

STANDINGS

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

% East Division Champions

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

^ Conference USA Champions

UPCOMING C-USA BOWL GAMES



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Bahamas Bowl (ESPN) 11 am

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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl (ESPN) 10 am

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



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

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



Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl (ABC) 2:30 pm

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



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

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



MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Myrtle Beach Bowl (ESPN) 1:30 pm

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



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

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



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Frisco Football Classic Bowl (ESPN) 2:30 pm

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

- All times Central



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BOWL SEASON PREVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C-USA ALL-AMERICANS

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

Football Writers Association of America (FWAA)

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

Associated Press

Second Team
WR: Jerreth Sterns, WKU

Third Team

RB: Sincere McCormick, UTSA

ZAPPE, APPROACHING HISTORY

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

FBS SINGLE-SEASON PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

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

FBS SINGLE-SEASON PASSING YARDAGE

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

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

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

STERN'S SEASON FOR THE AGES

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

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



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

SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS (C-USA)

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

SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS (C-USA)

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

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

FBS SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS

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

AERIAL ASSAULT IN C-USA

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

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

C-USA RECEIVERS LIGHTING IT UP

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

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

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

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

TOP 25 POLLS

AP TOP 25

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

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

USA TODAY AFCA COACHES TOP 25

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

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

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

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS

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

C-USA ADDS FOUR NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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

NCAA LEADERS (TEAM)

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

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

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



QUICK HITTERS

4th Down Conversion Percentage

UTEP 72.7% 5th

4th Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

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

Blocked Kicks

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

Blocked Punts

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

Completion Percentage

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

Defensive Touchdowns

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

Fewest Penalties

UTSA 62 25th

Fewest Penalties Per Game

UTSA 4.77 16th

First Downs (Defense)

Southern Miss 197 8th
UAB 217 20th

First Downs (Offense)

WKU 357 1st
UTSA 298 16th

Fumbles Lost

North Texas 4 13th

Fumbles Recovered

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

Kickoff Return Defense

WKU 16.67 12th

Kickoff Returns

UTSA 24.75 23rd

Net Punting

UTSA 42.93 13th

Interceptions (For)

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

Interceptions (Thrown)

UTSA 5 13th

Passing Offense

WKU 434.6 ypg 1st
Marshall 310.7 ypg 12th

Passing Yards Per Completion

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

Punt Return Defense

Charlotte 2.75 9th

Punt Returns

Middle Tennessee 17.24 4th
Old Dominion 11.60 21st

Red Zone Defense

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

Red Zone Offense

WKU 91.4% 14th
UTSA 89.8% 21st

Rushing Defense

UAB 104.2 ypg 11th
UTSA 111.5 ypg 14th

Rushing Offense

North Texas 245.2 ypg 3rd

Sacks Allowed

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

Sacks

Marshall 3.17 per game 12th

Scoring Offense

WKU 43.1 ppg 2nd
UTSA 37.8 ppg 12th

Team Passing Efficiency

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

Team Passing Efficiency Defense

Marshall 115.23 13th
UTEP 119.63 23rd

Team Tackles for Loss

Middle Tennessee 6.8 per game 22nd

Total Defense

UAB 323.3 ypg 16th

Total Offense

WKU 527.5 ypg 2nd
Marshall 470.8 ypg 10th

Turnovers Forced

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

Turnover Margin

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

Turnovers Lost

UTSA 12 23rd

NCAA LEADERS (INDIVIDUAL)

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

All-Purpose

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

Blocked Kicks

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

Combined Kick Returns

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

Completion Percentage

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

Completions Per Game

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

Passing Efficiency

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

Passing TDs

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

Passing Yards

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

Passing Yards Per Game

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

Passing Yards Per Completion

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



QUICK HITTERS

Field Goal Percentage

Ethan Mooney, North Texas 84.6% 18th

Field Goals Per Game

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

Fumbles Recovered

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

Kickoff Returns

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

Points Responsible For

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

Points Responsible For Per Game

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

Punt Returns

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

Punting

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

Receiving TDs

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 14 3rd
 Mitchell Tinsley, WKU 12 6th
 Zakhari Franklin, UTSA 11 11th
 Tyrese Chambers, FIU 9 24th

Receiving Yards

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 1,718 1st
 Jacob Cowing, UTEP 1,330 6th
 Mitchell Tinsley, WKU 1,299 7th

Receiving Yards Per Game

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 132.2 1st
 Jacob Cowing, UTEP 110.8 8th
 Mitchell Tinsley, WKU 99.9 14th
 Tyrese Chambers, FIU 89.5 25th

Receptions Per Game

Jerreth Sterns, WKU 10.5 1st

Rush Yards Per Carry

DeWayne McBride, UAB 6.75 4th
 Johnny Ford, Florida Atlantic 6.34 12th

Rushing TDs

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 20 1st
 Sincere McCormick, UTSA 15 10th
 DeAndre Torrey, North Texas 13 24th

Rushing Yards

Sincere McCormick, UTSA 1,479 5th
 Rasheen Ali, Marshall 1,241 17th
 DeAndre Torrey, North Texas 1,215 19th
 DeWayne McBride, UAB 1,188 20th

Rushing Yards Per Game

Sincere McCormick, UTSA 113.8 7th
 Blake Watson, Old Dominion 103.5 16th
 Rasheen Ali, Marshall 103.4 18th
 DeAndre Torrey, North Texas 101.2 20th
 DeWayne McBride, UAB 99.0 24th

Scoring (Points Per Game)

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 11.0 ppg 2nd
 Brayden Narveson, WKU 10.0 ppg 4th
 Hunter Duplessis, UTSA 9.9 ppg 8th

Solo Tackles Per Game

Reed Blankenship, MTSU 5.9 7th

Tackles for Loss Per Game

DQ Thomas, MTSU 1.4 11th
 Jordan Ferguson, MTSU 1.3 16th
 DeAngelo Malone, WKU 1.3 21st

Total Interceptions

Quincy Riley, MTSU 5 2nd
 Naeem Smith, Rice 4 11th

Total Offense

Bailey Zappe, WKU 428.2 ypg 1st
 Grant Wells, Marshall 291.8 ypg 18th

Total Points Scored

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 132 2nd
 Brayden Narveson, WKU 130 3rd
 Hunter Duplessis, UTSA 129 4th

Total Tackles

KD Davis, North Texas 8.9 25th

Total Touchdowns

Rasheen Ali, Marshall 22 2nd
 Sincere McCormick, UTSA 15 21st

Yards Per Pass Attempt

Dylan Hopkins, UAB 9.83 4th
 Gavin Hardison, UTEP 8.93 15th
 Bailey Zappe, WKU 8.66 23rd

Yards Per Reception

Trea Shropshire, UAB 27.28 1st
 Tyrese Chambers, FIU 23.87 2nd
 Gerrit Prince, UAB 20.50 7th
 Jacob Cowing, UTEP 19.85 11th
 Bub Means, Louisiana Tech 19.55 13th
 Willie Johnson, Marshall 19.53 14th
 Bryce Singleton, FIU 18.26 24th

2021 SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

Here's a look at C-USA's non-league FBS opponents by conference during the 2021 season:

ACC: Duke, NC State, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest

American: East Carolina, Houston, Memphis, Navy, SMU (2), Tulane

Big 12: Texas, Texas Tech

Big Ten: Illinois (2), Indiana, Michigan State

MAC: Buffalo, Central Michigan

Mountain West: Air Force, Boise State, New Mexico, UNLV

SEC: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi State, Missouri

Sun Belt: Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, South Alabama, Texas State, Troy

Independent: Army, UConn, Liberty (4), New Mexico State

NATIONAL AWARD SEMIFINALISTS

Several C-USA players have been named to official 2021 award watch lists or as semifinalists (as of Dec. 14):

BILETNIKOFF (WIDE RECEIVER) SEMIFINALIST

Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU

DAVEY O'BRIEN (QUARTERBACK) SEMIFINALISTS

Frank Harris, Sr., UTSA
 Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

DOAK WALKER (RUNNING BACK) SEMIFINALIST

Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA

MANNELLY (LONG SNAPPER)

Reeves Blankenship, Jr., Louisiana Tech

MANNING (QUARTERBACK) FINALIST

Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

WALTER CAMP (OUTSTANDING PLAYER) SEMIFINALIST

Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD FINALISTS (BEST PLAYER WITH TEXAS TIES)

Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA
 Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

EDDIE ROBINSON COACH OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Jeff Traylor, UTSA

PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT COACH OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Jeff Traylor, UTSA

AFCA REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR (REGION 4)

Jeff Traylor, UTSA

C-USA POSTSEASON AWARDS

Conference USA postseason awards and the All-Conference/All Freshman Teams are voted on by the league's 14 head football coaches.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

QB Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

RB Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DE DeAngelo Malone, Sr., WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

P Tommy Heatherly, Sr., FIU

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

WR Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

WR Elijah Spencer, Fr., Charlotte

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Traylor, UTSA



BROADCAST INFORMATION/CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

QB: Bailey Zappe, Gr., WKU
 RB: Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA
 RB: Rasheen Ali, RS Fr., Marshall
 WR: Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU
 WR: Jacob Cowing, So., UTEP
 WR: Zakhari Franklin, Jr., UTSA
 TE: Zack Kuntz, RS So., Old Dominion
 OL: Alex Mollette, RS Sr., Marshall
 OL: Cole Spencer, RS Sr., WKU
 OL: Spencer Burford, Sr., UTSA
 OL: Colby Ragland, RS Sr., UAB
 OL: Mason Brooks, Jr., WKU

DEFENSE

DE: Praise Amaewhule, RS So., UTEP
 DT: Elijah Garcia, RS Sr., Rice
 DT: Tyree Turner, RS Sr., UAB
 DE: DeAngelo Malone, Sr., WKU
 LB: KD Davis, Jr., North Texas
 LB: Abraham Beuplan, Jr., Marshall
 LB: Clarence Hicks, Sr., UTSA
 DB: Reed Blankenship, Sr., Middle Tennessee
 DB: Rashad Wisdom, Jr., UTSA
 DB: Beanie Bishop, RS So., WKU
 DB: Quincy Riley, RS Fr., Middle Tennessee

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Hunter Duplessis, Sr., UTSA
 P: Tommy Heatherly, Sr., FIU
 LS: Reeves Blankenship, Jr., Louisiana Tech
 KR: Camron Harrell, Jr., Southern Miss
 PR: Jaylin Lane, Fr., Middle Tennessee

SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

QB: Frank Harris, Sr., UTSA
 RB: DeWayne McBride, So., UAB
 RB: DeAndre Torrey, Sr., North Texas
 WR: Mitchell Tinsley, Jr., WKU
 WR: Jason Brownlee, Jr., Southern Miss
 WR: Tyrese Chambers, So., FIU
 TE: Gerrit Prince, RS Sr., UAB
 OL: Will Ulmer, RS Sr., Marshall
 OL: Quantavious Leslie, Fr., WKU
 OL: Ahofitu Maka, Sr., UTSA
 OL: Manase Mose, Jr., North Texas
 OL: Boe Wilson, Gr., WKU

DEFENSE

DE: Jordan Ferguson, RS Jr., Middle Tennessee
 DT: Dion Novil, Sr., North Texas
 DT: Jaylon Haynes, Sr., UTSA
 DE: Alex Wright, Jr., UAB
 LB: Breon Hayward, RS Jr., UTEP
 LB: Tyler Grubbs, So., Louisiana Tech
 LB: DQ Thomas, Sr., Middle Tennessee
 DB: Steven Gilmore, Jr., Marshall
 DB: Micah Abraham, So., Marshall
 DB: Grayson Cash, RS Jr., UAB
 DB: Richard Dames, Sr., FIU

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Brayden Narveson, RS So., WKU
 P: Lucas Dean, Jr., UTSA
 LS: Caleb Cantrell, Sr., UTSA
 KR: Jayden Harrison, RS So., Marshall
 PR: Smoke Harris, Jr., Louisiana Tech

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

OFFENSE

QB: Nicholas Vattiato, Middle Tennessee
 RB: Shadrack Byrd, Charlotte
 RB: Ayo Adeyi, North Texas
 WR: Bub Means, Louisiana Tech
 WR: Elijah Spencer, Charlotte
 TE: Dan Dishman, UTSA
 OL: Trey Bedosky, UAB

OL: Gabe Blair, North Texas
 OL: Santana Saunders, Old Dominion

DEFENSE

DE: Amorie Morrison, Old Dominion
 DT: Roderick Brown, North Texas
 DT: Brandon Brown, UTSA
 DE: Ben Bell, Louisiana Tech
 LB: Jason Henderson, Old Dominion
 LB: Aidan Siano, Rice
 DB: Jordan Dunbar, Rice
 DB: Sean Fresch, Rice
 DB: Mac McWilliams, UAB
 DB: Deidrick Stanley, Middle Tennessee

SPECIAL TEAMS

P: Bailey Rice, Charlotte
 KR: Shadrack Byrd, Charlotte
 PR: Isiah Paige, Old Dominion
 LS: Jake Bowman, WKU

2021 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

OFFENSE

A30 Jacob Cowing, WR, UTEP
 S6 Chris Reynolds, QB, Charlotte
 S13 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU and N'Kosi Perry, QB, Florida Atlantic
 S20 Gerrit Prince, TE, UAB
 S27 Chris Reynolds, QB, Charlotte
 O4 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
 O11 Frank Harris, QB, UTSA
 O18 Jerreth Sterns, WR, WKU
 O25 Wiley Green, QB, Rice
 N1 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
 N8 DeWayne McBride, RB, UAB
 N15 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
 N22 Frank Harris, QB, UTSA
 N29 Ali Jennings, WR, Old Dominion

DEFENSE

A30 Dy'Vonny Inyang, S, UTEP
 S6 Eli Neal, LB, Marshall
 S13 BeeJay Williamson, DB, Louisiana Tech
 S20 Trumane Bell II, DL, UTSA
 S27 Clarence Hicks, LB, UTSA
 O4 Reed Blankenship, S, Middle Tennessee
 O11 Alex Wright, DE, UAB
 O18 Jadrian Taylor, DE, UTEP
 O25 Gabe Taylor, S, Rice
 N1 DQ Thomas, LB, Middle Tennessee
 N8 Beanie Bishop, DB, WKU
 N15 Jason Henderson, LB, Old Dominion
 N22 Clarence Hicks, LB, UTSA
 N29 DeAngelo Malone, DE, WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS

A30 Gavin Baechle, K, UTEP
 S6 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
 S13 Sheldon Jones, PR, UTSA
 S20 Kyle Greenwell, P, UAB
 S27 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
 O4 Camron Harrell, KR, Southern Miss
 O11 Shadrack Byrd, KR, Charlotte
 O18 Grayson Cash, S, UAB
 O25 Brayden Narveson, K, WKU
 N1 Nick Rice, K, Old Dominion
 N8 Jayden Harrison, KR, Marshall
 N15 R'Tarriun Johnson, KR, Old Dominion
 N22 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
 N29 Brayden Narveson, K, WKU

REESE'S SENIOR BOWL INVITES

Spencer Burford, OL, UTSA
 DeAngelo Malone, DE, WKU
 D'Vonte Price, RB, FIU
 Tariq Woolen, S, UTSA
 Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU

WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at C-USA overtime games in 2021 and all-time.

2021 C-USA Overtimes

Texas State 23, FIU 17 (OT) - 9/11/21
 Marshall 20, Old Dominion 13 (OT) - 10/9/21
 North Texas 30, Rice 24 (OT) - 10/30/21
 Charlotte 31, Rice 24 (OT) - 11/6/2021

Overtime Records - 1996-2021

| Teams | All Games | C-USA Games |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Charlotte | 2-3 | 2-1 |
| FIU | 4-6 | 0-1 |
| Florida Atlantic | 2-5 | 0-1 |
| Louisiana Tech | 4-8 | 2-2 |
| Marshall | 8-5 | 6-4 |
| Middle Tennessee | 6-5 | 4-2 |
| North Texas | 3-2 | 2-0 |
| Old Dominion | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Rice | 6-9 | 3-5 |
| Southern Miss | 5-7 | 4-7 |
| UAB | 4-8 | 4-4 |
| UTEP | 7-5 | 4-2 |
| UTSA | 2-2 | 1-1 |
| WKU | 7-3 | 3-1 |

EAST VS. WEST

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

| 2021: | West 9, East 6 |
|-------|-----------------|
| 2020: | East 6, West 6 |
| 2019: | East 10, West 5 |
| 2018: | East 9, West 6 |
| 2017: | East 9, West 6 |
| 2016: | East 10, West 7 |
| 2015: | East 9, West 8 |
| 2014: | West 9, East 8 |
| 2013: | West 10, East 5 |
| 2012: | West 10, East 9 |
| 2011: | West 11, East 8 |
| 2010: | East 10, West 9 |
| 2009: | East 13, West 6 |
| 2008: | West 10, East 9 |
| 2007: | East 14, West 5 |
| 2006: | West 13, East 6 |
| 2005: | East 12, West 7 |



MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Video highlights from all eight Conference USA Football bowl games will be available through Box, a video exchange service. Each school will update 5 minutes of footage per week by late Monday morning for media outlets 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.

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 releases on Mondays, and press conference quotes on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please contact Jordan Stepp (jstepp@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 14 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.

FLAGSHIP RADIO STATIONS

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

| School | Station | Signal | PxP |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Charlotte | ESPN Radio AM | 730 | Matt Swierad |
| | ESPN Radio FM | 97.5 | |
| FIU | TBD | | AJ Ricketts |
| Florida Atlantic | Fox Sports | 640 | Ken LaVicka |
| Louisiana Tech | KXKZ-FM | 107.5 | Malcolm Butler |
| Marshall | WDDG-FM | 93.7 | Steve Cotton |
| Middle Tenn. | WPRT-FM | 102.5 | Chip Walters |
| North Texas | KHYI-FM | 95.3 | Dave Barnett |
| | KNTU-FM | 88.1 | |
| Old Dominion | ESPN Radio | 94.1 | Ted Alexander |
| Rice | RiceOwls.com | J.P. Heath | |
| Southern Miss | WXRR-FM | 104.5 | John Cox |
| UAB | WJOX-FM | 94.5 | David Crane |
| UTEP | ESPN Radio | 600 | Jon Teicher |
| UTSA | KTKR-AM | 760 | Andy Everett |
| | KBUC-FM | 92.5/93.3 (alternate) | |
| WKU | WKLX-FM | 100.7 | Randy Lee |
| | WWKU-AM | 1450 | |

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 |
| UAB | www.UABSports.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 | @CharlotteFTBL |
| FIU | @FIUFootball |
| Florida Atlantic | @FAU_Football |
| Louisiana Tech | @LATechFB |
| Marshall | @HerdFB |
| Middle Tennessee | @MT_FB |
| North Texas | @MeanGreenFB |
| Old Dominion | @ODUFootball |
| Rice | @RiceFootball |
| Southern Miss | @SouthernMissFB |
| UAB | @UAB_FB |
| UTEP | @UTEPFB |
| UTSA | @UTSAFTBL |
| WKU | @WKUFootball |

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WEST DIVISION SCHEDULES/RESULTS
LOUISIANA TECH (3-9, 2-6 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| S4 | at Mississippi State (ESPNU) | L, 35-34 |
| S11 | SE LOUISIANA (ESPN3) | W, 45-42 |
| S18 | SMU (CBSSN) | L, 39-37 |
| S25 | NORTH TEXAS (Stadium) | W, 24-17 |
| O2 | at No. 23 NC State (ACCN Extra) | L, 34-27 |
| O16 | at UTEP (ESPN+) | L, 19-3 |
| O23 | No. 24 UTSA (Stadium) | L, 45-16 |
| O30 | at Old Dominion (CBSSN) | L, 23-20 |
| N6 | at UAB (CBSSN) | L, 52-38 |
| N13 | CHARLOTTE (Stadium) | W, 42-32 |
| N19 (Fri.) | SOUTHERN MISS (CBSSN) | L, 35-19 |
| N27 | at Rice (ESPN+) | L, 35-31 |

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NORTH TEXAS (6-6, 5-3 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| S4 | NORTHWESTERN STATE (ESPN3) | W, 44-14 |
| S11 | at SMU (ESPN+) | L, 35-12 |
| S18 | UAB (Stadium) | L, 40-6 |
| S25 | at Louisiana Tech (Stadium) | L, 24-17 |
| O9 | at Missouri (SEC Network) | L, 48-35 |
| O15 (Fri.) | MARSHALL (CBSSN) | L, 49-21 |
| O23 | LIBERTY (ESPN+) | L, 35-26 |
| O30 | at Rice (ESPN3) | W, 30-24 OT |
| N6 | at Southern Miss (ESPN+) | W, 38-14 |
| N13 | UTEP (ESPN+) | W, 20-17 |
| N20 | at FIU (ESPN3) | W, 49-7 |
| N27 | UTSA (ESPN+) | W, 45-23 |
| D23 (Thu.) | vs. Miami (OH) (ESPN)^ | 2:30 PM |

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 ^ - Frisco Football Classic

RICE (4-8, 3-5 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| S4 | at Arkansas (ESPN+) | L, 38-17 |
| S11 | HOUSTON (CBSSN) | L, 44-7 |
| S18 | at Texas (Longhorn Network) | L, 58-0 |
| S25 | TEXAS SOUTHERN (ESPN3) | W, 48-34 |
| O2 | SOUTHERN MISS (ESPN3) | W, 24-19 |
| O16 | at UTSA (ESPN+) | L, 45-0 |
| O23 | at UAB (ESPN+) | W, 30-24 |
| O30 | NORTH TEXAS (ESPN3) | L, 30-24 OT |
| N6 | at Charlotte (ESPN+) | L, 31-24 OT |
| N13 | WKU (ESPN+) | L, 42-21 |
| N20 | at UTEP (ESPN+) | L, 38-28 |
| N28 | LOUISIANA TECH (ESPN+) | W, 35-31 |

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SOUTHERN MISS (3-9, 2-6 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| S3 (Thu.) | at South Alabama (ESPN+) | L, 31-7 |
| S11 | GRAMBLING STATE (ESPN3) | W, 37-0 |
| S18 | TROY (ESPN+) | L, 21-9 |
| S25 | at No. 1 Alabama (SEC Network) | L, 63-14 |
| O2 | at Rice (ESPN3) | L, 24-19 |
| O9 | UTEP (ESPN3) | L, 26-13 |
| O16 | UAB (Stadium) | L, 34-0 |
| O30 | at Middle Tennessee (ESPN+) | L, 35-10 |
| N6 | NORTH TEXAS (ESPN+) | L, 38-14 |
| N13 | at No. 23 UTSA (ESPN+) | L, 27-17 |
| N19 (Fri.) | at Louisiana Tech (CBSSN) | W, 35-19 |
| N27 | FIU (ESPN3) | W, 37-17 |

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UAB (8-4, 6-2 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| S1 (Wed.) | JACKSONVILLE STATE* (ESPN) | W, 31-0 |
| S11 | at No. 2 Georgia (ESPN2) | L, 56-7 |
| S18 | at North Texas (Stadium) | W, 40-6 |
| S25 | at Tulane (ESPN+) | W, 28-21 |
| O2 | LIBERTY (CBSSN) | L, 36-12 |
| O9 | FLORIDA ATLANTIC (Stadium) | W, 31-14 |
| O16 | at Southern Miss (Stadium) | W, 34-0 |
| O23 | RICE (ESPN+) | L, 30-24 |
| N6 | LOUISIANA TECH (CBSSN) | W, 52-38 |
| N13 | at Marshall (CBSSN) | W, 21-14 |
| N20 | at UTSA (ESPN+) | L, 34-31 |
| N26 | UTEP (ESPN+) | W, 42-25 |
| D18 | vs. No. 13 BYU (ABC)^ | 2:30 PM |

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^ - Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl,

* Game played in Montgomery, AL, at the Cramton Bowl

UTEP (7-5, 4-4 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| A28 | at New Mexico State (Flo Football) | W, 30-3 |
| S4 | BETHUNE-COOKMAN (ESPN3) | W, 38-28 |
| S10 (Fri.) | at Boise State (FS1) | L, 54-13 |
| S25 | NEW MEXICO (ESPN+) | W, 20-13 |
| O2 | OLD DOMINION (ESPN+) | W, 28-21 |
| O9 | at Southern Miss (ESPN3) | W, 26-13 |
| O16 | LOUISIANA TECH (ESPN+) | W, 19-3 |
| O30 | at Florida Atlantic (ESPN+) | L, 28-25 |
| N6 | No. 16 UTSA (ESPN2) | L, 44-23 |
| N13 | at North Texas (ESPN+) | L, 20-17 |
| N20 | RICE (ESPN+) | W, 38-28 |
| N26 | at UAB (ESPN+) | L, 42-25 |
| D18 | vs. Fresno State (ESPN)^ | 1:15 PM |

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^ - PBUG Mobile New Mexico Bowl

UTSA (12-1, 7-1 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| S4 | at Illinois (Big Ten Network) | W, 37-30 |
| S11 | LAMAR (ESPN3) | W, 54-0 |
| S18 | MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ESPN+) | W, 27-13 |
| S25 | at Memphis (ESPNU) | W, 31-28 |
| O2 | UNLV (ESPN+) | W, 24-17 |
| O9 | at WKU (Stadium) | W, 52-46 |
| O16 | RICE (ESPN+) | W, 45-0 |
| O23 | at Louisiana Tech (Stadium) | W, 45-16 |
| N6 | at UTEP (ESPN2) | W, 44-23 |
| N13 | SOUTHERN MISS (ESPN+) | W, 27-17 |
| N20 | UAB (ESPN+) | W, 34-31 |
| N27 | at North Texas (ESPN+) | L, 45-23 |
| D3 | WKU (CBSSN)* | W, 49-41 |
| D21 (Tue.) | vs. No. 24 San Diego State (ESPN)^ | 6:30 PM |

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* - 2021 Ryan Conference USA Championship Game

^ - Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl



EAST DIVISION SCHEDULES/RESULTS

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

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| S3 (Fri.) | DUKE (CBSSN) | W, 31-28 |
| S11 | Gardner-Webb (ESPN3) | W, 38-10 |
| S18 | at Georgia State (ESPN+) | L, 20-9 |
| S24 (Fri.) | MIDDLE TENNESSEE (CBSSN) | W, 42-39 |
| O2 | at Illinois (Big Ten Network) | L, 24-14 |
| O8 (Fri.) | at FIU (CBSSN) | W, 45-33 |
| O21 (Thu.) | FLORIDA ATLANTIC (CBSSN) | L, 38-9 |
| O30 | at WKU (ESPN+) | L, 45-13 |
| N6 | RICE (ESPN+) | W, 31-24 OT |
| N13 | at Louisiana Tech (Stadium) | L, 42-32 |
| N20 | MARSHALL (Stadium) | L, 49-28 |
| N27 | at Old Dominion (ESPN+) | L, 56-34 |

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FIU (1-11, 0-8 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| S2 (Thu.) | LONG ISLAND (ESPN3) | W, 48-10 |
| S11 | TEXAS STATE (ESPN+) | L, 23-17 OT |
| S18 | at Texas Tech (ESPN+) | L, 54-21 |
| S25 | at Central Michigan (ESPN+) | L, 31-27 |
| O2 | at Florida Atlantic (Stadium) | L, 58-21 |
| O8 (Fri.) | CHARLOTTE (CBSSN) | L, 45-33 |
| O23 | WKU (ESPN+) | L, 34-19 |
| O30 | at Marshall (Stadium) | L, 38-0 |
| N6 | OLD DOMINION (ESPN3) | L, 47-24 |
| N13 | at Middle Tennessee (ESPN3) | L, 50-10 |
| N20 | NORTH TEXAS (ESPN3) | L, 49-7 |
| N27 | at Southern Miss (ESPN3) | L, 37-17 |

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FLORIDA ATLANTIC (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| S4 | at No. 13 Florida (SEC Network) | L, 35-14 |
| S11 | GEORGIA SOUTHERN (Stadium) | W, 38-6 |
| S18 | FORDHAM (ESPN3) | W, 45-14 |
| S25 | at Air Force (FS2) | L, 31-7 |
| O2 | FIU (Stadium) | W, 58-21 |
| O9 | at UAB (Stadium) | L, 31-14 |
| O21 (Thu.) | at Charlotte (CBSSN) | W, 38-9 |
| O30 | UTEP (ESPN+) | W, 28-25 |
| N7 | MARSHALL (CBSSN/Facebook) | L, 28-13 |
| N13 | at Old Dominion (ESPN+) | L, 30-16 |
| N20 | at WKU (Stadium) | L, 52-17 |
| N27 | MIDDLE TENNESSEE (Stadium) | L, 27-17 |

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

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| S4 | at Navy (CBSSN) | W, 49-7 |
| S11 | NC CENTRAL (ESPN3) | W, 44-10 |
| S18 | EAST CAROLINA (CBSSN/Facebook) | L, 42-38 |
| S23 (Thu.) | at Appalachian State (ESPN) | L, 31-30 |
| O2 | at Middle Tennessee (Stadium) | L, 34-28 |
| O9 | OLD DOMINION (Facebook) | W, 20-13 OT |
| O15 (Fri.) | at North Texas (CBSSN) | W, 49-21 |
| O30 | FIU (Stadium) | W, 38-0 |
| N6 | at Florida Atlantic (CBSSN/Facebook) | W, 28-13 |
| N13 | UAB (CBSSN) | L, 21-14 |
| N20 | at Charlotte (Stadium) | W, 49-28 |
| N27 | WKU (CBSSN) | L, 53-21 |
| D18 | vs. No. 23 Louisiana ^ | 8:15 PM |

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^ - R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl

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

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| S4 | MONMOUTH (ESPN3) | W, 50-15 |
| S11 | at No. 19 Virginia Tech (ACC Net+) | L, 35-14 |
| S18 | at UTSA (ESPN+) | L, 27-13 |
| S24 (Fri.) | at Charlotte (CBSSN) | L, 42-39 |
| O2 | MARSHALL (Stadium) | W, 34-28 |
| O9 | at Liberty (ESPN3) | L, 41-13 |
| O22 (Fri.) | at UCONN (CBSSN) | W, 44-13 |
| O30 | SOUTHERN MISS (ESPN+) | W, 35-10 |
| N6 | at WKU (Stadium) | L, 48-21 |
| N13 | FIU (ESPN3) | W, 50-10 |
| N20 | OLD DOMINION (ESPN+) | L, 24-17 |
| N27 | at Florida Atlantic (Stadium) | W, 27-17 |
| D17 (Fri.) | vs. Toledo (ESPN)^ | 11 AM |

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^ - Bahamas Bowl

OLD DOMINION (6-6, 5-3 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| S3 (Fri.) | at Wake Forest (ACC Network) | L, 42-10 |
| S11 | HAMPTON (ESPN3) | W, 47-7 |
| S18 | at Liberty (ESPN3) | L, 45-17 |
| S25 | BUFFALO (ESPN+) | L, 35-34 |
| O2 | at UTEP (ESPN+) | L, 28-21 |
| O9 | at Marshall (Facebook) | L, 20-13 OT |
| O16 | WKU (ESPN3) | L, 43-20 |
| O30 | LOUISIANA TECH (CBSSN) | W, 23-20 |
| N6 | at FIU (ESPN3) | W, 47-24 |
| N13 | FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ESPN+) | W, 30-16 |
| N20 | at Middle Tennessee (ESPN+) | W, 24-17 |
| N27 | CHARLOTTE (ESPN+) | W, 56-34 |
| D20 (Mon.) | vs. Tulsa (ESPN)^ | 1:30 PM |

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^ - Myrtle Beach Bowl

WKU (8-5, 7-1 C-USA)

| DATE | OPPONENT (TV) | TIME |
|------------|--|-----------------|
| S2 (Thu.) | UT MARTIN (ESPN+) | W, 59-21 |
| S11 | at Army (CBSSN) | L, 38-35 |
| S25 | INDIANA (CBSSN) | L, 33-31 |
| O2 | at No. 17 Michigan State (Big Ten Net) | L, 48-31 |
| O9 | UTSA (Stadium) | L, 52-46 |
| O16 | at Old Dominion (ESPN3) | W, 43-20 |
| O23 | at FIU (ESPN+) | W, 34-19 |
| O30 | CHARLOTTE (ESPN+) | W, 45-13 |
| N6 | MIDDLE TENNESSEE (Stadium) | W, 48-21 |
| N13 | at RICE (ESPN+) | W, 42-21 |
| N20 | FLORIDA ATLANTIC (Stadium) | W, 52-17 |
| N27 | at Marshall (CBSSN) | W, 53-21 |
| D3 | at UTSA (CBSSN)* | L, 49-41 |
| D18 | vs. Appalachian State (ESPN)^ | 10 AM |

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* - 2021 Ryan Conference USA Championship Game

^ - RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl





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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

UTEP 30, New Mexico State 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

UAB 31, Jacksonville State 0

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

FIU 48, Long Island 10

WKU 59, UT Martin 21

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Charlotte 31, Duke 28

Wake Forest 42, Old Dominion 10

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Arkansas 38, Rice 17

Marshall 49, Navy 7

Mississippi State 35, LA Tech 34

Middle Tennessee 50, Monmouth 15

North Texas 44, Northwestern State 14

No. 13 Florida 35, Florida Atlantic 14

UTSA 37, Illinois 30

South Alabama 31, Southern Miss 7

UTEP 38, Bethune-Cookman 28

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Boise State 54, UTEP 13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Army 38, WKU 35

No. 19 Virginia Tech 35, Middle Tennessee 14

Florida Atlantic 38, Georgia Southern 6

No. 2 Georgia 56, UAB 7

UTSA 54, Lamar 0

Charlotte 38, Gardner-Webb 10

Houston 44, Rice 7

Marshall 44, NC Central 10

Old Dominion 47, Hampton 7

Southern Miss 37, Grambling State 0

Texas State 23, FIU 17 (OT)

SMU 35, North Texas 12

LA Tech 45, SE Louisiana 42

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SMU 39, LA Tech 37

UTSA 27, Middle Tennessee 13

Liberty 45, Old Dominion 17

East Carolina 42, Marshall 38

Georgia State 20, Charlotte 9

Troy 21, Southern Miss 9

Texas Tech 54, FIU 21

Florida Atlantic 45, Fordham 14

UAB 40, North Texas 6

Texas 58, Rice 0

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Appalachian State 31, Marshall 30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Charlotte 42, Middle Tennessee 39

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Central Michigan 31, FIU 27

UTSA 31, Memphis 28

Buffalo 35, Old Dominion 34

LA Tech 24, North Texas 17

Rice 48, Texas Southern 34

No. 1 Alabama 63, Southern Miss 14

Air Force 31, Florida Atlantic 7

UAB 28, Tulane 21

Indiana 33, WKU 31

UTEP 20, New Mexico 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Illinois 24, Charlotte 14

Florida Atlantic 58, FIU 21

UTSA 24, UNLV 17

No. 23 NC State 34, LA Tech 27

Rice 24, Southern Miss 19

Liberty 36, UAB 12

Middle Tennessee 34, Marshall 28

No. 17 Michigan State 48, WKU 31

UTEP 28, Old Dominion 21

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Charlotte 45, FIU 33

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Marshall 20, Old Dominion 13 (OT)

UAB 31, Florida Atlantic 14

Liberty 41, Middle Tennessee 13

Missouri 48, North Texas 35

UTEP 26, Southern Miss 13

UTSA 52, WKU 46

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Marshall 49, North Texas 21

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

UAB 34, Southern Miss 0

WKU 43, Old Dominion 20

UTSA 45, Rice 0

UTEP 19, LA Tech 3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Florida Atlantic 38, Charlotte 9

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Middle Tennessee 44, UConn 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Rice 30, UAB 24

Liberty 35, North Texas 26

No. 24 UTSA 45, LA Tech 16

WKU 34, FIU 19

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

North Texas 30 at Rice 24 (OT)

Marshall 38, FIU 0

Middle Tennessee 35, Southern Miss 10

Old Dominion 23, Louisiana Tech 20

WKU 45, Charlotte 13

Florida Atlantic 28, UTEP 25

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

UAB 52, Louisiana Tech 38

North Texas 38, Southern Miss 14

WKU 48, Middle Tennessee 21

Charlotte 31, Rice 24 (OT)

Marshall 28, Florida Atlantic 13

Old Dominion 47, FIU 24

No. 16 UTSA 44, UTEP 23

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

WKU 42, Rice 21

Middle Tennessee 50, FIU 10

UAB 21, Marshall 14

No. 23 UTSA 27, Southern Miss 17

Old Dominion 30, Florida Atlantic 16

LA Tech 42, Charlotte 32

North Texas 20, UTEP 17

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Southern Miss 35, LA Tech 19

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WKU 52, Florida Atlantic 17

Old Dominion 24, Middle Tennessee 17

No. 22 UTSA 34, UAB 31

Marshall 49, Charlotte 28

UTEP 38, Rice 28

North Texas 49, FIU 7

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

UAB 42, UTEP 25

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Rice 35, LA Tech 31

North Texas 45, No. 22 UTSA 23

Old Dominion 56, Charlotte 34

Southern Miss 37, FIU 17

WKU 53, Marshall 21

Middle Tennessee 27, Florida Atlantic 17

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Ryan C-USA Championship (CBSSN)

UTSA 49, WKU 41

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Bahamas Bowl (ESPN)

Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo

11 am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl (ESPN) 10 am

WKU vs. Appalachian State

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

UTEP vs. Fresno State

Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl (ABC) 2:30 pm

UAB vs. No. 13 BYU

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

Marshall vs. No. 23 Louisiana

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Myrtle Beach Bowl (ESPN)

Old Dominion vs. Tulsa

1:30 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

UTSA vs. No. 24 Fresno State

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Frisco Football Classic (ESPN)

North Texas vs. Miami (OH)

2:30 pm

Conference Games in Bold

All times Central.

