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## POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 28..... First Football College Playoff Poll released
- Nov. 3..... Popeyes Bahamas Bowl media credential applications available at [PopeyesBahamasBowl.com](http://PopeyesBahamasBowl.com)
- Dec. 5 ..... Marathon MAC Football Championship - Detroit, Mich. (Ford Field)
- Dec. 6 ..... Conference USA Football Championship - Site TBA
- Dec. 7..... Selection Sunday
- Dec. 11-12 ..... Team Site Visits
- Dec. 14..... Credential applications close
- Dec. 20 ..... Team Arrivals
- Dec. 21-23 .... Team Practices
- Dec. 23 ..... Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Press Conference
- Dec. 24 ..... Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Noon ET; Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium; Nassau, Bahamas - ESPN)

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[passports.state.gov](http://passports.state.gov)

## POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL WEEK 4 NOTEBOOK

**THIS WEEKEND:** The Week 4 schedule features a pair of league games as Old Dominion travels to defending C-USA champ Rice and Ball State heads to Toledo for a MAC West Division showdown. In C-USA non-conference action, FIU hosts new ACC member Louisville, and Middle Tennessee is at in-state rival Memphis. Two MAC schools play ranked opponents as Eastern Michigan travels to AP No. 11 Michigan State, and Bowling Green is at AP No. 19 Wisconsin.

**C-USA/MAC LAST DANCE:** Conference USA, with a 4-0 mark against MAC opponents, face off with their Popeyes Bahamas Bowl partners for the final time in the 2014 regular season Saturday as C-USA's lone unbeaten Marshall (3-0) travels to Akron. This past week, Marshall beat Ohio 44-14 and Old Dominion defeated Eastern Michigan 17-3. The victory was ODU's first over an FBS school.

**ANOTHER BIG (TEN) DAY FOR MAC:** A MAC team beat a Big Ten opponent for the second straight week as Bowling Green defeated Indiana 45-42 on a QB James Knapke 2-yard TD pass to Roger Lewis with nine seconds left. The win was Bowling Green's first home victory vs. a Big Ten opponent. The MAC has three victories over Big Ten schools for the first time since 2012.

**STREAKING:** Marshall senior QB Rakeem Cato has thrown a TD pass in 35 consecutive games, which is the longest current streak in FBS. The NCAA record is 38, held by Russell Wilson (N.C. State/Wisconsin) from 2009-11.

**FIRST PASSPORT STAMPS:** Florida Atlantic and Western Michigan both got the first victories of the season. The Owls beat Tulsa 50-12 for Charlie Partridge's first head-coaching victory, and the Broncos beat Idaho 45-33.

**FBS NATIONAL LEADERS:** UTEP sophomore RB Aaron Jones is first with 549 rush yards and is second in rushing TDs with 7. WKU senior QB Brandon Doughty is tied for first in passing TDs with 12, first in total offense per game at 480.7 and is second in pass yards with 1,459. UMass junior DB Trey Dudley-Giles is second in kickoff return average at 35.4. Western Michigan freshman RB Jarvion Franklin is first in points per game at 18.0 and second in rush yards per game at 187.0. UMass junior LB Jovan Santos-Knox is first in tackles per game at 14.0.

## C-USA STANDINGS



### EAST DIVISION

	C-USA	Overall
Middle Tennessee	1-0	2-1
Marshall	0-0	3-0
Old Dominion	0-0	2-1
UAB	0-0	2-1
FIU	0-0	1-2
Florida Atlantic	0-0	1-2
WKU	0-1	1-2

### WEST DIVISION

	C-USA	Overall
Louisiana Tech	1-0	2-1
UTEP	0-0	2-1
Southern Miss	0-0	1-2
UTSA	0-0	1-2
Rice	0-0	0-2
North Texas	0-1	1-2

## MAC STANDINGS



### EAST DIVISION

	MAC	Overall
Ohio	1-0	1-2
Bowling Green	0-0	2-1
Akron	0-0	1-1
Buffalo	0-0	1-2
UMass	0-0	0-3
Miami	0-0	0-3
Kent State	0-1	0-3

### WEST DIVISION

	MAC	Overall
Northern Illinois	0-0	3-0
Central Michigan	0-0	2-1
Western Michigan	0-0	1-1
Ball State	0-0	1-2
Eastern Michigan	0-0	1-2
Toledo	0-0	1-2

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**CONFERENCE USA**

**Saturday, September 20**

\* Old Dominion at Rice (FSN)  
 Marshall at Akron (ESPN3)  
 Louisville at FIU (FS1)  
 Nicholls State at North Texas (ASN)  
 Florida Atlantic at Wyoming (MWN)  
 Northwestern State at Louisiana Tech  
 Appalachian St. at Southern Miss (ASN)  
 Middle Tennessee at Memphis (ESPN3)

**MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, September 20**

Bowling Green at Wisconsin (ESPN2)  
 Eastern Michigan at Michigan St. (BTN)  
 Marshall at Akron (ESPN3)  
 Central Michigan at Kansas (FSN)  
 Norfolk State at Buffalo (ESPN3)  
 UMass at Penn State (BTN)  
 \* Ball State at Toledo (ESPN3)  
 Idaho at Ohio (ESPN3)  
 Miami at Cincinnati (CBSSN)  
 Murray St. at Western Michigan (ESPN3)  
 Northern Illinois at Arkansas (ESPN3)

(TV/digital network in parenthesis)  
 \* - conference games

**POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL PARTICIPANT SELECTION**

The highest-ranked team by the College Football Playoff Selection Committee from either the American Athletic, Conference USA, MAC, Mountain West or Sun Belt will play annually in one of the College Football Playoff bowls.

Conference USA's champion will select which bowl it would like to attend, and the remainder of the selections will follow after that, with no particular set order of bowls. C-USA has 2014 tie-ins with the **Popeyes Bahamas**, **Boca Raton**, **Gildan New Mexico**, **Hawai'i** and **Heart of Dallas** bowls, with a secondary tie-in with the **Duck Commander Independence Bowl** (if either ACC or SEC does not have enough eligible teams).

The Mid-American Conference will provide a bowl-eligible team for the **Popeyes Bahamas Bowl**. The MAC has 2014 tie-ins with **Popeyes Bahamas**, **Boca Raton**, **Famous Idaho Potato**, **GoDaddy** and **Raycom Media Camellia** bowls, with a secondary tie-in with the **San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl** (if Navy is not bowl-eligible or the Mountain West does not have enough eligible teams).

The participants for the **2014 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl** will be announced **Sunday, December 7**.

**WEEK 3 RESULTS**

**CONFERENCE USA**

**Thursday, September 11**

\* Louisiana Tech 42, North Texas 21

**Saturday, September 13**

\* Middle Tennessee 50, WKU 47  
 Florida Atlantic 50, Tulsa 21  
 Marshall 44, Ohio 14  
 Old Dominion 17, Eastern Michigan 3  
 UAB 41, Alabama A&M 14  
 UTEP 42, New Mexico St. 24  
 Pittsburgh 42, FIU 25  
 Alabama 52, Southern Miss 12  
 Oklahoma State 43, UTSA 13  
 Texas A&M 38, Rice 10

**MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**Friday, September 12**

Cincinnati 58, Toledo 34  
 Baylor 63, Buffalo 21

**Saturday, September 13**

Bowling Green 45, Indiana 42  
 Ohio State 66, Kent State 0  
 Marshall 44, Ohio 14  
 Syracuse 40, Central Michigan 3  
 Vanderbilt 34, UMass 31  
 Indiana State 27, Ball State 20  
 Michigan 34, Miami 10  
 Western Michigan 45, Idaho 33  
 Old Dominion 17, Eastern Michigan 3  
 Northern Illinois 48, UNLV 34

\* - conference games

**WEEK 3 INDIVIDUAL HONORS**

**QB Brandon Doughty, WKU:** The senior set a C-USA and school record with 593 passing yards and tossed four TD passes in a conference loss at Middle Tennessee for C-USA Offensive Player of the Week honors.

**DB D.J. Simon, Old Dominion:** The junior had a career-high 11 tackles, including one for loss, in a 17-3 victory over Eastern Michigan for C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors.

**K Cody Clark, Middle Tennessee:** The sophomore set career highs with three field goals in a 50-47 three-OT victory over WKU for C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week recognition.

**QB James Knapke, Bowling Green:** The sophomore completed 46-of-73 passes for a career-high 395 yards and three TDs in a 45-42 victory over Indiana for MAC East Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

**DB Quinten Rollins, Miami:** The senior had a career-high six tackles and an interception in a loss at Michigan for MAC East Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

**K Tyler Tate, Bowling Green:** The junior set a career high with four field goals in a 45-42 win over Indiana for MAC East Division Special Teams Player of the Week recognition.

**QB Logan Woodside, Toledo:** The sophomore completed 27-of-40 passes for 322 yards in a loss at Cincinnati for MAC West Division Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

**QB Drew Hare, Northern Illinois:** The sophomore threw for 285 yards and three TDs in a 48-34 victory over UNLV for MAC West Division Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

**DL Cleveland Smith, Western Michigan:** The junior had a career-high three sacks in a 45-33 victory at Idaho for MAC West Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

**K/P Tyler Wedel, Northern Illinois:** The senior made a pair of second-half field goals and six total PATs in a 48-34 victory at UNLV for MAC West Division Special Teams Player of the Week.

**POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA PREDICTIONS**

<b>Media Member/Organization Predicting</b> .....	<b>C-USA vs. MAC Matchup</b>
<b>ESPN.com (Brett McMurphy) - Sept. 15:</b> .....	North Texas vs. Central Michigan
<b>ESPN.com (Mark Schlabach) - Sept. 15:</b> .....	Marshall vs. Toledo
<b>USA Today - Sept. 17:</b> .....	Middle Tennessee vs. Bowling Green
<b>NFL.com (Mike Huguenin) - Sept. 16:</b> .....	WKU vs. Toledo
<b>Phil Steele Magazine - Sept. 15:</b> .....	Louisiana Tech vs. Toledo
<b>The Sporting News (Bill Bender) - Sept. 15:</b> .....	WKU vs. Akron
<b>Brant Parsons (Orlando Sentinel) - Sept. 14:</b> .....	Marshall vs. Bowling Green
<b>CBSSports.com (Jerry Palm) - Sept. 14:</b> .....	UTSA vs. Central Michigan
<b>SB Nation (Jason Kirk) - Sept. 14:</b> .....	Marshall vs. Toledo
<b>CollegeFootballNews.com - Sept. 14:</b> .....	Middle Tennessee vs. Northern Illinois
<b>SI.com (Zac Ellis) - Aug. 27:</b> .....	Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo
<b>FOXSports.com (Stuart Mandel) - Aug. 26:</b> .....	Florida Atlantic vs. Northern Illinois
<b>NationalFootballPost.com (Dave Miller) - Aug. 25:</b> .....	Marshall vs. Toledo