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EAST DIVISION									SE	ASON	STAND	INGS	
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*WKU	8-0	1.000	4-0	4-0	5-0	405	188	11-2	.846	6-0	5-2	575	328
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	6-2	.750	4-0	2-2	4-1	293	206	7-5	.583	5-1	2-4	411	301
Marshall	6-2	.750	4-0	2-2	4-2	259	133	9-3	.750	6-0	3-3	391	221
FIU	3-5	.375	3-1	0-4	2-4	216	270	5-7	.417	4-1	1-6	306	358
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3-5	.375	1-3	2-2	3-3	177	201	3-9	.250	1-5	2-4	270	345
OLD DOMINION	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	1-4	215	298	5-7	.417	3-4	2-3	291	429
Charlotte	0-8	.000	0-4	0-4	0-5	140	310	2-10	.167	1-5	1-5	210	435
WEST DIVISION													
	W-L	Pct.	Н	Α	Div.	Pts	Орр	W-L	Pct.	Н	Α	Pts	Орр
*Southern Miss	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	5-0	348	143	9-4	.692	5-1	4-3	528	314
Louisiana Tech	6-2	.750	3-1	3-1	4-1	283	208	8-4	.667	5-1	3-3	441	321
UTSA	3-5	.375	1-3	2-2	2-3	191	231	3-9	.250	1-5	2-4	271	405
UTEP	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	2-3	138	214	5-7	.417	3-2	2-5	248	395
Rice	3-5	.375	1-3	2-2	1-4	174	271	5-7	.417	3-3	2-4	313	430
North Texas	1-7	.125	1-3	0-4	1-4	146	312	1-11	.083	1-4	0-7	182	495
*Division Champion													

C-USA BOWL GAMES

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL

(New Orleans, La.) Saturday, December 19 Louisiana Tech vs. Arkansas St. (ESPN) 8 p.m.

MIAMI BEACH BOWL (Miami, Fla.)

Monday, December 21

WKU vs. South Florida (ESPN) 1:30 p.m.

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL (Nassau, Bahamas) Thursday, December 24

Middle Tenn. vs. Western Mich. (ESPN) 11 a.m.

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL (St. Petersburg, Fla.)

Saturday, December 26

Marshall vs. Connecticut (ESPN) 10 a.m.

ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL (Dallas, TX)

Saturday, December 26

Southern Miss vs. Washington (ESPN) 1:20 p.m.

All Times Central

C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 C-USA Championship Game (ESPN2) WKU 45, Southern Miss 28

MVP: Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU



C-USA AWARDS

COACH OF THE YEAR

Todd Monken - Southern Miss

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Brandon Doughty - QB - WKU

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nick Mullens - QB - Southern Miss

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Evan McKelvey - LB - Marshall

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Deandre Reaves - KR/PR - Marshall

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Jeff Driskel - QB - Louisiana Tech

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Brent Stockstill - QB - Middle Tennessee

































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CONFERENCE USA ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

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FIRST TEAM ALL-C-USA **OFFENSE**

QB - Brandon Doughty, WKU, Sr.

RB - Kenneth Dixon, Louisiana Tech, Sr.

RB - Jalen Richard, Southern Miss, Sr. OL - Sebastian Johansson, Marshall, Sr.

OL - Jaylen Hunter, Middle Tennessee, Sr.

OL - Andrew Reue, Rice, Sr.

OL - Cameron Tom. Southern Miss. Jr. OL - Forrest Lamp, WKU, Jr.

TE - Tyler Higbee, WKU, Sr.

WR - Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, Jr.

WR - Richie James, Middle Tennessee, Fr.

WR - Taywan Taylor, WKU, Jr.

DEFENSE

DL - Michael Wakefield, FIU, Sr.

DL - Trevon Coley, Florida Atlantic, Sr.

DL - Trey Hendrickson, Florida Atlantic, Jr.

DL - Vernon Butler, Louisiana Tech. Sr.

LB - Evan McKelvey, Marshall, Sr.

LB - T.T. Barber, Middle Tennessee, Sr.

LB - Nick Holt, WKU, Sr.

DB - Richard Leonard, FIU, Sr.

DB - Xavier Woods, Louisiana Tech, Jr.

DB - Kevin Byard, Middle Tennessee, Sr.

DB - Kalan Reed, Southern Miss, Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Garrett Schwettman, WKU, Sr.

P - Dalton Schomp, Florida Atlantic, Jr.

KR - Deandre Reaves, Marshall, Sr. PR - Richard Leonard, FIU, Sr.

LS - Lance Schuffert, Southern Miss, Sr.

SECOND TEAM ALL-C-USA OFFENSE

QB - Nick Mullens, Southern Miss, Jr.

RB - Kalif Phillips, Charlotte, Jr.

RB - Ray Lawry, Old Dominion, So.

RB - Ito Smith, Southern Miss, So.

RB - Anthony Wales, WKU, Jr.

OL - Michael Montero, FIU, Jr.

OL - Reggie Bain, Florida Atlantic, Sr.

OL - Darrell Brown, Louisiana Tech, Jr.

OL - Jens Danielsen, Louisiana Tech, Sr.

OL - Michael Selby, Marshall, Jr.

OL - Rashod Hill, Southern Miss, Sr.

TE - David Morgan II, UTSA, Sr.

WR - Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee, Sr. WR - Zach Pascal, Old Dominion, Jr.

WR - Mike Thomas, Southern Miss, Sr.

DEFENSE

DL - Larry Ogunjobi, Charlotte, Jr.

DL - Jarquez Samuel, Marshall, Sr.

DL - Michael Smith, Southern Miss, Sr.

DL - Jason Neill, UTSA, Sr.

LB - Anthony Wint, FIU, So. LB - Nick Thomason, Louisiana Tech, Sr.

LB - T.J. Ricks, Old Dominion, Jr.

LB - Brian Anderson, Southern Miss, Sr.

DB - Cre'von LeBlanc, Florida Atlantic, Sr.

DB - Bryson Abraham, Louisiana Tech, Sr.

DB - Jeremy Cutrer, Middle Tennessee, Jr.

DB - Bennett Okotcha, UTSA, Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K – Jonathan Barnes, Louisiana Tech. So.

P - Tyler Williams, Marshall, Sr.

KR - Kylen Towner, WKU, So.

PR - Deandre Reaves, Marshall, Sr.

LS - Matt Cincotta, Marshall, Sr.

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM OFFENSE

QB - Brent Stockstill. Middle Tennessee

RB - Samuel Stewart, Rice

RB - D'Andre Ferby, WKU

OL - O'Shea Dugas, Louisiana Tech

OL - Chandler Brewer, Middle Tennessee

OL - Chris Miles. North Texas

OL - Nick Clarke, Old Dominion

OL - Dennis Edwards, WKU

TE - Cole Ford, UTEP

WR - Richie James, Middle Tennessee

WR - Parker Smith, Rice

DEFENSE

DL - Jaylon Ferguson, Louisiana Tech

DL - Ryan Bee, Marshall

DL – Oshane Ximines, Old Dominion

DL - Darian Yancey, Southern Miss

LB - Ocie Rose, Florida Atlantic

LB - Azeez Al-Shaair, Florida Atlantic

LB - Darius Harris, Middle Tennesse

DB - Jalen Young, Florida Atlantic

DB - Michael Lewis, UTEP

DB - Nate Brooks, North Texas

DB - Justin Bickham, Rice

SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Chris Kirtley, Old Dominion

P - Jake Collins, WKU

KR - Austin Walter. Rice

PR - Warren Redix, UTEP

LS - Casey Winner, Florida Atlantic



































2015 Bowl Edition

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL LOUISIANA TECH vs. ARKANSAS STATE

Saturday, Dec. 19 New Orleans, Louisiana

8 p.m. (CST) Mercedes-Benz Superdome (37,792)

All-Time Series: Louisiana Tech leads 25-12

Last Meeting: Louisiana Tech 69, at Arkansas State 21 (Nov. 7, 1998)

Television: ESPN

Announcers: Adam Amin (PxP), Kelly Stouffer (AN),

Dr. Jerry Punch (SL)

Louisiana Tech (8-4, 6-2 in C-USA)

Website: www.latechsports.com Head Coach: Skip Holtz (Notre Dame, '89)

Career Record: 109-88 (17th year)
Record at LA Tech: 21-17 (3rd year)
Offense: Spread
Defense: Multiple

Leading Passer:

Leading Rusher:

Leading Receiver:

Leading Tackler:

Jeff Driskel (255-of-412, 3,575 yds., 24 TD)

Kenneth Dixon (176 att., 968 yds., 17 TD)

Trent Taylor (89 rec., 1,133 yds., 8 TD)

Beau Fitte (97 tackles, 55 solo)

Last Game: Southern Miss 58, at LA Tech 24 (Nov. 28)
Last Bowl Appearance: 2014 Heart of Dallas (LA Tech 35, Illinois 18)

All-Time Bowl Record: 3-3-

NOTING THE BULLDOGS: LA Tech will be making back-to-back bowl appearances for just the second time in school history....The Bulldogs enter the game with a school record 10 outings with more than 400 total yards and this year's squad ranks fourth in school history in total yards (5,589) and points scored (441) and fifth in rushing touchdowns (25).... LA Tech has the top rushing defense in C-USA, allowing just 114.4 yards per game on the ground.

Arkansas State (9-3, 8-0 in Sun Belt)

Website: www.astateredwolves.com

Head Coach: Blake Anderson (Sam Houston State, '92)

Career Record: 16-9 (2nd year)
Record at ASU: 16-9 (2nd year)
Offense: Multiple
Defense: Multiple

Leading Passer: Fredi Knighten (122-of-223, 1,698 yds., 19 TD)
Leading Rusher: Michael Gordon (164 att., 1,070 yds., 9 TD)
Leading Receiver: J.D. McKissic (49 rec., 499 yds., 2 TD)

Leading Tackler: Khari Lain (74 tackles, 46 solo)

Last Game: Arkansas State 55, Texas State 17 (Dec. 5)
Last Bowl Appearance: 2014 GoDaddy (Toledo 63, Arkansas St. 44)

All-Time Bowl Record: 2-3

NOTING THE RED WOLVES: Arkansas State finished with an unblemished 8-0 Sun Belt Conference mark, and in the process became the only FBS program in the nation to win four league championships over the last five seasons....ASU has posted six consecutive games with at least 400 yards of total offense and nine total in 2015....Senior WR J.D. McKissic is the Sun Belt Conference career record-holder in receptions with 286....Senior QB Fredi Knighten is 9-0 as the starter this season while accounting for 20 total TDs....The Red Wolves defense set a new single-season record and Sun Belt record with 26 passes intercepted.

GAME NOTES: C-USA has participated in 11 of the 15 New Orleans Bowls.... Southern Miss defeated Arkansas State in the 2005 New Orleans Bowl, a game played in Lafayette, La., due to Hurricane Katrina....This will mark the 38th meeting between Louisiana Tech and Arkansas State in a series that dates back to 1958, but the first since 1998 when Louisiana Tech, led by current Bulldog assistant coach Tim Rattay, ran past the Red Wolves in a 69-21 win. LA Tech has won nine of the last 10 meetings in the series.... The two programs were both members of the Southland Conference from 1971-86 and the Big West Conference from 1993-95.

MIAMI BEACH BOWL WKU vs. SOUTH FLORIDA

Monday, Dec. 21 Miami, Florida 2:30 p.m. (EST) Marlins Park (36,742) All-Time Series: South Florida leads 4-2

Last Meeting: at South Florida 24, WKU 12 (Sept. 25, 2010)

Television: ESPN

Announcers: Dave Lamont (PxP), Desmond Howard (AN),

Quint Kessenich (SL)

WKU (11-2, 8-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.wkusports.com Head Coach: Jeff Brohm (Louisville, '94)

Career Record: 19-7 (2nd year)
Record at WKU: 19-7 (2nd year)
Offense: Multiple
Defense: 4-3

Leading Passer:
Leading Rusher:
Leading Receiver:
Leading Receiver:
Leading Tackler:
Leading Receiver:
Leading Receiver:
Leading Rusher:
Anthony Wales (129 att., 933 yds., 7 TD)
Taywon Taylor (71 rec., 1,198 yds., 15 TD)
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All-Time Bowl Record: 1-1

NOTING THE HILLTOPPERS: C-USA Champion WKU will make back-to-back bowl appearances for the first time in school history...A victory will allow the Hilltoppers to tie the school record for victories in a season at 12...Senior QB **Brandon Doughty**, the back-to-back C-USA MVP, has completed 71.8 percent of his passes (1st among FBS QBs) for 4,594 yards (2nd) and 45 touchdowns (1st)....Junior RB **Anthony Wales** averages 6.99 yards per carry (6th among FBS players with 100+ carries).... Junior WR **Taywan Taylor** has 79 receptions for a WKU-record 1,363 yards (4th in the FBS) and 17 touchdowns (2nd in the FBS).

South Florida (8-4, 6-2 in American)

Website: www.gousfbulls.com
Head Coach: Willie Taggart (WKU, '98)
Career Record: 32-42 (6th year)
Record at USF: 14-22 (3rd year)
Offense: West Coast

Defense: 4-3

Leading Passer: (179-of-299, 2,097 yds., 17 TD)
Leading Rusher: (175 att., 895 yds., 13 TD)
Leading Receiver: (64 rec., 1,002 yds., 6 TD)
Leading Tackler: (93 tackles, 45 solo)

Last Game: South Florida 44, UCF 3 (Nov. 27)

Last Bowl Appearance: 2010 Meinicke Car Care (USF 31, Clemson 26)

All-Time Bowl Record: 4-2

NOTING THE BULLS: Head coach Willie Taggart played at WKU and coached the Hilltoppers from 2010-12....The Bulls ripped off wins in seven of their final eight games to make their first bowl appearance since the 2010 season....Sophomore RB Marlon Mack earned his second first-team all-conference selection after leading The American for the second-straight year in rushing, posting 115.7 yards per game....QB Quinton Flowers has 157 rushing attempts for 969 yards and 10 TDs, but has shown a penchant for throwing for big passing plays, throwing a dozen passes for 40 or more yards with 21 touchdowns against eight interceptions.

GAME NOTES: This is the second annual Miami Beach Bowl....Last year's inaugural game was the second-highest scoring game of the 2014-15 bowl season, as Memphis outscored BYU, 55-48 in double-overtime....The game is played at Marlins Park, the home of MLB's Miami Marlins, and the stadium is built on the site of the historic Orange Bowl Stadium....The game is among eight bowl games played in the state of Florida, two of which C-USA will play in this year.





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POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL MIDDLE TENNESSEE vs. WESTERN MICHIGAN

Thursday, Dec. 24 Nassau, Bahamas

12 p.m. (EST) Thomas C. Robinson Stadium (15,000)

All-Time Series: First Meeting Television: **FSPN**

Steve Levy (PxP), Mack Brown, Mark May (AN), Announcers:

Kaylee Hartung (SL)

Middle Tennessee (7-5, 6-2 in C-USA)

www.goblueraiders.com Website:

Rick Stockstill (Florida State, '81) Head Coach:

Career Record: 64-60 (10th year) Record at MT: 64-60 (10th year)

Offense: Multiple 4-3/Multiple Defense: Leading Passer:

Brent Stockstill (301-of-451, 3.678 vds., 27 TD) Leading Rusher: Jordan Parker (102 att., 467 yds., 6 TD) Richie James (93 rec., 1,135 yds., 6 TD) Leading Receiver: Leading Tackler: T.T. Barber (89 tackles, 62 solo)

Last Game: Middle Tennessee 42, at UTSA 7 (Nov. 28) Last Bowl Appearance: 2013 Armed Forces (Navy 24, Middle Tenn. 6)

All-Time Bowl Record:

NOTING THE BLUE RAIDERS: Middle Tennessee is going to its fifth bowl game in the Rick Stockstill era, looking to end the season on a five-game winning streak....Middle Tennessee features the top rookie pitch and catch duo in the FBS. QB Brent Stockstill leads the nation's freshmen with 3,678 passing yards and 27 TD passes, while WR **Richie James** leads all first year players with 100 receptions and 1,220 receiving yards....Senior S Kevin Byard leads all active FBS players with 20 career interceptions, tying for the C-USA lead with four INTs this season.

Western Michigan (7-5, 6-2 in Mid-American)

Website: www.wmubroncos.com

P.J. Fleck (Northern Illinois, '04) Head Coach:

16-21 (3rd year) Career Record: Record at WMU: 16-21 (3rd year) Offense: Multiple Defense: 4-3

Leading Passer: Zach Terrell (244-of-365, 3.229 vds., 27 TD) Leading Rusher: Jamauri Bogan (143 att., 836 yds., 12 TD) Daniel Braverman (103 rec., 1,270 yds., 12 TD) Leading Receiver: Leading Tackler: Asantay Brown (100 tackles, 55 solo) Last Game: Western Michigan 34, Toledo 20 (Nov. 27) Last Bowl Appearance: 2014 Idaho Potato Bowl

(Air Force 38, Western Michigan 34)

All-Time Bowl Record:

NOTING THE BRONCOS: This marks the first time in program history the Broncos have gone to bowls in consecutive seasons, both coming under head coach P.J. Fleck....Western Michigan closed the regular season its first win over a ranked team in program history, beating No. 24 Toledo. The Broncos earned their first share of the MAC West Division championship since 2000 with a 6-2 record in the league....The Broncos feature the top receiving duo in the country in Daniel Braverman and Corey Davis with 185 combined receptions.

GAME NOTES: Conference USA will be a part of the second Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, kicking off on the afternoon of December 2014 at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in Nassau....The 2014 Bahamas Bowl was the first postseason FBS bowl game outside of either the United States or Canada between two U.S. teams since the Jan. 1, 1937 Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba,

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL MARSHALL vs. CONNECTICUT

Thursday, Dec. 24 St. Petersburg, Florida 11 a.m. (EST) Tropicana Field (40,473)

All-Time Series: First Meeting ESPN Television:

Tom Hart (PxP), Anthony Becht (AN), Announcers:

Tiffany Greene (SL)

Marshall (9-3, 6-2 in C-USA)

www.herdzone.com Website:

Head Coach: Doc Holliday (West Virginia, '79)

Career Record: 49-28 (6th year) Record at MU: 49-28 (6th year) Offense: Multiple

Defense: 4-3

Leading Passer: Chase Litton (207-of-349, 2,387 vds., 22 TD) Leading Rusher: Devon Johnson (84 att., 555 yds., 5 TD) Leading Receiver: Davonte Allen (56 rec., 696 yds., 5 TD) Leading Tackler: Evan McKelvey (113 tackles, 46 solo) Last Game: at WKU 49, Marshall 28 (Nov. 27)

Last Bowl Appearance: 2014 Boca Raton

(Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23)

All-Time Bowl Record:

NOTING THE THUNDERING HERD: This will be the third straight year that Marshall has played in a bowl game and with a victory, the Herd would become the only Group of 5 school with 10-plus wins in each of the past three seasons....Marshall, which lists 25 players from the state of Florida, is back in the Sunshine state for the second consecutive postseason after defeating Northern Illinois, 52-23, in last year's Boca Raton Bowl...The Herd defeated FIU. 20-10. in the 2011 St. Petersburg Bowl Senior LB Evan McKelvey, was named C-USA Defensive Player of the Year after placing second in the conference with 113 tackles, with nine tackles for loss, nine passes defended, an interception and a forced fumble.

Connecticut (6-6, 4-4 in American)

Website: www.uconnhuskies.com Head Coach: Bob Diaco (Iowa, '95) Career Record: 8-16 (2nd year) Record at UConn: 8-16 (2nd year)

Offense: Multiple Defense: 4-3

Leading Passer: Byron Shireffs (158-of-262, 1.992 vds., 9 TD) Arkeel Newsome (174 att., 760 yds., 6 TD) Leading Rusher: Leading Receiver: Noel Thomas (54 rec., 719 yds., 3 TD) Leading Tackler: Andrew Adams (89 tackles, 56 solo) Last Game: at Temple 27, Connecticut 3 (Nov. 28) Last Bowl Appearance: 2010 Fiesta (Oklahoma 48, UConn 20)

All-Time Bowl Record: 3-2

NOTING THE HUSKIES: UConn returns to a bowl game for the first time since winning the Big East title in 2010 and playing in the Fiesta Bowl...The Huskies have increased their win total by four games from last year's 2-10 finish....Sophomore CB Jamal Summers is a first team all-conference pick who led the American in interceptions with seven, placing him in a tie for third nationally....UConn is 10th nationally in interceptions with 17.

GAME NOTES: Conference USA has participated in six of the first seven St. Petersburg Bowls....The St. Petersburg Bowl is played at Tropicana Field, the home of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays, UConn has had success at the stadium as the Husky men's basketball team won the 1999 NCAA Final Four in the building.





























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ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL SOUTHERN MISS vs. WASHINGTON

Saturday, Dec. 26 Dallas, Texas 1:20 p.m. (CST) Cotton Bowl (92,158) All-Time Series: First Meeting

Television: ESPN

Announcers: Mike Corey (PxP), Ahmad Brooks (AN),

Kayce Smith (SL)

Southern Miss (9-4, 7-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.southernmiss.com

Head Coach: Todd Monken (Knox College, '89)

Career Record: 13-24 (3rd year)
Record at USM: 13-24 (3rd year)

Offense: Spread Defense: 4-3

Leading Passer:

Leading Rusher:

Leading Receiver:

Leading Tackler:

Leading Tackler:

Leading Tackler:

Leading Tackler:

Leading Tackler:

Last Game:

Last Bowl Appearance:

All-Time Bowl Record:

Nick Mullens (306-of-483, 4,145 yds., 36 TD)

Jalen Richard (185 att., 1,098 yds., 14 TD)

Casey Martin (74 rec., 855 yds., 7 TD)

D'Nerius Antoine (93 tackles, 67 solo)

at WKU 45, Southern Miss 28 (Dec. 5)

2011 Hawai'i (Southern Miss 24, Nevada 17)

10-12

NOTING THE GOLDEN EAGLES: Southern Miss returns to postseason play for the first time since 2011. This will be the 23rd bowl appearance for the Golden Eagles, the most among C-USA schools....Southern Miss is the nation's most improved team at +6 wins over last year....With C-USA Offensive Player of the Year **Nick Mullens** at QB, the Golden Eagles have broken single-season school records for completions (312), passing yards (4,263), total offensive yards (6,758) and touchdowns (67), and

points (528).

Washington (6-6, 4-5 in Pac-12)

Website: www.gohuskies.com

Head Coach: Chris Peterson (UC Davis, '88)

Career Record: 106-24 (10th year)
Record at UW: 14-12 (2nd year)
Offense: Multiple

Defense: Multiple Leading Passer: (149-of-233, 1,729 yds., 14 TD)

Leading Rusher: (139 att., 658 yds., 8 TD)
Leading Receiver: Mike Dudek (69 rec., 965 yds., 6 TD)
Leading Tackler: Mason Monheim (108 tackles, 42 solo)
Last Game: Washington Washington St. (Nov. 28)

Last Bowl Appearance: 2014 Cactus

(Oklahoma State 30, Washington 22)

All-Time Bowl Record: 17-17-

NOTING THE HUSKIES: The Huskies have earned a bowl berth for a sixth consecutive season and the 36th time in school history...Washington enters the game with the third-youngest team among all bowl squads (by experience)...The Huskies have a stingy defense, leading the Pac-12 and ranking 12th in the country at just 17.8 points per game allowed. UW allowed a total of 49 points in its six victories, which included the final two games of the season to reach bowl-eligibility....Two members of the Washington secondary – cornerback Sidney Jones and safety Budda Baker – earned spots on the All-Pac-12 first team.

GAME NOTES: Conference USA makes its fourth appearance in the six-year old Heart of Dallas Bowl (Louisiana Tech defeated Illinois last season)....Washington will become the first Pac-12 team to play in the game....This will mark the first time in its 20 seasons that a C-USA school has played a Pac-12 or Pac-10 team in a bowl game.

C-USA BOWL HISTORY

LOUISIANA TECH BOWL HISTORY (3-3-1)

Year	Bowl	Result
2015	New Orleans	Louisiana Tech vs. Arkansas State
2014	Heart of Dallas	Louisiana Tech 35, Illinois 18
2011	Poinsettia	TCU 31, Louisiana Tech 24
2008	Independence	Louisiana Tech 17, Northern Illinois 10
2001	Humanitarian	Clemson 49, Louisiana Tech 24
1990	Independence	Louisiana Tech 34, Maryland 34
1978	Independence	East Carolina 35, Louisiana Tech 13
1977	Independence	Louisiana Tech 24, Louisville 14

MARSHALL BOWL HISTORY (9-2)

Year	Bowl	Result
2015	St. Petersburg	Marshall vs. Connecticut
2014	Boca Raton	Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23
2013	Military	Marshall 31, Maryland 20
2011	Beef 'O' Brady's	Marshall 20, FIU 10
2009	Little Caesars	Marshall 21, Ohio 17
2004	Fort Worth	Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14
2002	GMAC	Marshall 38, Louisville 15
2001	GMAC	Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 (2ot)
2000	Motor City	Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
1999	Motor City	Marshall 21, BYU 3
1998	Motor City	Marshall 48, Louisville 29
1997	Motor City	Mississippi 34, Marshall 31

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BOWL HISTORY (2-5)

Year	Bowl	Result
2015	Bahamas	Middle Tennessee vs. Western Michigan
2013	Military	Navy 24, Middle Tennessee 6
2010	GoDaddy.com	Miami (Ohio) 35, Middle Tennessee 21
2009	New Orleans	Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss 32
2006	Motor City	Central Michigan 31, Middle Tennessee 14
1961	Tangerine	Lamar 21, Middle Tennessee 14
1959	Tangerine	Middle Tennessee 21, Presbyterian 12
1956	Refrigerator	Sam Houston St. 27, Middle Tennessee 13

SOUTHERN MISS BOWL HISTORY (10-12)

Bowl	Result
Heart of Dallas	Southern Miss vs. Washington
Hawai'i	Southern Miss 24, Nevada 17
Beef 'O' Brady's	Southern Miss vs. Louisville
New Orleans	Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss 32
New Orleans	Southern Miss 30, Troy 27 (ot)
Papajohns.com	Cincinnati 31, Southern Miss 21
GMAC	Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7
New Orleans	Southern Miss 31, Arkansas State 19
New Orleans	Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10
AXA Liberty	Utah 17, Southern Miss 0
Houston	Oklahoma State 33, Southern Miss 23
Mobile Alabama	Southern Miss 28, TCU 21
AXA Liberty	Southern Miss 23, Colorado State 17
Humanitarian	Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35
AXA Liberty	Southern Miss 41, Pittsburgh 7
All-American	N.C. State 31, Southern Miss 27
•	Southern Miss 38, Texas-El Paso 18
_	Missouri 19, Southern Miss 17
	Southern Miss 16, McNeese State 14
-	East Texas State 10, Southern Miss 9
•	West Texas State 20, Southern Miss 13
	Pacific 26, Southern Miss 7
Sun	Texas-El Paso 37, Southern Miss 14
	Heart of Dallas Hawai'i Beef 'O' Brady's New Orleans New Orleans Papajohns.com GMAC New Orleans New Orleans AXA Liberty Houston Mobile Alabama AXA Liberty Humanitarian AXA Liberty

WKU BOWL HISTORY (1-1)

Year	Bowl	Result
2015	Miami Beach	WKU vs. South Florida
2014	Bahamas	WKU 49 Central Michigan 48
2012	Little Caesars	Central Michigan 24, WKU 21































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2015-16 BOWL SCHEDULE

CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Jan. 11, Glendale, Ariz, TBD vs. TBD

MOTEL 6 CACTUS Jan. 2, Phoenix, Ariz. Arizona State vs. West Virginia

VALERO ALAMO Jan. 2, San Antonio, Texas TCU vs. Oregon

AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL Jan. 2, Memphis, Tenn. Arkansas vs. Kansas State

TAXSLAYER.COM Jan. 2, Jacksonville, Fla. Penn State vs. Georgia

ALLSTATE SUGAR Jan. 1, New Orleans, La. Oklahoma State vs. Mississippi

ROSE PRESENTED BY NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL Jan. 1, Pasadena, Calif.

Iowa vs. Stanford

BATTLEFROG FIESTA Jan. 1, Glendale, Ariz. Ohio State vs. Notre Dame

BUFFALO WILD WINGS CITRUS Jan. 1, Orlando, Fla. Michigan vs. Florida

OUTBACK Jan. 1, Tampa, Fla. Northwestern vs. Tennessee

GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC

Dec. 31, Arlington, Texas Michigan State vs. Alabama

CAPITAL ONE ORANGE Dec. 31, Miami, Fla. Clemson vs. Oklahoma

CHICK-FIL-A PEACH Dec. 31, Atlanta, Ga. Houston vs. Florida State

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYDec. 30, San Diego, Calif. Wisconsin vs. USC

FRANKLIN AMER. MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY Dec. 30, Nashville, Tenn.

Louisville vs Texas A&M

BELK Dec. 30, Charlotte, N.C. Mississippi State vs. NC State

BIRMINGHAM Dec. 30, Birmingham, Ala. Memphis vs. Auburn

NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA Dec. 29, Tucson, Ariz. Colorado State vs. Nevada

ADVOCARE V100 TEXAS Dec. 29, Houston, Texas LSU vs. Texas Tech

RUSSELL ATHLETIC Dec. 29, Orlando, Fla. North Carolina vs. Baylor

LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES Dec. 29, Fort Worth, Texas Air Force vs. California

QUICK LANE Dec. 26, Detroit, Mich. Minnesota vs. Central Michigan

MILITARY PRES. BY NORTHROP GRUZMAN Dec. 27, Annapolis, Md.

Pittsburgh vs. Navy

FOSTER FARMS Dec. 30, Santa Clara, Calif.

Nebraska vs. UCLA

CAMPING WORLD INDEPENDENCE Dec. 26, Shreveport, La.

Tulsa vs. Virginia Tech

NEW ERA PINSTRIPE Dec. 26, Bronx, N.Y.

Indiana vs. Duke

ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS Dec. 26, Dallas, Texas Southern Miss vs. Washington

HYUNDAI SUN Dec. 26, El Paso, Texas Miami (Fla.) vs. Washington State

ST. PETERSBURG Dec. 26, St. Petersburg, Fla. Marshall vs. Connecticut

HAWAI'I Dec. 24, Honolulu, Hawaii Cincinnati vs. San Diego State

POPEYES BAHAMAS Dec. 24, Nassau, Bahamas.

Middle Tennessee vs. Western Michigan

SDCCU POINSETTIA Dec. 23, San Diego, Calif Boise State vs. Northern Illinois

GODADDY Dec. 23, Mobile, Ala. Georgia Southern vs. Bowling Green

BOCA RATON Dec. 22, Boca Raton, Fla. Toledo vs. Temple

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO Dec. 22, Boise, Idaho Utah State vs. Akron

MIAMI BEACH Dec. 21, Miami, Fla. WKU vs. South Florida

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS Dec. 19, New Orleans, La. Louisiana Tech vs. Arkansas State

RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELIA Dec. 19, Montgomery, Ala. Appalachian State vs. Ohio

ROYAL PURPLE LAS VEGAS Dec. 19, Las Vegas, Nev. Utah vs. BYU

GILDAN NEW MEXICO Dec. 19, Albuquerque, N.M. Arizona vs. New Mexico





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CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

POLLING PLACE

Here's a look at the latest (Dec. 7) Associated Press and ESPN/Amway Coaches' Polls.

Associated Press

- 1 Clemson (51)
- 2 Alabama (9)
- 3 Michigan State (1)
- 4 Oklahoma
- 5 Stanford
- 6 Iowa
- 7 Ohio State 8 - Notre Dame
- 9 Florida State
- 10 North Carolina
- 11 TCU
- 12 Northwestern
- 13 Oklahoma State
- 14 Houston
- 15 Oregon
- 16 Mississippi
- 17 Michigan
- 18 Baylor
- 19 Florida
- 20 Utah
- 21 Navy
- 22 LSU
- 23 Wisconsin
- 24 Temple
- 25 WKU

Amway Coaches'

- 1 Clemson (55)
- 2 Alabama (5)
- 3 Oklahoma 4 - Michigan State
- 5 Ohio State
- 6 Stanford
- 7 Iowa
- 8 Florida State
- 9 Notre Dame
- 10 TCU
- 11 North Carolina
- 12 Northwestern
- 12 Oklahoma State
- 14 Oregon
- 15 Mississippi
- 16 Houston
- 17 Michigan
- 18 Florida
- 19 Baylor
- 20 Utah
- 21 LSU
- 22 Navy
- 23 Wisconsin
- 24 Temple 25 - Georgia

ARV: 26 - WKU

WKU IN TOP 25

For the first time in more than a decade, the 2015 Conference USA Champion WKU Hilltoppers (11-2) are nationally ranked, coming in at No. 25 in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll. It is the first time WKU has appearend in the polls since moving to the FBS level in 2009. The Hilltoppers are ranked for the first time since the 2005 squad was ranked 23rd in the Sports Network and ESPN polls heading into the Nov. 19 game against FIU. WKU is also one of just 10 teams in this week's AP Top 25 with 11 or more wins.

SETH LITTRELL NAMED HEAD COACH AT NORTH TEXAS

North Texas has named Seth Littrell as its 19th head football coach. Littrell, 37, one of the brightest offensive minds in college football, comes to North Texas after serving as the assistant head coach for offense and tight ends at North Carolina. The Muskogee, Oklahoma native will be the youngest coach in Conference USA and fifth youngest in the nation when he coaches his first game.

The dynamic mind of Littrell has turned the North Carolina offense in 2015 into one of the nation's best. as the Tar Heels have set school records for most points and touchdowns in a season. The Tar Heels won the ACC Coastal Division Championship and played in their first ACC Championship game.

North Carolina scored over 30 points nine times in 2015, topped the 40-point mark seven times and scored over 50 points in four games, which is a school record.

WKU WINS C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Brandon Doughty threw for 410 yards with three touchdown passes and ran for another to lead WKU to a come-from-behind win over Southern Miss, 45-28, in the Conference USA Championship Game.

Doughty finished with 34 completions in 52 attempts, shaking off a first-half interception that helped put the Hilltoppers in a 14-point first-half hole.

The Hilltoppers (11-2, 8-0) trailed 21-7 at the 9:46 mark of the first half and 28-21 early in the third quarter before scoring 24 unanswered points to put the game away and claim their first C-USA title. WKU becomes the first team to finish the regular season in unbeaten in league play and then win the C-USA Championship Game.

After throwing for just two yards in the first quarter, Doughty passed for 408 yards over the final three quarters of the game. Taywan Taylor had eight catches for 165 yards and two touchdowns for WKU.

Nick Mullens was 15-of-30 for 181 yards with a TD for Southern Miss, but threw three costly interceptions.

WKU scored on its first possession of the game on Doughty's 5-vard touchdown pass to Antwane Grant. but the Golden Eagles (9-4, 7-1) scored 21 straight points to take a two-score lead in the second quarter.

Southern Miss benefited from two short WKU punts, getting the football at the WKU 45 and going five plays for a score with Jalen Richard capping the drive from two yards away to tie the game.

On the next series, Southern Miss took over at the Hilltopper 32 and scored six plays later on Michael Thomas' 5-yard touchdown reception from Mullens.

The Golden Eagles built on their lead when Kalan Reed intercepted Doughty's pass and returned it 40 vards for a score.

But the Hilltoppers scored two touchdowns in the final 2:52 of the first half to tie the game. WKU first went 75 yards in 19 plays, with Doughty scoring on a 3-yard scramble to cut into the Southern Miss lead.

Then, with 1:11 to go, the Hilltoppers took possession at their own 3. Doughty marched WKU downfield, getting the tying touchdown on a 2-yard pass to Taylor with 11 seconds in the half.

Southern Miss regained the lead on its first possession of the second half. Ito Smith broke through the line and raced 37 yards to put the Eagles up 28-21.

WKU answered with Garrett Schwettman's 37-yard field goal to cut the lead to 28-24. On the ensuing possession, Hilltoppers CB Wonderful Terry picked off Mullens' pass and returned it to his own 33. From there, WKU took the lead, going 67 yards in five plays with a 39-yard TD pass from Doughty to Taylor, putting WKU ahead for good.

The Hilltoppers continued to pad the lead as Doughty hit Taylor on a 54-yard pass that set up D'Andre Ferby's 2-yard TD to push the lead to 38-28. Ferby then capped another TD drive with 5:01 to play to

C-USA BOWL LINEUP

Conference USA Football Champion WKU leads five teams into bowl games, joined in the postseason by Louisiana Tech, Marshall, Middle Tennessee and West Division Champion Southern Miss.

WKU enters postseason play on five-game winning streak when its represents C-USA in the Miami Beach Bowl. The Hilltoppers will face former C-USA member South Florida in the game, which kicks off at 2:30 p.m. EST/1:30 p.m. CST on ESPN. This will be the first back-to-back bowl appearances for a WKU program that is completing its seventh season at the FBS level. The Hilltoppers are 11-2 on the season, making them one of 10 FBS programs to win 11 or more games this season.

Louisiana Tech will be in a bowl for the second straight season when it participates in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on Saturday. Dec. 19 at the Louisiana Superdome (9 p.m. EST/8 a.m. CST on ESPN). The Bulldogs will face Sun Belt Conference champion Arkansas State in the game, the 38th meeting between the schools but the first since 1998.

Marshall returns to the postseason for the fourth time in five years as the Thundering Herd will play in the St. Petersburg Bowl, aiming for a third straight postseason victory. Marshall, which lists 25 players from the state of Florida, is back in the Sunshine state for the second consecutive postseason and scheduled to play Connecticut on Saturday, Dec. 26. Kickoff is scheduled for 11 a.m. EST at Tropicana Field. The Herd played in the St. Petersburg Bowl in 2011, defeating eventual C-USA member FIU, 20-10.

Middle Tennessee will participate in the second annual Popeyes Bahamas Bowl on Thursday, Dec. 24, marking the fifth bowl game of the FBS era for the Blue Raiders. Middle Tennessee will play Western Michigan of the Mid-American Conference team for the first time at Noon EST/11 a.m. CST from Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium in Nassau. The game will air nationally on ESPN

Southern Miss returns to postseason play for the first time since 2011 when it plays in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl. The Golden Eagles, the most improved team in the FBS at +6 wins, will face Pac-12 member Washington in the first meeting between the schools. The game will be played on Saturday, Dec. 26 at the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium with a 1:20 p.m. kickoff. This will be the 23rd bowl appearance for Southern Miss, the most among C-USA schools.

Conference USA has posted the record among all FBS conferences in three of the last four years, including a 4-1 mark in last year's games.

STRONG DIVISION WINNERS

With WKU going 8-0 in league play and Southern Miss finishing 7-1, it marked the fourth consecutive season that both division champions are 7-1 or better. In the first seven seasons that the league had a championship game, at least one division champ had at least two losses.

































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CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

SEASON TOP PERFORMERS

Here's a look at the 2015 league leaders in 300-yard passers, 100-yard rushers and 100-yard receivers:

300-Yard Passing Performances

- 9 Brandon Doughty, WKU
- 8 Nick Mullens, Southern Miss
- 7 Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee
- 7 Jeff Driskel, Louisiana Tech

100-Yard Rushing Performances

- 6 Ray Lawry, Old Dominion
- 6 Ito Smith, Southern Miss
- 6 Anthony Wales, WKU
- 5 Jalen Richard, Southern Miss
- 4 Kenneth Dixon, Louisiana Tech
- 4 Jarveon Williams, UTSA

100-Yard Receiving Performances

- 7 Mike Thomas, Southern Miss
- 7 Taywan Taylor, WKU
- 6 Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech
- 5 Zach Pascal. Old Dominion
- 4 Ed Batties, Middle Tennessee
- 4 Richie James, Middle Tennessee
- 4 Casey Martin, Southern Miss

GOLDEN IMPROVEMENT

Southern Miss won six consecutive games to close the regular season to win the West Division title and head into the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl with a 9-4 overall record. The Golden Eagles, who have increased their win total by six games so far, lead Conference USA in total defense (364.1 yards per game) and are second in total offense (519.8 yards per game). The Southern Miss offense has gone from scoring 19 points per game in 2014, to 40.6 points per game this season, scoring 50 points or more a school-record five times. That's an increase of more than 21 points. The Golden Eagle defense is allowing nearly 13 fewer points per game on average this season than it did a year ago at 24.2 per game.

A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

With 11 straight wins in conference play, WKU now has the most consecutive conference game victories in the FBS. The Hilltoppers defeated Marshall on Nov. 27 to win the East Division title. The C-USA record for consecutive league victories is 14, by Southern Miss from Oct. 10, 1998 - Nov. 4, 2000.

PASSING FANCY

Highly productive quarterbacks is a Conference USA tradition and that is continuing this season with six of the top 29 in the FBS in throwing touchdowns, more than any other conference.

1.	Brandon Doughty, WKU	45
4.	Nick Mullens, Southern Miss	36
15.	Brent Stockstill, Middle Tenn.	27
23.	Jeff Driskel, Louisiana Tech	24
27.	Chase Litton, Marshall	22
29.	Alex McGough, FIU	21

PASS HAPPY

Conference USA has four quarterbacks that rank among the top 14 in the FBS in passing yards and all have topped the 3,500-yard mark already this season, more than any other league. WKU senior **Brandon Doughty** is second (4,594 yards), followed by **Nick Mullens** of Southern Miss in seventh (4,145), Middle Tennessee's **Brent Stockstill** in 11th (3,678) and Louisiana Tech's **Jeff Driskel** in 14th (3,575).

DOUGHTY DEALING

WKU senior QB **Brandon Doughty** was named the C-USA Championship Game MVP as he became the 16th quarterback in FBS history to throw for 12,000 yards and 100 touchdowns in his career, finishing the game with 410 yards and three touchdowns, He also scored his first rushing touchdown of the year.

Doughty has thrown a touchdown pass in 27 straight games, which is the longest active streak in the FBS. With his three touchdown passes in the C-USA Championship Game, he moved into a tie for fifth in league history with 45 touchdowns in a single season. He joins Houston's Case Keenum and Marshall's Rakeem Cato as the only three players to have multiple seasons in the Top 10. He also moved to fifth in conference history with 4,594 passing yards this season, joining Keenum as the only two quarterbacks to have multiple seasons in the Top 10.

Doughty is just the third QB in FBS history to throw for more than 4,000 yards and 40+ touchdowns in back-to-back seasons. He has thrown five TD passes in a game eight times in the last two years, more than any FBS player. On the season Doughty leads the FBS in completion percentage (71.8) and touchdown passes (45), while ranking second in passing yards (4.594).

DIXON DELIVERS

Louisiana Tech senior RB **Kenneth Dixon** has now scored a touchdown in 37 of 46 career games (one short of Tim Tebow's NCAA record) and he has passed the 4,000-yard mark in rushing yards (now at 4,381). Dixon set a Conference USA record with six rushing TDs against North Texas Nov. 7 and he has scored four TDs in a game four times and three or more TDs in 13 games in his career, the most ever by a running back. Dixon has now recorded multiple touchdowns in 23 games in his career. He now has 70 career rushing touchdowns, the fifth-most in NCAA history and 83 career overall touchdowns, tied for the most in NCAA history with Montee Ball of Wisconsin (2009-12) and Keenan Reynolds of Navy (2012-present).

NCAA CAREER OVERALL TD LEADERS

83 Kenneth Dixon, Louisiana Tech 2012-Present

- 83 Montee Ball. Wisconsin 2009-12
- 83 Keenan Revnolds, Navy 2012-Present
- 78 Travis Prentice, Miami of Ohio 1996-99

FRESHMAN SENSATIONS

Middle Tennessee's **Richie James** leads all of the nation's freshmen in receptions (100) and receiving yards (1,220), ranking third among all players in catches and 11th among all players in yards. His receptions and receiving total are each the most by any freshman in Conference USA history. He is the eighth player in C-USA annals to have 100 catches in a single-season.

Blue Raiders QB **Brent Stockstill** has broken the league's record for passing yards by a freshman. With 3,678 passing yards, Stockstill has broken the freshman record of 3,128, set by former Southern Miss and current Cleveland Browns QB Austin Davis in 2008. Stockstill leads the nation's freshmen in yards and touchdown passes (27), ranking 11th in yards and 16th in TD tosses among all FBS players.

TAYLOR MADE

WKU junior WR **Taywan Taylor** is second in the FBS in touchdowns (17), fourth in receiving yards (1,363) and 21st in receptions (79). Louisiana Tech junior WR **Trent Taylor** is sixth in the FBS with 89 receptions, 18th in receiving yards (1,031) and 20th in touchdowns and has seven TD catches. Taywan Taylor has topped the 100-yard mark in a game six times this season, with Trent Taylor topping it five times.

MOST IMPROVED

Southern Miss has increased its win total by six games from last season. That makes the Golden Eagles the most improved team in the FBS in 2015.

SCORING OFFENSE NOTE

Conference USA has three of the top 20 scoring teams in the nation. WKU is fourth at 44.2 points per game, Southern Miss is 12th at 40.6 ppg and Louisiana Tech is 20th at 36.8 ppg.

BIG PLAY C-USA

Southern Miss has an FBS-best 102 plays of 20 yards or longer this season. The Golden Eagles have recorded 14 plays of 50 yards or longer from scrimmage, tied for fourth among all FBS teams in that category. Southern Miss is second in the FBS with 52 plays of 30 yards or longer, while WKU is sixth with 45 plays of 30+ yards.

UTSA'S MORGAN II NAMED A SEC-OND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN

UTSA senior TE **David Morgan II** was tabbed a second-team All-American by USA Today, the publication announced. He became the first All-American in UTSA's five-year history.

Morgan II, a senior team captain who started all 12 games this season, recorded 45 receptions for 566 yards (12.6 avg.) and a UTSA single-season record five touchdowns. A member of the John Mackey Award (nation's top tight end) midseason watch list, he currently ranks eighth among the nation's tight ends in receptions and 10th in receiving yards.





























C-USA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Conference USA Football saw 12 student-athletes named to the 2015 C-USA All-Academic Team, including three that earned Academic All-District honors. Championship Game participants Southern Miss and WKU, along with Louisiana Tech, each had two honorees apiece. The team is comprised of two redshirt freshmen, one sophomore, six juniors, one senior and two graduate students. The all-academic team consists of student-athletes who have earned a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or better and are a starter or key reserve for their team.

2015 C-USA Football All-Academic Team

NAME - SCHOOL - YEAR - GPA
Lee McNeill - Charlotte - Junior - 3.96
Dillon DeBoer - Florida Atlantic - Junior - 3.39
Jeff Driskel - Louisiana Tech - Senior - 4.00
Xavier Woods - Louisiana Tech - Junior - 3.65
Matt Cincotta - Marshall - Senior - 3.60
Chris Miles - North Texas - Freshman - 3.78
Tyler Compton - Old Dominion - Junior - 4.00
Darik Dillard - Rice - Junior - 3.29
Picasso Nelson, Jr. - Southern Miss - Grad. - 4.00
Cameron Tom - Southern Miss - Junior - 3.76
Marcus Ward - WKU - Junior - 3.71
Jake Collins - WKU - R.-Freshman - 3.73

THREE C-USA PLAYERS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Three Conference USA players have to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. Old Dominion junior OL **Tyler Compton** is joined by Southern Miss teammates, junior OL **Cameron Tom** and sophomore DB **Picasso Nelson, Jr.**. in earning recognition. To be nominated, a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) at his/her current institution.

WKU'S TAYLOR A SEMIFINALIST FOR BILETNIKOFF AWARD

Junior WR **Taywan Taylor** became the first Hilltopper to ever be named a semifinalist for the 2015 Biletnikoff Award, which recognizes college football's most outstanding receiver at any position. Taylor has been an elite playmaker for the high-powered passing attack for WKU this season, ranking second in the FBS in touchdowns (17), fourth in receiving yards (1,363) and 21st in receptions (79). He and Baylor's Corey Coleman are the only players to have at least 1,300 receiving yards and 17 touchdowns.

WKU'S DOUGHTY NAMED A FI-NALIST FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

WKU quarterback **Brandon Doughty** has been named one of 10 finalists for the prestigious 2015 Senior CLASS Award. Doughty was one of 30 candidates announced in September and joins a select group of 10 to make it to the final round as selected by a media committee. An acronym for "Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®," the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

On the season Doughty leads the FBS in completion percentage (71.5) and touchdown passes (45), while ranking second in passing yards (4,594). He has helped lead the Hilltoppers to their first conference championship in the FBS era with an 11-2 record, including an undefeated mark in Conference USA at 8-0.

WEEKLY NATIONAL HONORS

Several C-USA players have received weekly national honors during the 2015 season:

AUTONATION/FWAA NATIONAL PLAYER OF WEEK

N30 Brandon Doughty, QB, Gr., WKU

JOHN MACKEY NATIONAL TIGHT END OF WEEK

S9 Tyler Higbee, Sr., WKUO28 Jonnu Smith, Jr., FIU

LOU GROZA STARS OF THE WEEK (KICKER)

S14 Garrett Schwettman, Sr., WKUS21 Jonathan Barnes, So., Louisiana Tech

MANNING STARS OF THE WEEK (QUARTERBACK)

S14 Brandon Doughty, Gr., WKU S21 Brent Stockstill, Fr., Middle Tennessee S28 Brandon Doughty, Gr., WKU Nick Mullens, QB, Southern Miss 05 Brandon Doughty, Gr., WKU 012 Driphus Jackson, QB, Rice Brandon Doughty, Gr., WKU Jeff Driskel, QB, Louisiana Tech N2 Chase Litton, Fr., Marshall N16 Nick Mullens, QB, Southern Miss N30 Nick Mullens, QB, Southern Miss Brandon Doughty, Gr., WKU

RAY GUY AWARD PLAYER OF WEEK (PUNTER)

N9 James Farrimond, Sr., Rice

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

S7

S14

Jalen Richard, RB, Southern Miss S21 Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU S28 Nick Mullens, QB, Southern Miss 05 012 Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU 019 Zach Pascal, WR, Old Dominion Alex McGough, QB, FIU 026 Anthony Wales, RB, WKU N2 N9 Kenneth Dixon, RB, Louisiana Tech N16 Nick Mullens, QB, Southern Miss N23 Brent Stockstill, QB, Middle Tennessee N30 Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU

Ray Lawry, RB, Old Dominion

Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU

DEFENSE

S7 Tiquan Lang, S, Marshall S14 Marcus Ward, S, WKU

S21	Jeremy Cutrer, S, Middle Tennessee
S28	Ocie Rose, CB, Florida Atlantic

O5 Michael Egwuagu, S, UTSA
O12 Gary Thompson, DL, Marshall

O19 TJ Ricks, LB, Old Dominion O26 Bryson Abraham, CB, Louisiana Tech

N2 Kishawn McClain, S, North Texas N9 Mike Wakefield, DT, FIU

N16 Fellonte Misher, S, Old Dominion

N23 Trey Hendrickson, DE, Florida Atlantic N30 Nick Holt, LB, WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS

S7 Blake Brewer, K, Charlotte Kylen Towner, KR/PR, WKU **S14** Jaquan White, PR, UTEP S21 Tyler Williams, P, Marshall S28 Jonathan Barnes, K, Louisiana Tech 05 012 Jonathan Barnes, K, Louisiana Tech Stephen Brauchle, K, Southern Miss 019 Jalen Richard, KR, Southern Miss 026 Chad Davis, DB, North Texas N2 N9 Jeremy Cutrer, DB, Middle Tennessee N16 Deandre Reaves, KR/PR, Marshall Garrett Schwettman, K. WKU N23 Deandre Reaves, KR/PR, Marshall

WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at C-USA overtime games in 2015 and all-time:

2015 C-USA Overtimes

N21 at Florida 20, Florida Atlantic 14 (ot) N14 UTSA 30, at Charlotte 27 (ot) N7 at Middle Tenn. 27, Marshall 24 (3ot) S26 Marshall 36, at Kent State 29 (2ot) S19 UTEP 50, at New Mexico State 47 (ot) S19 at Kansas State 39, Louisiana Tech 33 (3ot) S5 at Tulsa 47, Florida Atlantic 44 (ot)

Overtime Records - 1996-2015

Teams	All Games	C-USA Games
Charlotte	0-3	0-1
FIU	4-4	0-0
Florida Atlantic	2-5	0-1
Louisiana Tech	2-7	0-1
Marshall	6-5	4-4
Middle Tennessee	5-3	3-0
North Texas	1-1	0-0
Old Dominion	1-0	1-0
Rice	6-3	3-0
Southern Miss	4-6	3-6
UTEP	6-5	3-2
UTSA	2-1	1-0
WKU	5-2	1-1

EAST VS. WEST

Here's a look at how the cross-division games have fared since C-USA went to two divisons in 2005:

2015:	East 8, 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





























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CONFERENCE USA TELEVISION

C-USA ON NATIONAL TV

Conference USA has announced its television schedule for the 2015 football season. The current confirmed schedule features more than 100 games to air nationally or regionally, with some additional games to be added during the season. The schedule contains games selected by television partners FOX. CBS Sports Network and American Sports Network, along with selected games as part of other conference's television deals.

National games will be televised this season on FOX Sports 1, Fox Sports Net (FSN), FOX College Sports, CBS Sports Network, American Sports Network (ASN) and ESPN. Additional games where Conference USA is the visiting school will continue to be added into the season.

The 2015 football season marks the fifth year of a multi-platform media rights agreement between Conference USA and FOX Sports to broadcast a minimum of 30 games. Games appear on FOX Sports 1, as well as FOX Sports Networks owned and affiliated regional networks, and FOX College Sports.

This season marks the 11th year of C-USA's partnership with CBS Sports Network that includes significant national and regional exposure for football, men's and women's basketball, and other C-USA sports. CBS Sports Network is the 24-hour home of CBS Sports available across the country.

The 2015 C-USA Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 5 aired on ESPN 2. It marked the 11th-straight year that the C-USA Championship will air on the ESPN Family of Networks.

Additional Conference USA football television exposures will be released as soon as they are finalized.

Any games not selected for television will be streamed online via the C-USA Digital Network.

NATIONAL BROADCASTS

CBS SPORTS NETWORK NATIONAL SCHEDULE

Thur., Sept. 3 FIU 15, UCF 14 Tulsa 47, Florida Atlantic 44 (ot) Sat., Sept. 5 Sat., Sept. 26 WKU 56, Miami (Ohio) 14 Sat., Sept. 26 Colorado State 33. UTSA 31 Fri., Oct. 2 Temple 37, Charlotte 3 Sat., Oct. 3 Vanderbilt 17. Middle Tennessee 13 Marshall 31, Southern Miss 10 Fri., Oct. 9 Thur., Oct. 15 WKU 55, North Texas 28 Fri., Nov. 6 UTEP 24. Rice 21

FOX SPORTS 1 SCHEDULE

Mississippi St. 34, Southern Miss 16 Sat., Sept. 5 Marshall 41, Purdue 31 Sun., Sept. 6 Thur., Sept. 10 WKU 41, Louisiana Tech 38 Fri., Sept. 11 Miami 44, Florida Atlantic 20 Sat., Sept. 12 Kansas State 30. UTSA 3 Sat., Sept. 19 Oklahoma State 69, UTSA 14 Fri., Oct. 30 Louisiana Tech 42, Rice 17 Fri., Nov. 27 at WKU 49, Marshall 28

FOX SPORTS REGIONAL NETWORKS SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 12 Texas Tech 69, UTEP 20

Sat., Sept. 19	Kansas State 39, LA Tech 33 (3ot)
Sat., Sept. 26	Baylor 70, Rice 17
Sat., Oct. 3	WKU 49, Rice 10
Sat., Oct. 10	WKU 58, Middle Tennessee 28
Sat., Oct. 17	Middle Tennessee 42, FIU 34
Sat., Oct. 24	Rice 38, Army 31
Sat., Oct. 24	Marshall 30, North Texas 13
Sat., Oct. 31	WKU 55, Old Dominion 30
Sat., Oct. 31	Marshall 34, Charlotte 10
Sat., Nov. 7	WKU 35, Florida Atlantic 19
Sat., Nov. 7	Middle Tennessee 27, Marshall 24
Sat., Nov. 14	Old Dominion 31, UTEP 21
Sat., Nov. 14	Marshall 52, FIU 0
Sat., Nov. 21	Louisiana Tech 17, UTEP 15
Sat., Nov. 28	Southern Miss 58, Louisiana Tech 24
Sat., Nov. 28	UTEP 20, North Texas 17

FOX COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK SCHEDULE Sat., Sept. 19 Rice 38, North Texas 24

Southern Miss 49, North Texas 14

Sat., Sept. 26 Louisiana Tech 27, FIU 17

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Sat. Oct. 10	Rice 27, Florida Atlantic 26
Sat. Oct. 17	Marshall 33, Florida Atlantic 17
Sat., Oct. 31	Southern Miss 34, UTEP 13
Sat., Nov. 7	Louisiana Tech 56, North Texas 13
Sat., Nov. 14	UTSA 30, Charlotte 27 (ot)
Sat., Nov. 21	WKU 63, FIU 7

Sat., Nov. 28 Middle Tennessee 42, UTSA 7

Sat. Oct. 3

AMERICAN SP	ORTS NETWORK (ASN) SCHEDULE
Sat., Sept. 5	ODU 38, Eastern Michigan 34
Sat., Sept. 5	Rice 56, Wagner 16
Sat., Sept. 5	Louisiana Tech 62, Southern 15
Sat., Sept. 12	Charlotte 34, Presbyterian 10
Sat., Sept. 12	Southern Miss 52, Austin Peay 6
Sat., Sept. 12	Ohio 21, Marshall 10
Sat., Sept. 12	Old Dominion 24, Norfolk State 10
Sat., Sept. 19	Buffalo 33, Florida Atlantic 15
Sat., Sept. 19	Marshall 45, Norfolk State 7
Sat., Sept. 19	NC State 38, Old Dominion 14
Sat., Sept. 26	Marshall 36, Kent State 29 (2ot)
Sat., Sept. 26	Appalachian State 49, ODU 0
Sat., Sept. 26	Florida Atlantic 17, Charlotte 7
Sat., Oct. 3	Marshall 27, Old Dominion 7
Sat., Oct. 3	Louisiana Tech 43, LaLafayette 14
Sat., Oct. 10	FIU 52, UTEP 12
Sat., Oct. 10	Louisiana Tech 34, UTSA 31
Sat., Oct. 17	Old Dominion 37, Charlotte 34
Sat., Oct. 17	Southern Miss 32, UTSA 10
Sat., Oct. 24	Southern Miss 44, Charlotte 10
Sat., Oct. 24	LA Tech 45, Middle Tennessee 16
Sat., Oct. 24	UTEP 27, Florida Atlantic 17
Sat., Oct. 31	Florida Atlantic 31, FIU 17
Sat., Oct. 31	North Texas 30, UTSA 23
Sat., Nov. 7	FIU 48, Charlotte 31
Sat., Nov. 7	Old Dominion 36, UTSA 31

ESPN SCHEDULE

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Miami Beach Bowl	1:30 p.m.
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Popeyes Bahamas Bowl	11 a.m.
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St. Petersburg Bowl	10 a.m.
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ESPN 2 SCHEDULE

Sat., Dec. 5 C-USA Championship Game WKU 45, Southern Miss 28

ESPN U SCHEDULE

Fri., Sept. 4	Charlotte 23, Georgia State 20
Sat., Sept. 5	Arkansas 48, UTEP 13
Sat., Sept. 26	Iowa 62, North Texas 16
Sat., Oct. 24	LSU 48, WKU 20

ESPN NEWS SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 19	Indiana 38, WKU 35
Sat., Sept. 26	Nebraska 36, Southern Miss 28
Sat., Sept. 26	Illinois 27, Middle Tennessee 25

ESPN 3 SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 5

Sat., Sept. 12	Onio 21, Marshall 10
Sat., Sept. 12	SMU 31, North Texas 13
Sat., Sept. 19	Southern Miss 56, Texas State 50
Sat., Sept. 19	UTEP 50, New Mexico State 47 (ot)
Sat., Oct. 3	Massachusetts 24, FIU 14

ODU 38, Eastern Michigan 34

BIG TEN NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 12 Indiana 36, FIU 22

LONGHORN NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 12 Texas 42, Rice 28

PAC-12 NETWORKS SCHEDULE

Thur., Sept. 3 Arizona 42, UTSA 32

SEC NETWORK SCHEDULE

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	Sat., Sept. 12	Alabama 37, Middle Tennessee 10
	Sat., Oct. 17	Mississippi St. 45, Louisiana Tech 20
	Sat., Nov. 7	Tennessee 24, North Texas 0
	Sat., Nov. 21	Florida 20, Florida Atlantic 14 (ot)
	Sat., Nov. 21	Kentucky 58. Charlotte 10

C-USA ON LOCAL TV

KMYS SCHEDULE (San Antonio, Texas)

Sat., Oct. 3 UTSA 25, UTEP 6

All Game Times Central

C-USA DIGITAL NETWORK

The Conference USA Digital Network officially launched in the Summer of 2011 and continues to add programming. Football games not selected for national, regional or local television will be available via subscription. The site showcases weekly feature stories as well as postgame interviews, players of the week highlights and other exciting content.













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Southern Miss 56, Old Dominion 31

Florida Atlantic 33, Old Dominion 31

Southern Miss 65, Rice 10

UTSA 34, Rice 24

Rice 27, Charlotte 7















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C-USA EXTRA POINTS

CHARLOTTE 49ERS

The 49ers lost the season finale at Rice, 27-7. Charlotte scored its lone touchdown on a 56-yard TD pass from senior QB **Matt Johnson** to junior WR **Trent Bostick** – the longest TD catch in Bostick's career. Bostick had a season-high 111 yards receiving and the TD was his third of the season. Junior LB **Nick Cook** led the 49ers with a season-high 14 tackles, while junior DL **Larry Ogunjobi** had seven tackles to surpass 150 in his career. He owns the 49ers career record with 152.

FIU PANTHERS

The Panthers suffered a 63-7 loss to WKU to finish the season with a 5-7 record. Sophomore QB **Alex McGough** has completed 269-of-420 passes for 2,722 yards and 21 touchdowns. His 21 passing touchdowns and 2,722 passing yards are both single-season school records. Sophomore RB **Alex Gardner** rushed for 712 yards on 177 carries and eight TDs this season. Gardner's eight rushing scores ranks No. 5 all-time at FIU for a single season and he broke the FIU record for receptions (60) and receiving yards (442) by a running back in a season.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

Florida Atlantic closed out its season with a 33-31 win at Old Dominion. Junior K **Greg Joseph** hit four field goals to tie an FAU single-game record, including two in the fourth quarter. Senior QB **Jaquez Johnson** scored his 19th career rushing TD, the most for any FAU quarterback in the program's 15-year history. He sits at No. 4 all-time among all players. Senior RB **Jay Warren** rushed for a career-high 150 yards and a TD, while senior WR **Jenson Stoshak** made five catches for 87 yards. Junior DL **Trey Hendrickson** grabbed the FAU all-time sack mark at 19.5 with 3.5 sacks in the game.

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Marshall returns to the postseason for the fourth time in five years as the Thundering Herd will play Connecticut in the St. Petersburg Bowl, aiming for a third straight postseason victory. Marshall lists 25 players from the state of Florida, where it won the Boca Raton Bowl last season. Senior **Deandre Reaves**, the C-USA Special Teams Player of the Year, is the first Herd player with multiple kick return TDs in one season since Troy Brown in 1991. Freshman QB **Chase Litton** threw 22 TD passes on the season, most among true freshmen in the FBS. Sophomore TE **Hunter Yurachek** grabbed a team-leading nine TDs this season, most among C-USA tight ends.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

The Blue Raiders will participate in the second annual Popeyes Bahamas Bowl on Thursday, Dec. 24, facing Western Michigan. Middle Tennessee closed the regular season on a four-game winning streak. Freshman QB **Brent Stockstill** has broken the league's record for passing yards by a freshman with 3,678. He leads the nation's freshmen in yards and touchdown passes (27). Freshman WR **Richie James** has 100 receptions on the season, the eighth-most in a single season in C-USA history. Senior S **Kevin Byard** leads all active FBS players with 19 career interceptions. Middle Tennessee has set a school record with 5,504 total offensive yards.

OLD DOMINION MONARCHS

The Monarchs dropped a 33-31 decision to Florida Atlantic to finish 5-7. Freshman QB **Shuler Bentley** completed 24-of-42 pass attempts for 287 yards and three TDs, and added 54 yards and one TD on the ground. Junior WR **Zach Pascal** hauled in eight receptions for 163 yards and three TDs. His three scores tied the ODU individual game record. Defensively, the Monarchs were led by senior S **Fellonte Misher** and junior LB **TJ Ricks**. Misher finished with a career-high 15 tackles and one interception, while Ricks tallied 14 tackles, an interception and a sack.

WKU HILLTOPPERS

The C-USA Champion Hilltoppers carry a five-game winning streak into the Miami Beach Bowl against South Florida. Senior QB **Brandon Doughty** became the first back-to-back MVP in league history after leading the FBS in touchdowns (45), completion percentage (71.8) and points responsible for (286). Doughty was named the Conference USA Championship Game MVP after he threw for 410 yards. Junior WR **Taywan Taylor** set the single-season mark for receptions in season at WKU with 79 this year and has caught a school-record 17 TDs (second in the FBS). Senior **Tyler Higbee** is tied for the most touchdowns among FBS tight ends with eight. Junior RB **Anthony Wales** has six 100-yard games in the 10 he has played in and needs just 14 more yards for 1,000 on the season.

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Louisiana Tech will be in a bowl for the second straight season when it faces Sun Belt Conference Champion Arkansas State in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. First team All-Conference USA senior RB **Kenneth Dixon** enters the bowl game with 83 career touchdowns, tied with Montee Ball (Wisconsin, 2009-12) and Keenan Reynolds (Navy, 2012-present) for the NCAA-record. Senior QB **Jeff Driskel** was named C-USA Newcomer of the Year after passing for 3,575 yards, a number ranked eighth in school history. He ranks in the top 25 nationally in passing touchdowns, passing efficiency (150.2), passing yards per game (292.7) and passing yards per completion (14.12) this season. The Bulldogs offense has recorded more than 400 total yards of offense in 11 out of 12 games this season.

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

The Mean Green closeed out the season with a 20-17 loss to UTEP. Despite the defeat, the North Texas defense forced six fumbles, recovered five, returned one for a touchdown and allowed a season-low 256 yards total offense. Sophomore RB **Jeffrey Wilson** topped 1,000 yards rushing for his career, rushing 15 times for 56 yards against UTEP. He finishes his the year with 830 yards on 155 carries. Both senior S **Kishawn McClain** (112 tackles) and junior S **James Gray** (104) topped 100 tackles for the season, becoming the first safety pair with 100 total tackles in school history.

RICE OWLS

The Owls scored on each of their first five possession of the second half to defeat Charlotte, 27-7, and record the program's 30th win since 2012, matching the 1949 senior class for the most wins over four years in Rice history. Senior FB **Luke Turner** led the Owls resurgent second half, rushing for 49 of his season-high 54 yards and throwing his first touchdown pass since 2013. Junior RB **Jowan Davis** ran for 61 yards and a touchdown on just eight carries. He carried the ball five times for 54 yards on Rice's final scoring drive.

SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

West Division Champion Southern Miss returns to postseason play for the first time since 2011 when it plays in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl. The Golden Eagles, the most improved team in the FBS at +6 wins, will face Pac-12 member Washington in the first meeting between the schools. Junior QB **Nick Mullens** became the first Southern Miss player to be named C-USA Offensive Player of the Year. He ranks second in the league in yards (4,145) and touchdown passes (36), both school records, while placing sixth nationally in TD tosses. Senior RB **Jalen Richard** collected first-team all-league honors by rushing for 1,098 yards and adding 14 TDs on the ground, of which four were of runs of 53 yards or greater. Senior WR **Mike Thomas** notched a Southern Miss mark for most receiving yards in a season with 1,201 on 62 catches and grabbed at least one touchdown pass in each of his last nine games. On the year, the Golden Eagles have posted 37 TD drives of two minutes or less.

UTEP MINERS

The Miners closed out the season with a 20-17 victory at North Texas. Freshman Warren Redix's first career touchdown – a 32-yard reception in the fourth quarter – proved to be the game-winner. Freshman QB Kavika Johnson led the rushing attack with 75 yards and a score, while senior RB Jeremiah Laufasa grinded out 62 yards, helping the Miners rush for 187 yards. Junior DB Dashone Smith took an interception 65 yards for a pick six during the third quarter. It was his first interception since Sept. 14, 2013 at NM State, when he had two. The UTEP defense yielded season-lows in total yards (205) and first downs (10).

UTSA ROADRUNNERS

The Roadrunners fell to Middle Tennessee, 42-7. Sophomore RB **Tyrell Clay** drew his first career start and that pushed UTSA's total to 23 first-time starters for the season. He finished the day with career highs of 71 yards on 14 carries, including a career-long 31-yarder in the first quarter. Senior TE **David Morgan II** finished his final contest with 34 yards receiving (on three catches) and that pushed his season total to 566 and that ranks second on the program's single-season list. Sophomore WR **Kerry Thomas Jr.** registered two receptions for 12 yards to extend his UTSA single-season record to 52. Morgan II and senior WR **Aaron Grubb** — who caught 45 and 42 passes, respectively, this season — round out the top three.





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C-USA BOWL PARTNERS



C-USA BOWL SYNOPSIS

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C-USA and the College Football Playoff

As a member of the College Football Playoff, Conference USA will be a part of one of the College Football Playoff bowls if it has the highest rated champion from among the American, C-USA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt Conferences.

The Playoff

During the 2014-15 season, college football entered a new era when postseason playoffs began. The format is simple: top four teams, two semifinals played in bowl games and a national championship game played in a different city each year. Each semifinal will be played during the New Year's holiday with the national championship game in prime time on a Monday night at least a week later.

The Selection Committee

A selection committee will choose the four teams for the playoff based on their performance during the regular season, including, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, championships won, and other factors. The teams will be seeded so that No. 1 will play No. 4 in one semifinal and No. 2 will meet No. 3 in the other, with the two winners advancing to the national championship game.

The Rotation

The semifinals will rotate among six different bowls, extending the experience to more fans. In the years when the bowls are not hosting semifinals, the bowls will feature eight other teams in four compelling matchups.

For the 2015-16 season, the Peach Bowl (Dec. 31), Fiesta Bowl (Dec. 31), Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual (Jan. 1) and Allstate Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1) will host its regular bowl games, while the Capital One Orange (Dec. 31) and Goodyear Cotton Bowl (Dec. 31) will host semifinals. The College Football Championship will be held on Monday, Jan. 11 in Glendale, Arizona.

GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL

Conference USA will enter its second year as a pri-

mary partner with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl and is scheduled to send a team to Albuquerque each seasons between 2015 and 2019. C-USA will face a representative from the Mountain West



Conference each season at University Stadium on the campus of the University of New Mexico....C-USA has participated in the New Mexico Bowl twice before, as UTEP met its former conference rival BYU in 2010, and the Miners met Utah State last season...This year's game will mark the 10th in the bowl's history, which produced two of the highest scoring and most exciting comeback finishes among all bowl games in 2012 and 2013...This bowl will once again be played on the opening day of the bowl season, which it has nearly each time during its existence.

GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL FACTS

Albuquerque, New Mexico Date: Dec. 19, 2015 Time: 12 p.m. MST

Stadium: University Stadium (37,792)

Network: ESPN

Opponent: Mountain West Selection

Phone: 505-925-5999

Executive Director: Jeff Siembieda Director of Operations: Cary Colbert Chairman of the Board: Rudy Davalos Media Relations Director: RaeAnn McKernan Website: www.gildannewmexicobowl.com

Facebook: NewMexicoBowl Twitter: @GildanNMBowl

MIAMI BEACH BOWL

Conference USA will be a part of the second annual Miami Beach Bowl this December, facing an

opponent from the American Athletic Conference....The game is played at Marlins Park, the home of MLB's Miami Marlins, and the stadium is built on the site of the



historic Orange Bowl Stadium...Last year's inaugural game was the second-highest scoring game of the 2014-15 bowl season, as Memphis outscored BYU, 55-48 in double-overtime.

MIAMI BEACH BOWL FACTS

Miami, Florida

 Date:
 Dec. 21, 2015

 Time:
 2:30 p.m. EST

 Stadium:
 Marlins Park (32,128)

Network: ESPN

Opponent: American Athletic Conference Selection

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Phone: 305/480-1609 Executive Director: Carlos Padilla

Assistant Executive Director: Blake Guthrie Media Relations Director: Jack Heilig

Phone: 954/634-2299

Website: www.miamibeachbowl.com Facebook: Miami Beach Bowl Twitter: @miamibeachbowl

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL

After a successful inaugural bowl week in 2014 that was capped off with one of the most incredible comebacks and final plays in bowl game history, the second Popeyes Bahamas Bowl will kick off Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015, at Nassau's Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium...The 2014 game saw WKU QB Brandon Doughty throw for 486 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Hilltoppers to their first bowl win, 49-48 over Central Michigan. The game was not decided until the final play, when WKU stopped a two-point attempt and the teams set FBS bowl

records for most combined passing touchdowns (12) and combined passing yards (971)...Conference USA will be a part of the 2015 game once



again facing an opponent from the Mid-American Conference...The game is based in Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, and the average high temperature in December is 79 degrees....The 2014 Bahamas Bowl marked the first postseason FBS bowl game outside of either the United States or Canada between two U.S. teams since the Jan. 1, 1937 Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba...The bowl has been strengthened going forward as ESPN Events announced the acquisition of the game May 12, 2015. The addition of the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl makes the game a part of an impressive stable of events in football and basketball for ESPN Events.

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL FACTS

Nassau, Bahamas

Network:

Date: Dec. 24, 2014 Time: 12 p.m. EST

Stadium: Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium

(15,000) ESPN

Opponent: Mid-American Selection Executive Director: Richard Gianinni Director of Communications: Chris Pika

Phone: 678/908-4853

Website: www.popeyesbahamasbowl.com Facebook: Popeyes Bahamas Bowl

Twitter: @The Bahamas Bowl

































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R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS

Conference USA is scheduled be a part of the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl for the 11th time in the bowl's 15-year history, facing an opponent from the Sun Belt Conference on Saturday, Dec. 19, the opening day of the 2015-16 bowl season...This year's game will mark the sixth-straight year it has been played on a Saturday, with an 8 pm kickoff scheduled... Current Conference USA members Florida Atlantic, Middle Tennessee. North Texas. Rice and Southern

Miss have each participated in previous New Orleans Bowls, with the Golden NF Eagles three victories ranking second among all schools to play in the game. North Texas and



Southern Miss have tied for the most appearances with four apiece...The New Orleans Bowl is played at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, site of seven Super Bowl games.

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL FACTS

New Orleans, La.

Date: December 19, 2015 Time: 8 p.m. CST

Stadium: Mercedes-Benz Superdome (73,208)

ESPN Network:

Opponent: Sun Belt Conference Selection

President/CEO: Jay Cicero Executive Director: Billy Ferrante Associate Executive Director: Jeff Rossi V.P., Communications: Sam Joffray

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ST. PETERSBURG BOWL

After a one-year absence, Conference USA will once again participate in the St. Petersburg Bowl this December, facing an opponent from the American Athletic Conference....This year's game is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 26 at 11 am EST...Conference USA has participated in six of the first seven St. Petersburg Bowls....Current C-USA members FIU, Marshall and Southern Miss have participated in the game previously...The game is played at Tropicana Field in downtown St. Petersburg and the bowl is owned and operated by ESPN Events.

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL FACTS

St. Petersburg, Fla. Date: December 26, 2015 Time: 11 a.m. EST

Stadium: Tropicana Field (28,453)

Network: ESPN

Opponent: American Athletic Conference Selection

Phone: 727/290-9865

Executive Director: Brett Dulaney Supervisor of Events: Kathy Hnat Supervisor of Events: Brittany Tellex Media Relations Director: Jack Heilig

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ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

Conference USA is slated to play an opponent from the Big 12 Conference in the sixth annual Heart of Dallas Bowl on Dec. 26...The bowl is the only one that honors first responders and it also benefits organiza-

tions working to eradihomelessness cate in Dallas...Last year, C-USA West Division Champion Louisiana Tech defeated Illinois, 35-18, as Houston Bates recorded a bowl record 4.5 sacks for



the Bulldogs...In 2013, North Texas celebrated its return to postseason play with a 36-14 win over UNLV in front of a partisan Mean Green crowd at Cotton Bowl Stadium...Conference USA made its first appearance in the bowl on Jan. 1, 2012 when No. 17 Houston concluded a 13-1 season with a win over No. 22 Penn State in a matchup of nationally-ranked teams. It was one of just nine bowl games during the 2011-12 bowl season that matched two top 25 teams.

ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL FACTS

Dallas, Texas

Date: Dec. 26, 2015 2:20 p.m. CST Time: Cotton Bowl (92,100) Stadium:

Network: FSPN Opponent: Big 12 Selection Phone: 214-389-4300

Executive Director: Brant Ringler Operations & Events: Scott Pomeroy

Supervisor, Sales and Marketing: Bryan Delgado

Assoc. Manager of Events: Monty Clegg

Ticket Manager: Trisha Branch

Media Operations Coordinator: Tim Simmons

Phone: 303/678-8484

Website: www.theheartofdallasbowl.com

Facebook: theheartofdallasbowl

Twitter: @HODBowl

NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA BOWL

Conference USA is scheduled to participate in the

inaugural NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl this season. The game is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 29 and C-USA's rep would face an opponent from the Mountain West Conference. The game



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is slated to be played at Arizona Stadium in Tucson.

NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA BOWL FACTS

Tucson, Arizona

Dec. 29, 2015 Date: Time: 5:30 p.m. MST

Stadium: Arizona Stadium (56,029)

Network:

Opponent: Mountain West Selection Website: www.azbowlgame.com

Facebook: AZBowlGame Twitter: @AZBowlGame

CAMPING WORLD INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Conference USA maintains a secondary partnership

with the Independence Bowl, played at Independence Stadium in Shreveport. Louisiana. C-USA will provide a surplus team to the bowl in the event the Southeastern



Conference or Atlantic Coast Conference are unable to provide a teamThe game was established in 1976 and named the Independence Bowl because it was founded during the nation's Bicentennial year. It is the nation's 11th-oldest game...Current C-USA members Louisiana Tech, Southern Miss and UTEP have previously played in the Independence Bowl.

CAMPING WORLD INDEPENDENCE BOWL FACTS

Shreveport, Louisiana Date: Dec. 26, 2015 4:45 p.m. CST Time:

Stadium: Independence Stadium (48,975)

Network: **FSPN**

Opponent: ACC or SEC Selection Phone: 318-221-0712

Executive Director: Missy Setters Asst. Executive Director, Sales:

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Asst. Exec. Director, Ticket & Business Operations:

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C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

C-USA BOWL OVERVIEW 2015-2019

Conference USA will have 10 bowl affiliations through the 2019 season, securing a minimum of five berths annually and offering fans a number of great destinations across America and beyond.

Conference USA has agreements with three bowls in the state of Florida: the Boca Raton Bowl, the Miami Beach Bowl and the St. Petersburg Bowl, along with an agreement with the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl near the coast of the Sunshine State. C-USA maintains longtime relationships with the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl and the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl in the central region as well as the Gildan New Mexico Bowl in the southwest and the Hawaii Bowl in the far West. New this year will be an agreement with the new NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl in Tucson,

Conference USA has a secondary agreement with a bowls also located right within the league's footprint, giving teams the opportunity to participate in the Camping World Independence Bowl in Shreveport,

In these bowls, Conference USA will have the opportunity to face opponents from the American Athletic, Big 12, Big Ten, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt Conferences.

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2015 C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Conference USA will host its 11th football championship game in 2015.

The event is slated for Saturday, Dec. 5, and will be televised by ESPN or ESPN 2. The team with the highest league winning percentage will serve as host site for the game.

The title game will feature champions from the East and West divisions of the league. Six different schools have hosted the first 10 championship games.

Marshall won its first C-USA Football Championship last season with a 23-16 win over Louisiana Tech in Huntington, West. Virginia. In 2013, Rice won its first C-USA Football title with a victory over Marshall at Rice Stadium. Southern Miss won the 2011 C-USA Championship when the nationally-ranked Golden Eagles defeated previously undefeated Houston. Former members East Carolina, Tulsa and UCF each won two championships, while Houston claimed one crown.

Year Champion (C-USA Record) WKU (8-0)

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2014	Marshall (7-1)
2013	Rice (7-1)
2012	Tulsa (7-1)
2011	Southern Miss (7-1)
2010	UCF (7-1)
2009	East Carolina (6-2)
2008	East Carolina (6-2)
2007	UCF (7-1)
2006	Houston (7-1)
2005	Tulsa (6-2)
2004	Louisville (8-0)
2003	Southern Miss (8-0)
2002	TCU (6-2)
	Cincinnati (6-2)
2001	Louisville (6-1)
2000	Louisville (6-1)
1999	Southern Miss (6-0)
1998	Tulane (6-0)
1997	Southern Miss (6-0)
1996	Houston (4-1)
	Southern Miss (4-1)

C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, Dec. 5 Time: 11 a.m. CST ESPN 2

EAST WEST CHARLOTTE LOUISIANA TECH FIU **NORTH TEXAS** FLORIDA ATLANTIC **RICE**

SOUTHERN MISS MARSHALL MIDDLE TENNESSEE UTFP

OLD DOMINION UTSA

WKU

C-USA TIEBREAKER

Home field for the C-USA Championship Game will be awarded to the team that posts the highest regular season winning percentage against conference opposition. The first tiebreaker is the winner of a head-to-head match-up. If still tied, the most recent College Football Playoff Selection Committee poll will be used if one team or both teams are ranked. If they remain tied, highest average computer ranking will be used.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Members of the media that wish to cover the C-USA Championship game will be required to request credentials through the league's online credential application system available at conferenceusa.com/Media Center.

Details about the C-USA Championship Game will be available throughout the season on conferenceusa. com. For additional information, please contact C-USA Media Relations at 214/774-1300.

C-USA STADIUMS

Charlotte Richardson Stadium (15,000) FILL FIU Stadium (20,000) Florida Atlantic FAU Stadium (29.419) Louisiana Tech Joe Aillet Stadium (28,019) Marshall Joan C. Edwards Stadium

(38,019)

Middle Tennessee Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium

(30.788)

North Texas Apogee Stadium (30,850) Old Dominion S.B. Ballard Stadium (20,068) Rice Rice Stadium (47,000) Southern Miss M.M. Roberts Stadium (36,000)

UTEP Sun Bowl (51,500) Alamodome (65.000) **UTSA**

Houchens Industries/L.T. Smith Stadium WKU

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INSTANT REPLAY/NOTING C-USA FOOTBALL

THREE GROZA SEMIFINALISTS

Three Conference USA kickers were named among the 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award, given to the nation's top placekicker, it was announced on November 5. Included were Louisiana Tech's Jonathan Barnes. Marshall's Nick Smith and WKU's Garrett Schwettman.

THREE C-USA PLAYERS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Three Conference USA players have been named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. Old Dominion junior OL Tyler Compton is joined by Southern Miss teammates, junior OL Cameron Tom and sophomore DB Picasso Nelson, Jr.. in earning recognition. To be nominated, a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) at his/her current institution.

C-USA HAS THREE BURLESWORTH AWARD CANDIDATES

Three C-USA players have been named among the candodates forthe Brandon Burlsworth Trophy, given to the most outstanding football player in America who began his career as a walk-on. Included were Marshall senior P Tyler Williams. Old Dominion junior LB Ray Lawry and Rice senior P James Farrimond.

PRESEASON ALL-C-USA **SELECTIONS**

(as selected by the league's head coaches)

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR Brandon Doughty, Gr., QB, WKU

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR Richard Leonard, Sr., DB, FIU

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR Autrey Golden, Sr., KR, UTEP

Leon Allen, Sr., WKU

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB

RB

WR

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RB	Kenneth Dixon, Sr., Louisiana Tech
RB	Devon Johnson, Sr., Marshall
RB	Aaron Jones, Jr., UTEP
OL	Jordan Budwig, Jr., FIU
OL	Darius Johnson, Sr., Middle Tennessee
OL	Kaydon Kirby, Jr., North Texas
OL	Andrew Reue, Sr., Rice
OL	Clint Van Horn, Jr., Marshall
WR	Jared Dangerfield, Sr., WKU
WR	Carlos Harris, Sr., North Texas
WR	Zach Pascal, Jr., Old Dominion

Trent Taylor, Jr., Louisiana Tech

Brandon Doughty, Gr., WKU

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FIRST TE	AM DEFENSE
DL	Vernon Butler, Sr., Louisiana Tech
DL	Jason Neill, Sr., UTSA
DL	Jarquez Samuel, Sr., Marshall
DL	Michael Smith, Sr., Southern Miss
DL	Michael Wakefield, Sr., FIU
LB	T.T. Barber, Sr., Middle Tennessee
LB	Drew Douglas, Sr., UTSA
LB	D.J. Hunter, Sr., Marshall

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Kevin Byard, Sr., Middle Tennessee
Crevon LeBlanc, Sr., Florida Atlanti
Richard Leonard, Sr., FIU
Bennett Okotcha, Sr., UTSA
Wonderful Terry, Sr., WKU
Xavier Woods, Jr., Louisiana Tech

FIRST TEAM SPECIAL TEAMS

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<	Trevor Moore, So., North Texas
)	Tyler Williams,, Sr., Marshall
ΚR	Autrey Golden, Jr., UTEP
PR	Richard Leonard, Sr., FIU
_S	Matt Cincotta, Sr., Marshall

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH EAST DIVISION

I.	WKU
2.	Marshall
3.	Middle Tennessee
4.	Florida Atlantic
5.	FIU
6.	Old Dominion
7.	Charlotte

WEST DIVISION Louisiana Toch

I.	Louisiana recn
2.	Rice
3.	UTEP
4.	Southern Miss
5.	North Texas
6.	UTSA

INSTANT REPLAY

Conference USA uses the instant replay program implemented in 2005. C-USA will use the model adopted by all FBS conferences in 2011, which relies on a replay official (RO) to both call for the instant replay and have the final decision upon review.

The RO will have access to the referee through a vibrating pager. When the RO feels there is a call that warrants a review and the play is reviewable, he will page the referee.

The referee will kill the clock and announce that a ruling on the field is being reviewed. The RO will then review all aspects of the play and can change the original call or allow it to stand. The RO, as well as the communicator (CO), and technician (at a minimum), will be utilized to insure that all plays are reviewed in an efficient and timely manner.

In addition to the RO having the ability to change a call rather than the referee, the other significant difference to the Conference USA instant replay policy relates to a coaches challenge.

Coaches will be allowed to challenge an on-field ruling once per game. A coach may initiate a challenge by calling a time out (if he has a time out available) and informing the referee prior to the ball being put back in play. If the on-field ruling is reversed, that team's time out will not be charged.

There will be no clock adjustments unless there is a replay reversal on a play that ran time off the clock and, upon further review, the clock would have been stopped. The referee and RO will confirm the correct time and communicate it to the timer.

Instant replay is a very unique situation and there are many aspects to it. C-USA replay officials, referees and communicators were provided with intensive training at a clinic prior to the start of the season.

COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The only scheduled C-USA Coaches teleconference during the 2015 season will be held on Tuesday. Dec. 1 and will feature the head coaches of the two teams participating in the 2015 C-USA Football Championship Game.

In lieu of a weekly teleconference, the C-USA office provides coaches quotes each Monday and Tuesday during the season. Those quotes will be emailed to media members and available on ConferenceUSA.com.

UAB FOOTBALL BACK IN 2017

Six months after the program was dropped following the 2014 season, UAB reinstated football on June 1, 2015. The NCAA informed UAB that football play can resume beginning with the 2017 season, and the team can compete at the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) level.

The NCAA informed UAB that the Blazers' football program will not be subject to FBS requirements for a period of three academic years, beginning with 2015-16, and that it would be counted as an FBS opponent once it begins participating in outside competition. UAB would be eligible for postseason bowl competition should it meet qualifying standards and also would be eligible for the Conference USA championship.

"I am so excited that UAB Football will return to FBS competition in 2017," head football coach Bill Clark said. "Like our fans, I wanted to light the scoreboard much sooner, but doing it right is more important than doing it fast, and this was our best option. We want a program that is here to stay. We have to start by building a new, stronger foundation. We need to take our time to do it right, then we can compete for conference and bowl championships.

"I want to thank our conference, the UAB administration, and the NCAA for working with us to make this possible," Clark said. "Most importantly, I want to thank the Blazer Nation. The love and support from UAB fans has been incredible. Please don't stop. We still have a lot to do and we need all of you. Go Blazers!"

Conversations with the NCAA and Conference USA centered on recruiting, building a roster and maintaining FBS status.

"We couldn't be more grateful to C-USA and the NCAA for assisting us through the reinstatement process," UAB Athletics Director Mark Ingram said. "They have worked with our athletics team to get us the answers we needed in a timely manner so that our coaches can begin recruiting."

































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MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Video highlights from each Conference USA school will be available through XOS Video exchange during the 2015 season. By Noon CDT Monday afternoon during the season each school will upload several minutes of footage to XOS for television stations to download and use. Schools may also post additional footage at times during the week.

Please contact the C-USA media relations department for more information.

C-USA AUDIO UPDATES

Conference USA produces a weekly audio football show entitled "Talking Conference USA Football," that is syndicated throughout Conference USA markets.

The league also produces a daily audio update, called "Today in Conference USA" that focuses on football as well as all C-USA sports. It also appears on the syndicated network.

Bill Hazen serves as the host and producer of both programs.

Both of these shows are available for download on C-USA's podcast channel:

http://conferenceusa.cstv.com/podcasts/c-usa-pod-casts.html

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION

Media may contact the Conference USA office by phone (214-774-1300) or e-mail to be included on the league's e-mail lists for releases and information.

Statistics are updated on Sundays, weekly notes on Mondays, game previews on Tuesdays and press conference quotes on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please contact Russell Anderson (rdanderson@c-usa.org) in the conference office with requests or questions.

COLLEGEPRESSBOX.COM

Collegepressbox.com is the official media website for Conference USA football. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides and more for the conference and each of its 13 member schools throughout the season. Login information will be distributed to accredited media or you can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to: password@collegepressbox.com.

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FLAGSHIP RADIO STATIONS

Below is the flagship radio station for each Conference USA football school:

School	Station	Signal	PxP
Charlotte	WFNZ-AM	610	Matt Swierad
FIU	ESPN Deporte	s 1210	Mike Levine
Florida Atlantic	: ESPN-FM	106.3	Ken LaVicka
Louisiana Tech	KXKZ-FM	107.5	Dave Nitz
Marshall	WDGG-FM	93.7	Steve Cotton
Middle Tenn.	WPRT-FM	102.5	Chip Walters
North Texas	KNTU-FM	88.1	Dave Barnett
	KGAF-AM	1580	
Old Dominion	ESPN Radio	94.1	Ted Alexander
Rice	KGOW-FM	1560	J.P. Heath
Southern Miss	WXRR-FM	104.5	John Cox
UTEP	KOFX-FM	92.3	Jon Teicher
*ES	PN Deportes	1650	Harry Ruiz
UTSA	KTKR-AM	760	Andy Everett
	KBUC-FM	92.5/93	3.3 (alternate)
	*K272EK	102.3	Jorge Rodriguez
WKU	WPTQ-FM	105.3	Randy Lee
	WWKU-AM	1450	

C-USA WEBSITES

*Spanish station

Here are the official websites for each C-USA school:

www.Charlotte49ers.com Charlotte FIU www.FIUSports.com Florida Atlantic www.FAUSports.com Louisiana Tech www.LATechSports.com Marshall www.HerdZone.com Middle Tennessee www.GoBlueRaiders.com www.MeanGreenSports.com North Texas Old Dominion www.ODUSports.com Rice www.RiceOwls.com Southern Miss www.SouthernMiss.com **UTEP** www.UTEPAthletics.com ΙΙΤςΔ www.GoUTSA.com WKU www.WKUSports.com

C-USA TWITTER FEEDS

Here are the Twitter feeds for each C-USA school:

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C-USA EAST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

CHARLOTTE (2-10, 0-8 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S4 (Fri.)	at Georgia State (ESPNU)	W	23-20	1-0
S12	PRESBYTERIAN (ASN)	W	34-10	2-0
S19	→at Middle Tennessee	L	14-73	2-1
S26	→FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ASN)	L	7-17	2-2
02 (Fri.)	TEMPLE (CBSSN)	L	3-37	2-3
017	→at Old Dominion (ASN)	L	34-37	2-4
024	→SOUTHERN MISS (ASN)	L	10-44	2-5
O31	→MARSHALL (FSN)	L	10-34	2-6
N7	→at FIU (ASN)	L	31-48	2-7
N14	→UTSA (FCS)	L	27-30 (c	t) 2-8
N21	at Kentucky (SEC Network)	L	10-58	2-9
N28	→at Rice (ASN)	L	7-27	2-10

FIU (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3 (Thu.)	at UCF (CBSSN)	W	15-14	1-0
S12	at Indiana (BTN)	L	22-36	1-1
S19	N.C. CENTRAL	W	39-14	2-1
S26	→at Louisiana Tech (FCS)	L	17-27	2-2
O3	at Massachusetts (ESPN 3)	L	14-24	2-3
010	→UTEP (ASN)	W	52-12	3-3
017	→at Middle Tennessee (FSN)	L	34-42	3-4
024	→OLD DOMINION	W	41-12	4-4
031	→at Florida Atlantic (ASN)	L	17-31	4-5
N7	→ CHARLOTTE (ASN)	W	48-31	5-5
N14	→at Marshall (FSN)	L	0-52	5-6
N21	→WKU (FCS)	L	7-63	5-7

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (3-9, 3-5 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S5	at Tulsa (CBSSN)	L	44-47 (o	t) 0-1
S11 (Fri.)	MIAMI (FLA.) <i>(FS1)</i>	L	20-44	0-2
S19	BUFFALO (ASN)	L	15-33	0-3
S26	→at Charlotte (ASN)	W	17-7	1-3
010	→RICE (FCS)	L	26-27	1-4
017	→MARSHALL (FCS)	L	17-33	1-5
024	→at UTEP (ASN)	L	17-27	1-6
O31	→FIU (ASN)	W	31-17	2-6
N7	→at WKU (FSN)	L	19-35	2-7
N14	→MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ASN)	L	17-24	2-8
N21	at (8) Florida (SEC Network)	L	14-20 (o	t) 2-9
N28	→at Old Dominion (ASN)	W	33-31	3-9

Marshall (9-3, 6-2 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S6 (Sun.)	PURDUE (FS1)	W	41-31	1-0
S12	at Ohio (ESPN 3/ASN)	L	10-21	1-1
S19	NORFOLK STATE (ASN)	W	45-7	2-1
S26	at Kent State (ESPN3/ASN)	W	36-29	(2ot) 3-1
03	OLD DOMINION (ASN)	W	27-7	4-1
09 (Fri.)	SOUTHERN MISS (CBSSN)	W	31-10	5-1
017	at Florida Atlantic (FCS)	W	33-17	6-1
024	NORTH TEXAS (FSN)	W	30-13	7-1
O31	at Charlotte (FSN)	W	34-10	8-1
N7	at Middle Tennessee (FSN)	L	24-27	(3ot) 8-2
N14	FIU (FSN)	W	52-0	9-2
N27 (Fri.)	at WKU (FS1)	L	28-49	9-3
D26	St. Petersburg Bowl			
	vs. Connecticut (ESPN)	11:00a		

All times are Eastern

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (7-5, 6-2 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S5	JACKSON STATE	W	70-14	1-0
S12	at (3) Alabama (SEC Network)	L	10-37	1-1
S19	→ CHARLOTTE	W	73-14	2-1
S26	at Illinois (ESPN News)	Ĺ	25-27	2-2
03	VANDERBILT (CBSSN)	L	13-17	2-3
010	→at WKU (FSN)	L	28-58	2-4
017	→FIU (FSN)	W	42-34	3-4
024	→at Louisiana Tech (ASN)	L	16-45	3-5
N7	→MARSHALL (FSN)	W	27-24 (3	3ot) 4-5
N14	→at Florida Atlantic (ASN)	W	24-17	5-5
N21	→NORTH TEXAS (ASN)	W	41-7	6-5
N28	→at UTSA (FCS)	W	42-7	7-5
D24	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl	• • •		. •
	vs Western Michigan (FSPN)	11:00a		

All times are Central

OLD DOMINION (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S5	at Eastern Michigan (ASN/ESPN3)	W	38-34	1-0
S12	NORFOLK STATE (ASN)	W	24-10	2-0
S19	NC STATE (ASN)	L	14-38	2-1
S26	APPALACHIAN STATE (ASN)	L	0-49	2-2
03	→at Marshall (ASN)	L	7-27	2-3
017	→CHARLOTTE (ASN)	W	37-34	3-3
024	→at FIU	L	12-41	3-4
031	→WKU (FSN)	L	30-55	3-5
N7	→at UTSA (ASN)	W	36-31	4-5
N14	→UTEP (FSN)	W	31-21	5-5
N21	→at Southern Miss (ASN)	Ĺ	31-56	5-6
N28	→FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ÁSN)	L	31-33	5-7

WKU (11-2, 8-0 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3 (Thu.)	at Vanderbilt (SEC Network)	W	14-12	1-0
	LOUISIANA TÈCH (FS1)	W	41-38	2-0
S19	at Indiana (ESPN News)	L	35-38	2-1
S26	MIAMI (OHÌO) <i>(CBSSN</i>)	W	56-14	3-1
03	at Rice (FSN)	W	49-10	4-1
010	MIDDLE TENNESSEE (FSN)	W	58-28	5-1
O15 (Thu.)	at North Texas (CBSSN)	W	55-28	6-1
024	at (5) LSU (ESPNU)	L	20-48	6-2
031	at Old Dominion (FSN)	W	55-30	7-2
N7	FLORIDA ATLANTIC (FSN)	W	35-19	8-2
N21	at FIU (FCS)	W	63-7	9-2
N27 (Fri.)	MARSHALL (FS1)	W	49-28	10-2
D5	SOUTHERN MISS (ESPN2)	W	45-28	11-2
D21	Miami Beach Bowl			
	vs. South Florida (ESPN)	1:30p		

All times are Central





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LOUISIANA TECH (8-4, 6-2 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S5	SOUTHERN (ASN)	W	62-15	1-0
S10 (Thu.)	→at WKU (FS1)	L	38-41	1-1
S19	at Kansas State (FSN)	L	33-39 (3	ot) 1-2
S26	→FIU (FCS)	W	27-17	2-2
03	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE (ASN)	W	43-14	3-2
010	→at UTSA (ASN)	W	34-31	4-2
O17	at Mississippi State (SEC Network	() L	20-45	4-3
024	→MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ASN)	W	45-16	5-3
030 (Fri.)	→at Rice (FS1)	W	42-17	6-3
N7	→NORTH TEXAS (FCS)	W	56-13	7-3
N21	→at UTEP (FSN)	W	17-15	8-3
N28	→SOUTHERN MISS (FSN)	L	24-58	8-4
D19	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl vs. Arkansas State (ESPN)	8:00p		

All times are Central

North Texas (1-11, 1-7 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S12	at SMU (ESPN3)	L	13-31	0-1
S19	→RICE (FCS)	L	24-38	0-2
S26	at Iowa <i>(ESPN U)</i>	L	16-62	0-3
03	→at Southern Miss (FCS)	L	14-49	0-4
O10	PORTLAND STATE	L	7-66	0-5
O15 (Thu.)	→WKU (CBSSN)	L	28-55	0-6
024	→at Marshall (FSN)	L	13-30	0-7
O31	→UTSA (ASN)	W	30-23	1-7
N7	→at Louisiana Tech (FCS)	L	13-56	1-8
N14	at Tennessee (SEC Network)	L	0-24	1-9
N21	→at Middle Tennessee (ASN)	L	7-41	1-10
N28	→UTEP (FSN)	L	17-20	1-11

RICE (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S5	WAGNER (ASN)	W	56-16	1-0
S12	at Texas (LHN)	L	28-42	1-1
S19	→at North Texas (FCS)	W	38-24	2-1
S26	at (4) Baylor (FSN)	L	17-70	2-2
03	→WKU (FSN)	L	10-49	2-3
010	→at Florida Atlantic (FCS)	W	27-26	3-3
024	ARMY (FSN)	W	38-31	4-3
030 (Fri.)	→LOUISIANA TECH (FS1)	L	17-42	4-4
N6 (Fri.)	→at UTEP (CBSSN)	L	21-24	4-5
N14	→SOUTHERN MISS (ASN)	L	10-65	4-6
N21	→at UTSA (ASN)	L	24-34	4-7
N28	→CHARLOTTE (ASN)	W	27-7	5-7

SOUTHERN MISS (9-4, 7-1 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S5	MISSISSIPPI STATE (FS1)	L	16-34	0-1
S12	AUSTIN PEAY (ASN)	W	52-6	1-1
S19	at Texas State (ESPN 3)	W	56-50	2-1
S26	at Nebraska (ESPN News)	L	28-36	2-2
O3	→NORTH TEXAS (FCS)	W	49-14	3-2
09 (Fri.)	→at Marshall (CBSSN)	L	10-31	3-3
017	→UTSA (ASN)	W	32-10	4-3
024	→at Charlotte (ASN)	W	44-10	5-3
O31	→UTEP (FOX TBD)	W	34-13	6-3
N14	→at Rice (ASN)	W	65-10	7-3
N21	→OLD DOMINION (ASN)	W	56-31	8-3
N28	→at Louisiana Tech (FSN)	W	58-24	9-3
D5	at WKU (ESPN2)	L	28-45	9-4
D26	Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl			
	vs. Washington (ESPN)	1:20p		

All times are Central

UTEP (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME	
S5	at (18) Arkansas (ESPN U)	L	13-48 0-1
S12	at Texas Tech (FSN)	L	20-69 0-2
S19	at New Mexico State (ESPN 3)	W	50-47 (ot) 1-2
S26	INCARNATE WORD	W	27-17 2-2
03	→ UTSA	L	6-25 2-3
010	→at FIU (ASN)	L	12-52 2-4
024	→FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ASN)	W	27-17 3-4
O31	→at Southern Miss (FOX TBD)	L	13-34 3-5
N6 (Fri.)	→RICE (CBSSN)	W	24-21 4-5
N14	→at Old Dominion (FSN)	L	21-31 4-6
N21	→LOUISIANA TECH (FSN)	L	15-17 4-7
N28	→at North Texas (FSN)	W	20-17 5-7

UTSA (3-9, 3-5 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3 (Thu.)	at (22) Arizona (Pac-12 Net)	L	32-42	0-1
S12	KANSAS STATE (FS1)	L	3-30	0-2
S19	at (25) Oklahoma State (FS1)	L	14-69	0-3
S26	COLORADO STATE (CBSSN)	L	31-33	0-4
O3	→at UTEP	W	25-6	1-4
010	→LOUISIANA TECH (ASN)	L	31-34	1-5
017	→at Southern Miss (ASN)	L	10-32	1-6
O31	→at North Texas (ASN)	L	23-30	1-7
N7	→OLD DOMINION (ASN)	L	31-36	1-8
N14	→at Charlotte (FCS)	W	30-27 (ot) 2-8	
N21	→RICE (ASN)	W	34-24	3-8
N28	→MIDDLE TÉNNESSEE (FCS)	L	7-42	3-9





























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C-USA COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

FIU 15, UCF 14 WKU 14, Vanderbilt 12 (22) Arizona 42, UTSA 32

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Charlotte 23, Georgia State 20

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Old Dominion 38, at Eastern Michigan 34 at Rice 56, Wagner 16 at Louisiana Tech 62, Southern 15 at Middle Tennessee 70, Jackson State 14 Mississippi State 34, at Southern Miss 16 at (18) Arkansas 48, UTEP 13 at Tulsa 47, Florida Atlantic 44 (OT)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

at Marshall 41. Purdue 31

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

WKU 41, Louisiana Tech 38

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Miami (Fla.) 44. Florida Atlantic 20

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

at Charlotte 34, Presbyterian 10 at Southern Miss 52, Austin Peay 6 at Old Dominion 24, Norfolk State 10 at (2) Alabama 37, Middle Tennessee 10 Kansas State 30, at UTSA 3 at Texas Tech 69, UTEP 20 at Ohio 21. Marshall 10 at SMU 31, North Texas 13 at Indiana 36, FIU 22 at Texas 42, Rice 28

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

→Rice 38, at North Texas 24

→at Middle Tennessee 73, Charlotte 14

Southern Miss 56, at Texas State 50 UTEP 50, at New Mexico State 47 (OT) at FIU 39, N.C. Central 14 at Marshall 45, Norfolk State 7 at Kansas State 39, Louisiana Tech 33 (30T) (25) Oklahoma State 69, UTSA 14 at Indiana 38, WKU 35 NC State 38, at Old Dominion 14 Buffalo 33, at Florida Atlantic 15

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

→at Louisiana Tech 27. FIU 17

→ Florida Atlantic 17, at Charlotte 7

Marshall 36, at Kent State 29 (20T) at WKU 56, Miami (Ohio) 14 at UTEP 27, Incarnate Word 17 at Nebraska 36. Southern Miss 28 at Illinois 27, Middle Tennessee 25 at (4) Baylor 70, Rice 17 at Iowa 62, North Texas 16 Appalachian State 49, at Old Dominion 0 Colorado State 33, at UTSA 31

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Temple 37, Charlotte 3

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- → Marshall 27, Old Dominion 7
- **→WKU 49, at Rice 10**
- →Southern Miss 49, North Texas 14
- →UTSA 25, at UTEP 6

Louisiana Tech 43, Louisiana-Lafayette 14 Vanderbilt 17. at Middle Tennessee 13 Massachusetts 24, FIU 14

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

→ Marshall 31, Southern Miss 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- →at FIU 52, UTEP 12
- →at WKU 58, Middle Tennessee 28
- → Rice 27. at Florida Atlantic 26
- →Louisiana Tech 34, at UTSA 31

Portland St. 66, at North Texas 7

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

→WKU 55, at North Texas 28

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- →at Middle Tennessee 42, FIU 34
- →Marshall 33, at Florida Atlantic 17
- →at Old Dominion 37, Charlotte 34
- →at Southern Miss 32, UTSA 10

at Mississippi State 45, Louisiana Tech 20

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

- →Southern Miss 44, at Charlotte 10
- →at LA Tech 45, Middle Tennessee 16
- →at Marshall 30, North Texas 13
- →at FIU 41, Old Dominion 12
- →at UTEP 27, Florida Atlantic 17

at Rice 38 Army 31 at (5) LSU 48, WKU 20

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

→Louisiana Tech 42, Rice 17

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- →WKU 55, at Old Dominion 30
- →at Southern Miss 34, UTEP 13
- →at Florida Atlantic 31, FIU 17
- → Marshall 34, at Charlotte 10
- →at North Texas 30, UTSA 23

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

→at UTEP 24, Rice 21

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- →at FIU 48, Charlotte 31
- →at WKU 35, Florida Atlantic 19
- →at Louisiana Tech 56. North Texas 13
- →at Middle Tennessee 27, Marshall 24 (30T)
- →Old Dominion 36, at UTSA 31

SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 14

- → Middle Tennessee 24, at Florida Atlantic 17
- →at Old Dominion 31, UTEP 21
- →UTSA 30, at Charlotte 27 (OT)
- →at Marshall 52, FIU 0
- →Southern Miss 65, at Rice 10
- →at Tennessee 24, North Texas 0

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- →at Middle Tennessee 41, North Texas 7
- →WKU 63 at FIU 7
- **→Louisiana Tech 17 at UTEP 15**
- →at Southern Miss 56, Old Dominion 31
- →at UTSA 34, Rice 24

at (8) Florida 20, Florida Atlantic 14 (OT) at Kentucky 58, Charlotte 10

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

→at WKU 49. Marshall 28

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- →Southern Miss 58, at Louisiana Tech 24
- →Florida Atlantic 33, at Old Dominion 31
- → Middle Tennessee 42, at UTSA 7
- →at Rice 27. Charlotte 7
- **→UTEP 20, at North Texas 17**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

C-USA Championship Game (ESPN2) 11:00a at WKU 45, Southern Miss 28

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl

Louisiana Tech vs. Arkansas State 8 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Miami Beach Bowl

WKU vs. South Florida 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Popeyes Bahamas Bowl

Middle Tennessee vs. Western Mich. 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Petersburg Bowl

10 a.m. Marshall vs. Connecticut

Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

Southern Miss vs. Washington 1:20 p.m.

→Conference games in bold.

All games and dates subject to change.

All times Central.

