



# WEEKLY RELEASE

WEEK 3: SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2018

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## MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL COMMUNICATIONS

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## MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL IMPORTANT MEDIA DATES

- Oct. 23** ..... Press Conference (Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium): 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5** ..... Online media credential applications begin at: [sportsystems.com/bahamasbowl](http://sportsystems.com/bahamasbowl)
- Dec. 7** ..... Credential applications close
- Dec. 17** ..... Team Arrivals
- Dec. 18** ..... Team Practices (TAR Stadium & Roscow A.L. Davies Field)
- Dec. 19** ..... Team Practices (TAR Stadium & Roscow A.L. Davies Field)
- Dec. 20** ..... Team Walkthroughs (Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium)
- Dec. 20** ..... Press Conference (Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium): 11 a.m.-Noon
- Dec. 21** ..... Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (12:30 p.m. ET; Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium - ESPN)

## MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL WEEK 3 NOTEBOOK

**WEEK 3 PREVIEW:** The Conference USA schedule features three games at SEC schools, including Middle Tennessee at No. 3 Georgia, North Texas at Arkansas and UTEP at Tennessee. Other key non-conference games are at WKU at Louisville and UTSA at Kansas State. Old Dominion plays a conference game for the second straight week as the Monarchs visit Charlotte on Thursday. In the MAC, there are a pair of conference games as Eastern Michigan travels to Buffalo and Central Michigan is at Northern Illinois. MAC schools play four Big Ten and two ACC schools Saturday.

**HURRICANE FLORENCE EFFECTS:** Due to the potential effects of Hurricane Florence approaching the Carolinas this week, a pair of games involving Conference USA teams were cancelled - Marshall at South Carolina and Southern Miss at Appalachian State - while a conference matchup of Old Dominion at Charlotte was moved up from Saturday to Thursday evening. In the MAC, Ohio's game at Virginia was moved to Nashville, where it will be played at Vanderbilt Stadium on Saturday.

**WELCOME MAKERS WANTED: Elk Grove Village, Illinois**, using its business slogan - **Makers Wanted** - was announced July 31 as the title sponsor of the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl. The tagline Makers Wanted is Elk Grove Village's slogan and serves a call-to-action for a thriving community and the thousands of businesses based there. It is home to the largest contiguous industrial park in the United States, featuring six square miles and 62 million square feet of inventory. Over 5,614 businesses, including 300 manufacturers specializing in metal, plastic, rubber and food manufacturing, call Elk Grove Village their home. It is also a top national destination for data centers in the U.S. with two million square feet. For more information, visit [www.makerswanted.org](http://www.makerswanted.org).

**C-USA WEEK 2 NOTES:** Florida Atlantic junior RB **Devin "Motor" Singletary** tied a C-USA record with 15 consecutive games with a rushing TD against Air Force. Middle Tennessee graduate QB **Brent Stockstill** threw for 407 yards on 25-of-34 passing in a 61-37 victory over UT-Martin,

**MAC WEEK 2 NOTES:** Eastern Michigan's 20-19 win at Purdue extended the MAC's streak of at least one victory over a Big Ten team to a conference-record 13-consecutive seasons. During this 13-year stretch, MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten programs for a total of 27 victories.

## C-USA STANDINGS



### EAST DIVISION

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

### WEST DIVISION

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

## MAC STANDINGS



### EAST DIVISION

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

### WEST DIVISION

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

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WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE USA

**Thursday, Sept. 13**

\* Old Dominion at Charlotte (ESPN3)

**Saturday, Sept. 15**

UTEP at Tennessee (SECN)  
 Tulane at UAB (STAD/FB)  
 UTSA at Kansas State (FSN)  
 North Texas at Arkansas (SECNA)  
 Bethune-Cookman at FAU (STAD)  
 Middle Tennessee at Georgia (ESPN2)  
 Massachusetts at FIU (beIN)  
 WKU at Louisville (ACC RSN)  
 Marshall at South Carolina (cancelled)  
 Southern Miss at Appalachian St. (cancelled)

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**Saturday, Sept. 15**

Ball State at Indiana (BTN)  
 Kent State at Penn State (FS1)  
 Miami (Fla.) at Toledo (ESPN2)  
 Ohio vs. Virginia (at Nashville, Tenn.) (TBA)  
 \* Central Michigan at Northern Illinois (ESPN+)  
 Miami at Minnesota (BTN)  
 Eastern Kentucky at Bowling Green (ESPN3)  
 \* Eastern Michigan at Buffalo (ESPN+)  
 Delaware State at Western Michigan (ESPN+)  
 Akron at Northwestern (BTN)

\* - conference games

WEEK 2 RESULTS

CONFERENCE USA

**Saturday, Sept. 8**

\* FIU 28, Old Dominion 20  
 Florida Atlantic 33, Air Force 27  
 North Texas 58, Incarnate Word 16  
 Marshall 32, Eastern Kentucky 16  
 Louisiana Tech 54, Southern 17  
 Middle Tennessee 61, UT-Martin 37  
 Baylor 37, UTSA 20  
 Appalachian State 45, Charlotte 9  
 Louisiana-Monroe 21, Southern Miss 20  
 Coastal Carolina 47, UAB 24  
 Maine 31, WKU 28  
 UNLV 52, UTEP 24  
 Hawai'i 43, Rice 29

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**Saturday, Sept. 8**

Eastern Michigan 20, Purdue 19  
 Michigan 49, Western Michigan 3  
 Kansas 31, Central Michigan 7  
 Notre Dame 24, Ball State 16  
 Buffalo 36, Temple 29  
 Kent State 54, Howard 14  
 Akron 41, Morgan State 7  
 Maryland 45, Bowling Green 14  
 Utah 17, Northern Illinois 6  
 Cincinnati 21, Miami 0

\* - conference games

WEEK 2 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

CONFERENCE USA

**Offensive Player of the Week**

Florida Atlantic QB **Chris Robison**: The freshman completed 33-of-40 passes for a school record 471 passing yards and three TDs in a 33-27 victory over Air Force,

**Defensive Player of the Week**

Florida Atlantic LB **Rashad Smith**: The junior had a career-high 16 tackles and an interception in a 33-27 victory over Air Force.

**Special Teams Player of the Week**

Charlotte K **Jonathan Cruz**: The freshman made three field goals, each 46 yards or longer, in a loss to Appalachian State.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**East Division Offensive Player of the Week**

Buffalo QB **Tyree Jackson**: The junior was 26-of-45 for 275 yards and three TDs in a 36-29 win over Temple.

**East Division Defensive Player of the Week**

Buffalo DB **Cameron Lewis**: The senior had four tackles and two key interceptions in a 36-29 win over Temple.

**East Division Special Teams Player of the Week**

Akron K/P **Nick Gasser**: The senior made a pair of field goals and four PATs for a total of 10 points in a 41-7 win over Morgan State.

**West Division Offensive Player of the Week**

Eastern Michigan QB **Tyler Wieggers**: The graduate transfer was 20-28 passing for 312 yards and one TD in a 20-19 victory at Purdue.

**West Division Defensive Player of the Week**

Northern Illinois DE **Sutton Smith**: The junior had eight tackles, six solo, 4.5 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks in a loss to Utah.

**West Division Special Teams Player of the Week**

Eastern Michigan K **Chad Ryland**: The freshman made two field goals, including a 24-yarder as time expired, for a 20-19 victory at Purdue.

C-USA VS. MAC

The 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl will be contested between Conference USA and the Mid-American Conference for the fifth-straight year. C-USA leads the 2018 season series 1-0 with one game to play.

**Sept. 1**

Marshall (C-USA) 35, Miami (MAC) 28

**Sept. 22**

WKU (C-USA) at Ball State (MAC)

The Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl is tied 2-2 all time between C-USA and the MAC.

**2014**

WKU (C-USA) 49, Central Michigan (MAC) 48

**2015**

Western Michigan (MAC) 45, Middle Tennessee (C-USA) 31

**2016**

Old Dominion (C-USA) 24, Eastern Michigan (MAC) 20

**2017**

Ohio (MAC) 41, UAB (C-USA) 6



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**MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL PARTICIPANT SELECTION**

The highest-ranked conference champion by the College Football Playoff Selection Committee from the American Athletic, Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West or Sun Belt will play annually in one of the College Football Playoff bowls (**PlayStation Fiesta Bowl** or **Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl** for the 2018 season) if it is not selected for the Playoff Semifinals.

Conference USA has secured guaranteed commitments with six bowl partners for the 2018 season, as well as two secondary agreements: The **Makers Wanted Bahamas, Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton, Gildan New Mexico, Hawai'i, R+L Carriers New Orleans** and either the **Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla** or the **SERVPRO First Responder Bowls** are primary agreements. The **Walk-On's Independence Bowl** in Shreveport, La., is a secondary agreement (should the ACC or SEC not be able to provide a bowl-eligible team), as is the **DXL Frisco Bowl**. There is no set selection order among C-USA's bowl partners.

The MAC has 2018 primary bowl tie-ins with **Makers Wanted Bahamas, Dollar General, DXL Frisco, Famous Idaho Potato, and Raycom Media Camellia Bowls**. The MAC has secondary 2018 bowl agreements with the **Quick Lane Bowl** (should the ACC or Big Ten not be able to provide a bowl-eligible team) and other ESPN owned-and-operated bowl games.

The **2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl** participants – selected from among bowl-eligible teams in Conference USA and the Mid-American Conference – will be announced by the bowl, ESPN Events and conference partners once finalized.

**SATURDAYS TO SUNDAYS**

Eight former student-athletes who played in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl saw action for NFL clubs on 2018 Kickoff Weekend.

- S **Kevin Byard** - Tennessee (Middle Tennessee)
- WR **Corey Davis** - Tennessee (Western Michigan)
- S **Kavon Frazier** - Dallas (Central Michigan)
- TE **Tyler Higbee** - Los Angeles Rams (WKU)
- G **Taylor Moton** - Carolina (Western Michigan)
- T **Chukwuma Okorafor** - Pittsburgh (Western Michigan)
- CB **Darius Phillips** - Cincinnati (Western Michigan)
- WR **Taywan Taylor** - Tennessee (WKU)



**MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA PROJECTIONS**

<i>Media Organization (Reporter) - Date:</i> .....	<i>Predicted Matchup</i>
<b>USA Today (Erick Smith) - Sept. 12:</b> .....	Florida Atlantic vs. Toledo
<b>Orlando Sentinel (Brant Parsons) - Sept. 12:</b> .....	Middle Tennessee vs. Northern Illinois
<b>The Sporting News (Bill Bender) - Sept. 12:</b> .....	Marshall vs. Western Michigan
<b>ESPN.com (Kyle Bonagura) - Sept. 11:</b> .....	Louisiana Tech vs. Buffalo
<b>ESPN.com (Mitch Sherman) - Sept. 11:</b> .....	Marshall vs. BYU#
<b>CBSSports.com (Jerry Palm) - Sept. 11:</b> .....	Middle Tennessee vs. Northern Illinois
<b>Sports Illustrated (Eric Single) - Sept. 10:</b> .....	Florida Atlantic vs. Northern Illinois
<b>CollegeFootballNews.com (Pete Fiutak) - Sept. 9:</b> .....	North Texas vs. MAC*
<b>SB Nation (Jason Kirk) - Sept. 9:</b> .....	Southern Miss vs. Buffalo
<b>Bleacher Report (Kerry Miller) - Aug. 24:</b> .....	Louisiana Tech vs. Miami (Ohio)
<b>The Athletic (Stuart Mandel) - Aug. 23:</b> .....	Southern Miss vs. Buffalo
<b>Athlon Sports (Steven Lissan) - July 9:</b> .....	Marshall vs. Toledo
<b>Phil Steele Magazine (Phil Steele) - Magazine:</b> .....	Louisiana Tech vs. Western Michigan

\* - prediction made with incorrect conference matchup  
# - prediction made that BYU would replace MAC school

**ESPN EVENTS**

**ESPN Events**, a division of ESPN, owns and operates a large portfolio of 31 collegiate sporting events worldwide. The roster includes three Labor Day weekend college football games; FCS opening-weekend game; 14 college bowl games, 10 college basketball events, a college softball event and two college award shows, which accounts for approximately 300-plus hours of programming, reaches almost 64 million viewers and attracts over 700,000 attendees each year. With satellite offices in Albuquerque, Birmingham, Boca Raton, Boise, Dallas-Fort Worth, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Montgomery and St. Petersburg, ESPN Events builds relationships with conferences, schools and local communities, as well as providing unique experiences for teams and fans

ESPN Events also manages the Big 12 Corporate Partner Program.

**Collegiate Football**

Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl (Houston); AdvoCare Texas Kickoff (Houston); Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl (Tampa, Fla.); Birmingham Bowl (Alabama); Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (Florida); Camping World Kickoff (Orlando, Fla.); Celebration Bowl (Atlanta); DXL Frisco Bowl (Texas); Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise); Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff (Montgomery, Ala.); Hawai'i Bowl (Honolulu); Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl (Dallas-Fort Worth); Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau); MEAC/SWAC Challenge (Atlanta); Mitsubishi Motors Las Vegas Bowl (Nevada); New Mexico Bowl (Albuquerque); Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.); SERVPRO First Responder Bowl (Dallas-Fort Worth); *The Home Depot College Football Awards* (Atlanta)

**Collegiate Basketball**

AdvoCare Invitational (Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Fla.); Armed Forces Classic (Fort Bliss, Texas); Charleston Classic (South Carolina); *College Basketball Awards Presented by Wendy's* (Los Angeles); Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic (Honolulu); Jimmy V Men's Classic presented by Corona (New York City); Jimmy V Women's Classic Presented by Corona (South Bend, Ind.); Myrtle Beach Invitational (Conway, S.C.); NIT Season Tip-Off (Brooklyn, N.Y.); State Farm Champions Classic (Indianapolis) and Wooden Legacy (Fullerton, Calif.)

**Collegiate Softball**

St. Pete/Clearwater Elite Invitational (Clearwater, Fla.)



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