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### EAST DIVISION

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
*WKU	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	5-0	407	173
OLD DOMINION	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	4-1	313	217
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	3-2	310	300
FIU	4-4	.500	2-2	2-2	3-3	234	269
CHARLOTTE	3-5	.375	0-4	3-1	2-3	202	246
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	0-5	235	315
MARSHALL	2-6	.250	2-2	0-4	2-4	162	256

### WEST DIVISION

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
LOUISIANA TECH	6-2	.750	4-0	2-2	4-1	354	235
UTSA	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	3-2	281	249
SOUTHERN MISS	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	3-2	258	246
NORTH TEXAS	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	2-3	194	282
RICE	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	1-4	197	294
UTEP	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	2-3	215	280

\*C-USA CHAMPION

### SEASON STANDINGS

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
	10-3	.769	6-1	4-2	586	313
	9-3	.750	6-0	3-3	432	334
	8-4	.667	3-2	5-2	481	413
	4-8	.333	2-5	2-3	288	418
	4-8	.333	1-5	3-3	302	415
	3-9	.250	2-4	1-5	317	477
	3-9	.250	3-4	0-5	317	423

  

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
	8-5	.615	5-0	3-5	572	425
	6-6	.500	4-2	2-4	359	340
	6-6	.500	4-2	2-4	399	363
	5-7	.417	3-3	2-4	291	386
	3-9	.250	2-4	1-5	279	436
	4-8	.333	3-4	1-4	316	419

### BOWL SCHEDULE

#### GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL (Albuquerque, NM)

Saturday, December 17  
 UTSA vs. New Mexico (ESPN) 1 p.m.

#### R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL

(New Orleans, La.)  
 Saturday, December 17  
 Southern Miss vs. La.-Lafayette (ESPN) 8 p.m.

#### BOCA RATON BOWL (Boca Raton, Fla.)

Tuesday, December 20  
 WKU vs. Memphis (ESPN) 6 p.m.

#### POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL (Nassau, Bahamas)

Friday, December 23  
 Old Dominion vs. Eastern Mich. (ESPN) 12 p.m.

#### LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL

(Fort Worth, Texas)  
 Friday, December 23  
 Louisiana Tech vs. Navy (ESPN) 3:30 p.m.

#### HAWAI'I BOWL (Honolulu, Hawai'i)

Saturday, December 24  
 Middle Tennessee vs. Hawai'i (ESPN) 7 p.m.

#### HEART OF DALLAS BOWL (Dallas, Texas)

Tuesday, December 27  
 North Texas vs. Army (ESPN) 11 a.m.

### C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Dynacraft Conference USA  
 Championship Game  
 at WKU 58, Louisiana Tech 44**

**MVP: Anthony Wales, RB, WKU**



### C-USA AWARDS

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Skip Holtz - LA Tech

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Ryan Higgins - QB - LA Tech

#### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Carlos Henderson - WR - LA Tech

#### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Trey Hendrickson - DE - FAU

#### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Carlos Henderson - KR - LA Tech

#### NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Mike White - QB - WKU

#### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Josiah Tauaefa - LB - UTSA



## CONFERENCE USA ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Skip Holtz - LA Tech

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Ryan Higgins - QB - LA Tech

### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Trey Hendrickson - DE - FAU

### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Carlos Henderson - KR - LA Tech

### NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Mike White - QB - WKU

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Josiah Tauaefa - LB - UTSA

### FIRST TEAM ALL-C-USA

#### OFFENSE

QB - Ryan Higgins, Sr., Louisiana Tech  
 RB - l'Tavius Mathers, Sr., Middle Tenn.  
 RB - Aaron Jones, Jr., UTEP  
 OL - Darrell Brown, Sr., Louisiana Tech  
 OL - Cameron Tom, Sr., Southern Miss  
 OL - Will Hernandez, Jr., UTEP  
 OL - Max Halpin, Sr., WKU  
 OL - Forrest Lamp, Sr., WKU  
 TE - Hayden Plinke, Sr., UTEP  
 WR - Carlos Henderson, Jr., LA Tech  
 WR - Trent Taylor, Sr., Louisiana Tech  
 WR - Richie James, So., Middle Tennessee  
 WR - Taywan Taylor, Sr., WKU

#### DEFENSE

DL - Larry Ogunjobi, Sr., Charlotte  
 DL - Trey Hendrickson, Sr., Florida Atl.  
 DL - Jaylon Ferguson, So., Louisiana Tech  
 DL - Dylan Bradley, Sr., Southern Miss  
 LB - TJ Ricks, Sr., Old Dominion  
 LB - Emmanuel Ellerbee, Jr., Rice  
 LB - Josiah Tauaefa, Fr., UTSA  
 LB - Keith Brown, Sr., WKU  
 DB - Xavier Woods, Sr., Louisiana Tech  
 DB - Jeremy Cutrer, Sr., Middle Tennessee  
 DB - D'Nerius Antoine, Sr., Southern Miss  
 DB - Branden Leston, Sr., WKU

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Canon Rooker, Jr., Middle Tennessee  
 P - Eric Keena, Sr., North Texas  
 KR - Carlos Henderson, Jr., LA Tech  
 PR - Nacarius Fant, Jr., WKU  
 LS - William Eads, Sr., Middle Tennessee

### SECOND TEAM ALL-C-USA

#### OFFENSE

QB - Mike White, Jr., WKU  
 RB - Ito Smith, Jr., Southern Miss  
 RB - Anthony Wales, Sr., WKU  
 OL - Joseph Brunson, Sr., Louisiana Tech  
 OL - O'Shea Dugas, So., Louisiana Tech  
 OL - Daniel Stephens, Sr., Middle Tenn.  
 OL - Troy Butler, Sr., Old Dominion  
 OL - Darrell Williams, Jr., Sr., WKU  
 TE - Jonnu Smith, Sr., FIU  
 WR - Zach Pascal, Sr., Old Dominion  
 WR - Nicholas Norris, Sr., WKU

#### DEFENSE

DL - Rashaad Coward, Sr., Old Dominion  
 DL - Oshane Ximines, So., Old Dominion  
 DL - Marcus Davenport, Jr., UTSA  
 DL - Omarius Bryant, Sr., WKU  
 LB - Anthony Wint, Jr., FIU  
 LB - Jordan Harris, Sr., Louisiana Tech  
 LB - Alvin Jones, Jr., UTEP  
 DB - Kishawn McClain, Jr., North Texas  
 DB - Brandon Addison, Jr., Old Dominion  
 DB - Michael Egwuagu, Sr., UTSA  
 DB - Joe Brown, Jr., WKU

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Jonathan Barnes, Jr., Louisiana Tech  
 K - Parker Shaunfield, So., Southern Miss  
 P - Jake Collins, So., WKU  
 KR - Kylan Towner, Jr., WKU  
 PR - Trent Taylor, Sr., Louisiana Tech  
 LS - Darrell Travis, Sr., Louisiana Tech

### ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

#### OFFENSE

QB - Mason Fine, North Texas  
 RB - Devin Singletary, Florida Atlantic  
 RB - Quinton Baker, WKU  
 OL - Ethan Reed, Louisiana Tech  
 OL - Levi Brown, Marshall  
 OL - Devin Hannan, Old Dominion  
 OL - Ty Pollard, Southern Miss  
 OL - Greg Long, UTEP  
 TE - Harrison Bryant, Florida Atlantic  
 WR - Stantley Thomas, FIU  
 WR - Ty Lee, Middle Tennessee

#### DEFENSE

DL - Eric Kendzior, Louisiana Tech  
 DL - Ty Tyler, Marshall  
 DL - Tyshun Render, Middle Tennessee  
 DL - LaDarius Hamilton, North Texas  
 DL - Chris Richardson, UTEP  
 LB - Tyriq Harris, Charlotte  
 LB - Jayson VanHook, UTEP  
 LB - Josiah Tauaefa, UTSA  
 DB - Ben DeLuca, Charlotte  
 DB - Ephraim Kitchen, Louisiana Tech  
 DB - Chris Jackson, Marshall  
 DB - Justin Rogers, UTEP

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Brad Davis, Old Dominion  
 P - Bailey Cate, Old Dominion  
 KR - Kerrith Whyte, Florida Atlantic  
 PR - Darrell Brown, Old Dominion  
 LS - Matt Beardall, Marshall



## GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL

### UTSA vs. NEW MEXICO

Saturday, Dec. 17 Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 12 p.m. (MST) University Stadium (37,792)  
 All-Time Series: Series Tied 1-1  
 Last Meeting: New Mexico 21, at UTSA 9 (Oct. 4, 2014)  
 Television: ESPN  
 Announcers: Adam Amin (PxP), Mack Brown (AN)  
 Molly McGrath (SL)

#### UTSA (6-6, 5-3 in C-USA)

Website: www.goutsa.com  
 Head Coach: Frank Wilson (Nicholls State, '97)  
 Career Record: 6-6 (1st year)  
 Record at UTSA: 6-6 (1st year)  
 Offense: Pro-Style  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Dalton Sturm (159-of-273, 2,052 yds., 18 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Jalen Rhodes (142 att., 756 yds., 9 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Josh Stewart (36 rec., 682 yds., 5 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Josiah Tauaefa (104 tackles, 43 solo)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 376.4  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 400.0  
 Last Game: at UTSA 33, Charlotte 14 (Nov. 28)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: First bowl  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 0-0

**NOTING THE ROADRUNNERS:** UTSA will be making its first-ever bowl appearance....The Roadrunners are in a bowl in just their sixth year of football, matching the 2014 South Alabama team for the fastest a start-up program has reached a bowl....Linebacker Josiah Tauaefa was named C-USA Freshman of the Year and was the only freshman to earn first team All-Conference USA honors. He ranked third among all FBS freshmen with a school-record 104 tackles.

#### New Mexico (8-4, 6-2 in Mountain West)

Website: www.golobos.com  
 Head Coach: Bob Davie (Youngstown State, '77)  
 Career Record: 61-61 (10th year)  
 Record at UNM: 26-36 (5th year)  
 Offense: Pistol-Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Austin Apodoca (53-of-96, 654 yds., 6 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Teriyon Gipson (131 att., 1,209 yds., 12 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Dameon Gamblin (22 rec., 220 yds., 3 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Dakota Cox (81 tackles, 45 solo)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 470.3  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 397.3  
 Last Game: at New Mexico 56, Wyoming 35 (Nov. 26)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2015 New Mexico (Arizona 45, New Mexico 37)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 3-8-1

**NOTING THE LOBOS:** New Mexico competes at home in the New Mexico Bowl for the second straight year and the fourth time since 2007....The Lobos won six of their final seven games to tie for first place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West Conference....UNM's 11 conference wins over the last two seasons is a school record....New Mexico led the FBS in rushing at 360.9 yards per game and has a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in Teriyon Gipson (1,209) and Tyrone Owens (1,084).

**GAME NOTES:** This is the first bowl game of the 2016-17 bowl season....Conference USA will be participating in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl for the third time. UTEP played in the 2014 and 2010 games....There has been a combined 92 points or more in three of the last four New Mexico Bowls.

## R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL

### SOUTHERN MISS vs. LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

Saturday, Dec. 17 New Orleans, Louisiana  
 8 p.m. (CST) Mercedes-Benz Superdome (73,208)  
 All-Time Series: Southern Miss leads 39-11-1  
 Last Meeting: Southern Miss 51, La.-Lafayette 21 (Aug. 30, 2008)  
 Television: ESPN  
 Announcers: Jason Benetti (PxP), Rod Gilmore (AN)  
 Quint Kessenich (SL)

#### Southern Miss (6-6, 4-4 in C-USA)

Website: www.southernmiss.com  
 Head Coach: Jay Hopson (Mississippi '92)  
 Career Record: 38-23 (5th year)  
 Record at ULL: 6-6 (1st year)  
 Offense: Spread  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Nick Mullens (218-of-344, 2,926 yds., 22 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Ito Smith (239 att., 1,321 yds., 15 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Allenzae Staggers (52 rec., 935 yds., 6 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: D'Nerius Antoine (82 tackles, 50 solo)  
 Offensive Yards Per Game: 472.1  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 330.9  
 Last Game: at Southern Miss 39, LA Tech 24 (Nov. 26)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2015 Heart of Dallas (Washington 44, USM 31)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 10-13

**NOTING THE GOLDEN EAGLES:** Southern Miss returns to postseason play for the first time since 2011. This will be the 24th bowl appearance for the Golden Eagles, the most among C-USA schools....Junior RB Ito Smith rushed for over 1,000 yards for the second year in a row. Smith has 1,321 rushing yards in 2016 to go along with 15 rushing touchdowns....The Golden Eagles registered 472.1 yards per game during the regular season, ranking No. 25 in the FBS, while allowing just 330.9 yards per game, which ranked No. 18 in the FBS.

#### Louisiana-Lafayette (6-6, 5-3 in Sun Belt)

Website: www.ragincajuns.com  
 Head Coach: Mark Hudspeth (Delta State, '92)  
 Career Record: 89-51 (13th year)  
 Record at ULL: 23-30 (6th year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Anthony Jennings (185-of-303, 2,083 yds, 11 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Elijah McGuire (215 att., 1,028 yds., 7 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Al Riles (55 rec., 665 yds., 2 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Tre'miane Lightfoot (95 tackles, 43 solo)  
 Offensive Yards Per Game: 365.9  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 370.6  
 Last Game: La.-Lafayette 30, La.-Monroe 3 (Dec. 3)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2014 New Orleans (ULL 16, Nevada 3)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 4-0

**NOTING THE RAGIN' CAJUNS:** Louisiana-Lafayette is back in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl for the fifth time in six years under head coach Mark Hudspeth....Quarterback Anthony Jennings is a transfer from LSU that is completing 61% of his passes, but has thrown more interceptions (12) than touchdowns (11) on the season.

**GAME NOTES:** Conference USA has participated in 12 of the 16 New Orleans Bowls....Southern Miss will be making its fifth appearance in the bowl, posting a 3-1 record in its first four trips....This will be the 52nd meeting between the two football programs (first since 2008), with the Golden Eagles holding a 39-11-1 overall mark in the series.



## BOCA RATON BOWL

### WKU vs. MEMPHIS

Tuesday, Dec. 20 7 p.m. (EST) Boca Raton, Florida  
 FAU Stadium (29,418)  
 All-Time Series: Series Tied 2-2-1  
 Last Meeting: Memphis 42, WKU 0 (Oct. 27, 1956)  
 Television: ESPN  
 Announcers: Dave LaMont (PxP), Desmond Howard (AN)  
 Quint Kessenich (SL)

#### WKU (10-3, 7-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.wkuspports.com  
 Interim Head Coach: Nick Holt (Pacific '86)  
 Career Record: 5-18 (3rd year)  
 Record at WKU: 0-0 (1st game)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Mike White (260-of-386, 4,027 yds., 34 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Anthony Wales (202 att., 1,376 yds., 24 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Taywan Taylor (89 rec., 1,586 yds., 16 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Keith Brown (123 tackles, 58 solo)  
 Offensive Yards Per Game: 517.4  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 367.8  
 Last Game: at WKU 58, Louisiana Tech 44 (Dec. 3)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2015 Miami Beach (WKU 45, South Fla. 35)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 2-1

**NOTING THE HILLTOPPERS:** WKU will be looking to win a bowl game for the third consecutive season...The Hilltoppers are just the second school to win back-to-back C-USA Championship Games and WKU is one of eight FBS programs to win 10 or more games each of the past two seasons....For the first time in FBS history, the Hilltoppers have produced a 4,000-yard career receiver (Taywan Taylor, 4,090 yards), a 3,000-yard receiver (Nicholas Norris, 3,026 yards) and a 3,000-yard rusher (Anthony Wales, 3,097 yards)....The Hilltoppers rank No. 2 nationally in scoring offense (45.1), No. 5 in passing offense (336.8), and No. 7 in total offense (517.4)....WKU's defense leads C-USA in scoring defense (24.1) and rush defense (99.1, fourth-best mark in the FBS).

#### Memphis (8-4, 5-3 in Mid-American)

Website: www.gotigersgo.com  
 Head Coach: Mike Norvell (Central Arkansas, '06)  
 Career Record: 8-4 (1st year)  
 Record at UM: 8-4 (1st year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Riley Ferguson (255-of-400, 3,326 yds., 28 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Doroland Dorceus (127 att., 783 yds., 9 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Anthony Miller (84 rec., 1,283 yds., 11 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Jonathan Cook (81 tackles, 68 solo)  
 Offensive Yards Per Game: 461.4  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 442.7  
 Last Game: Memphis 48, Houston 44 (Nov. 25)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2015 Birmingham (Auburn 31, Memphis 10)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 5-4

**NOTING THE TIGERS:** Memphis is led by first-year head coach Mike Norvell and rank No. 33 nationally in total offense (461.4) and No. 90 in total defense (442.7)....The winning campaign in 2016 was the Tigers' third straight, which is the longest stretch of winning seasons since the program had five-straight winning ledgers from 1973-77.

**GAME NOTES:** This is the third Boca Raton Bowl and the second time that C-USA has sent its champion to play in the game. Marshall won the inaugural Boca Raton Bowl in 2014, defeating MAC Champion Northern Illinois, 52-23....The game is played on the campus of Florida Atlantic and the six-year old FAU Stadium is located just 1.5 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

## POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL

### OLD DOMINION vs. EASTERN MICHIGAN

Friday, Dec. 23 12 p.m. (EST) Nassau, Bahamas  
 Thomas C. Robinson Stadium (15,000)  
 All-Time Series: Old Dominion leads 2-0  
 Last Meeting: ODU 38, Eastern Michigan 34 (Sept. 5, 2015)  
 Television: ESPN  
 Announcers: Steve Levy (PxP), Mack Brown (AN)  
 Kaylee Hartung (SL)

#### Old Dominion (9-3, 7-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.oduspports.com  
 Head Coach: Bobby Wilder (Maine '87)  
 Career Record: 66-30 (8th year)  
 Record at ODU: 66-30 (8th year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: David Washington (191-of-320, 2,648 yds. 28 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Ray Lawry (177 att., 1,122 yds., 11 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Zach Pascal (63 rec., 893 yds., 8 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: T.J. Ricks (93 tackles, 44 solo)  
 Offensive Yards Per Game: 433.9  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 376.4  
 Last Game: at Old Dominion 42, FIU 28 (Nov. 26)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: First appearance

**NOTING THE MONARCHS:** Old Dominion is going to its first bowl game in just its second season that the program is fully eligible....Junior RB Ray Lawry has 12 touchdowns (11 rushing) this season and is now the school's all-time leader in TDs with 40....Lawry (1,122 yards) combines with Jeremy Cox (685 yards, 13 TDs) to give ODU the top-ranked rushing offense in C-USA (199.1 yards per game)....Senior QB David Washington has the top TD: INT ratio in C-USA at 7-1, throwing 28 touchdown passes with just four interceptions. He has at least two TD passes in each of his last six games....ODU leads C-USA and ranks fourth nationally in turnover margin at +13 (22 gained, nine lost).

#### Eastern Michigan (7-5, 4-4 in Mid-American)

Website: www.emueagles.com  
 Head Coach: Chris Creighton (Kenyon '91)  
 Career Record: 149-72 (20th year)  
 Record at EMU: 10-26 (3rd year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Brogan Roback (193-of-326, 2,394 yds. 16 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Ian Eriksen (175 att., 741 yds., 9 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Sergio Bailey II (55 rec., 799 yds., 6 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Kyle Rachwal (101 tackles, 36 solo)  
 Offensive Yards Per Game: 453.9  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 435.9  
 Last Game: Eastern Mich. 26, Central Mich. 21 (Nov. 22)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 1987 California Bowl (EMU 30, San Jose St. 27)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 1-0

**NOTING THE EAGLES:** This marks the first bowl game for Eastern Michigan in 28 years, ending the third-longest bowl drought in the FBS. The Eagles only other bowl was a win over San Jose State in the California Bowl in Fresno in 1987....Junior QB Brogan Roback made nine appearances this season (six starts) and finished the regular season with 193 completions for 2,394 yards and 16 touchdowns. He has five 300-plus yard games and a season-high of 468 yards....Defensively, the Eagles have forced 23 turnovers, 20th in the nation. Sophomore LB Kyle Rachwal led EMU in tackles with 101 stops, while senior DL Pat O'Connor, the school's all-time leader in sacks, had eight this season.

**GAME NOTES:** Conference USA will be a part of the third annual Popeyes Bahamas Bowl. The winners of the first two games (WKU and Western Michigan) went on to rank in the top 25 the next season....This 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.



## LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL

### LOUISIANA TECH vs. NAVY

Friday, Dec. 23 Fort Worth, Texas  
 3:30 p.m. (CST) Amon G. Carter Stadium (45,000)  
 All-Time Series: Navy leads 2-0  
 Last Meeting: Navy 37, Louisiana Tech 23 (Sept. 18, 2010)  
 Television: ESPN  
 Announcers: Roy Philpott (PxP), Tom Ramsey (AN)  
 Kris Budden (SL)

#### Louisiana Tech (8-5, 6-2 in C-USA)

Website: www.latechsports.com  
 Head Coach: Skip Holtz (Notre Dame '88)  
 Career Record: 118-93 (17th year)  
 Record at LT: 30-22 (4th year)  
 Offense: Spread  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Ryan Higgins (300-of-456, 4,208 yds., 37 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Jarred Craft (174 att., 1,011 yds., 9 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Trent Taylor (124 rec., 1,570 yds., 10 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Xavier Woods (81 tackles, 54 solo)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 516.1  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 418.0  
 Last Game: at WKU 58, Louisiana Tech 44  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2015 New Orleans (LA Tech 47, Ark. St. 28)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 4-3-1

**NOTING THE BULLDOGS:** This will be the third straight year that Louisiana Tech has played in a bowl game, the longest such streak in school history... Louisiana Tech took home four of the seven individual awards handed out by Conference USA, including Most Valuable Player (QB Ryan Higgins), Offensive Player of the Year (WR Carlos Henderson), Special Teams Player of the Year (KR Carlos Henderson) and Coach of the Year (Skip Holtz)...Senior WR Trent Taylor has set a C-USA single-season record with 124 receptions, second-most among all FBS players...A LA Tech win will give it nine victories for the fourth time in five seasons.

#### Navy (9-4, 7-1 in American)

Website: www.navysports.com  
 Head Coach: Ken Niumatalolo (Hawai'i, 89)  
 Career Record: 77-41 (9th year)  
 Record at Navy : 77-41 (9th year)  
 Offense: Spread/Triple Option  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Zach Abby (13-of-23, 193 yds., 0 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Chris High (78 att., 500 yds., 5 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Jamir Tillman (38 rec., 615 yds., 2 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Micah Thomas (98 tackles, 58 solo)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 436.7  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 429.2  
 Last Game: Army 21, Navy 17 (Dec. 10, Baltimore, Md.)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2015 Military (Navy 44, Pittsburgh 28)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 9-1-0

**NOTING THE MIDSHIPMEN:** Navy is playing in a bowl game for the fifth straight season and the ninth time in 10 years...QB Will Worth (1,198 rushing yards, 25 rushing TDs, seven passing TDs) was lost for the season in the AAC Championship Game with a foot injury, leaving Zach Abby to replace him... Navy enters the game third in the FBS in rushing offense at 327.5 yards per game...Navy will be looking to win its fourth straight bowl game, something it has never done before.

**GAME NOTES:** Conference USA will be participating in the Armed Forces Bowl for the 11th time in the bowl's 14-year history...This is the second time it will face Navy in the game, as Middle Tennessee fell to the Midshipmen in the 2013 LMAFB...LA Tech is the eighth different C-USA school to play in the bowl.

## HAWAI'I BOWL

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE vs. HAWAI'I

Saturday, Dec. 24 Honolulu, Hawai'i  
 7 p.m. (CST) Hawaiian Airlines Field at Aloha Stadium (50,000)  
 All-Time Series: Hawai'i leads 1-0  
 Last Meeting: Hawai'i 35, Middle Tennessee 14 (Sept. 4, 1993)  
 Television: ESPN  
 Announcers: Chris Cotter (PxP), Mark May (AN), Maria Taylor (SL)

#### Middle Tennessee (8-4, 5-3 in C-USA)

Website: www.goblueraiders.com  
 Head Coach: Rick Stockstill (11th year, all at MT)  
 Career Record: 72-65 (11th year)  
 Record at MT: 72-65 (11th year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3/Multiple  
 Leading Passer: John Urzua (78-of-131, 816 yds., 8 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: I'Tavius Mathers (220 att., 1,504 yds., 16 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Richie James (97 rec., 1,463 yds., 11 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Chris Melton (96 tackles, 47 solo)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 515.7  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 445.2  
 Last Game: at Middle Tenn. 77, Fla. Atlantic 56 (Nov. 26)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2015 Bahamas (Western Michigan 45, Middle Tennessee 31)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 2-6

**NOTING THE BLUE RAIDERS:** Middle Tennessee is looking to end the season with nine wins for first time since 2009...Senior RB I'Tavius Mathers is second in C-USA with 1,504 rushing yards and sophomore WR Richie James is second in the league in receiving yards with 1,463. Mathers has scored 19 touchdowns (16 rushing), while James has 15 TDs (11 receiving)...Mathers is the seventh player in FBS history to have 1,500 rushing yards and more than 500 receiving yards...The Blue Raiders are eighth nationally in total offense (515.7 yards per game), 12th in passing (317 yards per game) and 16th in scoring offense (40.1 points per game), having topped 50 points three times this season.

#### Hawai'i (6-7, 4-4 in Mountain West)

Website: www.hawaiiathletics.com  
 Head Coach: Nick Rolovich (1st year)  
 Career Record: 106-24 (10th year)  
 Record at UW: 14-12 (2nd year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Drau Brown (189-of-305, 2,214 yds., 15 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: D Saint Juste (140 att., 836 yds., 3 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Marcus Kemp (70 rec., 1,036 yds., 7 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Jahlan Tavai (118 tackles, 80 solo)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 382.9  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 455.4  
 Last Game: at Hawai'i 46, Massachusetts 40 (Nov. 26)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2010 Hawai'i (Tulsa 62, Hawai'i 35)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 5-5

**NOTING THE RAINBOW WARRIORS:** The Rainbow Warriors, runners-up in the MW's West Division, will make their first appearance in the Hawai'i Bowl since 2010 and their seventh trip since 2002. UH is 3-3 all-time in the Hawai'i Bowl, including a 2-2 mark vs. C-USA opponents in the game...In Nick Rolovich's first year, the Warriors have doubled their win total from last season.

**GAME NOTES:** This will be the 15th Hawaii Bowl and Conference USA has been a part of 11 of the games...C-USA teams have won each of their last six appearances in the game and are 7-3 all-time...Middle Tennessee will become the 10th different C-USA school to play in the game...The Hawai'i Bowl is known for its high scoring (the winning team has scored 40 or more points 10 times), thrilling offenses and close games with two overtime contests and five games decided by one touchdown or less.



## ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

### NORTH TEXAS vs. ARMY

Tuesday, Dec. 27 11 a.m. (CST) Dallas, Texas  
 Cotton Bowl Stadium (92,158)  
 All-Time Series: Army leads 4-1  
 Last Meeting: North Texas 35, at Army 18 (Oct. 22, 2016)  
 Television: ESPN  
 Announcers: Allen Bestick (PxP), Mike Bellotti (AN)  
 Kris Budden (SL)

### North Texas (5-8, 3-5 in C-USA)

Website: [www.meangreensports.com](http://www.meangreensports.com)  
 Head Coach: Seth Littrell (Oklahoma '01)  
 Career Record: 13-24 (3rd year)  
 Record at NT: 13-24 (3rd year)  
 Offense: Spread  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Mason Fine (155-of-261, 1,572 yds., 6 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Jeffery Wilson (149 att., 855 yds., 13 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Thaddeous Thompson (40 rec., 542 yds., 2 TD)  
 Leading Tackler: Kishawn McClain (86 tackles, 62 solo)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 336.2  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 432.0  
 Last Game: at UTEP 52, North Texas 24 (Nov. 26)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2013 Heart of Dallas (North Texas 36, UNLV 14)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 2-5

**NOTING THE MEAN GREEN:** North Texas will return to postseason play for the first time since 2013 when it defeated UNLV in the Heart of Dallas Bowl, 36-14....The Mean Green have increased their win total by four games from last season...North Texas is third in the conference in pass defense (212.5 yards per game) and three of the four starters in the secondary earned C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors this season....Junior RB Jeffery Wilson, who rushed for 160 yards and three touchdowns against the Black Knights in October and has 13 scores on the season, is expected back after missing 2+ games at the end of the regular season due to injury.

### Army (7-5, Independent)

Website: [www.goarmysports.com](http://www.goarmysports.com)  
 Head Coach: Jeff Monken (Millikin '89)  
 Career Record: 51-39 (7th year)  
 Record at Army: 13-23 (3rd year)  
 Offense: Triple Option  
 Defense: 3-4  
 Leading Passer: Ahmad Bradshaw (38-of-88, 650 yds., 4 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Andy Davidson (178 att., 905 yds., 11 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Edgar Poe (15 rec., 321 yds., 3 TD)  
 Offense Yards Per Game: 403.8  
 Defensive Yards Per Game: 281.6  
 Last Game: Army 21, Navy 17 (Dec. 10, Baltimore, Md.)  
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2010 Armed Forces (Army 16, SMU 14)  
 All-Time Bowl Record: 17-17-1

**NOTING THE BLACK KNIGHTS:** Army will be playing in its first bowl game since winning the 2010 Armed Forces Bowl....The Black Knights' sixth bowl appearance will mark the third-straight time Army plays a bowl game in the state of Texas....Army ranks second in the nation in rushing offensive with 327.8 yards per game....RB Andy Davidson has 905 yards rushing on the season to lead the team, along with 11 of the team's 40 rushing touchdowns....The Black Knights also boast the fourth-ranked defensive team in the country, allowing just 281.6 yards per game.

**GAME NOTES:** Conference USA makes its fifth appearance in the seven-year old Heart of Dallas Bowl....This will be the Mean Green's second game against Army this year. On Oct. 22, North Texas defeated the Black Knights in West Point, New York, 35-18....The last bowl rematch for a C-USA school came in 2012 when Tulsa defeated Iowa State in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl after losing to the Cyclones in the regular season.

## C-USA BOWL HISTORY

### LOUISIANA TECH BOWL HISTORY (4-3-1)

Year	Bowl	Result
2016	Armed Forces	Louisiana Tech vs. Navy
2015	New Orleans	Louisiana Tech 47, Arkansas State 28
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

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE BOWL HISTORY (2-6)

Year	Bowl	Result
2016	Hawai'i	Middle Tennessee vs. Hawai'i
2015	Popeyes Bahamas	Western Michigan 45, Middle Tennessee 31
2013	Armed Forces	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

### NORTH TEXAS BOWL HISTORY (2-5)

Year	Bowl	Result
2016	Heart of Dallas	North Texas vs. Army
2013	Heart of Dallas	North Texas 36, UNLV 14
2004	New Orleans	Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10
2003	New Orleans	Memphis 27, North Texas 17
2002	New Orleans	North Texas 24, Cincinnati 19
2001	New Orleans	Colorado State 45, North Texas 20
1959	Sun	New Mexico State 28, North Texas 8
1956	Salad	Nevada 13, North Texas 6

### OLD DOMINION BOWL HISTORY (0-0)

Year	Bowl	Result
2016	Popeyes Bahamas	Old Dominion vs. Eastern Michigan

### SOUTHERN MISS BOWL HISTORY (10-13)

Year	Bowl	Result
2016	New Orleans	Southern Miss vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
2015	Heart of Dallas	Washington 44, Southern Miss 31
2011	Hawai'i	Southern Miss 24, Nevada 17
2010	Beef 'O' Brady's	Southern Miss vs. Louisville
2009	New Orleans	Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss 32
2008	New Orleans	Southern Miss 30, Troy 27 (ot)
2007	Papajohns.com	Cincinnati 31, Southern Miss 21
2006	GMAC	Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7
2005	New Orleans	Southern Miss 31, Arkansas State 19
2004	New Orleans	Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10
2003	AXA Liberty	Utah 17, Southern Miss 0
2002	Houston	Oklahoma State 33, Southern Miss 23
2000	Mobile Alabama	Southern Miss 28, TCU 21
1999	AXA Liberty	Southern Miss 23, Colorado State 17
1998	Humanitarian	Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35
1997	AXA Liberty	Southern Miss 41, Pittsburgh 7
1990	All-American	N.C. State 31, Southern Miss 27
1988	Independence	Southern Miss 38, Texas-El Paso 18
1981	Tangerine	Missouri 19, Southern Miss 17
1980	Independence	Southern Miss 16, McNeese State 14
1958	Tangerine	East Texas State 10, Southern Miss 9
1957	Tangerine	West Texas State 20, Southern Miss 13
1954	Sun	Pacific 26, Southern Miss 7
1953	Sun	Texas-El Paso 37, Southern Miss 14

### UTSA BOWL HISTORY (0-0)

Year	Bowl	Result
2016	New Mexico	UTSA vs. New Mexico

### WKU BOWL HISTORY (2-1)

Year	Bowl	Result
2016	Boca Raton	WKU vs. Memphis
2015	Miami Beach	WKU 45, South Florida 35
2014	Popeyes Bahamas	WKU 49, Central Michigan 48
2012	Little Caesars	Central Michigan 24, WKU 21



## 2016-17 BOWL SCHEDULE

CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Jan. 9, Tampa, Fla.  
TBD vs. TBD

ALLSTATE SUGAR Jan. 2, New Orleans, La.  
Oklahoma vs. Auburn

ROSE PRESENTED BY NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL  
Jan. 2, Pasadena, Calif.  
Penn State vs. USC

GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC  
Jan. 2, Arlington, Texas  
Wisconsin vs. Western Michigan

OUTBACK Jan. 2, Tampa, Fla.  
Iowa vs. Florida

PLAYSTATION FIESTA Dec. 31, Glendale, Ariz.  
Ohio State vs. Clemson

CHICK-FIL-A PEACH Dec. 31, Atlanta, Ga.  
Alabama vs. Washington

TAXSLAYER.COM Dec. 31, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Kentucky vs. Georgia Tech

BUFFALO WILD WINGS CITRUS Dec. 31, Orlando, Fla.  
Louisville vs. LSU

CAPITAL ONE ORANGE Dec. 30, Miami, Fla.  
Michigan vs. Florida State

FRANKLIN AMER. MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY Dec. 30, Nashville, Tenn.  
Tennessee vs. Nebraska

NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA Dec. 30, Tucson, Ariz.  
Air Force vs. South Alabama

HYUNDAI SUN Dec. 30, El Paso, Texas  
Stanford vs. North Carolina

AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL Dec. 30, Memphis, Tenn.  
Georgia vs. TCU

VALERO ALAMO Dec. 29, San Antonio, Texas  
Colorado vs. Oklahoma State

BELK Dec. 29, Charlotte, N.C.  
Arkansas vs. Virginia Tech

BIRMINGHAM Dec. 29, Birmingham, Ala.  
South Florida vs. South Carolina

ADVOCARE V100 TEXAS Dec. 28, Houston, Texas  
Kansas State vs. Texas A&M

FOSTER FARMS Dec. 28, Santa Clara, Calif.  
Indiana vs. Utah

RUSSELL ATHLETIC Dec. 28, Orlando, Fla.  
Miami (Fla.) vs. West Virginia

NEW ERA PINSTRIPE Dec. 28, Bronx, N.Y.  
Pittsburgh vs. Northwestern

MOTEL 6 CACTUS Dec. 27, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Boise State vs. Baylor

NATIONAL FUNDING HOLIDAY Dec. 27, San Diego, Calif.  
Minnesota vs. Washington State

MILITARY Dec. 27, Annapolis, Md.  
Temple vs. Wake Forest

**ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS Dec. 27, Dallas, Texas**  
**North Texas vs. Army**

CAMPING WORLD INDEPENDENCE Dec. 26, Shreveport, La.  
Vanderbilt vs. NC State

QUICK LANE Dec. 26, Detroit, Mich.  
Maryland vs. Boston College

ST. PETERSBURG Dec. 26, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Mississippi State vs. Miami (Ohio)

**HAWAII Dec. 24, Honolulu, Hawaii**  
**Middle Tennessee vs. Hawaii**

DOLLAR GENERAL Dec. 23, Mobile, Ala.  
Troy vs. Ohio

**LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES Dec. 23, Fort Worth, Texas**  
**Louisiana Tech vs. Navy**

**POPEYES BAHAMAS Dec. 23, Nassau, Bahamas.**  
**Old Dominion vs. Eastern Michigan**

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO Dec. 22, Boise, Idaho  
Colorado State vs. Idaho

SDCCU POINSETTIA Dec. 21, San Diego, Calif.  
BYU vs. Wyoming

**BOCA RATON Dec. 20, Boca Raton, Fla.**  
**WKU vs. Memphis**

MIAMI BEACH Dec. 19, Miami, Fla.  
Tulsa vs. Central Michigan

**R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS Dec. 17, New Orleans, La.**  
**Southern Miss vs. Louisiana-Lafayette**

RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA Dec. 17, Montgomery, Ala.  
Appalachian State vs. Toledo

AUTONATION CURE Dec. 17, Orlando, Fla.  
UCF vs. Arkansas State

LAS VEGAS Dec. 17, Las Vegas, Nev.  
Houston vs. San Diego State

**GILDAN NEW MEXICO Dec. 17, Albuquerque, N.M.**  
**UTSA vs. New Mexico**



## CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

### POLLING PLACE

Here's a look at the latest (Dec. 11) Associated Press and Amway Coaches' Polls.

#### Associated Press

- 1 - Alabama (61)
- 2 - Ohio State
- 3 - Clemson
- 4 - Washington
- 5 - Penn State
- 6 - Michigan
- 7 - Oklahoma
- 8 - Wisconsin
- 9 - USC
- 10 - Florida State
- 11 - Colorado
- 12 - Western Michigan
- 13 - Oklahoma State
- 14 - West Virginia
- 15 - Louisville
- 16 - Stanford
- 17 - Auburn
- 18 - Virginia Tech
- 19 - LSU
- 20 - Florida
- 21 - Iowa
- 22 - Pittsburgh
- 23 - Temple
- 24 - Nebraska
- 25 - South Florida

**ARV:**  
**WKU**

#### Amway Coaches'

- 1 - Alabama (58)
- 2 - Ohio State
- 3 - Clemson
- 4 - Washington
- 5 - Penn State
- 6 - Michigan
- 7 - Oklahoma
- 8 - Wisconsin
- 9 - USC
- 10 - Florida State
- 11 - Colorado
- 12 - West Virginia
- 13 - Oklahoma State
- 14 - Western Michigan
- 15 - Louisville
- 16 - Stanford
- 17 - Auburn
- 18 - Florida
- 19 - Virginia Tech
- 20 - LSU
- 21 - Nebraska
- 22 - South Florida
- 23 - Utah
- 24 - Temple
- 25 - Iowa

**ARV:**  
**WKU**

### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Here are the results and MVP's of the first 12 C-USA Football Championship Games:

- 2016** at WKU 58, Louisiana Tech 44  
MVP: Anthony Wales, RB, WKU
- 2015** at WKU 45, Southern Miss 28  
MVP: Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU
- 2014** at Marshall 26, Louisiana Tech 23  
MVP: Justin Haig, K, Marshall
- 2013** at Rice 41, Marshall 24  
MVP: Luke Turner, RB, Rice
- 2012** at Tulsa 33, UCF 27 (ot)  
MVP: Trey Watts, RB, Tulsa
- 2011** Southern Miss 49, at Houston 28  
MVP: Tracy Lampley, RB, Southern Miss
- 2010** at UCF 17, SMU 7  
MVP: Latavius Murray, RB, UCF
- 2009** at East Carolina 38, Houston 32  
MVP: Dwayne Harris, WR, East Carolina
- 2008** East Carolina 27, at Tulsa 24  
MVP: Travis Simmons, DB, East Carolina
- 2007** at UCF 44, Tulsa 25  
MVP: Kevin Smith, RB, UCF
- 2006** at Houston 34, Southern Miss 20  
MVP: Kevin Kolb, QB, Houston
- 2005** Tulsa 44, at UCF 27  
MVP: Garrett Mills, TE, Tulsa

### WKU WINS C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Anthony Wales rushed for 209 yards and four touchdowns, Mike White threw for 421 yards and three more scores and WKU defeated Louisiana Tech, 58-44, in the Dynacraft Conference USA Championship Game.

The Hilltoppers (10-3) and Bulldogs (8-5), who won the regular-season matchup 55-52 on Oct. 6, combined for 1,163 yards of total offense in the highest scoring championship game, not only in C-USA history, but of any FBS Conference championship game. It is the second straight title for WKU, which becomes just the second C-USA school to win back-to-back championship games. Both the Hilltoppers and LA Tech are headed to bowl games for the third year in a row, with bowl announcements set for Sunday afternoon.

Wales was named the game's MVP after setting a new C-USA Championship record with five total touchdowns. He finished with 262 yards of total offense, catching five passes for 53 yards in addition to his work on the ground.

"I thought it was one heck of a football game and what championship games should be about," said WKU head coach Jeff Brohm. There was a lot of high scoring going back and forth with plays being made. We were fortunate enough to make more in the end and found a way to win."

White was 21-of-31 for 421 yards, with Taywan Taylor grabbing seven passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns.

For LA Tech, Higgins was 35-of-57 passing for 502 yards and three touchdowns, while Henderson caught nine passes for 202 receiving yards and a touchdown. Trent Taylor added 108 receiving yards of his own, while Kam McKnight saw the end zone twice, once through the air and another on the ground.

### CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

\*\*WKU became just the second school to win the Conference USA Championship Game in back-to-back seasons (East Carolina in 2008 and 2009). The Hilltoppers join ECU and Southern Miss (1996 and 1997) as the only schools to be crowned league champion in consecutive seasons.

\*\*WKU senior RB Anthony Wales was named Most Valuable Player. He ran 36 times for 179 yards and four touchdowns, while catching five passes for 53 yards and another score.

WKU RB Anthony Wales broke the C-USA Championship record for total touchdowns with five and tied the record for rushing touchdowns with four (both set by UCF RB Kevin Smith in 2007 vs. Tulsa).

\*\*With a combined 102 points, this becomes the highest-scoring conference championship game all-time for ANY FBS conference. The previous record was 101, set in the 2012 Big Ten Championship Game (Wisconsin 70, Nebraska 31) and matched in the 2013 SEC Championship Game (Auburn 59, Missouri 42). The previous Conference USA record was 77 (Southern Miss 49, Houston 28 in 2011).

WKU scored at least 10 points in each quarter and Louisiana Tech scored 10 or more in all but the fourth quarter.

The 41 combined points made it the highest scoring first quarter in C-USA Championship history. The previous high was 24 points (East Carolina 14, Tulsa 10 in 2008). The 65 combined points made it the highest scoring half in C-USA Championship history. The previous high was 58 points (Tulsa 31, UCF 27 in 2005).

The 48-yard interception return for a touchdown by Louisiana Tech's L'Jarius Sneed in the first quarter was just the second INT for a TD in C-USA Championship Game history (East Carolina's Travis Simmons vs. Tulsa in 2008).

### C-USA BOWL LINEUP

Conference USA will be sending a record seven teams to play in bowl games this holiday season. Back-to-back Champion WKU leads the seven squads, joined in the postseason by West Division Champion Louisiana Tech, Middle Tennessee, Old Dominion, North Texas, Southern Miss and UTSA.

WKU enters postseason play on seven-game winning streak when it represents C-USA in the Boca Raton Bowl. The Hilltoppers will face American Athletic Conference foe Memphis in the game, which kicks off at 7 p.m. EST/6 p.m. CST on ESPN. This will be the third straight bowl appearance for a WKU program that has been bowl-eligible six straight seasons after moving to the FBS level in 2007. The Hilltoppers are 11-2 on the season, making them one of eight FBS programs to win 10 or more games each of the past two seasons.

Louisiana Tech will be in a bowl for the third straight season for the first time in school history when it participates in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl on Friday, Dec. 23 (4:30 p.m. EST/3:30 p.m. CST on ESPN). The Bulldogs will face AAC member Navy in the game, the third all-time meeting between the schools.

Middle Tennessee will participate in the Hawai'i Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 24, marking the sixth bowl game of the FBS era for the Blue Raiders. Middle Tennessee will play Hawai'i of the Mountain West Conference for the first time since 1993 at 8 p.m. EST/7 p.m. CST from Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. The game will air nationally on ESPN.

North Texas will return to postseason play for the first time since 2013 when it faces Army in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on Tuesday, Dec. 27 (12 p.m. EST/11 a.m. CST on ESPN). It will be a rare bowl game rematch, as the Mean Green defeated the Black Knights, 35-18, on October 22 in West Point, New York.

Old Dominion will participate in the third annual Popeyes Bahamas Bowl on Friday, Dec. 23, marking the first bowl appearance for the Monarchs in just their second season of being fully-eligible. ODU will play Eastern Michigan of the Mid-American Conference team for the third consecutive season, having won the first two meetings. Kickoff is Noon EST/11 a.m. CST from Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium in Nassau and the game will be televised by ESPN.

Southern Miss will be making a second straight bowl





## CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

trip when it plays in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. The Golden Eagles will be making their 24th all-time bowl appearance (most among C-USA schools) and will face Louisiana-Lafayette in the game. This will be the 52nd time these schools have met, with Southern Miss owning a 39-11-1 lead in the series, which dates back to 1923.

UTSA will play in the postseason in its sixth year of football and fifth year in the FBS, matching South Alabama (2014) and Georgia State (2015) for the earliest a program has played in a bowl. The Road-runners will make their postseason debut in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl against a New Mexico team that tied for first place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West Conference. This game is the first of the bowl season, with kickoff in Albuquerque is set for 1 p.m. CST/12 p.m. MST and ESPN televising the contest.

C-USA posted a .600 winning percentage during the 2015-16 bowl season, trailing only the SEC (.800) for the best winning percentage among all leagues. C-USA is 18-8 over the past five years in bowl games.

### SEASON TOP PERFORMERS

Here's a look at the 2016 league leaders in 300-yard passers, 100-yard rushers and 100-yard receivers:

#### 300-Yard Passing Performances

- 7 Mike White, WKU
- 6 Ryan Higgins, Louisiana Tech
- 5 Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee
- 4 Chase Litton, Marshall
- 4 Nick Mullens, Southern Miss

#### 100-Yard Rushing Performances

- 7 I'Tavious Mathers, Middle Tennessee
- 7 Aaron Jones, UTEP
- 7 Ito Smith, Southern Miss
- 7 Anthony Wales, WKU
- 6 Ray Lawry, Old Dominion
- 5 Alex Gardner, FIU
- 4 Kalif Phillips, Charlotte
- 4 Greg Howell, Florida Atlantic

#### 100-Yard Receiving Performances

- 10 Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech
- 8 Taywan Taylor, WKU
- 8 Richie James, Middle Tennessee
- 5 Kalib Woods, Florida Atlantic
- 5 Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech
- 4 Austin Duke, Charlotte
- 4 Nicholas Norris, WKU

### MR. JONES AND ME

UTEP senior RB **Aaron Jones**, a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award, topped 200 yards for the third time this season and fifth time in his career with a career-best 301 yards in a 52-17 win over North Texas Saturday. Jones is the school's all-time leading rusher with 4,114 yards. Jones is now ranked seventh in Conference USA history. He leads C-USA and ranks third nationally with 147.78 yards per game this season and has run for 17 TDs (seventh in the FBS).

### ODU AND UTSA IN BOWLS

Old Dominion and UTSA will both be making their first bowl appearance this season, making them two of the youngest programs in the FBS history to play in a bowl game. UTSA will play in the postseason in its sixth year of football and fifth year in the FBS, matching South Alabama (2014) and Georgia State (2015) for the earliest a program has played in a bowl. Old Dominion will be playing in a bowl game in its eighth season as a program and its second year of full eligibility at the FBS level.

### ODU TO BAHAMAS BOWL

Old Dominion will play the first bowl game in school history in the third annual Popeyes Bahamas Bowl against Eastern Michigan. The game will be played in Nassau, Bahamas on Friday, Dec. 23 and will air at 1 p.m. EST/Noon CST on ESPN.

### TAYLOR MADE I

Louisiana Tech senior WR **Trent Taylor** caught 11 passes in the C-USA Championship game, his seventh game this season with 10 or more grabs. He enters the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl with a C-USA single-season record 124 receptions, shattering the old record of 114, set by East Carolina's Justin Hardy in 2013. Taylor became just the fourth Bulldog in school history to record two 1,000-yard seasons in a career by totaling 1,570 yards and 10 touchdown receptions this season. Taylor holds the Louisiana Tech program record with 315 career receptions.

### TAYLOR MADE II

WKU senior WR **Taywan Taylor** leads Conference USA and ranks second nationally with 1,586 receiving yards. He has topped the 100-yard mark in eight games this season, giving him 17 outings with 100+yards in his last 29 games. He has 89 receptions and 17 touchdowns on this season, Taylor owns every season and career receiving record in WKU history

### TAYLOR MADE III

Louisiana Tech senior WR **Trent Taylor** and WKU senior WR **Taywan Taylor** are re-writing the C-USA record books for 100-yard receiving games:

#### 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES SEASON

10	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech	2016
8	Taywan Taylor, WKU	2016
8	five prior to this season	

#### CAREER

19	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech	2013-6
18	Taywan Taylor, WKU	2014-16
17	Patrick Edwards, Houston	2008-11

### IT MATHERS MOST

Middle Tennessee senior RB **I'Tavious Mathers** is the seventh player in FBS history to have 1,500 rushing yards and more than 500 receiving yards in a season. He joins Ryan Benjamin, Pacific (1991), Brian Calhoun, Wisconsin (2005), Dri Archer, Kent St. (2012), Kerwynn Williams, Utah St., (2012), Jay Ajayi, Boise St. (2014) and Christian McCaffrey, Stanford (2015) in accomplishing this feat. Mathers is second in C-USA in rushing with 1,504 yards and has 589 receiving yards to go along with 19 total touchdowns.

### WKU'S LAMP AN ALL-AMERICAN

WKU senior OL **Forrest Lamp** was named a second team All-American by USA Today. He becomes the first C-USA OL to win All-American honors since 2011. According to Pro Football Focus, Lamp ranks third at the offensive tackle position, earning an 86.3 overall rating with only three pressures allowed in his 12 starts this season.

### LA TECH'S REED EARNS FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Louisiana Tech OL **Ethan Reed** has been selected to the 2016 USA TODAY Sports Freshman All-America team. As a redshirt freshman, Reed earned a starting role for the Bulldogs in fall camp and started every game this season at right guard. He helped lead a unit that ranks third nationally in tackles for loss allowed (3.69/g). Reed helps pave the way for an offense that ranks fifth nationally in scoring (44.0 ppg) and eighth in total offense (516.1).

### STREAKING

A sampling of impressive streaks in C-USA right now:

- \*Old Dominion senior QB **David Washington** has thrown at least two TD passes in his last six games.
- \*UTEP junior RB **Aaron Jones** has scored at least one touchdown in seven straight games.
- \*WKU senior WR **Taywan Taylor** has caught at least one touchdown in nine straight outings.
- \*WKU senior RB **Anthony Wales** has a rushing touchdown in 10 consecutive games.
- \*WKU has won seven straight games and Old Dominion has won its last five outings.

### RECORD BOOK WATCH

A look at some C-USA and FBS records in sight:

- \*With 124 receptions, Louisiana Tech senior WR **Trent Taylor** has set a new C-USA single-season record, breaking the old mark of 114, set by Justin Hardy of East Carolina in 2013.
- \*Louisiana Tech senior WR **Trent Taylor** is third in the FBS in career receptions with 315 and WKU senior WR **Taywan Taylor** is seventh with 244. Trent Taylor's figures are third in C-USA history.
- \*UTEP junior RB **Aaron Jones** is just the seventh player in C-USA history for more than 4,000 yards (4,114).
- \*WKU senior WR **Taywan Taylor** (4,090) is third in C-USA history in receiving yards and among all active FBS players, while LA Tech **Trent Taylor** is fourth in both with 3,946.
- \*Middle Tennessee senior RB **I'Tavious Mathers** leads all active FBS players with 125.3 yards per game, while UTEP junior RB **Aaron Jones** is fourth at 117.5.
- \*Southern Miss senior QB **Nick Mullens** is sixth in the FBS in career passing yards (11,648) and fifth in TD passes (85).

### BIG WINNERS

WKU has posted consecutive seasons with double-digit wins for the first time in program history and are one of only nine teams nationally to have double-digit wins in each of the last two years along with Alabama, Clemson, Michigan, Ohio State, Oklahoma, San Diego State, Temple and Wisconsin. In the bowl season, these teams could join this group: Appalachian State, Florida State, Houston, Navy, Oklahoma State, Stanford, and Toledo.



## CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

### SIX SCORERS

Conference USA is the only league in the FBS that has six players ranked among the top 20 in scoring touchdowns this season:

2.	Anthony Wales, WKU	26
4.	Carlos Henderson, LA Tech	21
7.	Aaron Jones, UTEP	20
9.	I'Tavious Mathers, Middle Tenn.	19
18.	Ito Smith, Southern Miss	16
18.	Taywan Taylor, WKU	16

Henderson's 17 receiving touchdowns are second among all FBS players, while Wales' 24 rushing touchdowns are also second.

### TD RUNS

There are 19 players in the FBS that have rushed for 15 or more TDs in 2016 and C-USA has four of them.

2.	Anthony Wales, WKU	24
7.	Aaron Jones, UTEP	17
9.	I'Tavious Mathers, Middle Tenn.	16
15.	Ito Smith, Southern Miss	15

### TOSSING TOUCHDOWNS

Highly productive quarterbacks are a Conference USA tradition and that is continuing this season with four of the top 15 in the FBS in passing touchdowns.

5.	Ryan Higgins, LA Tech	37
9.	Mike White, WKU	34
12.	David Washington, ODU	28
15.	*Brent Stockstill, Middle Tenn.	27
25.	**Chase Litton, Marshall	24

\*missed three games  
\*\*missed two games

### TOTALLY OFFENSIVE

Conference USA has three of the top 10 FBS schools in total offense heading into the bowl season, WKU is seventh at 517.4, Louisiana Tech is eighth at 516.1 yards per game, Middle Tennessee is ninth at 515.7.

### BETTER TO RECEIVE

There are only two teams in the FBS that have a pair of 1,000-yard receivers and Conference USA has both of them. LA Tech's **Trent Taylor** (1,570) and **Carlos Henderson** (1,406) are joined by WKU's **Taywan Taylor** (1,586) and **Nicholas Norris** (1,253) have all surpassed the 1,000-yard mark. The two Taylor's are joined by Middle Tennessee's **Richie James** (1,463) to give C-USA three of the top five players in receiving yardage.

### BIG PLAY C-USA

Conference USA has the top four teams in the FBS in plays from scrimmage of 70 yards or longer:

1.	Louisiana Tech	10
2.	Southern Miss	8
3.	WKU	7
4. (tied)	UTSA	6

### A RECORD NIGHT AT MIDDLE

A sampling of notes from Middle Tennessee's 77-56 win over Florida Atlantic on Nov 26:

\*The 77 points scored by Middle Tennessee tie the C-USA record by one team.

\*The 133 combined points tie the C-USA record and are the most ever scored in a regulation game (WKU beat Marshall, 67-66, in overtime on Nov. 28, 2015).

\*The 495 rushing yards by the Blue Raiders is a new single-game record for a C-USA school.

\*With 207 yards rushing and 120 receiving, **Richie James** became the sixth player in NCAA Division I history with 200-plus yards rushing and 100-plus receiving. James is the only receiver to join the elite list and he is just the second C-USA player to do it.

\*Middle Tennessee became the sixth team in Division I history to have two players rush for 200-plus yards in the same game when **I'Tavious Mathers** (213) and James (207) accomplished the feat

### MT'S RHODES NAMED ARMED FORCES MERIT AWARD WINNER

U. S. Marine veteran **Steven Rhodes**, a senior defensive end at Middle Tennessee, is the fifth recipient of Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA). Rhodes joined the Blue Raiders football program after serving five years in the U.S. Marines and has started the past two and half seasons. Rhodes has 33 tackles, six TFL's, 2.5 sacks and a forced fumble this season/

### FIU NAMES DAVIS HEAD COACH

**Butch Davis** has been named the new head coach of the FIU football program. Davis, the fourth head coach in FIU history, has compiled a 79-43 overall record in 10 years as a college head coach, including three Big East Championships while coaching the University of Miami. In that span, Davis recruited and/or coached more than 120 players that made it to the NFL, 36 of which were first-round draft picks. Davis also coached in the NFL for four years

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

C-USA named Players of the Week each Monday during the season. The awards were voted on by a media panel with one representative in each league city.

#### OFFENSE

S5	Mike White, QB, WKU
S12	Trent Taylor, WR, Louisiana Tech
S19	I'Tavious Mathers, RB, Middle Tennessee
S26	I'Tavious Mathers, RB, Middle Tennessee
O3	Allenzae Stiggers, WR, Southern Miss
O10	Hasaan Klugh, QB, Charlotte
	Carlos Henderson, WR, Louisiana Tech
O17	Carlos Henderson, WR, Louisiana Tech
O24	I'Tavious Mathers, RB, Middle Tennessee
O31	Brent Stockstill, QB, Middle Tennessee
N7	Devin Singletary, RB, Florida Atlantic
	Carlos Henderson, WR, Louisiana Tech
N14	Taywan Taylor, WR, WKU
N21	David Washington, QB, Old Dominion
N28	Richie James, WR, Middle Tennessee
	Aaron Jones, RB, UTEP

#### DEFENSE

S5	Xavier Woods, S, Louisiana Tech
S12	Anthony Wilson, LB, Old Dominion
S19	Shaquille Huff, DT, Middle Tennessee
S26	Kishawn McClain, S, North Texas

O3	Anthony Wint, LB, FIU
O10	Josiah Taaeafa, LB, UTSA
O17	Anthony Wint, LB, FIU
O24	Eric Jenkins, CB, North Texas
O31	D.J. Sanders, LB, Middle Tennessee
N7	Terrance Winchester, DB, Charlotte
N14	TJ Ricks, LB, Old Dominion
N21	Nate Brooks, DB, North Texas
N28	Picasso Nelson, Jr., DB, Southern Miss

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

S5	Parker Shaunfield, K, Southern Miss
S12	Allenzae Stiggers, KR, Southern Miss
S19	Nacarius Fant, KR/PR, WKU
S26	Tyler Wilson, KR, North Texas
O3	Nacarius Fant, KR/PR, WKU
O10	Jonathan Barnes, K, Louisiana Tech
O17	Skyler Simcox, K, WKU
O24	Canon Rooker, K, Middle Tennessee
O31	Kaare Vedvik, P, Marshall
N7	Juwan Foggie, WR, Charlotte
N14	Carlos Henderson, KR, Louisiana Tech
N21	Trevor Moore, K, North Texas
N28	Kylen Towner, KR, WKU

### EAST VS. WEST

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

2016:	East 10, West 7
2015:	East 9, West 8
2014:	West 9, East 8
2013:	West 10, East 5
2012:	West 10, East 9
2011:	West 11, East 8
2010:	East 10, West 9
2009:	East 13, West 6
2008:	West 10, East 9
2007:	East 14, West 5
2006:	West 13, East 6
2005:	East 12, West 7

### WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at C-USA overtime games in 2016 and all-time:

#### 2016 C-USA Overtimes

Oct. 22	UTEP 52, UTSA 49 (5 ot)
Oct. 15	WKU 44, Middle Tennessee 43 (2 ot)
Sept. 24	Vanderbilt 31, WKU 30
Sept. 24	North Texas 42, Rice 35

#### Overtime Records - 1996-2016

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	5-4	3-1
North Texas	2-1	1-0
Old Dominion	1-0	1-0
Rice	6-5	3-1
Southern Miss	4-6	3-6
UTEP	7-5	4-2
UTSA	2-2	1-1
WKU	6-3	2-1



## CONFERENCE USA TELEVISION

### C-USA ON NATIONAL TV

Conference USA has announced its preliminary television schedule for the 2016 football season. The current confirmed schedule features games to air nationally on all four of the league's primary television partners, with many additional games to be added prior to the beginning of the season, through additional league partnerships, along with selected games as part of other conference's television deals.

National games will be televised this season on ESPN Networks, CBS Sports Network, American Sports Network and beIN SPORTS.

The 2016 C-USA Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 3 is scheduled to air on either ESPN or ESPN 2. It marks the 12th-straight year that the C-USA Championship will air on the ESPN Networks. ESPN is also scheduled to carry all six of C-USA's bowl games in which it has a guaranteed selection.

### NATIONAL BROADCASTS

#### AMERICAN SPORTS NETWORK (ASN) SCHEDULE

Sat 9/3	SMU 34, North Texas 21
Sat 9/10	Appalachian State 31, Old Dominion 7
Sat 9/17	Army 66, UTEP 14
Sat 9/24	Temple 48, Charlotte 20
Sat 9/24	Middle Tennessee 38, LA Tech 14
Sat 10/1	Louisiana Tech 28, UTEP 7
Sat 10/8	UTSA 55, Southern Miss 32
Sat 10/8	North Texas 38, Marshall 21
Sat 10/15	LA Tech 56, Massachusetts 28
Sat 10/15	Marshall 27, Florida Atlantic 21
Sat 10/22	WKU 59, Old Dominion 24
Sat 10/29	WKU 52, Florida Atlantic 3
Sat 10/29	Southern Miss 24, Marshall 14
Sat 11/5	Charlotte 38, Southern Miss 27
Sat 11/5	Old Dominion 38, Marshall 14
Sat 11/12	Old Dominion 51, Southern Miss 35
Sat 11/12	Marshall 42, Middle Tennessee 17
Sat 11/19	FIU 31, Marshall 14

#### beIN SPORTS NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat 9/3	UTEP 38, New Mexico State 22
Sat 9/10	Marshall 62, Morgan State 0
Sat 9/17	Troy 37, Southern Miss 31
Sat 9/24	Central Florida 53, FIU 14
Sat 10/1	FIU 33, Florida Atlantic 31
Sat 10/15	UTSA 14, Rice 13
Sat 10/22	Charlotte 27, Marshall 24
Sat 11/5	WKU 49, FIU 21
Sat 11/19	North Texas 29, Southern Miss 23
Sat 11/26	Middle Tennessee 77, Florida Atlantic 56

#### CAMPUS INSIDERS SCHEDULE

Sat 9/10	Colorado State 23, UTSA 14
Sat 9/24	Southern Miss 34, UTEP 7
Sat 10/1	Middle Tennessee 30, North Texas 13
Sat 10/29	Louisiana Tech 61, Rice 16
Sat 10/29	Old Dominion 31, UTEP 21
Sat 11/12	Rice 22, Charlotte 21
Sat 11/19	Old Dominion 42, Florida Atlantic 24
Sat 11/26	UTSA 33, Charlotte 14

#### CBS SPORTS NETWORK NATIONAL SCHEDULE

Thur 9/1	WKU 46, Rice 14
Fri 9/9	Maryland 41, FIU 14
Sat 9/10	Army 31, Rice 14
Sat 9/17	Akron 65, Marshall 38

Sat 9/24	Vanderbilt 31, WKU 30 (ot)
Sat 9/24	Louisville 59, Marshall 28
Thur 10/6	Louisiana Tech 55, WKU 52
Sat 10/22	North Texas 35, Army 18

#### ESPN SCHEDULE

Fri 9/16	Baylor 38, Rice 10
Sat., 12/3	C-USA Championship Game
	WKU 58, Louisiana Tech 44
Sat 12/17	Gildan New Mexico Bowl
Sat. 12/17	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl
Tue. 12/20	Boca Raton Bowl
Fri. 12/23	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl
Fri. 12/23	Armed Forces Bowl
Sat. 12/24	Hawai'i Bowl
Sat. 12/27	Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

#### ESPN 2 SCHEDULE

Sat., 9/10	Alabama 38, WKU 10
Fri., 9/16	Arizona State 32, UTSA 28

#### ESPN U SCHEDULE

Thu 9/1	Indiana 34, FIU 13
Sat 9/3	Southern Miss 44, Kentucky 35
Sat 9/17	Florida 32, North Texas 0
Sat. 11/19	Texas A&M 23, UTSA 10
Sat. 11/26	WKU 60, Marshall 6

#### ESPNEWS SCHEDULE

Fri. 11/25	Southern Miss 39, Louisiana Tech 24
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#### ESPN 3 SCHEDULE

Sat 9/10	Miami (Fla.) 38, Florida Atlantic 10
Sat 9/17	Middle Tennessee 41, Bowling Green 21
Sat 9/17	WKU 31, Miami (Ohio) 24
Sat 9/17	NC State 49, Old Dominion 22
Sat 10/15	WKU 44, Middle Tennessee 43 (2ot)
Sat 10/22	Louisiana Tech 44, FIU 24
Sat 10/29	Middle Tennessee 42, FIU 35
Sat 11/5	UTSA 45, Middle Tennessee 25
Sat 11/5	Florida Atlantic 42, Rice 25
Sat 11/5	Louisiana Tech 45, North Texas 24
Sat 11/12	WKU 42, North Texas 7
Sat 11/19	Rice 44, UTEP 24
Sat 11/19	Middle Tennessee 38, Charlotte 31
Sat 11/26	Old Dominion 42, FIU 28

#### FOX SPORTS REGIONAL NETWORKS SCHEDULE

Sat 9/17	Kansas State 63, Florida Atlantic 7
Sat 9/17	Texas Tech 59, Louisiana Tech 45

#### ACC/RSN NETWORK SCHEDULE

Thu 9/1	Louisville 70, Charlotte 14
Sat 10/1	Pittsburgh 43, Marshall 27

#### LONGHORN NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat 9/10	Texas 41, UTEP 7
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#### PAC-12 NETWORKS SCHEDULE

Sat. 11/26	Stanford 41, Rice 17
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#### SEC NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat 9/3	Arkansas 21, Louisiana Tech 20
Sat 9/10	Vanderbilt 47, Middle Tennessee 24
Sat 10/15	LSU 45, Southern Miss 10
Sat 10/22	Middle Tennessee 51, Missouri 45

#### KMYS SCHEDULE (San Antonio, Texas)

Sat 9/3	UTSA 26, Alabama State 13
Sat 9/24	UTSA 33, Old Dominion 19
Sat 10/22	UTEP 52, UTSA 49 (5ot)
Sat 10/29	UTSA 31, North Texas 17
Sat 11/12	Louisiana Tech 63, UTSA 35

\*All Game Times Central\*

#### ABOUT ESPN

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#### ABOUT CBS SPORTS NETWORK

CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour cable home of CBS Sports, airs more than 400 live games annually, showcasing an array of college and professional sports, as well as in-depth studio shows, documentaries, original programs and programming around CBS Sports' Championship events, including the Super Bowl, The Masters and PGA Championship. CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers including Verizon FiOS Channel 94 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 643 (1643 in HD) and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information go to [www.cbssportsnetwork.com](http://www.cbssportsnetwork.com).

#### ABOUT AMERICAN SPORTS NETWORK (ASN)

ASN is a division of Sinclair Networks Group, one of the largest and most diversified television broadcasting companies in the country with 173 stations it owns, operates and/or provides services to in 81 markets, broadcasting 483 channels, including pending transactions. In addition, ASN's content is also syndicated to other broadcasters and regional sports networks. ASN, which launched in August 2014, produced 250 college events in nine sports in its first year and aired nearly 400 events in 2015-2016. ASN launched a 24/7 channel in nine markets in January and continues to increase that total.

#### ABOUT beIN SPORTS USA

Launched in 2012, beIN SPORTS is the fastest growing global sports network in the U.S. and is offered on nine of the largest 10 cable/satellite TV providers in the U.S., as well as other systems across the country. beIN SPORTS offers viewers premium sports content and entertainment across multiple platforms including TV channels beIN SPORTS and beIN SPORTS en Español and live streaming on beIN SPORTS CONNECT. A cornerstone of beIN SPORTS is its unrivaled live soccer coverage, as well as news and in-depth analysis of top leagues from around the world. With the recent addition of C-USA coverage, beIN SPORTS will also broadcast College Football, Men's and Women's Basketball and Soccer, Baseball, Softball and Volleyball. Thru beIN SPORTS CONNECT, subscribers can also enjoy all the exciting action from the two networks and stream live overflow matches offered in HD on your computer, tablet or smart phone. For more, please visit [www.beINSPORTSUSA.com](http://www.beINSPORTSUSA.com). Follow us on Twitter @beINSPORTSUSA and like us on Facebook beIN SPORTS USA.

#### ABOUT CAMPUS INSIDERS

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#### CUSA TV

CUSA TV has launched, making all non-televised team sports available as part of a subscription package. The site will offer all events in one location so fans can watch home and away matchups of their favorite team or season long events from their favorite sport. The site will showcase weekly feature stories as well as postgame interviews, players of the week highlights and other exciting content.



## C-USA EXTRA POINTS

### CHARLOTTE 49ERS

Charlotte concluded the 2016 season with a 33-14 loss at UTSA to finish 4-8 overall, 3-5 in C-USA play. The four victories double the win total of 2015, the 49ers' first at the FBS level. Six of Charlotte's eight league games were either wins (3) or one-possession losses (3). Senior WR **Austin Duke** finished with 115 yards and a TD in his final game. Duke established the school career record with 3,437 career receiving yards. Senior RB **Kalif Phillips** finished with the 49ers career record of 4,020 rushing yards. Sophomore QB **Hasaan Klugh** finished his first year with the 49ers connecting on 120-of-224 passes for 1,356 yards (123.3 per game) and 10 TDs, while ranking third on the team with 426 yards rushing.

### FIU PANTHERS

FIU closed out the season with a 42-28 loss at Old Dominion. Senior TE **Jonnu Smith** had two catches for 50 yards and a TD, while becoming the fifth player in FIU history to amass 2,000 or more career receiving yards (2,001). Smith caught a pass in his 43rd consecutive game, one shy of the FIU record. Smith caught a pass in every game he played during his career. Senior RB **Alex Gardner** picked up 53 yards and finished with an FIU career-record 2,221 rushing yards. Junior LB **Anthony Wint** posted his sixth double-digit tackle game (10) and posted 108 stops on the season, second to junior LB **Treyvon Williams** (109).

### FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

Florida Atlantic scored 56 points, but it was not enough as the Owls lost the highest scoring regulation game in C-USA history, 77-56 at Middle Tennessee. Freshman RB **Devin Singletary** gained 235 yards on the ground, second all-time in the FAU record book to his 257 gained three weeks ago vs. Rice. He had three touchdowns, finishing with 12 on the season, just one shy of senior RB **Greg Howell's** record of 13 (those are the two highest tallies in program history). Singletary finished with 1,021 rushing yards on the season, marking the fourth time an FAU back has achieved that milestone. Senior DE **Trey Hendrickson** closed his career as the school's all-time sack leader with 29.5 (seventh in C-USA history).

### MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

The Herd closed out its season with a 60-6 loss to WKU. Freshman QB **Grant Morrell** made his second career start in place of injured sophomore **Chase Litton** and was 19-of-35 passing for 143 yards and one touchdown. Junior TE **Ryan Yurachek** caught the TD pass, extending his streak of consecutive games with a reception to 29. Junior CB **Rodney Allen** led Marshall with 11 tackles, while senior S **Corey Neely** added nine tackles to finish as the season leader in that category with 79.

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

Middle Tennessee will face Hawai'i in the Hawai'i Bowl on Dec. 24. The Blue Raiders broke single-game records with 77 points, 757 total offensive yards and nine rushing touchdowns in a 77-56 win over Florida Atlantic, the highest scoring regulation game in C-USA history. Redshirt freshman QB **John Urzua** was injured early, so Middle Tennessee turned to the run game, totaling a C-USA-record 495 yards on the ground. Sophomore WR **Richie James** ran for 207 yards on 22 carries and added four total TDs (three rushing, one receiving). Senior RB **Tavious Mathers** had 213 rushing yards and three scores on 18 attempts. Mathers is the seventh player in FBS history to run for 1,500 yards (1,504) and catch passes for more than 500 yards (589).

### OLD DOMINION MONARCHS

The Monarchs finished the regular season on a five-game winning streak and tied for first place in the East Division with a 7-1 league record. Old Dominion will make its first bowl appearance on Dec. 23 when it plays Eastern Michigan in the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl. Junior RB **Ray Lawry** has posted six 100-yard games this season and has rushed for 1,122 total yards. He has run for 11 touchdowns this season and became the school's all-time TD leader with 40. Senior WR **Zach Paschal** had eight catches for 101 yards and a TD vs. FIU in the regular season finale, passing Antonio Vaughan for the most career receptions in school history with 231. Senior QB **David Washington** threw two more TD passes vs. FIU to give him 28 on the season with just four interceptions.

### WKU HILLTOPPERS

WKU became the second school to win back-to-back C-USA Championship games and will face Memphis in the Boca Raton Bowl on Dec. 20. The Hilltoppers have now won 20 of their last 21 games vs. C-USA opponents. Senior RB **Anthony Wales** set a C-USA Championship record with five touchdowns (four rushing), extending his WKU single-season rushing score record to 24 (second-most in the FBS). Senior WR **Taywan Taylor** caught a TD pass for the ninth straight game. The school's all-time leading receiver has 89 receptions for a C-USA-leading 1,586 yards (fifth nationally) and 16 touchdowns (tied for fourth in the FBS) in 2016. Senior QB **Mike White**, the C-USA Newcomer of the Year, has six games with three or more TD passes this season and 34 total. Over his last nine games, he's 184 for 262 (70.2%) and averaging 324 yards with a 28:3 TD:INT ratio.

### LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Louisiana Tech won the West Division title and will play Navy in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, the third straight bowl trip for the Bulldogs (a first in school history). Senior WR **Trent Taylor** has a C-USA-record 10 games with 100 or more yards this season. He also broken the league record for receptions and enters the bowl game with 124 catches this season. Senior QB **Ryan Higgins** now has 37 passing TDs, which is the second-most in program history. He also has 4,208 passing yards, which is also second in school history. Junior WR **Carlos Henderson** has 21 touchdowns this year (17 receiving, two kicking returns), the fourth-most among FBS players. Sophomore DL **Jaylon Ferguson** leads Conference USA in sacks (14.5) and tackles for loss (16).

### NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

The Mean Green will be making their first bowl appearance since 2013 when they face Army in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl on Dec. 27. The game will be a rematch from the Oct. 22 battle in which North Texas posted a 35-18 win at West Point, New York. North Texas finished with a four-game improvement in the first year under head coach **Seth Littrell**. Despite missing two full games and parents of two others with an injury, junior RB **Jeffery Wilson** leads the team with 855 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns. Junior RB **Willy Ivery** has totaled eight touchdowns on the season; six on the ground and another two receiving. The Mean Green are third in C-USA in pass defense and three of the four starters in their secondary were named C-USA Defensive Player of the week this season. Junior K **Trevor Moore** has now made 95 consecutive extra points, extending his own school record after going three-for-three at UTEP.

### RICE OWLS

The Owls closed out the season with a 41-17 loss at Stanford. Senior RB **Jowan Davis** scored a pair of touchdowns and rushed 10 times for 49 yards. He closed his career with 2,028 rushing yards, moving into a tie for eighth-place on the school's career rushing list. Sophomore RB **Samuel Stewart** ran for 77 yards on 13 carries. Junior LB **Emmanuel Ellerbee**, a first team All-C-USA selection, posted his seventh double-digit tackle game of the season with 14 stops. He finishes as the regular season leader in C-USA with 118 tackles.

### SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

The Golden Eagles became bowl-eligible with a 39-24 win over West Division Champion Louisiana Tech. Southern Miss has been bowl-eligible in 20 of the past 23 years. Senior QB **Nick Mullens** threw for 342 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another in his final home game. Mullens, who sat out the last two games because of a concussion after having a 25-game starting streak end, became the Eagles' all-time touchdown passing leader with 86, passing Austin Davis (2008-11). Senior WR **D.J. Thompson** caught a season-high 12 passes for 135 yards with two scores. The 12 catches tied the M.M. Roberts Stadium record. Senior RB **Ito Smith** had his seventh 100-yard rushing game this season with 127 yards on 24 carries, while adding 63 yards on four receptions. Junior DB **Picasso Nelson, Jr.** became the second Golden Eagle this year to record two interceptions in a game and he had a game-high nine tackles. The eight rushing yards allowed marked the lowest vs. an FBS team since holding LA Tech to negative-2 in last year's meeting.

### UTEP MINERS

The Miners closed out the 2016 season with a 52-24 defeat of North Texas. UTEP registered a season-high 555 yards of total offense, the most in the **Sean Kugler** era, and the 52 points were the most scored since the final game of the 2009 season. Junior RB **Aaron Jones** ran for a career best 301 yards, the second-best total in school history, fourth-best in the FBS this season and sixth-most in C-USA history. He also had a career-high four touchdowns, including a season-long 83-yard score in the first quarter. Jones finished the season with the single-season school-record 1,773 rushing yards and 20 touchdowns. Sophomore QB **Ryan Metz** threw a pair of TD passes, giving him 14 on the season, most by a Miners QB since Trevor Vittatoe tossed 22 in 2010. Senior TE **Hayden Plinke** caught his eighth TD, most ever by a UTEP tight end.

### UTSA ROADRUNNERS

UTSA became bowl eligible for the first time in the program's six-year history with a 33-14 victory against Charlotte. The Roadrunners will face New Mexico in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl on Dec. 17. Junior QB **Dalton Sturm** threw 18 touchdown passes with just five interceptions this season. Junior WR **Kerry Thomas, Jr.**, set a program record with 145 receiving yards on five catches vs. Charlotte, including a 73-yard TD on the third play from scrimmage. Sophomore RB **Jalen Rhodes'** two-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter was his ninth of the season, which is a new UTSA single-season record. Junior DL **La'Kel Bass** recorded one tackle for loss to push his season total to 11 and tie UTSA's single-season record. C-USA Freshman of the Year LB **Josiah Tauaefa** led the Roadrunners with 104 tackles this season, which marks the first 100-stop campaign in program history.





## C-USA BOWL PARTNERS



### C-USA BOWL SYNOPSIS

Conference USA has secured guaranteed commitments with six bowl partners for the 2016 season, as well as one secondary agreement: the Gildan New Mexico, Hawai'i, Boca Raton, Popeyes Bahamas, R+L Carriers New Orleans and Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowls are primary agreements. The Camping World Independence Bowl in Shreveport, Louisiana, is a secondary agreement, should the ACC or SEC not be able to provide a bowl-eligible team. There is no set selection order among C-USA's bowl partners.

#### 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 2016-17 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 third year as a primary partner with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl and is scheduled to send a team to Albuquerque each season between 2016 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 in 2014...This year's game will mark the 11th 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: December 17, 2016  
Time: 12 p.m. MST  
Stadium: University Stadium (37,792)  
Network: ESPN  
Opponent: New Mexico  
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](http://www.gildannewmexicobowl.com)  
Facebook: NewMexicoBowl  
Twitter: @GildanNMBowl

### BOCA RATON BOWL

Conference USA will make a return appearance in the Boca Raton Bowl on Tuesday, December 20, the only bowl game being played on that day...C-USA Champion Marshall won the inaugural Boca Raton Bowl in 2014, defeating Mid-American Conference Champion Northern Illinois, 52-23...The game is played at five-year old FAU Stadium, the home of C-USA member Florida Atlantic...C-USA will again face an opponent from the Mid-American Conference in the game.



### BOCA RATON BOWL FACTS

Boca Raton, Florida  
Date: December 20, 2016  
Time: 7 p.m. EST  
Stadium: FAU Stadium (29,419)  
Network: ESPN  
Opponent: Memphis  
Phone: 561-362-3660  
Executive Director: Doug Mosley  
Operations/Marketing: Jana LaMendola  
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Website: [www.MarmotBocaRatonBowl.com](http://www.MarmotBocaRatonBowl.com)  
Facebook: MarmotBocaBowl  
Twitter: @BocaBowl

### POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL

The third annual Popeyes Bahamas Bowl will kick off Friday, Dec. 23, 2016 at Nassau's Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium...Conference USA is once again scheduled to be a part of the game, facing an opponent from either the American Athletic Conference or the Mid-American Conference... Middle Tennessee represented Conference USA in last year's game, falling to Western Michigan, 45-31... The inaugural 2014 game saw WKU QB Brandon Doughty throw for 486 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Hill-toppers to their first bowl win, 49-48 over Central Michigan, in the wildest bowl game that season...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 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl is part of an impressive stable of events in football and basketball for ESPN Events.



#### POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL FACTS

Nassau, Bahamas  
Date: December 23, 2016  
Time: 1 p.m. EST  
Stadium: Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (15,000)  
Network: ESPN  
Opponent: Eastern Michigan  
Executive Director: Richard Gianinni  
Director of Communications: Chris Pika  
Phone: 678/908-4853  
Website: [www.popeyesbahamasbowl.com](http://www.popeyesbahamasbowl.com)  
Facebook: Popeyes Bahamas Bowl  
Twitter: @TheBahamasBowl



## C-USA BOWL PARTNERS

### R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Conference USA is scheduled be a part of the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl for the 12th time in the bowl's 16 years, facing an opponent from the Sun Belt Conference...This year's game will mark the seventh straight year it has been played on a Saturday, with an 8 pm kickoff scheduled....Current Conference USA members Florida Atlantic, Louisiana Tech, Middle Tennessee, North Texas, Rice and Southern Miss have each participated in previous New Orleans Bowls, with the Golden 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 17, 2016  
 Time: 8 p.m. CST  
 Stadium: Mercedes-Benz Superdome (73,208)  
 Network: ESPN  
 Opponent: Louisiana-Lafayette  
 President/CEO: Jay Cicero  
 Executive Director: Billy Ferrante  
 V.P., Communications: Sam Joffray  
 Director of Events/Operations: Alison Comeaux  
 Director of Sales/Tickets: Craig Forshag  
 Event Operations and Media Coordinator: Paul Utterback  
 Phone: 504/525-5678  
 Website: [www.neworleansbowl.org](http://www.neworleansbowl.org)  
 Facebook: [neworleansbowl](https://www.facebook.com/neworleansbowl)  
 Twitter: @NewOrleansBowl

### HAWAII BOWL

The Hawaii Bowl enters its 15th year and this will mark the 11th time that Conference USA will be a part of the Christmas Eve game....C-USA teams have won each of their last six appearances in the game and are 7-3 all-time....Nine different schools have played in the game, with Rice being the most recent. The Owls posted a 30-6 win in 2014, the fewest points allowed in a Hawaii Bowl game....In its first 14 years, the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl has gained a reputation for offensive shootouts, with the winning team topping the 40-point mark in 10 games, while the losing team has scored 35 or more points five times.

#### HAWAII BOWL FACTS

Honolulu, Hawaii  
 Date: December 24, 2016  
 Time: 3 p.m. HST (8 p.m. EST)  
 Stadium: Hawaiian Airlines Field at Aloha Stadium (50,000)

### Hawaii Bowl (con't)

Network: ESPN  
 Opponent: Hawai'i  
 Executive Director: Daryl Garvin  
 Director of Operations: Tamarah Tabor  
 Event Manager: Gianni Minga  
 Media Relations Director: Derek Inouchi  
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 Facebook: [SheratonHawaiiBowl](https://www.facebook.com/SheratonHawaiiBowl)  
 Twitter: @HawaiiBowl



### ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

Conference USA is slated to play an opponent from the Big Ten Conference in the seventh annual Heart of Dallas Bowl on Dec. 26..The bowl is the only one that honors first responders and it also benefits organizations working to eradicate homelessness in Dallas...Last year, Southern Miss became the first C-USA school to play a Pac-12 team in a bowl game, falling to Washington, 44-31...The 2014 game saw C-USA West Division Champion Louisiana Tech defeat 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  
 Time: 2:20 p.m. CST  
 Stadium: Cotton Bowl (92,100)  
 Network: ESPN  
 Opponent: Army  
 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](http://www.theheartofdallasbowl.com)  
 Facebook: [theheartofdallasbowl](https://www.facebook.com/theheartofdallasbowl)  
 Twitter: @HODBowl

### CAMPING WORLD INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Conference USA maintains a secondary partnership with the Independence Bowl, played at Independence Stadium in Shreveport, La. C-USA will provide a surplus team to the bowl in the event the South-eastern Conference or Atlantic Coast Conference are unable to provide a team ...The game was established in 1976 and named the Independence Bowl because it was established 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: December 26, 2016  
 Time: 4 p.m. CST  
 Stadium: Independence Stadium (49,565)  
 Network: ESPN2  
 Opponent: ACC or SEC Selection  
 Phone: 318-221-0712  
 Executive Director: Missy Setters  
 Asst. Executive Director, Sales: Jeff Dittmer  
 Director of Events and Operations: Jeff Butler  
 Media Relations Director: Stefan Nolet  
 Website: [www.independencebowl.org](http://www.independencebowl.org)  
 Facebook: [independencebowl](https://www.facebook.com/independencebowl)  
 Twitter: @IndyBowl



## C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

### UAB FOOTBALL BACK IN 2017

The UAB Football team returns to action September 2, 2017, when the Blazers host Alabama A&M at Legion Field. Under the direction of head coach Bill Clark, UAB will practice during the 2016 campaign in anticipation for its return to the field in 2017.

On June 17, 2016, the University of Alabama Board of Trustees approved the final stages of UAB's proposed Football Operations Center. The Blazers begin construction on a \$22 million practice facility this August, which includes an open-air pavilion covering the turf practice field, making UAB a pioneer in this architectural design. Included in this was a \$4.2 million sponsorship and naming agreement with Legacy Credit Union – the largest of its kind in UAB Athletics history. The Blazers anticipate the Football Operations Center and Legacy Pavilion to be completed by the start of the 2017 season.

Clark will lead the Blazers onto the field in 2017 just as he did in his first year as head coach of UAB in 2014. Clark inherited a team that was 2-10 and turned them into a team that won six games and earned bowl eligibility for the first time in a decade.

The Blazers also proved that they will be competitive from the moment they step onto the field as Clark signed the league's No. 2 recruiting class in 2016.

### FIVE C-USA PLAYERS EARN ALL-DISTRICT ACADEMIC HONORS

Five Conference USA student-athletes were named CoSIDA Academic All-District, the College Sports Information Director's of America (CoSIDA) has announced. Charlotte senior QB **Lee McNeill**, Old Dominion senior OL **Tyler Compton** and junior DL **Bunmi Rotimi** are joined by Southern Miss senior OL **Cameron Tom** and junior DB **Piccasso Nelson, Jr.**, on the list of honorees. All First Team Academic All-District honorees will advance to the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team ballots, where first-, second- and third-team All-America selections take place.

### C-USA HAS SEVEN CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

Recognizing the top scholar-athletes in college football, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame announced the semifinalists for the 2016 William V. Campbell Trophy. C-USA is represented by seven outstanding student-athletes. Five of the seven were members of the 2015 C-USA All-Academic team: Florida Atlantic senior OL **Dillon DeBoer**, Old Dominion senior OL **Tyler Compton**, Rice senior RB **Darik Dillard**, Southern Miss senior OL **Cameron Tom** and WKU senior DB **Marcus Ward**. Marshall senior TE **Emanuel Byrd** and North Texas senior LB **Fred Scott** were also named to the list of semifinalists.

### HENDERSON NAMED NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Louisiana Tech junior WR **Carlos Henderson** was named National Player of the Week on Oct. 16 by the Walter Camp Football Foundation and CBS Sports following his performance in a 56-26 win at Massachusetts. Henderson caught 12 passes for 326 yards and five TDs. The 326 yards are the second-most in both LA Tech and C-USA history, while the five TD catches tie the school and conference records.



### 2016 C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Conference USA hosted its 12th football championship game in 2016 as WKU defeated Louisiana Tech, 58-44, in the highest scoring conference championship game any FBS league has ever had.

WKU became the first school to host the game in back-to-back season. Seven different schools have hosted the first 12 championship games.

WKU won its first Conference USA Football Championship in 2015 with a 45-28 win over Southern Miss in Bowling Green, Ky., becoming the first league school to go undefeated in league play and then win the Championship Game. Marshall took its first C-USA title in 2014 with a triumph over Louisiana Tech in Huntington, W. Va. 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 on the Cougars home field. Former members East Carolina, Tulsa and UCF each won two championship games, while Houston claimed one crown.

### Year Champion (C-USA Record)

- 2016 WKU (7-1)
- 2015 WKU (8-0)
- 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)

### EAST

- CHARLOTTE
- FIU
- FLORIDA ATLANTIC
- MARSHALL
- MIDDLE TENNESSEE
- OLD DOMINION
- WKU

### WEST

- LOUISIANA TECH
- NORTH TEXAS
- RICE
- SOUTHERN MISS
- UTEP
- UTSA

### 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/MediaCenter](http://conferenceusa.com/MediaCenter).

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

### C-USA STADIUMS

Charlotte	Richardson Stadium (15,000)
FIU	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)
UTSA	Alamodome (36,582)
WKU	Houchens Industries/L.T. Smith Stadium (22,113)





## MEDIA INFORMATION

### WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Video highlights from each Conference USA school will be available through XOS Video exchange during the 2016 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.

### COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The only scheduled C-USA Coaches teleconference during the 2016 season will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29 and will feature the head coaches of the two teams participating in the 2016 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.

### 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.

### COLLEGE PRESSBOX.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	WAXY-AM	790	Josh Appel
Florida Atlantic	ESPN-FM	106.3	Ken LaVicka
Louisiana Tech	KXKZ-FM	107.5	Dave Nitz
Marshall	WDGG-FM	93.7	Steve Cotton
	WRVC-AM	930	
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
	*ESPN Deportes	1650	Harry Ruiz
UTSA	KTKR-AM	760	Andy Everett
	KBUC-FM	92.5/93.3	(alternate)
	*K272EK	102.3	Jorge Rodriguez
WKU	WPTQ-FM	105.3	Randy Lee
	WWKU-AM	1450	

\*Spanish station

### C-USA WEBSITES

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

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

### C-USA TWITTER FEEDS

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

Charlotte	@Charlotte49ers
FIU	@FIUFootball
Florida Atlantic	@FAUOwlAthletics
Louisiana Tech	@LATechFB
Marshall	@HerdFB
Middle Tennessee	@MT_FB
North Texas	@MeanGreenFB
Old Dominion	@ODUFootball
Rice	@RiceFootball1
Southern Miss	@SouthernMissFB
UTEP	@UTEPFB
UTSA	@UTSAFTFB
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## C-USA EAST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

### CHARLOTTE (4-8, 3-5 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S1 (Thu.)	at (19) Louisville (ACC RSN)	L 7-63	0-1	
S10	ELON (CUSA TV)	W 47-14	1-1	
S17	EASTERN MICHIGAN (CUSA TV)	L 19-37	1-2	
S24	at Temple (ASN)	L 20-48	1-3	
O1	→ OLD DOMINION (CUSA TV)	L 17-52	1-4	
O9 (Sun.)	→ at Florida Atlantic (CUSA TV)	W 28-23	2-4	
O15	→ FIU (CUSA TV)	L 26-27	2-5	
O22	→ at Marshall (be INSPORTS)	W 27-24	3-5	
N5	→ at Southern Miss (ASN)	W 38-27	4-5	
N12	→ RICE (Campus Insiders)	L 21-22	4-6	
N19	→ MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ESPN3)	L 31-38	4-7	
N26	→ at UTSA (Campus Insiders)	L 14-33	4-8	

### FIU (4-8, 4-4 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S1 (Thu.)	INDIANA (ESPN3)	L 13-34	0-1	
S9 (Fri.)	MARYLAND (CBSSN)	L 14-31	0-2	
S17	at Massachusetts (ASN)	L 13-21	0-3	
S24	UCF (be IN SPORTS)	L 14-53	0-4	
O1	→ FLORIDA ATLANTIC (be IN)	W 33-31	1-4	
O8	→ at UTEP (CUSA TV)	W 35-21	2-4	
O15	→ at Charlotte (CUSA TV)	W 27-26	3-4	
O22	→ LOUISIANA TECH (ESPN3)	L 24-44	3-5	
O29	→ MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ESPN3)	L 35-42	3-6	
N5	→ at WKU (be IN SPORTS)	L 21-49	3-7	
N19	→ MARSHALL (ASN)	W 31-14	4-7	
N26	→ at Old Dominion (ESPN3)	L 28-42	4-8	

### FLORIDA ATLANTIC (3-9, 2-6 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (CUSA TV)	W 38-30	1-0	
S10	at (25) Miami (Fla.) (ESPN3)	L 10-38	1-1	
S17	at Kansas State (FSN)	L 7-63	1-2	
S24	BALL STATE (CUSA TV)	L 27-31	1-3	
O1	→ at FIU (be IN SPORTS)	L 31-33	1-4	
O9 (Sun.)	→ CHARLOTTE (CUSA TV)	L 23-28	1-5	
O15	→ at Marshall (ASN)	L 21-27	1-6	
O29	→ WKU (ASN)	L 3-52	1-7	
N5	→ at Rice (ESPN3)	W 42-25	2-7	
N12	→ UTEP (CUSA TV)	W 35-31	3-7	
N19	→ OLD DOMINION (Campus Ins.)	L 24-42	3-8	
N26	→ at Middle Tennessee (be IN)	L 56-77	3-9	

### MARSHALL (3-9, 2-6 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S10	MORGAN STATE (be IN SPORTS)	W 62-0	1-0	
S17	AKRON (CBSSN)	L 38-65	1-1	
S24	(3) LOUISVILLE (CBSSN)	L 28-59	1-2	
O1	at Pittsburgh (ACC RSN)	L 27-43	1-3	
O8	at North Texas (ASN)	L 21-38	1-4	
O15	FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ASN)	W 27-21	2-4	
O22	CHARLOTTE (be IN SPORTS)	L 24-27	2-5	
O29	at Southern Miss (ASN)	L 14-24	2-6	
N5	at Old Dominion (ASN)	L 14-38	2-7	
N12	MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ASN)	W 42-17	3-7	
N19	at FIU (ASN)	L 14-31	3-8	
N26	WKU (ESPN3)	L 6-60	3-9	

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE (8-4, 5-3 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3	ALABAMA A&M (CUSA TV)	W 55-0	1-0	
S10	at Vanderbilt (SEC Network)	L 24-47	1-1	
S17	at Bowling Green (ASN/ESPN3)	W 41-21	2-1	
S24	→ LOUISIANA TECH (ASN)	W 38-34	3-1	
O1	→ at North Texas (Campus Insider)	W 30-13	4-1	
O15	→ WKU (ESPN3)	L 43-44 (2ot)	4-2	
O22	at Missouri (SEC Network)	W 51-45	5-2	
O29	→ at FIU (ESPN3)	W 42-35	6-2	
N5	→ UTSA (ESPN3)	L 25-45	6-3	
N12	→ at Marshall (ASN)	L 17-42	6-4	
N19	→ at Charlotte (ESPN3)	W 38-31	7-4	
N26	→ FLORIDA ATLANTIC (be IN)	W 77-56	8-4	
D24	vs. Hawai'i (ESPN)	7:00p		

All times are Central and subject to change

### OLD DOMINION (9-3, 7-1 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S4 (Sun.)	HAMPTON (CUSA TV)	W 54-21	1-0	
S10	at Appalachian State (ASN)	L 7-31	1-1	
S17	at NC State (ESPN3)	L 22-49	1-2	
S24	→ UTSA (CUSA TV)	W 33-19	2-2	
O1	→ at Charlotte (CUSA TV)	W 52-17	3-2	
O7 (Fri.)	MASSACHUSETTS (CUSA TV)	W 36-16	4-2	
O22	→ at WKU (ASN)	L 24-59	4-3	
O29	→ at UTEP (CUSA TV)	W 31-21	5-3	
N5	→ MARSHALL (ASN)	W 38-14	6-3	
N12	→ SOUTHERN MISS (ASN)	W 51-35	7-3	
N19	→ at Florida Atlantic (Campus Ins)	W 42-24	8-3	
N26	→ FIU (ESPN3)	W 42-28	9-3	
D23	vs. Eastern Michigan (ESPN)	1:00p		

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### WKU (10-3, 7-1 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S1 (Thu.)	RICE (CBSSN)	W 46-14	1-0	
S10	at (1) Alabama (ESPN2)	L 10-38	1-1	
S17	at Miami (Ohio) (ESPN3)	W 31-24	2-1	
S24	VANDERBILT (CBSSN)	L 30-31 (ot)	2-2	
O1	HOUSTON BAPTIST (CUSA TV)	W 50-3	3-2	
O6 (Thu.)	at Louisiana Tech (CBSSN)	L 52-55	3-3	
O15	at Middle Tennessee (ESPN3)	W 44-43 (2ot)	4-3	
O22	OLD DOMINION (ASN)	W 59-24	5-3	
O29	at Florida Atlantic (ASN)	W 52-3	6-3	
N5	FIU (be IN SPORTS)	W 49-21	7-3	
N12	NORTH TEXAS (ESPN3)	W 45-7	8-3	
N26	at Marshall (ESPN3)	W 60-6	9-3	
D3	LOUISIANA TECH (ESPN)	W 58-44	10-3	
D20	Dynacraft C-USA Championship Game vs. Memphis (ESPN)	6:00p		

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## C-USA WEST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

### LOUISIANA TECH (8-5, 6-2 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3	at Arkansas (SEC Net)	L 20-21	0-1	
S10	SOUTH CAROLINA ST. (CUSA TV)	W 53-24	1-1	
S17	at Texas Tech (FSN)	L 45-59	1-2	
<b>S24</b>	<b>at Middle Tennessee (ASN)</b>	<b>L 34-38</b>	<b>1-3</b>	
<b>O1</b>	<b>at UTEP (ASN)</b>	<b>W 28-7</b>	<b>2-3</b>	
<b>O6 (Thu.)</b>	<b>at WKU (CBSSN)</b>	<b>W 55-52</b>	<b>3-3</b>	
O15	at Massachusetts (ESPN3)	W 56-28	4-3	
<b>O22</b>	<b>at FIU (ESPN3)</b>	<b>W 44-24</b>	<b>5-3</b>	
<b>O29</b>	<b>at RICE (Campus Insiders)</b>	<b>W 61-16</b>	<b>6-3</b>	
<b>N5</b>	<b>at North Texas (ESPN3)</b>	<b>W 45-24</b>	<b>7-3</b>	
<b>N12</b>	<b>at UTSA (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>W 63-35</b>	<b>8-3</b>	
<b>N25 (Fri.)</b>	<b>at Southern Miss (ESPNews)</b>	<b>L 24-39</b>	<b>8-4</b>	
<b>D3</b>	<b>at WKU (ESPN)</b>	<b>L 44-58</b>	<b>8-5</b>	
<b>Dynacraft C-USA Championship Game</b>				
<b>D23</b>	<b>vs. Navy (ESPN)</b>	<b>3:30p</b>		
<b>Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl</b>				

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### NORTH TEXAS (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3	SMU (ASN)	L 21-34	0-1	
S10	BETHUNE-COOKMAN (CUSA TV)	W 41-20	1-1	
S17	at (23) Florida (ESPN)	L 0-32	1-2	
<b>S24</b>	<b>at Rice (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>W 42-35 (ot)</b>	<b>2-2</b>	
<b>O1</b>	<b>at MIDDLE TENN. (Campus Ins.)</b>	<b>L 13-30</b>	<b>2-3</b>	
<b>O8</b>	<b>at MARSHALL (ASN)</b>	<b>W 38-21</b>	<b>3-3</b>	
O22	at Army (CBSSN)	W 35-18	4-3	
<b>O29</b>	<b>at UTSA (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>L 17-31</b>	<b>4-4</b>	
<b>N5</b>	<b>at LOUISIANA TECH (ESPN3)</b>	<b>L 24-45</b>	<b>4-5</b>	
<b>N12</b>	<b>at WKU (ESPN3)</b>	<b>L 7-45</b>	<b>4-6</b>	
<b>N19</b>	<b>at SOUTHERN MISS (beIN SPORTS)</b>	<b>W 29-23</b>	<b>5-6</b>	
<b>N26</b>	<b>at UTEP</b>	<b>L 24-52</b>	<b>5-7</b>	
<b>D27</b>	<b>vs. Army (ESPN)</b>	<b>11:00a</b>		
<b>Heart of Dallas Bowl</b>				

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### RICE (3-9, 2-6 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
<b>S1 (Thu.)</b>	<b>at WKU (CBSSN)</b>	<b>L 14-46</b>	<b>0-1</b>	
S10	at Army (CBSSN)	L 14-31	0-2	
S16 (Fri.)	BAYLOR (ESPN)	L 10-38	0-3	
<b>S24</b>	<b>at NORTH TEXAS (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>L 35-42 (ot)</b>	<b>0-4</b>	
<b>O1</b>	<b>at Southern Miss</b>	<b>L 28-44</b>	<b>0-5</b>	
<b>O15</b>	<b>at UTSA (beIN SPORTS)</b>	<b>L 13-14</b>	<b>0-6</b>	
O22	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (CUSA TV)	W 65-44	1-6	
<b>O29</b>	<b>at LA Tech (Campus Insiders)</b>	<b>L 16-61</b>	<b>1-7</b>	
<b>N5</b>	<b>at FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ESPN3)</b>	<b>L 25-42</b>	<b>1-8</b>	
<b>N12</b>	<b>at Charlotte (Campus Ins.)</b>	<b>W 22-21</b>	<b>2-8</b>	
<b>N19</b>	<b>at UTEP (ESPN3)</b>	<b>W 44-24</b>	<b>3-8</b>	
N26	at Stanford (Pac-12 Networks)	L 17-41	3-9	

### SOUTHERN MISS (6-6, 4-4 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3	at Kentucky (ESPNU)	W 44-35	1-0	
S10	SAVANNAH STATE	W 56-0	2-0	
S17	TROY (beIN SPORTS)	L 31-37	2-1	
<b>S24</b>	<b>at UTEP (Campus Insiders)</b>	<b>W 34-7</b>	<b>3-1</b>	
<b>O1</b>	<b>at RICE</b>	<b>W 44-28</b>	<b>4-1</b>	
<b>O8</b>	<b>at UTSA (ASN)</b>	<b>L 32-55</b>	<b>4-2</b>	
O15	at (25) LSU (SEC Network)	L 10-45	4-3	
<b>O29</b>	<b>at MARSHALL (ASN)</b>	<b>W 24-14</b>	<b>5-3</b>	
<b>N5</b>	<b>at CHARLOTTE (ASN)</b>	<b>L 27-38</b>	<b>5-4</b>	
<b>N12</b>	<b>at Old Dominion (ASN)</b>	<b>L 35-51</b>	<b>5-5</b>	
<b>N19</b>	<b>at North Texas (beIN SPORTS)</b>	<b>L 23-29</b>	<b>5-6</b>	
<b>N25 (Fri.)</b>	<b>at LA TECH (ESPNews)</b>	<b>W 39-24</b>	<b>6-6</b>	
<b>D24</b>	<b>vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (ESPN)</b>	<b>8:00p</b>		
<b>R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl</b>				

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### UTEP (4-8, 2-6 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3	NEW MEXICO ST. (beIN SPORTS)	W 38-22	1-0	
S10	at (11) Texas (LHN)	L 7-41	1-1	
S17	ARMY (ASN)	L 14-66	1-2	
<b>S24</b>	<b>at SOUTHERN MISS (Campus Ins.)</b>	<b>L 7-34</b>	<b>1-3</b>	
<b>O1</b>	<b>at Louisiana Tech (ASN)</b>	<b>L 7-28</b>	<b>1-4</b>	
<b>O8</b>	<b>at FIU (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>L 21-35</b>	<b>1-5</b>	
<b>O22</b>	<b>at UTSA (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>W 52-49 (5ot)</b>	<b>2-5</b>	
<b>O29</b>	<b>at OLD DOMINION (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>L 21-31</b>	<b>2-6</b>	
N5	HOUSTON BAPTIST (CUSA TV)	W 42-10	3-6	
<b>N12</b>	<b>at Florida Atlantic</b>	<b>L 31-35</b>	<b>3-7</b>	
<b>N19</b>	<b>at Rice (ESPN3)</b>	<b>L 24-44</b>	<b>3-8</b>	
<b>N26</b>	<b>at NORTH TEXAS (CUSA TV)</b>	<b>W 52-24</b>	<b>4-8</b>	

### UTSA (6-6, 5-3 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
S3	ALABAMA STATE (KMYS)	W 26-13	1-0	
S10	at Colorado St. (MW Net/Campus Ins)	L 14-23	1-1	
S17	ARIZONA STATE (ESPN2)	L 28-32	1-2	
<b>S24</b>	<b>at Old Dominion (KMYS)</b>	<b>L 19-33</b>	<b>1-3</b>	
<b>O8</b>	<b>SOUTHERN MISS (ASN)</b>	<b>W 55-32</b>	<b>2-3</b>	
<b>O15</b>	<b>at Rice (beIN SPORTS)</b>	<b>W 14-13</b>	<b>3-3</b>	
<b>O22</b>	<b>UTEP (KMYS)</b>	<b>L 49-52 (5ot)</b>	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>O29</b>	<b>NORTH TEXAS (KMYS)</b>	<b>W 31-17</b>	<b>4-4</b>	
<b>N5</b>	<b>at Middle Tennessee (ESPN3)</b>	<b>W 45-25</b>	<b>5-4</b>	
<b>N12</b>	<b>at Louisiana Tech (KMYS)</b>	<b>L 35-63</b>	<b>5-5</b>	
N19	at (22) Texas A&M (ESPN U)	L 10-23	5-6	
<b>N26</b>	<b>CHARLOTTE (Campus Insiders)</b>	<b>W 33-14</b>	<b>6-6</b>	
<b>D17</b>	<b>vs. New Mexico (ESPN)</b>	<b>1:00p</b>		
<b>Gildan New Mexico Bowl</b>				

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## C-USA COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

←at WKU 46, Rice 14  
at (19) Louisville 70, Charlotte 14  
Indiana 34, at FIU 13

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Southern Miss 44, at Kentucky 35  
at Florida Atlantic 38, Southern Illinois 30  
at Middle Tennessee 55, Alabama A&M 0  
at UTSA 26, Alabama State 13  
at UTEP 38, New Mexico State 22  
at Arkansas 21, Louisiana Tech 20  
SMU 34 at North Texas 21

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

at Old Dominion 54, Hampton 21

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Maryland 41, at FIU 14

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

at Charlotte 47, Elon 14  
at Marshall 62, Morgan State 0  
at LA Tech 53, South Carolina St. 24  
at North Texas 41, Bethune-Cookman 20  
at Southern Miss 56, Savannah State 0  
at Army 31, Rice 14  
at Appalachian State 31, Old Dominion 7  
at (1) Alabama 38, WKU 10  
at Vanderbilt 47, Middle Tennessee 24  
at Colorado State 23, UTSA 14  
at (25) Miami 38, Florida Atlantic 10  
at (11) Texas 41, UTEP 7

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Baylor 38, Rice 10  
Arizona State 32, UTSA 28

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

WKU 31, at Miami (Ohio) 24  
Middle Tennessee 41, at Bowling Green 21  
Akron 65, at Marshall 38  
at Kansas St. 63, Florida Atlantic 7  
at Massachusetts 21, FIU 13  
Eastern Michigan 37, at Charlotte 19  
at NC State 49, Old Dominion 22  
at Texas Tech 59, Louisiana Tech 45  
Troy 37, at Southern Miss 31  
Army 66, at UTEP 14  
at (23) Florida 32, North Texas 0

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

←at Old Dominion 33, UTSA 19  
←North Texas 42, at Rice 35 (2OT)  
←at Middle Tennessee 38, LA Tech 34  
←Southern Miss 34, at UTEP 7  
(3) Louisville 59, at Marshall 28  
at Temple 48, Charlotte 20  
Vanderbilt 31, at WKU 30 (OT)  
Ball State 31, at Florida Atlantic 27  
UCF 53, at FIU 14

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

←Old Dominion 52, at Charlotte 17  
←at FIU 33, Florida Atlantic 31  
←at Louisiana Tech 28, UTEP 7  
←Middle Tennessee 30, at North Texas 13  
←at Southern Miss 44, Rice 28  
at WKU 50, Houston Baptist 3  
at Pittsburgh 43, Marshall 27

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

←at Louisiana Tech 55, WKU 52

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

at Old Dominion 36, Massachusetts 16

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

←at UTSA 55, Southern Miss 32  
←at North Texas 38, Marshall 21  
←FIU 35, at UTEP 21

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

←Charlotte 28, at Florida Atlantic 23

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

←WKU 44, at Middle Tennessee 43 (2OT)  
←FIU 27, at Charlotte 26  
←at Marshall 27, Florida Atlantic 21  
←UTSA 14, at Rice 13  
LA Tech 56, at UMass 28  
at (25) LSU 45, Southern Miss 10

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

←Charlotte 27, at Marshall 24  
←Louisiana Tech 44, at FIU 24  
←at WKU 59, Old Dominion 24  
←UTEP 52, at UTSA 49 (5OT)  
Middle Tennessee 51, at Missouri 45  
North Texas 35, at Army 18  
at Rice 65, Prairie View A&M 44

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

←WKU 52, at Florida Atlantic 3  
←Middle Tennessee 42, at FIU 35  
←at Louisiana Tech 61, Rice 16  
←at Southern Miss 24, Marshall 14  
←at UTSA 31, North Texas 17  
←Old Dominion 31, at UTEP 21

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

←UTSA 45, at Middle Tennessee 25  
←Charlotte 38, at Southern Miss 27  
←Florida Atlantic 42, at Rice 25  
←at WKU 49, FIU 21  
←Louisiana Tech 45, at North Texas 24  
←at Old Dominion 38, Marshall 14  
at UTEP 42, Houston Baptist 10

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

←Rice 22, at Charlotte 21  
←at Louisiana Tech 63, UTSA 35  
←at WKU 45, North Texas 7  
←at Old Dominion 51, Southern Miss 35  
←at Florida Atlantic 35, UTEP 31  
←at Marshall 42, Middle Tennessee 17

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

←at Rice 44, UTEP 24  
←Middle Tennessee 38, at Charlotte 31  
←at North Texas 29, Southern Miss 23  
←Old Dominion 42, at Florida Atlantic 24  
←at FIU 31, Marshall 14  
at (22) Texas A&M 23, UTSA 10

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

←Southern Miss 39, Louisiana Tech 24

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

←Old Dominion 42, FIU 28  
←at UTEP 52, North Texas 24  
←at Middle Tennessee 77, Florida Atlantic 56  
←at UTSA 33, Charlotte 14  
←WKU 60, at Marshall 6  
at Stanford 41, Rice 17

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Dynacraft Conference USA  
Championship Game (ESPN)  
at WKU 58, Louisiana Tech 44**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Gildan New Mexico Bowl (ESPN)**  
UTSA vs. New Mexico 12 p.m.

### R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl (ESPN)

Southern Miss vs. Louisiana-Lafayette 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

**Boca Raton Bowl (ESPN)**  
WKU vs. Memphis 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

**Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (ESPN)**  
Old Dominion vs. Eastern Michigan 11 a.m.

### Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl (ESPN)

Louisiana Tech vs. Navy 11 a.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**Hawai'i Bowl (ESPN)**  
Middle Tennessee vs. Hawai'i 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl (ESPN)**  
North Texas vs. Army 11 a.m.

←Conference games in bold.

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