	DJ England-Chisolm	WR	5-7	150	So.	Moncks Corner, S.C./Berkeley HS
+ 7	Zeke Rankin	PK	5-8	198	Fr.	Alcoa, Tenn./Alcoa HS
8	Devyn Curtis	LB	6-2	224	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
9	Jarrin Pierce	WR	5-11	195	r-Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif./College of the Canyons (Calif.)
11	Brad Anderson	RB	5-8	166	Sr.	Huntsville, Ala./Bob Jones HS
+ 12	Reed Blankenship	S	6-1	204	Sr.	Athens, Ala./West Limestone HS
+ 12	Mike DiLiello	QB	6-1	208	r-So.	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Florida Tech
+ 13	Javonte Sherman	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Valdosta, Ga./Valdosta HS
+ 13	Kyle Ulbrich	P	6-0	197	r-Jr.	Mentor, Ohio/Valparaiso
+ 15	Raheme Fuller	CB	6-3	212	r-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Boyd-Anderson HS
+ 15	Hayden Neighbors	WR	6-2	177	Fr.	Huntsville, Ala./Huntsville HS
+ 16	Chase Cunningham	QB	5-11	188	r-Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic HS
+ 16	Kyle Kee	S	6-1	207	r-So.	Naples, Fla./Naples HS
17	Tra Fluellen	S	6-2	207	So.	Gilmer, Texas/Houston Baptist
18	Nicholas Vattiato	QB	6-1	185	Fr.	Plantation, Fla./University School
+ 19	Jonathan Haynes	WR	6-0	200	So.	North Wales, Pa./North Penn HS
+ 19	Teldrick Ross	S	5-10	193	r-So.	Macon, Ga./Jones County HS
20	DQ Thomas	LB	6-2	216	Sr.	Oxford, Miss./Oxford HS
21	Will Gilchrist	HB	6-2	239	r-Sr.	Pasadena, Texas/Blinn (Texas) College
22	Micaleus Elder	WR	5-9	155	So.	Cleveland, Tenn./Charlotte
+ 23	Jalen Jackson	CB	6-2	171	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Bloomington HS
+ 23	Jalen Montgomery	RB	5-9	156	Fr.	Columbia, S.C./Cardinal Newman School
+ 24	Terry Wilkins	RB	5-7	187	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn./Fairley HS
+ 24	Scott Payne	PK	5-11	195	r-Fr.	Signal Mountain, Tenn./Signal Mountain Middle HS
25	Bryce Bailey	WR	5-9	166	Fr.	Cochran, Ga./Bleckley County HS
26	Wayne Parks	LB	5-11	216	r-Jr.	Fellsmere, Fla./Sebastian River HS
27	Jai'Brian Bouye	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	Waco, Texas/La Vega HS
28	Deidrick Stanley II	S	5-8	187	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Central HS
29	Marcus LaFrance	S	6-2	195	r-Fr.	North Lauderdale, Fla./Deerfield Beach HS
+ 30	Jakobe Thomas	S	6-2	190	Fr.	Tullahoma, Tenn./Tullahoma HS
+ 30	Marvae Myers-Glover	S	6-0	186	r-Fr.	West Orlando, Fla./Oak Ridge HS
31	Davon Martin	CB	5-11	177	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater HS
32	Martell Pettaway	RB	5-9	196	r-Sr.	Detroit, Mich./West Virginia
33	Decorian Patterson	CB	6-0	191	r-So.	Ocala, Fla./Leesburg HS
34	Amir Rasul	RB	5-10	198	r-Sr.	Miami, Fla./Florida State
35	Jalen Davis	LB	6-1	195	r-Fr.	Kingsland, Ga./Camden County HS
36	Frank Peasant	RB	5-10	215	Fr.	Pensacola, Fla./Escambia HS
37	James Shellman IV	S	6-0	195	Fr.	Savannah, Ga./Islands HS
+ 38	ZaBrien Harden	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Swainsboro, Ga./Swainsboro HS
+ 38	Miles Tillman	P	5-11	201	Fr.	Huntsville, Ala./Sparkman HS
39	Terrell Pack	LB	6-2	200	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla./Sarasota HS
40	Drew Francis	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn./West HS
41	Raquon Hartley	LB	6-1	188	r-Fr.	Saluda, S.C./Saluda HS
42	Cody Smith	LB	6-2	220	r-Jr.	Stuart, Fla./Martin County HS
43	Parker Hughes	S	6-2	205	Fr.	Elizabethton, Tenn./Elizabethton HS
44	Chaton Mobley	RB	6-1	232	r-Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn./Fulton HS
46	Andrew Leak	LB	5-10	203	r-Fr.	LaGrange, Ga./Heard County HS
47	Jacob Mahoney	HB	6-0	224	r-So.	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic HS
48	Alex Usry	PK	5-10	185	r-Jr.	McDonough, Ga./Charleston Southern
49	Jorden Starling	DE	6-4	237	r-So.	Chattanooga, Tenn./McCallie School
50	Aran Mohamad-Ali	HB	6-0	248	r-Fr.	Antioch, Tenn./John Overton HS
52	Darius "Juju" Williams	DE	6-3	244	r-Fr.	Hemingway, S.C./Hemingway HS
53	Lance Robinson	OL	6-3	284	Fr.	Camilla, Ga./Mitchell County HS
54	Jacob King	OL	6-1	292	r-So.	Brentwood, Tenn./John Overton HS
+ 55	Jahlil Ryles	OL	6-1	293	r-So.	Phenix City, Ala./Central HS
+ 55	Joseph Honeysucker	DE	6-3	240	r-So.	Nashville, Tenn./Hillsboro HS
56	Adam Derry	OL	6-3	297	r-Fr.	Goodlettsville, Tenn./White House HS
57	Marley Cook	DT	6-1	284	r-Fr.	Water Valley, Miss./Water Valley HS
61	J'Shun Bodiford	OL	6-4	300	So.	Montgomery, Ala./Northeast Mississippi CC
62	Jordan Palmer	OL	6-0	304	Jr.	Santa Clarita, Calif./College of the Canyons (Calif.)
63	Wilson Kelly	OL	6-0	299	Fr.	Danville, Ky./Boyle County HS
64	Jacqui Graham	OL	6-5	290	r-So.	Montgomery, Ala./East Central (Miss.) CC
65	Marcus Greer	OL	6-1	298	r-So.	St. Louis, Mo./Chaminade College Prep
66	Alex Jones	OL	6-6	305	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland HS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
67	Karter Johnson	OL	6-5	277	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegel HS
68	Carson Garrison	LS	6-0	195	Fr.	Buford, Ga./Buford HS
69	Brody Butler	LS	5-11	218	Fr.	Homewood, Ala./Homewood HS
70	Tyler Falvey	OL	6-4	323	r-So.	Altamonte Springs, Fla./Lake Brantley HS
71	Conner Griffin	OL	6-1	300	Fr.	Gray, Ga./Jones County HS
72	Netori Johnson	OL	6-4	325	r-Jr.	Ellenwood, Ga./Georgia
74	Steven Losoya III	OL	6-4	305	r-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./John Overton HS
75	Jamari Williams	OL	6-3	305	r-Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Arizona
77	Eric Magwood	OL	6-4	300	r-So.	Virginia Beach, VA/Eastern Kentucky
78	Dorian Hinton	OL	6-4	317	r-Fr.	Naples, Fla./Naples HS
80	Luke Bolger	HB	6-2	236	r-Fr.	Ft. Mitchell, Ky./Beechwood HS
81	CJ Windham	WR	6-2	212	r-Sr.	Powder Springs, Ga./McEachern HS
82	Taharin Sudderth	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Alcoa, Tenn./Alcoa HS
83	Jaylin Lane	WR	5-8	174	Fr.	Clover, S.C./Clover HS
84	Elijah Metcalf	WR	5-10	163	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./Mallard Creek HS
86	JaMichael Thompson	WR	6-1	166	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Clay-Chalkville HS
87	Marquel Tinsley	WR	6-2	204	r-Fr.	Morganfield, Ky./Daviss County HS
+ 88	Ja'Kerrius Wyatt	DT	6-3	270	r-Jr.	Prattville, Ala./Autauga Academy
+ 88	Ja'Shawn Sheffield	WR	6-1	194	r-Fr.	Brunswick, Ga./Auburn
89	Yusuf Ali	WR	5-9	171	r-Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Maplewood (Tenn.) HS
91	Jordan Ferguson	DE	6-2	262	r-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Cartersville HS
92	Damonte Smith	DT	6-3	285	Fr.	Savannah, Ga./Island HS
93	Vincent Dinkins	DL	6-1	268	Fr.	Acworth, Ga./Kell HS
94	Ralph Mercy	DE	6-2	244	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Robert E. Lee Senior HS
95	Tyrece Edwards	DT	6-2	263	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn./West HS
96	Zaylin Wood	DT	6-1	270	r-Fr.	Bowdon, Ga./Heard County HS
97	Quindarius Dunnigan	DE	6-3	247	r-Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn./McCallie HS
98	JR Bivens	DE	6-0	236	r-Fr.	Roswell, Ga./Blessed Trinity Catholic HS
99	Jordan Branch	DT	6-0	283	r-So.	Maury City, Tenn./Crockett County HS

+ - duplicate number

r - redshirt

MIDDLE TENNESSEE PRONUNCIATIONS

PLAYERS			
Mike Diliello	Deh-l-el-owe	Steven Losoya	Luh-Soy-yuh
Tyrece Edwards	tie-REEE	Davon Martin	Dove-on
Micaleus Elder	Mih-KAY-Lee-US	Chaton Mobley	Chuh-taan mob-lee
DJ England-Chisolm	Chiz-umm	Marvae Myers-Glover	Mar-Vay
Tyler Falvey	Foul-Vee	Frank Peasant	Pea-sent
Raheme Fuller	Rah-Heem	Amir Rasul	Rah-Soole
Izaiah Gathings	GATH-ings	Taharin Sudderth	Tuh-Hair-in Sudd-Er-Ith
Jacqui Graham	Juh-Key	Marquel Tinsley	Mar-Quail
Raquon Hartley	Ray-Kwan	Kyle Ulbrich	Ull-Brick
Netori Johnson	Nuh-Tore-eee	Alex Usry	Us-ree
		Nicholas Vattiato	VAT-tee-ah-doe

MIDDLE TENNESSEE QUICK FACTS

Location	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	President	Dr. Sidney McPhee
Founded	1911	Director of Athletics	Chris Massaro
Enrollment	22,080	Stadium/Capacity	Floyd Stadium/30,788
Nickname	Blue Raiders	Surface	Synthetic Turf
Colors	Royal Blue and White	Bowl Appearance	13th
Conference	Conference USA	Last Bowl	2018 RGL Carriers New Orleans Bowl



2021-22 Middle Tenn. Football
Game Results
All games

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	09/04/2021	Monmouth	W	50-15	1-0	0-0	4:02	15017
	09/11/2021	at Virginia Tech	L	14-35	1-1	0-0	3:10	53680
*	09/18/2021	at UTSA	L	13-27	1-2	0-1	3:22	16202
*	09/24/2021	at Charlotte	L	39-42	1-3	0-2	3:45	11076
*	10/02/2021	Marshall	W	34-28	2-3	1-2	4:33	15805
	10/09/2021	at Liberty	L	13-41	2-4	1-2	3:15	19935
	10/22/2021	at UConn	W	44-13	3-4	1-2	3:27	10698
*	10/30/2021	Southern Miss.	W	35-10	4-4	2-2	3:22	10721
*	11/06/2021	at Western Ky.	L	21-48	4-5	2-3	3:21	15022
*	11/13/2021	FIU	W	50-10	5-5	3-3	3:09	10606
*	11/20/2021	Old Dominion	L	17-24	5-6	3-4	3:13	9606
*	11/27/2021	at Fla. Atlantic	W	27-17	6-6	4-4	3:15	15127



2021-22 Middle Tenn. Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

Team Statistics

	MTSU	OPP
Scoring	357	310
Points per game	29.8	25.8
Points Off Turnovers	102	55
First Downs	232	242
Rushing	91	98
Passing	123	127
Penalty	18	17
Rushing Yardage	1450	1538
Yards gained rushing	1821	1894
Yards lost rushing	371	356
Rushing attempts	412	417
Average per rush	3.5	3.7
Average per game	120.8	128.2
TDs Rushing	13	16
Passing Yardage	2824	2863
Comp-Att-Int	272-422-12	269-452-16
Average per pass	6.7	6.3
Average per catch	10.4	10.6
Average per game	235.3	238.6
TDs Passing	26	21
Total offense	4274	4401
Total plays	834	869
Average per play	5.1	5.1
Average per game	356.2	366.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	15-311	45-838
Punt returns: #-Yards	17-293	21-226
Int returns: #-Yards	16-314	12-115
Kick return average	20.7	18.6
Punt return average	17.2	10.8
Int return average	19.6	9.6
Fumbles-Lost	19-8	20-15
Penalties-Yards	79-700	70-559
Average per game	58.3	46.6
Punts-Yards	63-2801	58-2441
Average per punt	44.5	42.1
Net punt average	39.6	36.6
Kickoffs-Yards	69-3884	64-3842
Average per kick	56.3	60.0
Net kick average	37.5	38.2
Time of possession / game	29:56	30:04
3rd-down conversion	51/168	65/174
3rd-down pct	30%	37%
4rd-down conversion	14/31	13/26



2021-22 Middle Tenn. Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

	MTSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	45%	50%
Sacks by-Yards	31-233	25-187
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	47	39
Field goals - attempts	9-12	11-14
On-Side kicks	0-0	1-1
Red-zone scores	(33-40) 83%	(34-39) 87%
Red-zone touchdowns	(25-40) 63%	(28-39) 72%
PAT-attempts	(44-47) 94%	(39-39) 100%
Attendance	61755	141740
Games / Avg per game	5/12351	7/20249
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Middle Tenn.	52	134	66	105	0	357
Opponents	87	74	76	73	0	310



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Martell Pettaway	10	74	384	25	359	4.9	3	65	35.9
Frank Peasant	11	64	251	11	240	3.8	2	22	21.8
Chaton Mobley	8	52	252	11	241	4.6	2	41	30.1
Mike DiLiello	11	45	252	32	220	4.9	5	43	20.0
Chase Cunningham	8	44	219	101	118	2.7	0	27	14.8
Amir Rasul	8	43	120	11	109	2.5	0	12	13.6
Brad Anderson	9	22	99	4	95	4.3	0	22	10.6
Nicholas Vattiato	5	19	61	43	18	0.9	0	10	3.6
Bailey Hockman	4	9	5	67	-62	-6.9	0	5	-15.5
DJ England-Chisolm	12	8	66	0	66	8.3	0	17	5.5
Jalen Montgomery	2	7	19	0	19	2.7	0	7	9.5
Jaylin Lane	11	6	70	3	67	11.2	1	29	6.1
Yusuf Ali	10	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	8	1.5
Micaleus Elder	4	3	0	12	-12	-4.0	0	0	-3.0
JaMichael Thompson	10	2	0	12	-12	-6.0	0	0	-1.2
Terry Wilkins	1	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Bryce Bailey	3	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Stone Frost	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Team	12	8	0	38	-38	-4.8	0	0	-3.2
Total	12	412	1821	371	1450	3.5	13	65	120.8
Opponents	12	417	1894	356	1538	3.7	16	45	128.2

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Cunningham	8	152.0	110-176-3	62.5	1318	16	51	164.8
Nicholas Vattiato	5	118.9	92-136-6	67.6	777	5	45	155.4
Bailey Hockman	4	135.0	41-66-2	62.1	463	4	35	115.8
Mike DiLiello	11	119.1	28-43-1	65.1	261	1	55	23.7
JaMichael Thompson	10	142.0	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	0.5
Total	12	135.3	272-422-12	64.5	2824	26	55	235.3
Opponents	12	121.0	269-452-16	59.5	2863	21	60	238.6

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jimmy Marshall	12	45	510	11.3	6	37	42.5
Jarrin Pierce	12	39	409	10.5	5	40	34.1
Jaylin Lane	11	37	402	10.9	4	35	36.5
Yusuf Ali	10	36	433	12.0	3	61	43.3
DJ England-Chisolm	12	28	295	10.5	3	51	24.6
CJ Windham	11	24	221	9.2	2	27	20.1
Izaiah Gathings	11	23	285	12.4	1	46	25.9
JaMichael Thompson	10	8	54	6.8	0	13	5.4
Frank Peasant	11	6	26	4.3	0	13	2.4
Martell Pettaway	10	5	30	6.0	0	10	3.0
Brad Anderson	9	4	38	9.5	0	18	4.2
Chaton Mobley	8	4	16	4.0	0	11	2.0
Elijah Metcalf	4	4	52	13.0	0	26	13.0
Amir Rasul	8	3	17	5.7	0	9	2.1
Marquel Tinsley	7	2	18	9.0	1	12	2.6
Chase Cunningham	8	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
Jordan Ferguson	12	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
Zaylin Wood	12	1	6	6.0	1	6	0.5
Tyler Sweet	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total	12	272	2824	10.4	26	61	235.3
Opponents	12	269	2863	10.6	21	60	238.6

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaylin Lane	16	270	16.9	1	70
Gregory Grate	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	17	293	17.2	2	70
Opponents	21	226	10.8	0	59

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Quincy Riley	5	153	30.6	1	56
Gregory Grate	3	3	1.0	0	3
DQ Thomas	2	43	21.5	1	43
Reed Blankenship	1	0	0.0	0	0
Teldrick Ross	1	44	44.0	1	44
Decorian Patterson	1	33	33.0	0	33
Jalen Jackson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Marley Cook	1	15	15.0	0	15
Deidrick Stanley	1	23	23.0	0	23
Total	16	314	19.6	3	56
Opponents	12	115	9.6	1	43

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaylin Lane	12	263	21.9	0	43
Yusuf Ali	1	26	26.0	0	26
Frank Peasant	1	7	7.0	0	7
Amir Rasul	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total	15	311	20.7	0	43
Opponents	45	838	18.6	0	56

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	90	0.0	3	90
Opponents	0	0	0.0	1	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Zeke Rankin	-	9-12	40-41	-	-	-	-	-	67	
Jaylin Lane	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38	
Jimmy Marshall	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	36	
Mike DiLiello	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	
Jarrin Pierce	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	
Martell Pettaway	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
DJ England-Chisolm	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Yusuf Ali	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Frank Peasant	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
CJ Windham	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Chaton Mobley	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Quincy Riley	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Zaylin Wood	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Teldrick Ross	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Tra Fluellen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Jordan Branch	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Jordan Ferguson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
DQ Thomas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Reed Blankenship	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Marquel Tinsley	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Izaiah Gathings	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Bailey Hockman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	
Alex Usry	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Total	47	9-12	42-43	0	2	2	0	1	357	
Opponents	39	11-14	37-37	0	2	2	0	1	310	

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Zeke Rankin	9-12	75.0	0-0	7-7	1-2	1-3	0-0	46	0
Opponents	11-14	78.6	0-0	2-2	6-8	2-2	1-2	53	2

FG Sequence

Team Name	Middle Tenn.	Opponents
Charlotte	(26)	35
Old Dominion	32	
UConn	42,(20),(32),(22)	(47),(21)
Liberty		(37)
FIU		(53)
Western Ky.		(35),(43)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chase Cunningham	8	220	118	1318	1436	179.5
Nicholas Vattiato	5	155	18	777	795	159.0
Mike DiLiello	11	88	220	261	481	43.7
Bailey Hockman	4	75	-62	463	401	100.3
Martell Pettaway	10	74	359	0	359	35.9
Chaton Mobley	8	52	241	0	241	30.1
Frank Peasant	11	64	240	0	240	21.8
Amir Rasul	8	43	109	0	109	13.6
Brad Anderson	9	22	95	0	95	10.6
Jaylin Lane	11	6	67	0	67	6.1
DJ England-Chisolm	12	8	66	0	66	5.5
Jalen Montgomery	2	7	19	0	19	9.5
Yusuf Ali	10	3	15	0	15	1.5
Terry Wilkins	1	1	5	0	5	5.0
Stone Frost	1	1	3	0	3	3.0
Bryce Bailey	3	1	-1	0	-1	-0.3
JaMichael Thompson	10	3	-12	5	-7	-0.7
Micaleus Elder	4	3	-12	0	-12	-3.0
Team	12	0	-38	0	-38	-3.2
Total	12	834	1450	2824	4274	356.2
Opponents	12	869	1538	2863	4401	366.8

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Kyle Ulbrich	62	2758	44.5	74	5	19	22	16	0
Miles Tillman	1	43	43.0	43	0	1	0	0	0
Total	63	2801	44.5	74	5	20	22	16	0
Opponents	58	2441	42.1	62	1	23	15	11	2

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Scott Payne	67	3806	56.8	8	3			
Alex Usry	1	48	48.0	0	0			
Kyle Ulbrich	1	30	30.0	0	1			
Total	69	3884	56.3	8	4	40	37.5	27
Opponents	64	3842	60.0	38	1	15	38.2	26



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jaylin Lane	11	67	402	270	263	0	1002	91.1
Jimmy Marshall	12	0	510	0	0	0	510	42.5
Yusuf Ali	10	15	433	0	26	0	474	47.4
Jarrin Pierce	12	0	409	0	0	0	409	34.1
Martell Pettaway	10	359	30	0	0	0	389	38.9
DJ England-Chisolm	12	66	295	0	0	0	361	30.1
Izaiah Gathings	11	0	285	0	0	0	285	25.9
Frank Peasant	11	240	26	0	7	0	273	24.8
Chaton Mobley	8	241	16	0	0	0	257	32.1
CJ Windham	11	0	221	0	0	0	221	20.1
Mike DiLiello	11	220	0	0	0	0	220	20.0
Quincy Riley	8	0	0	0	0	153	153	19.1
Amir Rasul	8	109	17	0	15	0	141	17.6
Brad Anderson	9	95	38	0	0	0	133	14.8
Chase Cunningham	8	118	5	0	0	0	123	15.4
Elijah Metcalf	4	0	52	0	0	0	52	13.0
Teldrick Ross	11	0	0	0	0	44	44	4.0
DQ Thomas	11	0	0	0	0	43	43	3.9
JaMichael Thompson	10	-12	54	0	0	0	42	4.2
Decorian Patterson	12	0	0	0	0	33	33	2.8
Deidrick Stanley	9	0	0	0	0	23	23	2.6
Jalen Montgomery	2	19	0	0	0	0	19	9.5
Nicholas Vattiato	5	18	0	0	0	0	18	3.6
Tra Fluellen	12	0	0	18	0	0	18	1.5
Marquel Tinsley	7	0	18	0	0	0	18	2.6
Marley Cook	10	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.5
Gregory Grate	12	0	0	5	0	3	8	0.7
Zaylin Wood	12	0	6	0	0	0	6	0.5
Jordan Ferguson	12	0	6	0	0	0	6	0.5
Terry Wilkins	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Tyler Sweet	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
Stone Frost	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	3.0
Bryce Bailey	3	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.3
Eric Magwood	7	0	-4	0	0	0	-4	-0.6
Micaleus Elder	4	-12	0	0	0	0	-12	-3.0
Bailey Hockman	4	-62	0	0	0	0	-62	-15.5
Team	12	-38	0	0	0	0	-38	-3.2
Total	12	1450	2824	293	311	314	5192	432.7
Opponents	12	1538	2863	226	838	115	5580	465.0



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense				Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
12	Reed Blankenship	12	71	35	106	10-31	1-12	1-0	9	.	3-90	2	.	.	
1	Gregory Grate	12	55	29	84	1-3	.	3-3	4	.	.	3	.	.	
20	DQ Thomas	11	51	30	81	15.5-69	5-48	2-43	2	6	1-0	1	.	.	
10	Jurriente Davis	12	32	36	68	5.5-23	3-19	.	2	5	2-0	.	.	.	
91	Jordan Ferguson	12	28	27	55	15.5-69	8-55	.	1	14	2-0	3	.	.	
19	Teldrick Ross	11	37	8	45	2-2	.	1-44	9	1	1-0	.	.	.	
4	Johnathan Butler	9	17	22	39	1.5-4	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	
0	Richard Kinley	12	13	17	30	3.5-6	1.5-5	.	2	11	1-0	.	.	.	
3	Quincy Riley	8	21	9	30	4.5-15	1.5-10	5-153	6	.	.	.	.	.
41	Raquon Hartley	12	18	9	27	2.5-16	1-14	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
96	Zaylin Wood	12	12	14	26	4-12	0.5-7	.	.	2	1-0	.	1	.	
42	Cody Smith	12	13	13	26	1.5-3	1-3	.	2	3	.	2	.	.	
17	Tra Fluellen	12	13	11	24	1-18	1-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Decorian Patterson	12	15	7	22	.	.	1-33	6	.	1-0	.	.	.	
88	Ja'Kerrius Wyatt	12	9	10	19	1.5-2	1.5-2	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
49	Jorden Starling	12	9	10	19	2-16	1-1	.	.	6	.	1	1	.	
23	Jalen Jackson	10	10	5	15	1-1	1-1	1-0	2	.	.	1	.	.	
99	Jordan Branch	9	5	10	15	3.5-8	.	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.	
57	Marley Cook	10	6	8	14	3.5-19	3-18	1-15	.	5	.	1	.	.	
28	Deidrick Stanley	9	9	2	11	1-20	1-20	1-23	2	.	.	2	.	.	
8	Devyn Curtis	4	3	7	10	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Ralph Mercy	12	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	1	.
35	Jalen Davis	12	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
37	James Shellman	10	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Yusuf Ali	10	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Wayne Parks	9	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Frank Peasant	11	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Deonte Stanley	11	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	JR Bivens	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Marcus LaFrance	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Vincent Dinkins	9	1	2	3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Chaton Mobley	8	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
46	Andrew Leak	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Jaylin Lane	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Raheme Fuller	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Drew Francis	11	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	DJ England-Chisolm	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Bailey Hockman	4	1	.	1	
69	Brody Butler	12	1	.	1	
34	Amir Rasul	8	1	.	1	
25	Jashawn Sheffield	6	.	1	1	



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick
84	Elijah Metcalf	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Scott Payne	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Juju Williams	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
	Totals	12	494	348	842	82-344	31-233	16-314	49	62	15-90	18	4	1
	Opponents	12	437	362	799	69-279	25-187	12-115	37	53	8-0	12	1	1



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Team Game-by-Game Comparison
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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Comp-Att.-Int			Yards				
Monmouth	50-15	20 / 17	8 / 10	11 / 7	1 / 0	34-96 / 38-88	20-26-0 / 27-42-1	248 / 186	60-344 / 80-274	129 / 38	0 / 4	
Virginia Tech	14-35	20 / 23	9 / 13	11 / 8	0 / 2	35-67 / 38-216	26-40-1 / 17-28-0	283 / 159	75-350 / 66-375	18 / 198	1 / 0	
UTSA	13-27	12 / 22	1 / 8	9 / 13	2 / 1	25-8 / 44-175	14-30-1 / 26-45-2	191 / 277	55-199 / 89-452	61 / 92	2 / 3	
Charlotte	39-42	25 / 30	6 / 11	16 / 17	3 / 2	23-123 / 40-220	28-40-0 / 25-36-0	379 / 339	63-502 / 76-559	0 / 77	0 / 1	
Marshall	34-28	16 / 28	9 / 10	4 / 17	3 / 1	49-209 / 35-172	12-21-1 / 31-47-2	105 / 321	70-314 / 82-493	179 / 60	2 / 6	
Liberty	13-41	11 / 23	3 / 12	8 / 10	0 / 1	21-35 / 42-227	22-42-1 / 17-30-3	230 / 222	63-265 / 72-449	93 / 66	2 / 3	
UConn	44-13	30 / 15	10 / 7	16 / 6	4 / 2	44-155 / 28-67	28-40-0 / 21-37-2	318 / 237	84-473 / 65-304	53 / 103	0 / 3	
Southern Miss.	35-10	16 / 23	6 / 9	7 / 10	3 / 4	35-145 / 41-50	14-21-1 / 18-41-3	142 / 184	56-287 / 82-234	204 / 68	4 / 5	
Western Ky.	21-48	19 / 19	11 / 3	8 / 14	0 / 2	35-123 / 23-71	27-46-6 / 29-50-0	226 / 281	81-349 / 73-352	75 / 186	7 / 0	
FIU	50-10	23 / 11	14 / 4	9 / 6	0 / 1	47-261 / 32-67	21-26-0 / 11-22-2	153 / 88	73-414 / 54-155	105 / 97	0 / 4	
Old Dominion	17-24	25 / 11	10 / 4	13 / 7	2 / 0	33-101 / 27-100	36-51-1 / 15-24-0	313 / 241	84-414 / 51-341	31 / 75	2 / 0	
Fla. Atlantic	27-17	15 / 20	4 / 7	11 / 12	0 / 1	31-127 / 29-85	24-39-0 / 32-50-1	236 / 328	70-363 / 79-413	60 / 119	0 / 2	
Totals	357-310	232 / 242	91 / 98	123 / 127	18 / 17	412-1450 / 417-1538	272-422-12 / 269-452-16	2824 / 2863	834-4274 / 869-4401	1008 / 1179	20 / 31	

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Monmouth	3-10 / 6-17	0-3 / 3-5	26:07 / 33:53	-07:46	2.8 / 2.3	9.5 / 4.4	5.7 / 3.4	5-45.0 / 5-37.4	7-55.0 / 2-15.0	3 / 2
Virginia Tech	7-16 / 6-11	2-3 / 1-1	31:33 / 28:27	03:06	1.9 / 5.7	7.1 / 5.7	4.7 / 5.7	6-45.8 / 4-42.5	6-52.0 / 3-30.0	1 / 3
UTSA	2-14 / 10-20	0-1 / 1-1	23:01 / 36:59	-13:58	0.3 / 4.0	6.4 / 6.2	3.6 / 5.1	10-44.1 / 4-41.5	5-47.0 / 7-55.0	2 / 5
Charlotte	2-11 / 5-12	2-2 / 1-1	25:25 / 34:35	-09:10	5.3 / 5.5	9.5 / 9.4	8.0 / 7.4	5-42.4 / 3-48.7	10-86.0 / 7-62.0	0 / 1
Marshall	4-15 / 4-12	1-2 / 1-1	33:15 / 26:45	06:30	4.3 / 4.9	5.0 / 6.8	4.5 / 6.0	7-43.0 / 6-36.3	7-62.0 / 9-69.0	3 / 2
Liberty	4-14 / 6-12	1-4 / 0-0	24:48 / 35:12	-10:24	1.7 / 5.4	5.5 / 7.4	4.2 / 6.2	5-42.8 / 4-54.0	5-41.0 / 7-62.0	3 / 3
UConn	6-16 / 4-14	2-2 / 1-3	37:22 / 22:38	14:44	3.5 / 2.4	8.0 / 6.4	5.6 / 4.7	2-49.5 / 4-39.8	7-65.0 / 8-75.0	2 / 1
Southern Miss.	1-9 / 5-18	1-4 / 2-6	27:00 / 33:00	-06:00	4.1 / 1.2	6.8 / 4.5	5.1 / 2.9	3-49.7 / 6-37.2	8-83.0 / 12-96.0	7 / 2
Western Ky.	7-17 / 7-16	0-3 / 0-2	33:02 / 26:58	06:04	3.5 / 3.1	4.9 / 5.6	4.3 / 4.8	4-43.3 / 5-43.8	6-56.0 / 4-15.0	1 / 1
FIU	3-13 / 3-11	4-4 / 1-2	34:26 / 25:34	08:52	5.6 / 2.1	5.9 / 4.0	5.7 / 2.9	3-43.7 / 3-44.7	5-58.0 / 2-15.0	5 / 1
Old Dominion	8-17 / 3-12	0-1 / 0-1	35:05 / 24:55	10:10	3.1 / 3.7	6.1 / 10.0	4.9 / 6.7	5-41.4 / 6-38.2	7-45.0 / 6-46.0	1 / 1
Fla. Atlantic	4-16 / 6-19	1-2 / 2-3	28:13 / 31:47	-03:34	4.1 / 2.9	6.1 / 6.6	5.2 / 5.2	8-46.8 / 8-46.8	6-50.0 / 3-19.0	3 / 3
Totals	51-168 / 65-174	14-31 / 13-26	359:17 / 360:43	-01:26	3.5 / 3.7	6.7 / 6.3	5.1 / 5.1	63-44.5 / 58-42.1	79-700.0 / 70-559.0	31 / 25

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

Toledo Rockets

Head Coach: Jason Candle (45-26, 6 seasons at Toledo/overall)

Asst. HC/Co-DC/OLBs: Craig Kuligowski (field) • **DC/LB:** Vince Kehres (booth) • **Co-OC/OL:** Mike Hallett (booth) • **Co-OC/QB:** Robert Weiner (booth)
Co-DC/S: Ross Watson (field) • **WR:** Kevin Beard (field) • **DL:** Larry Black (field) • **RB:** Nate Cole (field) • **CB:** Cornell Ford (field) • **TE/OT:** Mark Staten (field)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
0	Samuel Womack	CB	5-10	187	Sr.	Detroit, Mich./East English Village Prep
1	Tycen Anderson	S	6-2	210	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio/St. John's Jesuit HS
2	Dyontae Johnson	OLB	6-2	230	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech HS
3	Micah Kelly	RB	5-9	195	r-Fr.	Gautier, Miss./Ocean Springs HS
4	Danzel McKinley-Lewis	WR	5-11	192	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Seton LaSalle HS
5	Bryce Mitchell	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio/Bowsher HS
+ 6	Nate Bauer	S	6-0	197	So.	Akron, Ohio/Archbishop Hoban HS
+ 6	Gavin Hall	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga./Harrison HS
+ 7	Dequan Finn	QB	6-2	207	r-Fr.	Detroit, Mich./King HS
+ 7	Zachary Ford	S	6-3	200	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio/Cleveland Heights HS
8	Devin Maddox	WR	5-9	170	So.	Lakewood, Ohio/Cleveland St. Edward's HS
9	Jamal Turner	TE	6-6	240	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala./Carver HS
10	Adam Beale	WR	5-8	165	So.	Holland, Ohio/Springfield HS
+ 11	Ronald Delancy III	CB	6-0	187	r-Fr.	Miami, Fla./Nebraska
+ 11	Tucker Gleason	QB	6-3	225	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Georgia Tech
+ 11	Jalynn Williams	WR	5-10	200	So.	St. Petersburg, Fla./St. Petersburg HS
+ 12	DeMonte King	WR	5-11	195	Jr.	Akron, Ohio/St. Vincent-St. Mary HS
+ 12	Elijah Wesley	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	Canton, Ohio/Canton McKinley HS
+ 13	A.J. Gucciardo	QB	6-1	185	r-Fr.	Holland, Ohio/Springfield HS
+ 13	Chris McDonald Jr.	CB	5-10	192	So.	Miami, Fla./Southridge HS
14	Isaiah Winstead	WR	6-3	215	Jr.	Richmond, Va./Norfolk State
+ 15	Mike Coleman	CB	5-11	165	r-Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Woodland Hills HS
+ 15	Matt Landers	WR	6-5	200	Jr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Georgia
+ 17	DeMeer Blankumsee	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Winton Woods HS
+ 17	Thomas Cluckey	PK	6-1	195	So.	Oregon, Ohio/Clay HS
+ 19	Dylan Barry	S	5-11	185	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Plant HS
+ 19	Jerjuan Newton	WR	5-11	190	So.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic HS
+ 21	Justin Clark	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	Pontiac, Mich./West Bloomfield HS
+ 21	Jacquez Stuart	RB	5-9	180	r-Fr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Northwestern HS
+ 22	Bryant Koback	RB	6-0	210	Jr.	Holland, Ohio/Kentucky
+ 22	Michael Lacey	S	5-9	190	So.	Cleveland, Ohio/Benedictine HS
+ 23	Drew DelVerne	PK	5-10	177	Fr.	Sylvania, Ohio/Northview HS
+ 23	Troy Simon	S	6-0	190	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Coffeyville (Kan.) CC
+ 24	Xavier Black	S	6-0	175	Fr.	Canton, Ohio/Canton McKinley HS
+ 24	Lamy Constant	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	East Orange, NJ/Brooklyn (N.Y.) Canarsie HS
25	Maxen Hook	S	6-0	210	Fr.	New Palestine, Ind./New Palestine HS
26	Jaylin Mines	S	6-1	190	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Oak Park HS
27	Quinyon Mitchell	CB	6-0	197	Fr.	Williston, Fla./Williston HS
+ 29	Trenton Adkins	RB	6-1	205	Fr.	Clintwood, Va./Ridgeview HS
+ 29	Evan Davis	PK	5-9	180	So.	Shelby, N.C./Crest HS
30	Jonathan Jones	LB	5-11	230	Sr.	Ocoee, Fla./Notre Dame
31	Daniel Bolden	LB	6-1	245	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain HS
32	Willie Shaw III	RB	5-11	180	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice HS
+ 33	Cauren Lynch	RB	6-0	215	Fr.	Irving, Texas/Parish Episcopal HS
+ 33	CJ Wilson Jr.	OLB	6-2	250	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech HS
+ 34	Alex Enders	TE	6-1	235	r-Fr.	Marion, Ohio/Pleasant HS
+ 34	Connor Jones	LB	6-1	226	Fr.	Hilliard, Ohio/Darby HS
35	AJ Crider	LB	6-1	240	Jr.	Clinton, Pa./Hookstown South Side HS
+ 36	Ben Lisk	LS	5-10	220	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz./Paradise Valley HS
+ 36	Jordan Lowe	RB	5-9	225	r-Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech HS
37	Damon Ollison II	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Akron, Ohio/Archbishop Hoban HS
39	Alex Bannister	CB	5-10	190	Jr.	Monroe, Ohio/Monroe HS
40	Lenny Kuhl	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Munich, Germany/Oklahoma City (Okla.) Cassidy HS
41	Justin Stephens	TE	6-5	265	r-Fr.	Trotwood, Ohio/Trotwood-Madison HS
42	Jackson Barrow	LB	6-0	220	r-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral HS
43	Sawiaha Ellis	LB	6-1	230	Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio/Fairfield HS
44	D'Andre Ragin	OLB	6-2	230	r-Fr.	Opa Locka, Fla/St. Thomas Aquinas HS
45	Jalen Riven	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic HS
46	Jeremiah Peters	OLB	6-4	215	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Booker T. Washington HS
+ 47	Vontrell Chairse	OLB	6-3	225	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Wendell Phillips Academy
+ 47	CJ Nossaman	LS	5-11	185	Jr.	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty HS
48	Nate Givhan	OLB	6-4	240	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala./Carver HS
49	Bailey Flint	P	6-4	210	Sr.	Melbourne, Australia/Layton Christian Academy
50	Chris Redmon	OLB	6-2	231	Sr.	Fayetteville, Ark./Mississippi State
51	Josh Recker	LB	6-1	227	r-Fr.	Tiffin, Ohio/Calvert HS
52	Doran Ray Jr.	DT	6-2	290	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech HS
53	Luke Staten	OLB	6-3	235	Fr.	Dowagiac, Mich./Dowagiac Union HS
55	Kendall Major	OL	6-3	295	So.	Beaumont, Texas/Kilgore (Texas) JC
+ 56	Terrance Taylor	OLB	6-3	230	Jr.	Chicago, Ill./Phillips HS
+ 56	Jameson Wolfe	OL	6-2	282	r-Fr.	Sandusky, Ohio/Perkins HS
57	Tanner Wigand	OL	6-6	303	Fr.	Manitowoc, Wis./Lincoln HS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
+ 58	Drew Beckenhaupt	OL	6-3	287	Fr.	Cleves, Ohio/Elder HS
+ 58	Sean Mills	LS	6-2	230	Sr.	East Brunswick, N.J./Illinois
59	Martez Poynter	DT	6-4	265	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic HS
60	Tyler Long	OL	6-4	295	So.	Toledo, Ohio/Springfield HS
61	Kelvin Ateman	OL	6-6	307	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech HS
62	Dalton Andrews	OL	6-2	270	r-Fr.	Pemberville, Ohio/Eastwood HS
63	Parker Bisek	OL	6-3	290	r-Fr.	Union, Ky./Ryle HS
64	Andrew Vaught	OL	6-6	265	Fr.	Roanoke, Va./Roanoke Catholic HS
65	Luke Doerger	OL	6-2	295	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/La Salle HS
67	Garrett Schwiebert	OL	6-7	260	Fr.	Halmer, Ohio/Patrick Henry HS
68	Mitchell Berg	OL	6-6	310	Jr.	Maumee, Ohio/Toledo St. John's Jesuit HS
69	Jackson Stoefen	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Eldridge, Iowa/North Scott HS
70	Michael Bergen	OL	6-4	290	r-Fr.	Avon, Ohio/Avon HS
71	Vinny Sciury	OL	6-3	292	Fr.	Massillon, Ohio/Perry HS
72	Bryce Harris	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	Akron, Ohio/Firestone HS
73	Nick Rosi	OL	6-4	295	So.	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty HS
74	Lavel Dumont	OL	6-4	315	So.	Tampa, Fla./Wharton HS
76	Seth Frantz	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Englewood, Ohio/Englewood HS
78	Vitaliy Gurman	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Rochester, N.Y./Edinboro
81	Dalen Stovall	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Stow, Ohio-Stow-Munroe Falls HS
84	Thomas Zsiros	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	Maumee, Ohio-St. Johns Jesuit HS
+ 85	Larry Stephens	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio-Springfield HS
+ 85	Adrian Voliver	OLB	6-2	245	So.	Stow, Ohio-Stow-Munroe Falls HS
86	Clay Caudill	TE	6-3	245	Fr.	Mansfield, Ohio/Mansfield HS
87	Jalin Cooper	WR	6-4	190	So.	Medina, N.Y./Medina HS
88	AJ Harrison	TE	6-2	245	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio/Springfield HS
89	Drew Rosi	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty HS
90	Esean Carter	DT	6-2	275	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Martin Luther King HS
91	Jamal Hines	OLB	6-3	250	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton HS
92	Devan Rogers	DT	6-2	285	So.	Sidney, Ohio/Sidney HS
93	Jason Vucinaj	TE	6-5	215	Fr.	Farmington Hills, Mich./Orchard Lake St. Mary's HS
94	Jaelen Crider	DT	6-2	305	Fr.	Stow, Ohio-Stow/Munroe Falls HS
95	Judge Culpepper	DT	6-4	290	So.	Tampa, Fla./Penn State
96	David Hood	DT	6-1	287	Sr.	Miami Gardens, Fla./Miami Carol City HS
97	Cavon Butler	DT	6-3	310	So.	Toledo, Ohio/Kentucky
98	Darius Alexander	DT	6-4	320	r-Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind./Wayne HS
99	Desjuan Johnson	DE	6-3	265	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./East English Village Prep

+ - duplicate number

r - redshirt

TOLEDO PRONUNCIATIONS

PLAYERS

Tycen Anderson	TIE-sin	Cauren Lynch	CAR-in
Kelvin Ateman	ATE-man	Quinyon Mitchell	quin-YON
DeMeer Blankumsee	BLAN-kum-SEE	Jerjuan Newton	jer-JUAN
Cavon Butler	cuh-VAHN	Vinny Sciury	SCUR-ee
Esean Carter	E-shawn	Kenyon Sneed	ken-YON
Vontrell Chairse	CHAIR-see	Jackson Stoefen	STO-FIN
Luke Doerger	DER-ger	Jacquez Stuart	jah-QUEZ
Sawiaha Ellis	suh-WHY-uh	Geri Theodore	Jerry
Dequan Finn	dah-KWON	Jason Vucinaj	vuh-CHIN-eye
Nate Givhan	GIV-han	Tanner Wigand	WEE-gand
Vitaliy Gurman	vy-TAL-lee	Thomas Zsiros	ZY-roce
Maxen Hook	MAX-in	COACHES	
Desjuan Johnson	DEZ-juan	Mike Hallett	HAL-it
Dyontae Johnson	dee-ON-tay	Vince Kehres	CARE-riss
Lenny Kuhl	Cool	Mark Staten	STAY-tin
		Brad Bichey	bih-SHAY

TOLEDO QUICK FACTS

Location	Toledo, Ohio	President	: Dr. Gregory Postel
Founded	1872	VP/Director of Athletics	Mike O'Brien
Enrollment	18,438	Stadium/Capacity	Glass Bowl/26,038
Nickname	Rockets	Surface	FieldTurf
Colors	Midnight Blue and Gold	Bowl Appearance	19th
Conference	Mid-American Conference	Last Bowl	2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl



2021-22 Toledo Football
Game Results
All games

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	09/04/2021	Norfolk St.	W	49-10	1-0	0-0	3:12	21783
	09/11/2021	at Notre Dame	L	29-32	1-1	0-0	3:27	62009
	09/18/2021	Colorado St.	L	6-22	1-2	0-0	3:39	21365
*	09/25/2021	at Ball St.	W	22-12	2-2	1-0	3:09	14902
	10/02/2021	at Massachusetts	W	45-7	3-2	1-0	3:02	9456
*	10/09/2021	Northern Ill.	L	20-22	3-3	1-1	3:34	21284
*	10/16/2021	at Central Mich.	Lot1	23-26	3-4	1-2	3:31	20112
*	10/23/2021	Western Mich.	W	34-15	4-4	2-2	3:26	19906
*	11/02/2021	Eastern Mich.	L	49-52	4-5	2-3	4:19	14997
*	11/10/2021	at Bowling Green	W	49-17	5-5	3-3	3:21	18349
*	11/16/2021	at Ohio	W	35-23	6-5	4-3	3:20	9716
*	11/27/2021	Akron	W	49-14	7-5	5-3	3:23	11282



2021-22 Toledo Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

Team Statistics

	UT	OPP
Scoring	410	252
Points per game	34.2	21.0
Points Off Turnovers	59	10
First Downs	247	233
Rushing	118	92
Passing	107	109
Penalty	22	32
Rushing Yardage	2315	1810
Yards gained rushing	2656	2146
Yards lost rushing	341	336
Rushing attempts	438	481
Average per rush	5.3	3.8
Average per game	192.9	150.8
TDs Rushing	28	9
Passing Yardage	2896	2301
Comp-Att-Int	208-351-2	204-367-7
Average per pass	8.3	6.3
Average per catch	13.9	11.3
Average per game	241.3	191.8
TDs Passing	20	15
Total offense	5211	4111
Total plays	789	848
Average per play	6.6	4.8
Average per game	434.3	342.6
Kick returns: #-Yards	32-799	35-627
Punt returns: #-Yards	21-185	14-143
Int returns: #-Yards	7-137	2-40
Kick return average	25.0	17.9
Punt return average	8.8	10.2
Int return average	19.6	20.0
Fumbles-Lost	12-4	13-6
Penalties-Yards	118-1056	75-687
Average per game	88.0	57.3
Punts-Yards	57-2278	67-2814
Average per punt	40.0	42.0
Net punt average	35.7	38.0
Kickoffs-Yards	79-4809	60-3513
Average per kick	60.9	58.6
Net kick average	40.0	36.1
Time of possession / game	28:06	31:46
3rd-down conversion	58/159	73/195
3rd-down pct	36%	37%
4rd-down conversion	9/23	10/22



2021-22 Toledo Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

	UT	OPP
4rd-down pct	39%	45%
Sacks by-Yards	37-220	35-235
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	53	25
Field goals - attempts	13-21	26-29
On-Side kicks	0-0	1-1
Red-zone scores	(35-40) 88%	(32-40) 80%
Red-zone touchdowns	(25-40) 63%	(17-40) 43%
PAT-attempts	(50-53) 94%	(23-25) 92%
Attendance	110617	134544
Games / Avg per game	6/18436	6/22424
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Toledo	72	148	95	95	0	410
Opponents	54	74	37	84	3	252



2021-22 Toledo Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
30	Jonathan Jones	12	27	64	91	9-41	4-26	.	3	4	1-0	2	.	.	
25	Maxen Hook	12	33	55	88	2.5-10	1-8	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	
91	Jamal Hines	12	33	49	82	14.5-61	10-52	.	8	2	.	.	.	.
2	Dyontae Johnson	12	30	46	76	7.5-30	2.5-12	1-27	4	2	.	.	.	.
99	Desjuan Johnson	12	30	37	67	12-49	4.5-34	.	.	5	1-0	2	.	.	
6	Nate Bauer	12	30	20	50	5.5-22	1.5-11	1-41	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	Zachary Ford	12	19	24	43	0.5-1	.	.	3	.	2-35	.	.	.	
95	Judge Culpepper	12	12	31	43	4-20	3-17	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
1	Tycen Anderson	9	26	16	42	2-6	1-5	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	
42	Jackson Barrow	12	18	24	42	1-2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
0	Samuel Womack	12	15	16	31	1-3	.	1-10	15	1	1-0	.	.	.	
27	Quinyon Mitchell	12	25	5	30	1-8	1-8	.	8	1	1-0	1	.	.	
21	Justin Clark	12	15	10	25	3-12	1-8	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Darius Alexander	12	5	16	21	1-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
23	Troy Simon	9	10	11	21	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
56	Terrance Taylor	6	15	4	19	6-24	3-19	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
97	Cavon Butler	12	2	16	18	0.5-0	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
35	AJ Crider	11	6	11	17	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	David Hood	12	3	13	16	2.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
13	Chris McDonald Jr.	12	12	3	15	.	.	2-59	2	.	.	.	.	.
48	Nate Givhan	11	8	5	13	2-11	2-11	.	.	3	.	1	.	.	
11	Ronald Delancy III	12	8	3	11	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
44	D'Andre Ragin	11	4	4	8	3-8	2-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
85	Adrian Woliver	11	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Devan Rogers	10	1	6	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Alex Enders	11	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Jaylin Mines	4	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
51	Josh Recker	10	2	2	4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Mike Coleman	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Michael Lacey	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Adam Beale	9	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Jaelen Crider	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Noah Hamlin	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	CJ Wilson Jr	5	1	1	2	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Connor Jones	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Chris Redmon	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Doran Ray Jr.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Chris Gales	1	1	.	1	
60	Tyler Long	12	.	1	1	
37	Damon Ollison II	1	1	.	1	
4	Danzel McKinley-Lewis	12	1	.	1	



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Overall Defense Statistics
All games

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
49	Bailey Flint	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Alex Bannister	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Martez Poynter	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Jamal Turner	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Saeed Holt	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	DeAmonte King	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Sean Mills	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Devin Maddox	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Jeremiah Peters	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
17	DeMeer Blankumsee	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Totals		12	413	516	929	82-323	37-220	7-137	59	30	6-35	7	2	1
Opponents		12	374	458	832	76-325	35-235	2-40	37	27	4-0	4	0	0



**2021-22 Toledo Football
Individual Statistics
All games**

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Bryant Koback	12	190	1315	41	1274	6.7	15	67	106.2
Dequan Finn	12	99	601	179	422	4.3	8	70	35.2
Micah Kelly	12	58	316	13	303	5.2	3	22	25.3
Jacquez Stuart	12	46	256	6	250	5.4	1	46	20.8
Carter Bradley	8	23	43	76	-33	-1.4	0	8	-4.1
Jordan Lowe	4	7	32	3	29	4.1	0	11	7.3
Lamy Constant	1	5	36	0	36	7.2	1	13	36.0
Willie Shaw III	2	4	22	0	22	5.5	0	9	11.0
Devin Maddox	12	2	19	0	19	9.5	0	10	1.6
Bryce Mitchell	8	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	12	1.5
Tucker Gleason	3	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Team	12	2	0	23	-23	-11.5	0	0	-1.9
Total	12	438	2656	341	2315	5.3	28	70	192.9
Opponents	12	481	2146	336	1810	3.8	9	52	150.8

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Devin Maddox	16	136	8.5	0	32
Adam Beale	5	24	4.8	0	14
Total	21	185	8.8	2	32
Opponents	14	143	10.2	1	70

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chris McDonald Jr.	2	59	29.5	1	32
Justin Clark	1	0	0.0	0	0
Samuel Womack	1	10	10.0	0	10
Nate Bauer	1	41	41.0	0	41
Dyontae Johnson	1	27	27.0	0	27
Ronald Delancy III	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	137	19.6	1	41
Opponents	2	40	20.0	0	24

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Dequan Finn	12	157.6	126-211-1	59.7	1855	16	85	154.6
Carter Bradley	8	130.7	77-130-1	59.2	972	4	84	121.5
Tucker Gleason	3	120.0	5-9-0	55.6	69	0	20	23.0
Team	12	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	146.2	208-351-2	59.3	2896	20	85	241.3
Opponents	12	117.9	204-367-7	55.6	2301	15	72	191.8

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bryce Mitchell	10	277	27.7	0	76
Jacquez Stuart	10	292	29.2	1	97
DeMeer Blankumsee	4	84	21.0	0	39
Danzel McKinley-Lewis	3	43	14.3	0	15
Jerjuan Newton	3	57	19.0	0	22
Micah Kelly	1	20	20.0	0	20
Matt Landers	1	26	26.0	0	26
Total	32	799	25.0	1	97
Opponents	35	627	17.9	0	39

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Devin Maddox	12	38	562	14.8	4	84	46.8
Isaiah Winstead	12	34	489	14.4	1	55	40.8
Bryant Koback	12	29	333	11.5	3	75	27.8
Matt Landers	11	16	377	23.6	4	85	34.3
Bryce Mitchell	8	15	201	13.4	2	42	25.1
Danzel McKinley-Lewis	12	14	224	16.0	2	59	18.7
Jerjuan Newton	10	13	144	11.1	1	39	14.4
DeMeer Blankumsee	11	13	142	10.9	0	36	12.9
Jamal Turner	12	8	87	10.9	1	28	7.3
Drew Rosi	11	8	138	17.3	2	46	12.5
Jacquez Stuart	12	8	53	6.6	0	22	4.4
Micah Kelly	12	5	44	8.8	0	18	3.7
DeAmonte King	6	2	34	17.0	0	19	5.7
Thomas Zsiros	3	2	35	17.5	0	20	11.7
Adam Beale	9	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
Willie Shaw III	2	1	15	15.0	0	15	7.5
Lamy Constant	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Total	12	208	2896	13.9	20	85	241.3
Opponents	12	204	2301	11.3	15	72	191.8

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	35	0.0	1	35
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Bryant Koback	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	110	
Thomas Cluckey	-	13-21	49-49	-	-	-	-	88	
Dequan Finn	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	
Devin Maddox	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
Matt Landers	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
Jacquez Stuart	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Micah Kelly	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Danzel McKinley-Lewis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Drew Rosi	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Bryce Mitchell	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Jamal Turner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Zachary Ford	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Chris McDonald Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Jerjuan Newton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Isaiah Winstead	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Maxen Hook	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Lamy Constant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	53	13-21	49-49	0	1	1	0	1 410	
Opponents	25	26-29	22-24	0	1	1	0	0 252	

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Dequan Finn	12	310	422	1855	2277	189.8
Bryant Koback	12	190	1274	0	1274	106.2
Carter Bradley	8	153	-33	972	939	117.4
Micah Kelly	12	58	303	0	303	25.3
Jacquez Stuart	12	46	250	0	250	20.8
Tucker Gleason	3	10	4	69	73	24.3
Lamy Constant	1	5	36	0	36	36.0
Jordan Lowe	4	7	29	0	29	7.3
Willie Shaw III	2	4	22	0	22	11.0
Devin Maddox	12	2	19	0	19	1.6
Bryce Mitchell	8	1	12	0	12	1.5
Team	12	0	-23	0	-23	-1.9
Total	12	789	2315	2896	5211	434.3
Opponents	12	848	1810	2301	4111	342.6

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bailey Flint	57	2278	40.0	68	5	18	21	11	0
Total	57	2278	40.0	68	5	18	21	11	0
Opponents	67	2814	42.0	66	3	21	18	15	2

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Thomas Cluckey	13-21	61.9	0-0	5-5	4-6	3-7	1-3	50	0
Opponents	26-29	89.7	0-0	7-9	6-6	12-12	1-2	51	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Thomas Cluckey	79	4809	60.9	35	1			
Total	79	4809	60.9	35	1	32	40	25
Opponents	60	3513	58.6	22	2	33	36.1	28

FG Sequence

Team Name	Toledo	Opponents
Notre Dame	(31),(32)	
Massachusetts	(29),39	
Ball St.	41,(43),(22)	(45),(27),(29),(47)
Eastern Mich.	48	
Central Mich.	48,(41),32,(23),(50),51	(46),(51),(44),(38)
Western Mich.	(29)	
Colorado St.		(31)
Northern Ill.		(43),23

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Bryant Koback	12	1274	333	0	0	0	1607	133.9
Devin Maddox	12	19	562	136	0	0	717	59.8
Jacquez Stuart	12	250	53	0	292	0	595	49.6
Bryce Mitchell	8	12	201	0	277	0	490	61.3
Isaiah Winstead	12	0	489	0	0	0	489	40.8
Dequan Finn	12	422	10	0	0	0	432	36.0
Matt Landers	11	0	377	0	26	0	403	36.6
Micah Kelly	12	303	44	0	20	0	367	30.6
Danzel McKinley-Lewis	12	0	224	0	43	0	267	22.3
DeMeer Blankumsee	11	0	142	0	84	0	226	20.5
Jerjuan Newton	10	0	144	0	57	0	201	20.1
Drew Rosi	11	0	138	0	0	0	138	12.5
Jamal Turner	12	0	87	0	0	0	87	7.3
Chris McDonald Jr.	12	0	0	0	0	59	59	4.9
Nate Bauer	12	0	0	0	0	41	41	3.4
Lamy Constant	1	36	4	0	0	0	40	40.0
Willie Shaw III	2	22	15	0	0	0	37	18.5
Thomas Zsiros	3	0	35	0	0	0	35	11.7
DeAmonte King	6	0	34	0	0	0	34	5.7
Jordan Lowe	4	29	0	0	0	0	29	7.3
Adam Beale	9	0	4	24	0	0	28	3.1
Dyontae Johnson	12	0	0	0	0	27	27	2.3
Maxen Hook	12	0	0	25	0	0	25	2.1
Samuel Womack	12	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.8
Tucker Gleason	3	4	0	0	0	0	4	1.3
Carter Bradley	8	-33	0	0	0	0	-33	-4.1
Team	12	-23	0	0	0	0	-23	-1.9
Total	12	2315	2896	185	799	137	6332	527.7
Opponents	12	1810	2301	143	627	40	4921	410.1



**2021-22 Toledo Football
Team Game-by-Game Comparison
All games**

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Comp-Att.-Int			Yards				
Norfolk St.	49-10	21 / 16	12 / 6	8 / 7	1 / 3	39-205 / 42-147	13-18-0 / 9-19-1	236 / 128	57-441 / 61-275	72 / 58	0 / 1	
Notre Dame	29-32	16 / 27	4 / 10	9 / 13	3 / 4	30-116 / 39-132	20-33-0 / 24-36-1	229 / 317	63-345 / 75-449	85 / 19	1 / 3	
Colorado St.	6-22	11 / 18	3 / 10	7 / 6	1 / 2	28-13 / 49-209	25-43-0 / 11-28-0	270 / 110	71-283 / 77-319	69 / 123	1 / 0	
Ball St.	22-12	19 / 17	9 / 4	8 / 12	2 / 1	44-272 / 35-122	12-20-1 / 21-36-0	172 / 190	64-444 / 71-312	21 / 55	1 / 1	
Massachusetts	45-7	22 / 8	10 / 0	8 / 7	4 / 1	41-228 / 26-23	20-30-0 / 11-25-2	232 / 111	71-460 / 51-134	93 / 70	0 / 4	
Northern Ill.	20-22	15 / 23	5 / 12	7 / 7	3 / 4	22-135 / 55-242	16-31-0 / 14-24-1	229 / 154	53-364 / 79-396	122 / 53	1 / 1	
Central Mich.	23-26	17 / 16	8 / 4	9 / 9	0 / 3	44-142 / 36-128	15-32-0 / 21-35-0	208 / 204	76-350 / 71-332	158 / 50	0 / 0	
Western Mich.	34-15	22 / 21	14 / 9	6 / 10	2 / 2	43-192 / 40-166	8-24-0 / 15-29-0	138 / 232	67-330 / 69-398	132 / 27	0 / 1	
Eastern Mich.	49-52	29 / 28	11 / 7	17 / 18	1 / 3	32-211 / 36-130	30-46-1 / 30-42-1	461 / 360	78-672 / 78-490	145 / 106	2 / 1	
Bowling Green	49-17	26 / 16	13 / 10	10 / 3	3 / 3	42-269 / 40-129	18-25-0 / 12-25-1	270 / 67	67-539 / 65-196	66 / 95	0 / 1	
Ohio	35-23	18 / 30	12 / 12	5 / 12	1 / 6	31-251 / 46-192	10-14-0 / 23-38-0	150 / 253	45-401 / 84-445	99 / 48	0 / 0	
Akron	49-14	31 / 13	17 / 8	13 / 5	1 / 0	42-281 / 37-190	21-35-0 / 13-30-0	301 / 175	77-582 / 67-365	94 / 106	0 / 0	
Totals	410-252	247 / 233	118 / 92	107 / 109	22 / 32	438-2315 / 481-1810	208-351-2 / 204-367-7	2896 / 2301	789-5211 / 848-4111	1156 / 810	6 / 13	

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Norfolk St.	4-9 / 5-15	1-3 / 1-2	26:37 / 33:23	-06:46	5.3 / 3.5	13.1 / 6.7	7.7 / 4.5	2-39.5 / 5-20.4	12-140.0 / 4-35.0	1 / 3
Notre Dame	7-17 / 8-14	0-0 / 0-1	30:04 / 29:56	00:08	3.9 / 3.4	6.9 / 8.8	5.5 / 6.0	7-45.4 / 3-49.3	11-99.0 / 3-27.0	6 / 5
Colorado St.	4-18 / 4-17	1-4 / 1-2	29:00 / 31:00	-02:00	0.5 / 4.3	6.3 / 3.9	4.0 / 4.1	8-46.6 / 6-52.2	11-89.0 / 7-60.0	1 / 6
Ball St.	4-12 / 7-17	0-1 / 1-1	33:03 / 26:57	06:06	6.2 / 3.5	8.6 / 5.3	6.9 / 4.4	4-32.3 / 5-39.0	7-61.0 / 7-55.0	4 / 3
Massachusetts	7-14 / 1-11	0-1 / 0-1	34:55 / 25:05	09:50	5.6 / 0.9	7.7 / 4.4	6.5 / 2.6	5-43.0 / 8-52.9	10-67.0 / 6-63.0	1 / 1
Northern Ill.	1-10 / 7-19	0-3 / 2-2	19:13 / 40:47	-21:34	6.1 / 4.4	7.4 / 6.4	6.9 / 5.0	3-48.7 / 3-39.3	10-100.0 / 8-80.0	1 / 0
Central Mich.	5-20 / 5-19	2-3 / 2-2	31:33 / 28:27	03:06	3.2 / 3.6	6.5 / 5.8	4.6 / 4.7	5-37.0 / 9-39.0	7-50.0 / 9-79.0	2 / 8
Western Mich.	5-14 / 6-15	1-1 / 0-3	28:15 / 31:45	-03:30	4.5 / 4.2	5.8 / 8.0	4.9 / 5.8	6-37.5 / 4-38.5	8-75.0 / 9-75.0	2 / 3
Eastern Mich.	6-12 / 7-15	1-1 / 0-2	24:34 / 33:51	-09:17	6.6 / 3.6	10.0 / 8.6	8.6 / 6.3	4-27.0 / 5-43.6	12-85.0 / 3-30.0	4 / 5
Bowling Green	5-11 / 7-17	1-3 / 0-0	28:25 / 31:35	-03:10	6.4 / 3.2	10.8 / 2.7	8.0 / 3.0	4-34.8 / 8-41.0	8-99.0 / 6-63.0	5 / 0
Ohio	1-7 / 7-18	1-1 / 3-4	18:33 / 41:27	-22:54	8.1 / 4.2	10.7 / 6.7	8.9 / 5.3	5-37.2 / 4-45.5	12-128.0 / 10-95.0	5 / 0
Akron	9-15 / 9-18	1-2 / 0-2	32:58 / 27:02	05:56	6.7 / 5.1	8.6 / 5.8	7.6 / 5.4	4-43.8 / 7-40.3	10-63.0 / 3-25.0	5 / 1
Totals	58-159 / 73-195	9-23 / 10-22	337:10 / 381:15	-44:05	5.3 / 3.8	8.3 / 6.3	6.6 / 4.8	57-40.0 / 67-42.0	118-1056 / 75-687.0	37 / 35

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

STANDINGS

East Division	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts.	Opp.	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	Pts	Opp.
WKU%	7-1	.875	3-1	4-0	6-0	363	184	8-5	.615	4-2	4-3	0-0	560	373
Marshall	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	4-2	247	183	7-5	.583	3-3	4-2	0-0	408	269
Old Dominion	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	4-2	234	202	6-6	.500	4-2	2-4	0-0	342	331
Middle Tennessee	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	3-3	236	206	6-6	.500	4-1	2-5	0-0	357	310
Florida Atlantic	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	2-4	201	223	5-7	.417	4-2	1-5	0-0	305	309
Charlotte	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	2-4	234	326	5-7	.417	4-2	1-5	0-0	326	408
FIU	0-8	.000	0-4	0-4	0-6	112	324	1-11	.083	1-5	0-6	0-0	244	476

% East Division Champions

West Division	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts.	Opp.	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	Pts	Opp.
UTSA^	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	5-1	297	191	12-1	.923	7-0	5-1	0-0	492	307
UAB	6-2	.750	3-1	3-1	4-2	275	161	8-4	.667	3-2	4-2	1-0	354	274
North Texas	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	4-2	226	198	6-6	.500	3-3	3-3	0-0	343	330
UTEP	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	3-3	201	199	7-5	.583	5-1	2-4	0-0	302	297
Rice	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	3-3	186	260	4-8	.333	3-3	1-5	0-0	258	434
Southern Miss	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	1-5	145	254	3-9	.250	1-4	1-5	0-0	199	309
Louisiana Tech	2-6	.250	2-2	0-4	1-5	193	258	3-9	.250	3-3	0-6	0-0	336	408

^ Conference USA Champions

UPCOMING C-USA BOWL GAMES



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Bahamas Bowl (ESPN) 11 am

Middle Tennessee (6-6) vs. Toledo (7-5)
 Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
 Nassau, Bahamas



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl (ESPN) 10 am

WKU (8-5) vs. Appalachian State (10-3)
 FAU Stadium
 Boca Raton, Florida



PUBG Mobile New Mexico Bowl (ESPN) 1:15 pm

UTEP (7-5) vs. Fresno State (9-3)
 University Stadium
 Albuquerque, New Mexico



Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl (ABC) 2:30 pm

UAB (8-4) vs. No. 13 BYU (10-2)
 Independence Stadium
 Shreveport, Louisiana



R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl (ESPN) 8:15 pm

Marshall (7-5) vs. No. 23 Louisiana (12-1)
 Caesars Superdome
 New Orleans, Louisiana



MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Myrtle Beach Bowl (ESPN) 1:30 pm

Old Dominion (6-6) vs. Tulsa (6-6)
 Brooks Stadium
 Conway, South Carolina



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl (ESPN) 6:30 pm

UTSA (12-1) vs. No. 24 San Diego State (10-2)
 Toyota Stadium
 Frisco, Texas



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Frisco Football Classic Bowl (ESPN) 2:30 pm

North Texas (6-6) vs. Miami (OH) (6-6)
 Toyota Stadium
 Frisco, Texas

- All times Central



QUICK HITTERS

BOWL SEASON PREVIEW

Eight Conference USA teams are set to compete in bowl games in 2021, ranging from Friday, Dec. 17, through Thursday, Dec. 23. The eight-team representation ties for second-most in league history.

BAHAMAS BOWL - FRI., DEC. 17 - 11 AM CT

Bowl Season for C-USA and for all of college football kicks off on Friday, Dec. 17, with the Bahamas Bowl, which pits Middle Tennessee (6-6) against MAC foe Toledo (7-5) at 11 a.m. CT on ESPN in Nassau.

The Blue Raiders are led offensively by C-USA All-Freshman Team **QB Nicholas Vattiato**, who started four games in 2021. Vattiato completed 92-136 passes for 777 yards with five touchdowns for Middle Tennessee. The Blue Raiders, the national leader in forced turnovers (31) and defensive touchdowns (6), won four of their final six games, including a 27-17 win at Florida Atlantic in the final week of the regular season to earn bowl eligibility. Defensively, the Blue Raiders are paced by **S Reed Blankenship** ranked second in C-USA with 106 total tackles, **DE Jordan Ferguson**, who ranked second in C-USA with 15.5 tackles-for-loss and 8.0 sacks, **LB DQ Thomas**, who also has 15.5 tackles-for-loss and **DB Quincy Riley**, who is second nationally in interceptions (5).

Toledo enters play having finished 5-3 in MAC play, and the Rockets won their last three games and four of their final five contests. This will be the first-ever meeting between Middle Tennessee and Toledo. Conference USA and the MAC are tied 3-3 all-time in the Bahamas Bowl series, and this marks the second trip to Nassau for each school. One will head home to the United States with their first Bahamas Bowl victory, as Middle Tennessee fell 45-31 to Western Michigan in 2015, while Toledo dropped a close contest, 35-32 to FIU in the 2018 edition of the game.

ROOFCLAIM.COM BOCA RATON BOWL - SAT., DEC. 18 - 10 AM CT

The busiest day of bowls involving C-USA teams is Saturday, Dec. 18, as four league representatives take the field across the country. Saturday kicks off with the RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl at 10 a.m. CT on ESPN as the high-flying WKU Hilltoppers (8-5) take on Sun Belt foe Appalachian State (10-3) at FAU Stadium in South Florida.

WKU boasts the second-ranked scoring offense (43.1 ppg) and total offense (527.5) in the nation. The Hilltoppers are led by the top-performing quarterback in the country, **Bailey Zappe**, who is a Manning Award Finalist, was the C-USA MVP and a first-team all-conference performer. Zappe, one of four transfers from Houston Baptist, leads the nation in passing yards (5,545), passing yards per game (426.5), and passing touchdowns (56). Zappe is just 278 yards from the FBS single-season record for passing yards (Texas Tech's B.J. Symons in 2003 - 5,833) and four passing touchdowns (LSU's Joe Burrow in 2019 - 60). **WR Jerreth Sterns**, a second-team All-American (*Associated Press* and Football Writers Association of America), and C-USA Newcomer of the Year, also leads the country in major receiving categories with 137 catches (first) for 1,718 yards (first) and 14 touchdowns (third).

The Hilltoppers won seven of their last eight games after opening the season 1-4, and fell 49-41 in the 2021 Ryan Conference USA Championship Game in San Antonio to the 12-1 UTSA Roadrunners. Defensively, WKU is led by C-USA Defensive Player of the Year, **DE DeAngelo Malone**, who has 88 tackles, a league-leading 16.5 tackles-for-loss, 8.0 sacks and four forced fumbles. WKU also has forced 27 turnovers, which ranks fourth in the country.

Appalachian State won six of its last seven games, with its only loss coming at No. 23 Louisiana in the Sun Belt Championship Game in Lafayette (24-16). In terms of common opponents, the Mountaineers came back to knock off Marshall 31-30 at home on Sept. 23, while WKU beat the Thundering Herd 51-23 in Huntington, West Virginia, on the road on Nov. 27.

App State also has a high-powered offense, as the Mountaineers are averaging 34.2 points per game, which ranks 23rd nationally. **QB Chase Brice** has over 3,000 yards passing with 26 total touchdowns (23 passing), while **RBs Nate Noel** (1,076 yards and four touchdowns) and **Cameron Peoples** (825 yards and 14 touchdowns) lead the ground attack.

PUBG MOBILE NEW MEXICO BOWL - SAT., DEC. 18 - 1:15 PM CT

UTEP (7-5) is back bowling for the first time since a 2014 trip to the New Mexico Bowl. The Miners are set to take on Mountain West foe Fresno State (9-3) in Albuquerque on ESPN at 1:15 p.m. CT. UTEP combined for just five wins between 2017-20, so their incredible turnaround to seven under head coach **Dana Dimel** in 2021 was one of the brightest storylines in all of college football this season.

The Miners were impressive defensively, allowing just 24.8 points per game and 339.4 yards per game. UTEP was led by **LB Breon Howard**, who led the Miners with 97 total tackles, 6.5 tackles-for-loss, 1.5 sacks and a fumble recovery in 12 starts. **DB Dy'Vonne Inyang** was a focal point in the secondary for UTEP, and he picked off a team-best three passes and broke up seven passes on the season. The combination of **DEs Praise Amaewhule** and **Jadrian Taylor** totaled 12.0 sacks and 17 quarterback hurries, wreaking havoc on opposing offensive lines throughout the course of the season. Offensively, **WR Jacob Cowing**, a First-Team All-Conference USA selection, caught 67 passes for 1,330 yards with seven touchdowns, while fellow **WR Justin Garrett** hauled in 49 passes for 659 yards and four scores. Those two targets were key in the development of **QB Gavin Hardison**, who threw for 2,965 yards and 17 touchdowns and enters the bowl appearance ranking third nationally in yards per completion (15.94). The Miners' aerial attack was balanced nicely on the ground by the committee of **RBs Ronald Awatt** (805 yards and five touchdowns) and **Deion Hankins** (425 yards and six touchdowns).

Fresno State, winners of five of its last six, enters play without its head coach, Kalen DeBoer, who was named to the same position at Washington in early December. The Bulldogs will be led by interim head coach **Lee Marks**, despite the hiring of Jeff Tedford for his second stint in Fresno. It is unclear who will be starting under center for the Bulldogs, as **QB Jake Haener** originally entered the transfer portal when DeBoer departed from Washington, but has since returned to the Central Valley following Tedford's appointment. Haener threw for 3,810 yards with 32 touchdowns and just nine interceptions in 12 appearances, and if he is not the starter, the likeliest possibilities include a pair of freshmen in **Logan Fife** and **Jaylen Henderson**. Whoever is throwing the ball, the three-headed monster at receiver of **Jalen Cropper** (76 catches for 827 yards and 11 touchdowns), **Josh Kelly** (50 catches for 768 yards and three scores) and **Keric Wheatfall** (36 catches for 582 yards and four scores) will be on the receiving end. Defensively, **DLs David Perales** (13.0 tackles-for-loss and 7.0 sacks) and **Kevin Atkins** (12.5 tackles-for-loss and 7.0 sacks) have caused teams problems all season, while **DB Evan Williams** paces the Bulldog defense with 89 total tackles and a team-high three interceptions.

RADIANCE TECHNOLOGIES INDEPENDENCE BOWL - SAT., DEC. 18 - 2:30 PM CT

UAB (8-4) has a big opportunity in front of it, as the Blazers get an opportunity to play CFP No. 13 BYU (10-2) on ABC at 2:30 p.m. CT in Shreveport in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. This marks the fifth-straight season that UAB has qualified for a bowl game (did not play in 2020 in the Gasparilla Bowl due to a COVID-related cancellation). This game marks the first meeting between the two programs.

UAB came up just short of its third consecutive C-USA West Division crown, falling in the final seconds at UTSA (34-31) on Nov. 20 at the Alamodome, but again had a very successful season under head

coach Bill Clark. The Blazers opened a brand-new downtown home, in Protective Stadium, where they went 3-2 and concluded the regular season with wins in three of their last four games, including a 42-25 win at home over fellow bowl-bound conference mate UTEP. Defensively, the Blazers boast the second-ranked scoring defense in the conference (22.8 ppg) and 16th-ranked total defense in the FBS (323.3 ypg). **DE Alex Wright** was a handful for opposing offensive lines, causing havoc in the backfield with a team-high 7.0 sacks, 12 quarterback hurries and a pair of forced fumbles. **S Grayson Cash**, and fellow **DBs Keondre Swoopes** and **Starling Thomas V** combined for seven interceptions in the secondary. Offensively, **QB Dylan Hopkins** is one of the most efficient quarterbacks in the country, ranking 11th (164.5) and he ranks sixth in the FBS in yards per completion (15.33). His top targets, **WR Tre Shropshire** and **TE Gerrit Prince** are game-changers for the Blazers. Prince has 32 catches for 656 yards and eight touchdowns, while Shropshire leads the nation in yards per catch (27.3), with 25 catches for 682 yards and six touchdowns. **RB DeWayne McBride** ran for 1,188 yards and 12 touchdowns, while **Jermaine Brown, Jr.**, has 584 yards on the ground with seven scores.

BYU had another tremendous season under head coach **Kalani Sitake**, with a 5-0 record against Pac-12 opponents, including a 26-17 rivalry win over Pac-12 champion Utah in Provo. The Cougars are led by **RB Tyson Altjeir** on the ground, who has 1,409 yards rushing and an FBS-leading 20 touchdowns. **QB Jaren Hall** has been very efficient as well, throwing for 2,583 yards with 20 touchdowns to just five interceptions, and his top-two receiving targets **WRs Neil Pau'u** and **Puka Nacua** have a combined 12 touchdown grabs. Defensively, the Cougars have picked up 14 passes in 2021, three each from **DBs Malik Moore** and **Jakob Robinson**.

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL - SAT., DEC. 18 - 8:15 PM CT

The Saturday slate closes in the evening with the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, as Marshall (7-5) takes on Sun Belt champion, No. 23 Louisiana (12-1) at 8:15 p.m. CT on ESPN from the Caesars Superdome. Marshall won five of its last seven under first-year head coach **Charles Huff**, and was in the mix for the East Division title until the final week of the regular season, falling to WKU at home in the finale. This marks the first-ever meeting between the two programs, and Marshall's fifth-straight bowl appearance.

The Thundering Herd bring a potent offensive attack to the Big Easy, led by **RB Rasheen Ali**, who was a First-Team All-Conference USA selection by the league's head coaches. Ali ran for 1,241 yards (5.4 yards per carry) and 20 touchdowns (tied for the FBS lead), and was also a factor in the passing game as the Herd's second-leading receiver with 45 catches for 337 yards and a touchdown. **QB Grant Wells**, who left the regular season finale against WKU due to injury, has completed 280-419 passes for 3,433 yards and 16 touchdowns and his top target is **WR Corey Gammage**, who has 69 catches for 828 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, the Herd are led by **LB Abraham Beauplan**, who is third in C-USA in tackles (104), with 9.5 tackles-for-loss, 2.5 sacks and a forced fumble, while fellow **LB Eli Neal** has 92 tackles with 7.0 tackles-for-loss and a team-high 5.5 sacks with an interception, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

Louisiana will be without its head coach **Billy Napier**, who accepted the same position at Florida in late November. New head coach and former co-offensive coordinator **Michael Desormeaux** will lead the Ragin' Cajuns on Saturday in New Orleans. Louisiana has won 12 consecutive games since a season-opening loss at Texas. The Ragin' Cajuns are led by **QB Levi Lewis**, who has thrown for 2,647 yards with 19 touchdowns and only four interceptions, and also has 267 yards rushing with five more touchdowns. **RBs Chris Smith** (855 yards rushing and eight scores), **Montrell Johnson** (784 yards and 11 touchdowns) and **Emani Bailey** (548 yards with six



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scores) lead an explosive ground game for the Ragin' Cajuns. Defensively, **LB Chauncey Manac** leads the way for Louisiana with 14.5 tackles-for-loss and 10.5 sacks, while fellow **LB Lorenzo McCaskill** leads the team in tackles with 78.

MYRTLE BEACH BOWL - MON., DEC. 20 - 1:30 PM CT

Old Dominion (6-6) will take the field in the program's second-ever bowl game on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. CT on **ESPN** in the Myrtle Beach Bowl, presented by TaxAct against Tulsa (6-6). ODU, one of the better stories in the country, won its final five games to reach a bowl after starting 1-6. The Monarchs did not play in 2020, opting out of the season due to COVID concerns, and new head coach **Ricky Rahne** made his long-awaited debut in 2021, leading the Monarchs to their first bowl since 2016. Tulsa bounced back from a 3-6 start, winning their final three games, including a 34-31 win at SMU in the regular season finale. This will be the first-ever meeting between the two programs.

ODU is led defensively by **LB Jordan Young**, who had a team-high 93 tackles, 3.5 tackles-for-loss, a sack, an interception and a fumble recovery on the season. Offensively, **RB Blake Watson** ran for 1,035 yards (103.5 yards per game) and seven scores, while **TE Zack Kuntz** (71 catches for 674 yards and five touchdowns) and **WR Ali Jennings III** (56 receptions for 992 yards and five scores) helped lead the aerial attack for the Monarchs. **QB Hayden Wolff** took over the starting job midway through the season, and he brought stability to the position - completing 140-225 passes for 1,57 yards and 10 touchdowns. ODU also boasts one of the best kick returners in the country in **LaMareon James**, who averages 26.3 yards per return with one touchdown (ranks 19th in the FBS).

Tulsa is led offensively by **RB Shamari Brooks**, who has rushed for 922 yards and six touchdowns and **WR Josh Johnson**, who has 75 catches for 985 yards and five scores on the season. Tulsa **QB Brin Davis** has thrown for nearly 3,000 yards and 16 touchdowns, but also threw 16 interceptions in 12 appearances. The Monarchs will have to contain **DL Jaxon Player**, who has 12.5 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks six quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in 12 appearances for the Golden Hurricane. In Tulsa's secondary, the ball-hawking pair of **Travon Fuller** and **Tieneral Martin** enter play with a combined seven interceptions.

TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE FRISCO BOWL - TUES., DEC. 21 - 6:30 PM CT

UTSA (12-1) enters bowl season fresh off the program's first conference championship, travels to Frisco to take on CFP No. 24 San Diego State (11-2) at 6:30 p.m. CT on **ESPN**. The Roadrunners come in at No. 24 in the *Associated Press* Top 25 and No. 25 in the USA Today AFCA Coaches Poll and narrowly missed a spot in the CFP rankings. This will be the first-ever meeting between the two programs.

UTSA has had the best season in the program's short history, boasting one of the nation's best running backs in **Sincere McCormick**, who has 1,479 yards and 15 touchdowns. McCormick is a Second-Team All-American by the Football Writers Association of America and a third-team choice by the *AP*. McCormick is one-third of the Roadrunners' big three, which includes **QB Frank Harris** (2,906 yards passing with 25 touchdowns to only five interceptions and 565 yards rushing with six more scores) and **WR Zakhari Franklin** (73 catches for 938 yards and 11 touchdowns). **WRs Joshua Cephus** (69 catches for 793 yards and six touchdowns) and **De'Corian Clark** (46 catches for 683 yards and six scores) have also made a major impact for UTSA offensively. On the defensive side of the ball, **S Rashad Wisdom** paces the Roadrunners with 87 tackles, 4.0 tackles-for-loss with six pass break-ups and a forced fumble, while **LB Clarence Hicks** was unbelievable for UTSA with 16.0 tackles-for-loss and 10.0 sacks with an interception and a forced fumble. UTSA has the second-highest scoring offense in C-USA (37.8 ppg) and only allows 23.6 points per game defensively.

San Diego State fell in the Mountain West Championship Game, 46-13 at home to Utah State. Defense is definitely the Aztecs' calling card, holding opponents to 19.5 points per game and hold opponents to 319.5 yards per game. S Patrick McMorris leads the way for SDSU with 83 tackles, four interceptions, eight pass break-ups and a fumble recovery, while Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year **DE Cameron Thomas** has had a monster year, posting 68 total tackles, 20.5 tackles-for-loss, 11.5 sacks and 19 quarterback hurries. Offensively, **RB Greg Bell** leads the way with 990 yards rushing and eight touchdowns.

FRISCO FOOTBALL CLASSIC - THURS., DEC. 23 - 2:30 PM CT

North Texas (6-6) won its last five games of the season to earn bowl eligibility, including a 45-23 win over then-CFP No. 22 UTSA in Denton to pick up win number six on the season. The Mean Green are set to take on MAC opponent Miami (OH) (6-6) in the newly-minted Frisco Football Classic at 2:30 p.m. CT on **ESPN** on Thursday, Dec. 23, to close out the C-USA bowl season. Thursday's game marks the first meeting between the two programs.

The Mean Green opened the season with a difficult schedule at 1-6 and turned things around in a big way to find themselves in postseason play. UNT made a big-time turnaround on the defensive side of the ball in 2021, holding opponents to 27.5 points per game, compared to 42.8 points per game in 2020. A lot of that credit goes to new defensive coordinator **Phil Bennett**, whom head coach **Seth Littrel** brought in to improve that side of the ball. **LB KD Davis** has led the way for UNT, leading C-USA in total tackles (107) and recorded 12.5 tackles-for-loss with 5.0 sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries. The twin duo of **Gabriel Murphy** (6.0 sacks) and **Grayson Murphy** (7.5 sacks) has been a terror for opposing offensive lines, and have been a big part of the Mean Green's defensive turnaround. Offensively the Mean Green boast the third-ranked rushing attack in the FBS (245.3 ypg), which was led by **RBs DeAndre Torrey** (1,215 yards and 13 touchdowns), **Ikaika Ragsdale** (511 yards and five scores) and **Ayo Adeyi** (479 yards and six touchdowns). **WR Roderic Burns** led the way in the passing attack, hauling in a team-high 54 catches for 715 yards and four scores.

Miami (OH) won two of its last three games to earn a bowl berth, and finished 5-3 in league play. The Redhawks have held opponents to 23.8 points per game. A pair of Redhawks are over the 110-tackle mark in **LB Ivan Pace, Jr.**, (116 tackles, 13.0 tackles-for-loss, 4.0 sacks, an interception and a forced fumble) and **DB Matthew Salopek** (112 tackles with 7.0 tackles-for-loss, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble). **DLs Kameron Butler** (14.0 tackles-for-loss and a team-high 8.0 sacks) and **Ben Kimpler** (11.0 tackles-for-loss and 4.0 sacks) have caused many problems for opposing offenses. Offensively, Miami (OH) is led by **QB Brett Gabbert**, who has thrown for 2,418 yards with 24 touchdowns and only six interceptions and **WR Jack Sorenson**, who has 69 catches for 1,290 yards and 10 scores.

C-USA ALL-AMERICANS

WKU **WR Jerreth Sterns** and UTSA **RB Sincere McCormick** have earned All-American status following their excellent seasons. It marks McCormick's second-straight season on the All-American circuit.

Football Writers Association of America (FWAA)

Second Team
RB: Sincere McCormick, UTSA
WR: Jerreth Sterns, WKU

Associated Press

Second Team
WR: Jerreth Sterns, WKU

Third Team

RB: Sincere McCormick, UTSA

ZAPPE, APPROACHING HISTORY

WKU **QB Bailey Zappe**, was excellent again in the C-USA Championship Game on 12/3, despite a close loss for the Hilltoppers. Zappe completed 36-59 passes for a C-USA Championship Game record 577 yards and four touchdowns with a pair of interceptions. Zappe is the record-holder in C-USA (and WKU) history for single-season passing touchdowns, with 56 (in 13 games) and is now third in FBS history in that category. He also moved into third in C-USA history (and eighth in FBS history) in single-season passing yardage, with 5,545 thus far.

FBS SINGLE-SEASON PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Joe Burrow, LSU, 2019	60
2. Colt Brennan, Hawai'i, 2006	58
3. Bailey Zappe, WKU, 2021	56
4. David Klingler, Houston, 1990	54
5. B.J. Symons, Texas Tech, 2003	52
6. Dwayne Haskins, Ohio State, 2018	50
Derek Carr, Fresno State, 2013	50
Sam Bradford, Oklahoma, 2006	50

FBS SINGLE-SEASON PASSING YARDAGE

1. B.J. Symons, Texas Tech, 2003	5,833
2. Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, 2007	5,705
3. Joe Burrow, LSU, 2019	5,671
Case Keenum, Houston, 2009	5,671
5. Case Keenum, Houston, 2011	5,631
6. Anthony Gordon, Washington State, 2019	5,579
7. Colt Brennan, Hawai'i, 2006	5,549
8. Bailey Zappe, WKU, 2021	5,545
9. Ty Detmer, BYU, 1990	5,188
10. David Klingler, Houston, 1990	5,140

Zappe, who leads the nation in passing yards per game (426.5), and has completed 69.2% of his passes (442-639), which is ninth nationally, for 5,545 yards with 56 touchdowns (both lead the FBS) with 11 interceptions. He also has three rushing touchdowns on the season. Zappe has surpassed the 365-yard passing mark in 11 of 13 games this year for WKU. Zappe's 59 touchdowns responsible for are 12 more than the next-closest player - Wake Forest's Sam Hartman.

Opponent	Passing Yds	PassingTDs
9/2 vs. UT-Martin	424 (28-35)	7
9/11 at Army	435 (28-40)	3
9/25 vs. Indiana	365 (31-44)	3
10/2 at Michigan State	488 (46-64)	3
10/9 vs. UTSA	523 (38-60)	5
10/16 at Old Dominion	397 (36-54)	5
10/23 at FIU	382 (39-49)	3
10/30 vs. Charlotte	393 (33-45)	4
11/6 vs. Middle Tennessee	281 (29-50)	4
11/13 at Rice	482 (34-42)	5
11/20 vs. Florida Atlantic	470 (39-40)	6
11/27 at Marshall	328 (25-48)	4
12/3 at UTSA	577 (36-59)	4

STERN'S SEASON FOR THE AGES

WKU **WR Jerreth Sterns** is among the FBS leaders in several categories entering bowl season. The former Houston Baptist wideout is the national leader in receiving yards per game (132.2) and leads the FBS in receptions per game (10.5). Sterns has a C-USA and program-record 137 receptions (leads the FBS and is 39 more than the next player) for 1,718 yards (leads the FBS) and 14 touchdowns (third in the FBS) in 13 games in 2021.

Sterns has eight games in 2021 with 10 or more catches, and nine games with at least 100 yards receiving.



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Sterns is now the C-USA record-holder for receptions in a single season, and fourth in single-season receiving yards, through 13 appearances.

SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS (C-USA)

137	Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021 (1,718 yards)
136	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016 (1,803 yards)
114	Justin Hardy, East Carolina, 2013 (1,284 yards)
111	James Casey, Rice, 2008 (1,329 yards)
110	Tommy Shuler, Marshall, 2012 (1,138 yards)
108	Richie James, Middle Tennessee, 2015 (1,346 yards)
106	Tommy Shuler, Marshall, 2013 (1,165 yards)
105	Richie James, Middle Tennessee, 2016 (1,625 yards)
104	James Cleveland, Houston, 2009 (1,214 yards)
101	Dwayne Harris, East Carolina, 2010 (1,123 yards)
101	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1999 (1,209 yards)

SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS (C-USA)

1,803	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016 (136 catches)
1,752	Patrick Edwards, Houston, 2011 (89 catches)
1,730	Taywan Taylor, WKU, 2016 (98 catches)
1,718	Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021 (137 catches)
1,625	Richie James, Middle Tennessee, 2016 (105 catches)
1,535	Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech, 2016 (82 catches)
1,467	Taywan Taylor, WKU, 2015 (86 catches)
1,456	Donnie Avery, Houston, 2007 (91 catches)
1,452	Roddy White, UAB, 2004 (71 catches)
1,391	Michael Thomas, Southern Miss, 2015 (71 catches)

Sterns' 137 receptions rank seventh in FBS history, and with one game remaining for the excellent slot receiver, he will likely continue to climb that list.

FBS SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS

1.	Zay Jones, East Carolina, 2016	158
2.	Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green, 2009	155
3.	Manny Hazard, Houston, 1989	142
4.	Jordan White, Western Michigan, 2011	140
	Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech, 1998	140
6.	Nate Burleson, Nevada, 2002	138
7.	Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021	137
8.	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016	136
9.	Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech, 2007	134
	Trevor Insley, Nevada, 1999	134
	Howard Twilley, Tulsa, 1965	134
12.	Davante Adams, Fresno State, 2013	131
	Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma, 2010	131
13.	Alex Van Dyke, Nevada, 1995	129
15.	Brandin Cooks, Oregon State, 2013	128
	J.R. Tolver, San Diego State, 2002	128

AERIAL ASSAULT IN C-USA

Conference USA has been the home of some of the most prolific passing attacks in the FBS throughout the 2021 season. Two C-USA quarterbacks rank in the top-15 nationally in passing yardage per game - WKU's **Bailey Zappe** leads the FBS (426.5) and Marshall's **Grant Wells** is 15th (286.1).

Additionally, three C-USA signal-callers rank inside the top-20 nationally in passing touchdowns - Zappe leads the FBS (56), Charlotte's **Chris Reynolds** 16th (26) and UTSA's **Frank Harris** is 18th (25). C-USA quarterbacks also rank 2-3-6 nationally in yards per completion - FIU's **Max Bortenschlager** (16.49), UTEP's **Gavin Hardison** (15.94), and UAB's **Dylan Hopkins** (15.33).

C-USA RECEIVERS LIGHTING IT UP

With all the success of the quarterbacks in C-USA,

someone has to catch those passes, and in turn, C-USA receivers are all over the national leaderboards. In terms of receiving yards per game, three of the top-25 spots belong to receivers who hail from C-USA programs - WKU's **Jerreth Sterns** leads the way in the league and FBS (132.2), followed by UTEP's **Jacob Cowing**, who is sixth (110.8) and WKU's **Mitchell Tinsley** (99.9) is seventh.

Sterns (14), Tinsley (12) and UTSA **WR Zakhari Franklin** (11), are also inside the top-10 in receiving touchdowns, ranking third, sixth and 11th respectively, while FIU **WR Tyrese Chambers** ranks 24th (9).

Big plays are seen all over the field across C-USA, as four pass-catchers rank inside the national top-12 in terms of yards per reception, while a total of seven are inside the top-25 - UAB **WR Trea Shropshire** leads the nation (27.28) while Chambers is second (23.87), UAB **TE Gerrit Prince** is seventh (20.50), Cowing is 11th (19.85), Louisiana Tech **WR Bub Means** is 13th (19.55), Marshall **WR Willie Johnson** is 14th (19.53) and FIU **WR Bryce Singleton** is 24th (18.38).

TOP 25 POLLS AP TOP 25

Rank	Team	Conf.	LW
1.	Alabama (12-1) [50]	SEC	4
2.	Michigan (12-1) [9]	Big Ten	2
3.	Georgia (12-1)	SEC	1
4.	Cincinnati (13-0) [3]	AAC	3
5.	Notre Dame (11-1)	Ind.	6
6.	Baylor (11-2)	Big 12	9
7.	Ohio State (10-2)	Big Ten	7
8.	Ole Miss (10-2)	SEC	8
9.	Oklahoma State (11-2)	Big 12	5
10.	Utah (10-3)	Pac-12	14
11.	Michigan State (10-2)	Big Ten	11
12.	BYU (10-2)	Ind.	12
13.	Pittsburgh (11-2)	ACC	17
14.	Oklahoma (10-2)	Big 12	13
15.	Oregon (10-3)	Pac-12	10
16.	Louisiana (12-1)	Sun Belt	20
17.	Iowa (10-3)	Big Ten	15
18.	NC State (9-3)	ACC	21
19.	Clemson (9-3)	ACC	22
20.	Wake Forest (10-3)	ACC	18
21.	Houston (11-2)	AAC	16
22.	Arkansas (8-4)	SEC	23
23.	Texas A&M (8-4)	SEC	24
24.	UTSA (12-1)	C-USA	NR
25.	Kentucky (9-3)	SEC	25

Others Receiving Votes: Utah State 109; Wisconsin 66; San Diego State 63; Minnesota 38; Purdue 36; Appalachian State 9; Army 7; Mississippi State 4; Penn State 4; Northern Illinois 1.

USA TODAY AFCA COACHES TOP 25

Rank	Team	Conf.	LW
1.	Alabama (12-1) [54]	SEC	2
2.	Michigan (12-1) [5]	Big Ten	3
3.	Georgia (11-1)	SEC	1
4.	Cincinnati (13-0) [3]	AAC	4
5.	Notre Dame (11-1)	Ind.	6
6.	Baylor (11-2)	Big 12	9
7.	Ohio State (10-2)	Big Ten	7
8.	Ole Miss (10-2)	SEC	8
9.	Oklahoma State (11-2)	Big 12	5
10.	Michigan State (10-2)	Big Ten	13
11.	Utah (10-3)	Pac-12	17
12.	Pittsburgh (11-2)	ACC	15
13.	Oklahoma (10-2)	Big 12	11
14.	BYU (10-2)	Ind.	14
15.	Oregon (10-3)	Pac-12	10
16.	Iowa (10-3)	Big Ten	12

17.	Louisiana (12-1)	Sun Belt	21
18.	NC State (9-3)	Ind.	20
19.	Wake Forest (10-3)	ACC	18
20.	Kentucky (9-3)	SEC	22
21.	Houston (11-2)	AAC	16
22.	Clemson (9-3)	ACC	24
23.	Texas A&M (8-4)	SEC	23
24.	Arkansas (8-4)	SEC	25
25.	UTSA (12-1)	C-USA	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Wisconsin 105; Utah State 85; San Diego State 62; Minnesota 17; Air Force 15; Penn State 5; Fresno State 5; UCLA 3; Mississippi State 2; Coastal Carolina 2; Appalachian State 2; Purdue 1.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS

Rank	Team	Conf.	LW
1.	Alabama (12-1)	SEC	3
2.	Michigan (12-1)	Big Ten	2
3.	Georgia (12-1)	SEC	1
4.	Cincinnati (13-0)	AAC	4
5.	Notre Dame (11-1)	Ind.	6
6.	Ohio State (10-2)	Big Ten	7
7.	Baylor (11-2)	Big 12	9
8.	Ole Miss (10-2)	SEC	8
9.	Oklahoma State (11-2)	Big 12	5
10.	Michigan State (10-2)	Big Ten	11
11.	Utah (10-3)	Pac-12	17
12.	Pittsburgh (11-2)	ACC	15
13.	BYU (10-2)	Ind.	12
14.	Oregon (10-3)	Pac-12	10
15.	Iowa (10-3)	Big Ten	13
16.	Oklahoma (10-2)	Big 12	14
17.	Wake Forest (10-3)	ACC	16
18.	NC State (9-3)	ACC	18
19.	Clemson (9-3)	ACC	20
20.	Houston (11-2)	AAC	21
21.	Arkansas (8-4)	SEC	22
22.	Kentucky (9-3)	SEC	23
23.	Louisiana (12-1)	Sun Belt	24
24.	San Diego State (11-2)	MWC	19
25.	Texas A&M (8-4)	SEC	25

C-USA ADDS FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Conference USA announced on Nov. 5 that Jacksonville State University, Liberty University, New Mexico State University and Sam Houston State University will join the league on July 1, 2023.

Those actions were approved unanimously by the league's Board of Directors.

"We are incredibly excited about adding these four new members and feel there is tremendous upside in these moves for our conference," Conference USA Commissioner Judy MacLeod said. "This is a quality mix of established and emerging universities that provides us with a compelling group to continue to build with, focusing on competing for and winning championships well into the future. We have been deliberate in our efforts for the past few weeks to get us to this point and will continue to evaluate and consider our additional options for membership."

NCAA LEADERS (TEAM)

Below is a list of NCAA leaders among Conference USA programs:

3rd Down Conversion Percentage		
WKU	45.3%	20th
UTSA	45.2%	22nd

3rd Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)		
Florida Atlantic	31.8%	6th
UTEP	32.0%	9th



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4th Down Conversion Percentage

UTEP 72.7% 5th

4th Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

Louisiana Tech 40.0% 22nd
Old Dominion 40.0% 22nd

Blocked Kicks

Old Dominion 6 1st
Marshall 4 9th
Middle Tennessee 4 9th
Charlotte 3 21st
Rice 3 21st
UAB 3 21st

Blocked Punts

Old Dominion 4 1st
Middle Tennessee 2 17th
UAB 2 17th

Completion Percentage

WKU 68.7% 7th
Marshall 66.5% 20th
UTSA 65.3% 25th

Defensive Touchdowns

Middle Tennessee 6 1st
UTSA 5 4th
Southern Miss 4 6th
Louisiana Tech 3 12th
Charlotte 2 23rd
Florida Atlantic 2 23rd
North Texas 2 23rd
Old Dominion 2 23rd
UAB 2 23rd
WKU 2 23rd

Fewest Penalties

UTSA 62 25th

Fewest Penalties Per Game

UTSA 4.77 16th

First Downs (Defense)

Southern Miss 197 8th
UAB 217 20th

First Downs (Offense)

WKU 357 1st
UTSA 298 16th

Fumbles Lost

North Texas 4 13th

Fumbles Recovered

Middle Tennessee 15 1st
UTSA 13 3rd
Louisiana Tech 12 6th
North Texas 12 6th
Southern Miss 12 6th

Kickoff Return Defense

WKU 16.67 12th

Kickoff Returns

UTSA 24.75 23rd

Net Punting

UTSA 42.93 13th

Interceptions (For)

WKU 19 2nd
Middle Tennessee 16 5th
Rice 14 21st

Interceptions (Thrown)

UTSA 5 13th

Passing Offense

WKU 434.6 ypg 1st
Marshall 310.7 ypg 12th

Passing Yards Per Completion

UTEP 15.90 ypc 3rd
FIU 15.72 ypc 4th
UAB 15.29 ypc 6th

Punt Return Defense

Charlotte 2.75 9th

Punt Returns

Middle Tennessee 17.24 4th
Old Dominion 11.60 21st

Red Zone Defense

Southern Miss 70.3% 5th
Florida Atlantic 71.4% 8th
Marshall 72.2% 9th
UTEP 74.5% 19th

Red Zone Offense

WKU 91.4% 14th
UTSA 89.8% 21st

Rushing Defense

UAB 104.2 ypg 11th
UTSA 111.5 ypg 14th

Rushing Offense

North Texas 245.2 ypg 3rd

Sacks Allowed

WKU 1.23 per game 12th
North Texas 1.33 per game 15th
Marshall 1.42 per game 20th
UTEP 1.42 per game 20th
UTSA 1.46 per game 24th

Sacks

Marshall 3.17 per game 12th

Scoring Offense

WKU 43.1 ppg 2nd
UTSA 37.8 ppg 12th

Team Passing Efficiency

WKU 166.77 5th
UAB 156.09 17th
UTSA 154.13 21st

Team Passing Efficiency Defense

Marshall 115.23 13th
UTEP 119.63 23rd

Team Tackles for Loss

Middle Tennessee 6.8 per game 22nd

Total Defense

UAB 323.3 ypg 16th

Total Offense

WKU 527.5 ypg 2nd
Marshall 470.8 ypg 10th

Turnovers Forced

Middle Tennessee 31 1st
WKU 27 4th
UTSA 25 8th
Southern Miss 23 14th
Florida Atlantic 21 25th
Louisiana Tech 21 25th

Turnover Margin

UTSA +13 2nd
Middle Tennessee +11 6th
WKU +8 22nd

Turnovers Lost

UTSA 12 23rd

NCAA LEADERS (INDIVIDUAL)

Below is a list of NCAA leaders among Conference USA individuals:

All-Purpose

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 139.58 ypg 11th
Jerreth Sterns, WKU 138.92 ypg 12th
Sincere McCormick, UTSA 127.92 ypg 21st

Blocked Kicks

Grayson Cash, UAB 2 2nd
TJ Johnson, Marshall 2 2nd
Dion Novil, North Texas 2 2nd

Combined Kick Returns

Camron Harrell, Southern Miss 662 12th
Shadrick Byrd, Charlotte 616 18th
Beanie Bishop, WKU 591 21st

Completion Percentage

Bailey Zappe, WKU 69.2% 9th
Grant Wells, Marshall 66.8% 24th

Completions Per Game

Bailey Zappe, WKU 34.00 2nd
Grant Wells, Marshall 23.33 14th

Passing Efficiency

Bailey Zappe, WKU 167.3 7th
Dylan Hopkins, UAB 164.5 11th

Passing TDs

Bailey Zappe, WKU 56 1st
Chris Reynolds, Charlotte 26 16th
Frank Harris, UTSA 25 18th

Passing Yards

Bailey Zappe, WKU 5,545 1st
Grant Wells, Marshall 3,433 13th

Passing Yards Per Game

Bailey Zappe, WKU 426.5 1st
Grant Wells, Marshall 286.1 15th

Passing Yards Per Completion

Max Bortenschlager, FIU 16.49 2nd
Gavin Hardison, UTEP 15.94 3rd
Dylan Hopkins, UAB 15.33 6th



QUICK HITTERS

Field Goal Percentage

Ethan Mooney, North Texas 84.6% 18th

Field Goals Per Game

Hunter Duplessis, UTSA 1.77 4th
 Brayden Narveson, WKU 1.69 8th
 Nick Rice, Old Dominion 1.58 14th

Fumbles Recovered

Ezekiel Barnett, Louisiana Tech 3 3rd
 Reed Blankenship, MTSU 3 3rd
 Jordan Brown, North Texas 3 3rd
 Lorenzo Dantzler, UTSA 3 3rd
 Jordan Helm, Florida Atlantic 3 3rd
 Santrell Latham, Southern Miss 3 3rd
 13 Players 2 21st

Kickoff Returns

LaMareon Jones, Old Dominion 26.3 ypr 19th
 Camron Harrell, Southern Miss 25.5 ypr 25th

Points Responsible For

Bailey Zappe, WKU 358 1st
 Frank Harris, UTSA 192 17th
 Chris Reynolds, Charlotte 182 21st

Points Responsible For Per Game

Bailey Zappe, WKU 27.5 1st
 Chris Reynolds, Charlotte 16.5 19th

Punt Returns

Jaylin Lane, MTSU 16.9 ypr 1st
 Sheldon Jones, UTSA 12.0 ypr 6th
 Isiah Page, Old Dominion 10.9 ypr 10th
 Smoke Harris, Louisiana Tech 8.9 ypr 18th

Punting

Tommy Heatherly, FIU 46.8 8th
 Matt Hayball, Florida Atlantic 45.7 17th
 Lucas Dean, UTSA 45.4 19th

Receiving TDs

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 14 3rd
 Mitchell Tinsley, WKU 12 6th
 Zakhari Franklin, UTSA 11 11th
 Tyrese Chambers, FIU 9 24th

Receiving Yards

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 1,718 1st
 Jacob Cowing, UTEP 1,330 6th
 Mitchell Tinsley, WKU 1,299 7th

Receiving Yards Per Game

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 132.2 1st
 Jacob Cowing, UTEP 110.8 8th
 Mitchell Tinsley, WKU 99.9 14th
 Tyrese Chambers, FIU 89.5 25th

Receptions Per Game

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 10.5 1st

Rush Yards Per Carry

DeWayne McBride, UAB 6.75 4th
 Johnny Ford, Florida Atlantic 6.34 12th

Rushing TDs

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 20 1st
 Sincere McCormick, UTSA 15 10th
 DeAndre Torrey, North Texas 13 24th

Rushing Yards

Sincere McCormick, UTSA 1,479 5th
 Rasheen Ali, Marshall 1,241 17th
 DeAndre Torrey, North Texas 1,215 19th
 DeWayne McBride, UAB 1,188 20th

Rushing Yards Per Game

Sincere McCormick, UTSA 113.8 7th
 Blake Watson, Old Dominion 103.5 16th
 Rasheen Ali, Marshall 103.4 18th
 DeAndre Torrey, North Texas 101.2 20th
 DeWayne McBride, UAB 99.0 24th

Scoring (Points Per Game)

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 11.0 ppg 2nd
 Brayden Narveson, WKU 10.0 ppg 4th
 Hunter Duplessis, UTSA 9.9 ppg 8th

Solo Tackles Per Game

Reed Blankenship, MTSU 5.9 7th

Tackles for Loss Per Game

DQ Thomas, MTSU 1.4 11th
 Jordan Ferguson, MTSU 1.3 16th
 DeAngelo Malone, WKU 1.3 21st

Total Interceptions

Quincy Riley, MTSU 5 2nd
 Naeem Smith, Rice 4 11th

Total Offense

Bailey Zappe, WKU 428.2 ypg 1st
 Grant Wells, Marshall 291.8 ypg 18th

Total Points Scored

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 132 2nd
 Brayden Narveson, WKU 130 3rd
 Hunter Duplessis, UTSA 129 4th

Total Tackles

KD Davis, North Texas 8.9 25th

Total Touchdowns

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 22 2nd
 Sincere McCormick, UTSA 15 21st

Yards Per Pass Attempt

Dylan Hopkins, UAB 9.83 4th
 Gavin Hardison, UTEP 8.93 15th
 Bailey Zappe, WKU 8.66 23rd

Yards Per Reception

Trea Shropshire, UAB 27.28 1st
 Tyrese Chambers, FIU 23.87 2nd
 Gerrit Prince, UAB 20.50 7th
 Jacob Cowing, UTEP 19.85 11th
 Bub Means, Louisiana Tech 19.55 13th
 Willie Johnson, Marshall 19.53 14th
 Bryce Singleton, FIU 18.26 24th

2021 SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

Here's a look at C-USA's non-league FBS opponents by conference during the 2021 season:

ACC: Duke, NC State, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest

American: East Carolina, Houston, Memphis, Navy, SMU (2), Tulane

Big 12: Texas, Texas Tech

Big Ten: Illinois (2), Indiana, Michigan State

MAC: Buffalo, Central Michigan

Mountain West: Air Force, Boise State, New Mexico, UNLV

SEC: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi State, Missouri

Sun Belt: Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, South Alabama, Texas State, Troy

Independent: Army, UConn, Liberty (4), New Mexico State

NATIONAL AWARD SEMIFINALISTS

Several C-USA players have been named to official 2021 award watch lists or as semifinalists (as of Dec. 14):

BILETNIKOFF (WIDE RECEIVER) SEMIFINALIST

Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU

DAVEY O'BRIEN (QUARTERBACK) SEMIFINALISTS

Frank Harris, Sr., UTSA
 Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

DOAK WALKER (RUNNING BACK) SEMIFINALIST

Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA

MANNELLY (LONG SNAPPER)

Reeves Blankenship, Jr., Louisiana Tech

MANNING (QUARTERBACK) FINALIST

Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

WALTER CAMP (OUTSTANDING PLAYER) SEMIFINALIST

Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD FINALISTS (BEST PLAYER WITH TEXAS TIES)

Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA
 Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

EDDIE ROBINSON COACH OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Jeff Traylor, UTSA

PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT COACH OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Jeff Traylor, UTSA

AFCA REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR (REGION 4)

Jeff Traylor, UTSA

C-USA POSTSEASON AWARDS

Conference USA postseason awards and the All-Conference/All Freshman Teams are voted on by the league's 14 head football coaches.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

QB Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

RB Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DE DeAngelo Malone, Sr., WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

P Tommy Heatherly, Sr., FIU

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

WR Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

WR Elijah Spencer, Fr., Charlotte

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Traylor, UTSA



BROADCAST INFORMATION/CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

QB: Bailey Zappe, Gr., WKU
 RB: Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA
 RB: Rasheen Ali, RS Fr., Marshall
 WR: Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU
 WR: Jacob Cowing, So., UTEP
 WR: Zakhari Franklin, Jr., UTSA
 TE: Zack Kuntz, RS So., Old Dominion
 OL: Alex Mollette, RS Sr., Marshall
 OL: Cole Spencer, RS Sr., WKU
 OL: Spencer Burford, Sr., UTSA
 OL: Colby Ragland, RS Sr., UAB
 OL: Mason Brooks, Jr., WKU

DEFENSE

DE: Praise Amaewhule, RS So., UTEP
 DT: Elijah Garcia, RS Sr., Rice
 DT: Tyree Turner, RS Sr., UAB
 DE: DeAngelo Malone, Sr., WKU
 LB: KD Davis, Jr., North Texas
 LB: Abraham Beuplan, Jr., Marshall
 LB: Clarence Hicks, Sr., UTSA
 DB: Reed Blankenship, Sr., Middle Tennessee
 DB: Rashad Wisdom, Jr., UTSA
 DB: Beanie Bishop, RS So., WKU
 DB: Quincy Riley, RS Fr., Middle Tennessee

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Hunter Duplessis, Sr., UTSA
 P: Tommy Heatherly, Sr., FIU
 LS: Reeves Blankenship, Jr., Louisiana Tech
 KR: Camron Harrell, Jr., Southern Miss
 PR: Jaylin Lane, Fr., Middle Tennessee

SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

QB: Frank Harris, Sr., UTSA
 RB: DeWayne McBride, So., UAB
 RB: DeAndre Torrey, Sr., North Texas
 WR: Mitchell Tinsley, Jr., WKU
 WR: Jason Brownlee, Jr., Southern Miss
 WR: Tyrese Chambers, So., FIU
 TE: Gerrit Prince, RS Sr., UAB
 OL: Will Ulmer, RS Sr., Marshall
 OL: Quantavious Leslie, Fr., WKU
 OL: Ahofitu Maka, Sr., UTSA
 OL: Manase Mose, Jr., North Texas
 OL: Boe Wilson, Gr., WKU

DEFENSE

DE: Jordan Ferguson, RS Jr., Middle Tennessee
 DT: Dion Novil, Sr., North Texas
 DT: Jaylon Haynes, Sr., UTSA
 DE: Alex Wright, Jr., UAB
 LB: Breon Hayward, RS Jr., UTEP
 LB: Tyler Grubbs, So., Louisiana Tech
 LB: DQ Thomas, Sr., Middle Tennessee
 DB: Steven Gilmore, Jr., Marshall
 DB: Micah Abraham, So., Marshall
 DB: Grayson Cash, RS Jr., UAB
 DB: Richard Dames, Sr., FIU

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Brayden Narveson, RS So., WKU
 P: Lucas Dean, Jr., UTSA
 LS: Caleb Cantrell, Sr., UTSA
 KR: Jayden Harrison, RS So., Marshall
 PR: Smoke Harris, Jr., Louisiana Tech

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

OFFENSE

QB: Nicholas Vattiato, Middle Tennessee
 RB: Shadrack Byrd, Charlotte
 RB: Ayo Adeyi, North Texas
 WR: Bub Means, Louisiana Tech
 WR: Elijah Spencer, Charlotte
 TE: Dan Dishman, UTSA
 OL: Trey Bedosky, UAB

OL: Gabe Blair, North Texas
 OL: Santana Saunders, Old Dominion

DEFENSE

DE: Amorie Morrison, Old Dominion
 DT: Roderick Brown, North Texas
 DT: Brandon Brown, UTSA
 DE: Ben Bell, Louisiana Tech
 LB: Jason Henderson, Old Dominion
 LB: Aidan Siano, Rice
 DB: Jordan Dunbar, Rice
 DB: Sean Fresch, Rice
 DB: Mac McWilliams, UAB
 DB: Deidrick Stanley, Middle Tennessee

SPECIAL TEAMS

P: Bailey Rice, Charlotte
 KR: Shadrack Byrd, Charlotte
 PR: Isiah Paige, Old Dominion
 LS: Jake Bowman, WKU

2021 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

C-USA names Players of the Week each Monday during the season. The awards are voted on by a media panel with one representative in each league city.

OFFENSE

A30 Jacob Cowing, WR, UTEP
 S6 Chris Reynolds, QB, Charlotte
 S13 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU and N'Kosi Perry, QB, Florida Atlantic
 S20 Gerrit Prince, TE, UAB
 S27 Chris Reynolds, QB, Charlotte
 O4 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
 O11 Frank Harris, QB, UTSA
 O18 Jerreth Sterns, WR, WKU
 O25 Wiley Green, QB, Rice
 N1 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
 N8 DeWayne McBride, RB, UAB
 N15 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
 N22 Frank Harris, QB, UTSA
 N29 Ali Jennings, WR, Old Dominion

DEFENSE

A30 Dy'Vonny Inyang, S, UTEP
 S6 Eli Neal, LB, Marshall
 S13 BeeJay Williamson, DB, Louisiana Tech
 S20 Trumane Bell II, DL, UTSA
 S27 Clarence Hicks, LB, UTSA
 O4 Reed Blankenship, S, Middle Tennessee
 O11 Alex Wright, DE, UAB
 O18 Jadrian Taylor, DE, UTEP
 O25 Gabe Taylor, S, Rice
 N1 DQ Thomas, LB, Middle Tennessee
 N8 Beanie Bishop, DB, WKU
 N15 Jason Henderson, LB, Old Dominion
 N22 Clarence Hicks, LB, UTSA
 N29 DeAngelo Malone, DE, WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS

A30 Gavin Baechle, K, UTEP
 S6 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
 S13 Sheldon Jones, PR, UTSA
 S20 Kyle Greenwell, P, UAB
 S27 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
 O4 Camron Harrell, KR, Southern Miss
 O11 Shadrack Byrd, KR, Charlotte
 O18 Grayson Cash, S, UAB
 O25 Brayden Narveson, K, WKU
 N1 Nick Rice, K, Old Dominion
 N8 Jayden Harrison, KR, Marshall
 N15 R'Tarriun Johnson, KR, Old Dominion
 N22 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
 N29 Brayden Narveson, K, WKU

REESE'S SENIOR BOWL INVITES

Spencer Burford, OL, UTSA
 DeAngelo Malone, DE, WKU
 D'Vonte Price, RB, FIU
 Tariq Woolen, S, UTSA
 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU

WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at C-USA overtime games in 2021 and all-time.

2021 C-USA Overtimes

Texas State 23, FIU 17 (OT) - 9/11/21
 Marshall 20, Old Dominion 13 (OT) - 10/9/21
 North Texas 30, Rice 24 (OT) - 10/30/21
 Charlotte 31, Rice 24 (OT) - 11/6/2021

Overtime Records - 1996-2021

Teams	All Games	C-USA Games
Charlotte	2-3	2-1
FIU	4-6	0-1
Florida Atlantic	2-5	0-1
Louisiana Tech	4-8	2-2
Marshall	8-5	6-4
Middle Tennessee	6-5	4-2
North Texas	3-2	2-0
Old Dominion	1-1	1-1
Rice	6-9	3-5
Southern Miss	5-7	4-7
UAB	4-8	4-4
UTEP	7-5	4-2
UTSA	2-2	1-1
WKU	7-3	3-1

EAST VS. WEST

Here's a look at how the cross-division games have fared since C-USA went to two divisions in 2005:

2021:	West 9, East 6
2020:	East 6, West 6
2019:	East 10, West 5
2018:	East 9, West 6
2017:	East 9, West 6
2016:	East 10, West 7
2015:	East 9, West 8
2014:	West 9, East 8
2013:	West 10, East 5
2012:	West 10, East 9
2011:	West 11, East 8
2010:	East 10, West 9
2009:	East 13, West 6
2008:	West 10, East 9
2007:	East 14, West 5
2006:	West 13, East 6
2005:	East 12, West 7





2021 FOOTBALL RELEASE

STANDINGS

	MAC						OVERALL						Bowl Opp.	
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A		N
EAST DIVISION														
Kent State	6	2	.750	W2	4-0	2-2	7	6	.538	L1	5-0	2-5	0-1	Wyoming
Miami	5	3	.625	L1	4-0	1-3	6	6	.500	L1	5-0	1-6	0-0	North Texas
Ohio	3	5	.375	L2	1-3	2-2	3	9	.250	L2	1-5	2-4	0-0	--
Buffalo	2	6	.250	L4	1-3	1-3	4	8	.333	L4	2-4	2-4	0-0	--
Bowling Green	2	6	.250	W1	1-3	1-3	4	8	.333	W1	2-4	2-4	0-0	--
Akron	1	7	.125	L6	0-4	1-3	2	10	.167	L5	1-5	1-5	0-0	--
WEST DIVISION														
Northern Illinois	6	2	.750	L1	3-1	3-1	9	4	.692	W1	4-1	4-3	1-0	Coastal Carolina
Central Michigan	6	2	.750	W4	3-1	3-1	8	4	.667	W4	5-1	3-3	0-0	Boise State
Toledo	5	3	.625	W3	2-2	3-1	7	5	.583	W3	3-3	4-2	0-0	Middle Tenn.
Eastern Michigan	4	4	.500	L1	2-2	2-2	7	5	.583	L1	4-2	3-3	0-0	Liberty
Western Michigan	4	4	.500	W1	2-2	2-2	7	5	.583	W1	4-2	3-3	0-0	Nevada
Ball State	4	4	.500	W1	1-3	3-1	6	6	.500	W1	3-3	3-3	0-0	Georgia State

BOWL SEASON

Friday, December 17

Toledo vs. Middle Tennessee State, Bahamas Bowl, Noon ET (ESPN)
 Northern Illinois vs. Coastal Carolina, Tailgreeter Cure Bowl, 6 PM ET (ESPN2)

Saturday, December 18

Eastern Michigan vs. Liberty, Lending Tree Bowl, 5:45 PM ET (ESPN)

Tuesday, December 21

Kent State vs. Wyoming, Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 3:30 PM ET (ESPN)

Thursday, December 23

Miami vs. North Texas, Frisco Football Classic, 3:30 PM ET (ESPN)

Saturday, December 25

Ball State vs. Georgia State, Camellia Bowl, 2:30 PM ET (ESPN)

Monday, December 27

Western Michigan vs. Nevada, Quick Lane Bowl, 11 AM ET (ESPN)

Friday, December 31

Central Michigan vs. Boise State, Barstool Sports Arizona Bowl, 2 PM ET (Barstool Sports)

2 MINUTE DRILL

- A MAC-record eight programs have accepted bowl invitations for the 2021 bowl season. The eight bowl invitations tops the Conference mark of seven set in 2012 and 2015.

- This marks the sixth time in MAC history that six or more programs have received a bowl invitation (2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2021) in a single season. This also marks the 13th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021) in a single-season.

- The 2021 Northern Illinois University Huskies (9-4, 6-2 MAC) completed a historic "worst to first" journey to the school's sixth MAC title all-time - and fifth win in the MAC Championship game since 2011 - with a 41-23 victory over Kent State at Ford Field in Detroit.

- Northern Illinois University head football coach Thomas Hammock, who led the 2021 Huskies to the Mid-American Conference Championship and a 9-4 record, has been named a finalist for the 2021 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, the Football Writer's Association of America (FWAA) and Allstate Sugar Bowl.

- Bowling Green placekicker Nate Needham was named to the 2021 Football Writers Association of America's (FWAA) All-America team, presented by the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. He was named to the first team as a placekicker and is the only player from the Mid-American Conference to earn All-America accolades in 2021 from the FWAA.

- The Rockets will be playing in their 19th bowl game in program history and their sixth in the last eight seasons. Toledo is in the Bahamas Bowl for the second time in the last four seasons after accepting an invitation to play in 2018. The Rockets own a record of 11-7 in bowl games. Toledo has now been bowl eligible for 11 straight seasons - every year since 2010, excluding 2020 in which bowl eligibility requirements were waived due to COVID (Toledo was 4-2 in 2020).

- NIU will play in its 14th bowl game as a Division I FBS program and in its 19th bowl all-time. This year's game marks the Huskies' 11th bowl game in the last 14 seasons. The Huskies are looking to become just the second NIU team - and the first since 2011 - to win the MAC Championship Game and a bowl game in the same season.

MAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, December 4

Northern Illinois 41, Kent State 23
Huskies claim sixth MAC title in school history



POSTSEASON AWARDS



MAC Coach of the Year

**Thomas Hammock, Northern Illinois
3rd Season, (NIU, 2002)**

Hammock led the Huskies, the second-youngest team in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), to the MAC West Division title and eight wins in 2021, including seven by one score or less. NIU opened the 2021 season with a 22-21 "Boneyard" win at Georgia Tech after scoring a touchdown and two-point conversion with 38 seconds to play. In all, NIU won four games by two points or less and another in overtime en route to an 8-4 record. The Huskies' third-year mentor is the fourth NIU head coach to be named MAC Coach of the Year, joining a list that includes Bill Mallory (1983), Joe Novak (2002) and Rod Carey (2013).



Vern Smith Leadership Award

**Dustin Crum, Kent State, Quarterback
Graduate, Grafton, Ohio // Midview**

Crum joins running back Eric Wilkerson who earned the Player of the Year honor in 1987 as the only Kent State players to win the award and took home first-team all-conference honors as well. Crum has had a stellar season in which he has thrown for 2,794 yards and 15 touchdowns against four interceptions while completing 65 percent of his passes. The quarterback has also been a threat on the ground, running for 565 yards, tops amongst quarterbacks, and 11 rushing touchdowns.



Offensive Player of the Year

**Lew Nichols III, Central Michigan, Running Back
R-Freshman, Detroit, Mich. / Cass Technical**

Nichols, a redshirt freshman running back from Detroit, earned the MAC Freshman of the Year Award in 2020. He leads the nation in rushing with 1,710 yards and in all-purpose yardage with 2,010 yards. Nichols is the sixth Chippewa to be named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year and the first since Dan LeFevour in 2009.



Defensive Player of the Year

**Ali Fayad, Western Michigan, Defensive Line
Senior, Dearborn, Mich / Dearborn**

Fayad leads the Conference and is seventh in the nation in sacks with 11.5. He also leads the league in tackles for loss with 15.0, good for 21st in the FBS. Overall, Fayad has 35 tackles and has recorded at least half a sack in nine of 12 games.



Freshman of the Year

**Jay Ducker, Northern Illinois, Running Back
Freshman, Bellevue, Neb. / Bellevue West**

Ducker, who leads NIU and ranks fourth in the MAC in rushing with 889 yards on 165 carries, has five 100-yard rushing games since taking over tailback duties in the seventh game of the season. He ran for 210 yards on 33 carries versus Bowling Green on October 16 to record the first 200-yard rushing game by a Huskie since 2013 and followed that with a 183-yard game at Central Michigan. Ducker is the fourth Huskie to be named the MAC Freshman of the Year, but only the second since 1985. He is the first running back to earn the honor for NIU, following quarterbacks Pete Genatempo (1984), Marshall Taylor (1985) and Marcus Childers (2017).



Special Teams Player of the Year

**Kalil Pimpleton, Central Michigan, Wide Receiver
Junior, Muskegon, Mich. / Muskegon**

Pimpleton, who hails from Muskegon, leads the MAC in average punt return yardage, 20.25 yards, and returned two punts for touchdowns this season. Both of those returns for touchdowns came in a 42-30 victory at Western Michigan; one covered a CMU-record 97 yards and stands as the third-longest punt return in MAC history. It marks the third time in CMU history that a Chippewa has earned the MAC Special Teams Player of the Year Award. Antonio Brown brought home the honor to Mount Pleasant in 2008-09.



2021 FOOTBALL RELEASE

Coach of the Year: Thomas Hammock, Northern Illinois
Offensive Player of the Year: Lew Nichols III, RB, Central Michigan
Defensive Player of the Year: Ali Fayad, DL, Western Michigan
Special Teams Player of the Year: Kalil Pimpleton, PR, Central Michigan
Freshman of the Year: Jay Ducker, RB, Northern Illinois
Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner: Dustin Crum, QB, Kent State

2021 All-MAC First Team Offense

Quarterback - Dustin Crum, Kent State
Offensive Lineman - Sidy Sow, Eastern Michigan
Offensive Lineman - Bernhard Raimann, Central Michigan
Offensive Lineman - Luke Goedeke, Central Michigan
Offensive Lineman - Bryce Harris, Toledo
Offensive Lineman - Mike Caliendo, Western Michigan
Tight End - Christian Sims, Bowling Green
Wide Receiver - Kalil Pimpleton, Central Michigan
Wide Receiver - Dante Cephas, Kent State
Wide Receiver - Jack Sorenson, Miami
Wide Receiver - Skyy Moore, Western Michigan
Running Back - Lew Nichols III, Central Michigan
Running Back - Bryant Koback, Toledo
Placekicker - Nate Needham, Bowling Green

2021 All-MAC First Team Defense

Down Lineman - Troy Hairston, Central Michigan
Down Lineman - Kameron Butler, Miami
Down Lineman - Jamal Hines, Toledo
Down Lineman - Ali Fayad, Western Michigan
Linebacker - Darren Anders, Bowling Green
Linebacker - James Patterson, Buffalo
Linebacker - Troy Brown, Central Michigan
Linebacker - Ivan Pace Jr. Miami
Defensive Back - Bryce Cosby, Ball State
Defensive Back - Elvis Hines, Kent State
Defensive Back - C.J. Brown, Northern Illinois
Defensive Back - Sam Womack, Toledo
Defensive Back - Tycen Anderson, Toledo
Punter - Nathan Snyder, Ball State

2021 All-MAC First Team Specialists

Kickoff Return Specialist - Justin Hall, Ball State
Punt Return Specialist - Kalil Pimpleton, Central Michigan

2021 All-MAC Second Team Offense

Quarterback - Kaleb Eleby, Western Michigan
Offensive Lineman - Curtis Blackwell, Ball State
Offensive Lineman - Jake Fuzak, Buffalo
Offensive Lineman - Bill Kuduk, Kent State
Offensive Lineman - Nolan Potter, Northern Illinois
Offensive Lineman - Brayden Patton, Northern Illinois
Tight End - Tristian Brank, Akron
Wide Receiver - Konata Mumpfield, Akron
Wide Receiver - Justin Hall, Ball State
Wide Receiver - Hassan Beydoun, Eastern Michigan
Wide Receiver - Trayvon Rudolph, Northern Illinois
Running Back - Marquez Cooper, Kent State
Running Back - Sean Tyler, Western Michigan
Placekicker - Chad Ryland, Eastern Michigan

POSTSEASON AWARDS

2021 All-MAC Second Team Defense

Down Lineman - Daymond Williams, Buffalo
Down Lineman - Lonnie Phelps, Miami
Down Lineman - Desjuan Johnson, Toledo
Down Lineman - Ralph Holley, Western Michigan
Linebacker - Jaylin Thomas, Ball State
Linebacker - Matthew Salopek, Miami
Linebacker - Jonathan Jones, Toledo
Linebacker - Zaire Barnes, Western Michigan
Defensive Back - Jordan Anderson, Bowling Green
Defensive Back - Devonni Reed, Central Michigan
Defensive Back - Sterling Weatherford, Miami
Defensive Back - Dorian Jackson, Western Michigan
Punter - Jake Julien, Eastern Michigan

2021 All-MAC Second Team Specialists

Kickoff Return Specialist - Trayvon Rudolph, Northern Illinois
Punt Return Specialist - Devin Maddox, Toledo

2021 All-MAC Third Team Offense

Quarterback - Brett Gabbert, Miami
Offensive Lineman - Jack Klenk, Buffalo
Offensive Lineman - Brian Dooley, Eastern Michigan
Offensive Lineman - Nathan Monnin, Kent State
Offensive Lineman - Logan Zschernitz, Northern Illinois
Offensive Lineman - Vitaliy Gurman, Toledo
Tight End - Thomas Odukoya, Eastern Michigan
Wide Receiver - Quian Williams, Buffalo
Wide Receiver - Dallas Dixon, Central Michigan
Wide Receiver - JaCorey Sullivan, Central Michigan
Wide Receiver - Mac Hippenhammer, Miami
Running Back - Dylan McDuffie, Buffalo
Running Back - Clint Ratkovich, Northern Illinois
Placekicker - Andrew Glass, Kent State

2021 All-MAC Third Team Defense

Down Lineman - Karl Brooks, Bowling Green
Down Lineman - Jose Ramirez, Eastern Michigan
Down Lineman - Dominique Robinson, Miami
Down Lineman - James Ester, Northern Illinois
Linebacker - Lance Deveaux, Northern Illinois
Linebacker - Bryce Houston, Ohio
Linebacker - Dyontae Johnson, Toledo
Linebacker - Corvin Moment, Western Michigan
Defensive Back - Devin Taylor, Bowling Green
Defensive Back - Jordan Gandy, Northern Illinois
Defensive Back - Tariq Drake, Ohio
Defensive Back - Maxen Hook, Toledo
Punter - Matt Naranjo, Bowling Green

2021 All-MAC Third Team Specialists

Kickoff Return Specialist - Ron Cook, Buffalo
Kickoff Return Specialist - Marion Lukes, Central Michigan



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First-time Dance Partners

This year's Bowl Season features 18 match ups in which the teams had never previously played each other. There are five other bowl games in which there was only one previous meeting.

Bowl Season Gameday Live

Bowl Season is excited to introduce Bowl Season Gameday Live — the best way for any college football fan to follow all the bowl games this year. Bowl Season Gameday Live is a landing page at BowlSeason.com where fans can access live coverage of each and every bowl game. The page includes live tv broadcasts, radio and real-time stats for every bowl game in action that day and throughout Bowl Season. Bowl Season Gameday Live can be accessed at BowlSeason.com.

Bowl Season Radio

Bowl Season and First Team Ventures have joined together to form [Bowl Season Radio](http://BowlSeasonRadio.com), which will provide exclusive live national radio/audio play-by-play coverage for 18 college bowl games this season. Bowl Season Radio will air on terrestrial radio stations throughout the country, as well as Sirius XM satellite radio. In addition, the games will stream live on Tune-In, Audacy and The Varsity Network apps.

The 2021-22 Bowl Season Radio schedule includes (satellite radio channel):

Bahamas Bowl (Sirius 137 XM 202)	Military Bowl presented by Peraton (SXM 84)
Tailgreeter Cure Bowl (Sirius 137 XM 202)	TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl (SXM 84)
Cricket Celebration Bowl (SXM 84)	SERVPRO First Responder Bowl (SXM 84)
Radiance Technology Independence Bowl (SXM 84)	Wasabi Fenway Bowl (Sirius 137 XM 202)
LendingTree Bowl (SXM 81)	Duke's Mayo Bowl (Sirius 137 XM 202)
Myrtle Beach Bowl (SXM 84)	SBS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl (SXM 83)
Tropical Smoothie Café Frisco Bowl (SXM 84)	Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl (Sirius 137 XM 202)
Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl (SXM 84)	Outback Bowl (SXM 83)
Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl (SXM 84)	TaxAct Texas Bowl (SXM 84)

Bowl Season Stories

Bowl Season launched its official **podcast** this year – Bowl Season Stories. Executive Director Nick Carparelli hosts entertaining segments with Bowl Season legends, college football media and bowl executive directors, discussing their bowl memories and great moments, and celebrating all that is great about Bowl Season. Guests have included Tony Dorsett, Kirk Herbstreit, Rocket Ismail and Joel Klatt, among others. Subscribe wherever you get podcasts or go to bowlseason.com/podcasts to listen to this year's shows.

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Bowl Season Schedule

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TODAY'S GAMES

Bahamas Bowl – 12:00 p.m. ET

Middle Tennessee (6-6) vs. Toledo (7-5)

Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium – Nassau, Bahamas - ESPN

Middle Tennessee (Conference USA)

- Since turning FBS in 1999, the Blue Raiders are 3-4 vs the MAC
- The Bahamas Bowl will mark the 13th bowl Middle Tennessee has participated in during its football history but ninth in the FBS era. They have a 3-9 bowl record.
- The Blue Raiders had three first team selections, two on the second team, and four honorable mention picks. Safety Reed Blankenship, defensive back Quincy Riley and punt returner Jaylin Lane were the three Blue Raiders on the first unit.

Toledo (MAC)

- Toledo is 11-7 all-time in bowl games and has a streak of 12 consecutive seasons without a losing record as well as 11 straight years of being bowl eligible.
- Eleven members of the University of Toledo football team earned All-MAC honors. The 11 honorees are the most for Toledo since placing 12 players on All-MAC teams in 2016.
- For the Rockets, their six turnovers, two interceptions and four lost fumbles, are the fewest lost by any team at the FBS level.
- Toledo had both the number one scoring offense and the number one scoring defense in the MAC.

Odds and Ends

- The Bahamas Bowl is the longest-running international bowl game in college football history. It debuted in 2014.
- This is the first-ever meeting between Middle Tennessee and Toledo.

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Tailgreeter Cure Bowl – 6:00 p.m. ET
Northern Illinois (9-4) vs. Coastal Carolina (10-2)
Exploria Stadium - Orlando, Florida – ESPN2

Northern Illinois (MAC)

- The MAC Champion Huskies are making their fourth trip to the Sunshine State, which includes appearances in the 2012 Orange Bowl, 2014 and 2018 Boca Raton Bowl.
- NIU will make its 19th appearance all-time in a postseason bowl, and its 14th appearance as a FBS team. The Cure Bowl appearance will be NIU's 11th bowl game in the last 14 seasons.
- The Huskies are ranked fifth nationally in rushing offense (234.2), ninth in red zone offense (.920) and 10th in time of possession (33:03).
- NIU completed a “worst to first” regular season in 2021 with an eight-game improvement in the win column, tied for the second-best improvement in FBS.

Coastal Carolina (Sun Belt)

- The Chanticleers are making their second-straight appearance in the Tailgreeter Cure Bowl. They made their postseason debut last season in a Top 25 matchup vs. Liberty.
- The prolific Coastal Carolina offense leads the nation in team passing efficiency (190.63) and third down conversion pct. (.541).
- Quarterback Grayson McCall was selected as the Sun Belt Player of the Year for the second-straight season after totaling 2,558 yards through the air and 23 touchdowns.

Odds and Ends

- The Cure Bowl is a platform to help raise funds for cancer research. Since 2015, the bowl has raised a collective \$3.88 million.
- This is the first time the two programs are meeting on the football field.

Conference Teams in Bowls:

- SEC: 13
- ACC: 10
- Big Ten: 9
- Conference USA: 8
- Mountain West: 8
- MAC: 8
- American Athletic: 7
- Big 12: 7
- Pac 12: 6
- Sun Belt: 4
- Independents: 4

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Next Games Up

- RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl (Saturday, Dec. 18/11:00 a.m. ET, ESPN)
Western Kentucky vs. Appalachian State
- Cricket Celebration Bowl (Saturday, Dec. 18/12:00 p.m. ET, ABC)
South Carolina State vs. Jackson State
- PUBG Mobile New Mexico Bowl (Saturday, Dec. 18/2:15 p.m. ET, ESPN)
UTEP vs. Fresno State
- Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl (Saturday, Dec. 18/3:30 p.m. ET, ABC)
UAB vs. No. 13 BYU
- LendingTree Bowl (Saturday, Dec. 18/5:45 p.m. ET, ESPN)
Eastern Michigan vs. Liberty
- Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl presented by Stifel (Saturday, Dec. 18/7:30 p.m. ET, ABC)
Utah State vs. Oregon State
- R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl (Saturday, Dec. 18, 9:15 p.m. ET, ESPN)
No. 23 Louisiana vs. Marshall

