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POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL IMPORTANT DATES

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

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POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL WEEK 2 NOTEBOOK

THIS WEEKEND: Every team in Conference USA and the MAC plays non-conference games, beginning Thursday night with Arizona going to UTSA for a 8 p.m. ET game on Fox Sports 1. Defending SEC East champ and AP No. 24 Missouri travels to Toledo Saturday for a Noon ET showdown on ESPN. The MAC plays four Big Ten and three SEC opponents, while C-USA has a pair of games each vs. SEC and Big Ten schools, including Florida Atlantic going to AP/USAT No. 2 Alabama at Noon ET Saturday (SEC Network).

FIRST PASSPORT STAMPS: A total of 15 of the 26 teams in C-USA and the MAC got their first victories on the opening weekend, including Ohio, which won the MAC opener 17-14 over Kent State on Saturday. UTSA spoiled Houston's new stadium opener 27-7.

FIRST FOR COACHES, TOO: WKU's Jeff Brohm, UAB's Bill Clark and Eastern Michigan's Chris Creighton won their first game at their new schools in Week 1. It was Brohm's first game as a college head coach.

FIRST C-USA/MAC BATTLES: In a battle of Bowling Greens, WKU (Bowling Green, Ky.) beat preseason MAC favorite Bowling Green (Ohio) 59-31 at WKU Saturday behind senior QB Brandon Doughty, who threw for a school-record 569 yards and a C-USA record-tying six TD passes. Marshall beat Miami 42-27 as Herd junior RB Devon Johnson rushed 19 times for 151 yards and two TDs. Teams from C-USA and the MAC, which will face off in the **Popeyes Bahamas Bowl**, will play each other three more times in 2014: Ohio at Marshall & Eastern Michigan at Old Dominion (Sept. 13) and Marshall at Akron (Sept. 20).

C-USA STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION

| | <u>C-USA</u> | <u>Overall</u> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Marshall | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Middle Tennessee | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Old Dominion | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| UAB | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| WKU | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| FIU | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Florida Atlantic | 0-0 | 0-1 |

WEST DIVISION

| | <u>C-USA</u> | <u>Overall</u> |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| UTEP | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| UTSA | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Louisiana Tech | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| North Texas | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Rice | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Southern Miss | 0-0 | 0-1 |

MAC STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION

| | <u>MAC</u> | <u>Overall</u> |
|---------------|------------|----------------|
| Ohio | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Akron | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Buffalo | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Bowling Green | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| UMass | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Miami | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Kent State | 0-1 | 0-1 |

WEST DIVISION

| | <u>MAC</u> | <u>Overall</u> |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Ball State | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Central Michigan | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Eastern Michigan | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Northern Illinois | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Toledo | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Western Michigan | 0-0 | 0-1 |

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE USA

Thursday, September 4
Arizona at UTSA (FS1)

Saturday, September 6
Florida Atlantic at Alabama (SECN)
SMU at North Texas (FSN)
WKU at Illinois (BTN)
UAB at Mississippi State (FSN)
Middle Tennessee at Minnesota (BTN)
Wagner at FIU
Old Dominion at NC State (ESPN3)
LA Tech at Louisiana-Lafayette (ESPN 3)
Rhode Island at Marshall (ASN)
Alcorn State at Southern Miss
Texas Tech at UTEP (FS1)

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 6
Akron at Penn State (ABC)
Buffalo at Army (CBSSN)
Central Michigan at Purdue (ESPNNews)
Missouri at Toledo (ESPN)
South Alabama at Kent State (ESPN3)
Colorado at UMass (ESPN3)
Ball State at Iowa (ESPN2)
Eastern Kentucky at Miami (ESPN3)
NIU at Northwestern (BTN)
Ohio at Kentucky (ESPNU)
VMI at Bowling Green (ESPN3)
Eastern Michigan at Florida (SECN)

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

WEEK 1 RESULTS

CONFERENCE USA

Friday, August 29
WKU, 59, Bowling Green 31
UTSA 27, Houston 7

Saturday, August 30
UAB 48, Troy 10
Marshall 42, Miami 27
Old Dominion 41, Hampton 28
Middle Tennessee 61, Savannah State 7
UTEP 31, New Mexico 24
Nebraska 55, Florida Atlantic 7
Notre Dame 48, Rice 17
Oklahoma 48, Louisiana Tech 16
Texas 38, North Texas 7
Mississippi State 49, Southern Miss 0
Bethune-Cookman 14, FIU 12

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Thursday, August 28
Akron 41, Howard 0
NIU 55, Presbyterian 3
Central Michigan 20, Chattanooga 16

Friday, August 29
WKU 59, Bowling Green 31

Saturday, August 30
Purdue 43, Western Michigan 34
Ball State 30, Colgate 10
Boston College 30, UMass 7
Buffalo 38, Duquesne 28
Marshall 42, Miami 27
Eastern Michigan 31, Morgan State 28
* Ohio 17, Kent State 14
Toledo 54, New Hampshire 20

* - conference games

WEEK 1 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

QB Brandon Doughty, WKU: The senior shattered WKU single-game records with 569 pass yards and six TD passes in a 59-31 victory over Bowling Green to earn C-USA Offensive Player of the Week honors.

LB Jens Jeters, UTSA: The senior had five tackles, recovered a fumble and forced a fumble in UTSA's 27-7 victory at Houston to earn C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors.

DB Richard Leonard, FIU: The senior set an FIU school record with 148 punt-return yards on five attempts - including a 71-yarder - vs. Bethune-Cookman for C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week recognition.

QB Kyle Pohl, Akron: Threw four TD passes and 308 yards in a 41-0 victory over Howard, including three TD tosses in the first six minutes for MAC East Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

S Nate Holley, Kent State: The sophomore had 18 tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered one in a loss vs. Ohio for MAC East Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

K Josiah Yazdani, Ohio: The junior's 44-yard FG as time expired gave Ohio a 17-14 victory over Kent State for MAC East Division Special Teams Player of the Week recognition.

RB Jarvion Franklin, Western Michigan: The freshman had WMU's second-best RB debut with 163 yards and three TDs in a loss at Purdue for MAC West Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

DB Tony Annese, Central Michigan: The sophomore led CMU with two interceptions and two tackles in a 20-16 victory over Chattanooga for MAC West Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

LB Nathan Adams, Eastern Michigan: The sophomore blocked a punt and returned for a first-quarter TD in a 31-28 victory over Morgan State for MAC West Division Special Teams Player of the Week recognition.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

Jemele Hill (@jemsht) Following
We did an entire @hisherspodcast on @PopeyesChicken sponsoring the @TheBahamasBowl, not knowing it would lead to ...



POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA PREDICTIONS

Media Member/Organization Predicting..... C-USA vs. MAC Matchup
ESPN.com (Brett McMurphy) - Week 2:..... North Texas vs. Ball State
ESPN.com (Mark Schlabach) - Week 2:..... Marshall vs. Toledo
Brant Parsons (Orlando Sentinel) - Sept. 4:..... Marshall vs. Ohio
USA Today - Sept. 3:..... Rice vs. Ohio
NFL.com (Mike Huguenin) - Sept. 2:..... Middle Tennessee vs. Ohio
SB Nation (Jason Kirk) - Sept. 2:..... Marshall vs. Toledo
SI.com (Zac Ellis) - Aug. 27:..... Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo
FOXSports.com (Stuart Mandel) - Aug. 26:..... Florida Atlantic vs. Northern Illinois
CollegeFootballNews.com - Aug. 22:..... Middle Tennessee vs. Bowling Green
CBSSports.com (Jerry Palm) - Preseason:..... UTSA vs. Ball State
Phil Steele Magazine - Preseason:..... Louisiana Tech vs. Toledo
The Sporting News (Bill Bender) - Preseason:..... Marshall vs. Ohio