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POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL IMPORTANT DATES

- Now** Online media credential applications available at sportsystems.com/bahamasbowl
- Dec. 4** Marathon MAC Football Championship - Detroit, Mich. (Ford Field)
- Dec. 5** Conference USA Football Championship - Site TBA
- Dec. 10-11** Team site visits
- Dec. 11** Head Coaches Press Conference (Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Media Room): 11 am-Noon
- Dec. 11** Credential applications close
- Dec. 20** Team Arrivals
- Dec. 21-23** Team Practices
- Dec. 23** Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Press Conference (Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium): 11 am-Noon
- Dec. 24** Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Noon ET; Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium; Nassau, Bahamas - ESPN)

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POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL WEEK 14 NOTEBOOK

2015 POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL SET: The 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl is the first bowl game of the 2015 season to announce a complete matchup. Conference USA's Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders (7-5, 6-2 C-USA) celebrated their bid after a 42-7 victory over UTSA last Saturday in San Antonio. The MAC's Western Michigan Broncos (7-5, 6-2 MAC) found out at a team meeting Tuesday morning.

ABOUT MIDDLE TENNESSEE: This will be the fifth bowl game appearance, and the first since the 2013 Armed Forces Bowl, for the Blue Raiders, all under head coach **Rick Stockstill**, who is in his 10th season at the school. The trip to Nassau will also be a homecoming for MTSU President **Dr. Sidney McPhee**, who is a native of the Bahamas and graduated from Nassau's R.M. Bailey High School.

The Blue Raiders will come into the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl with a four-game win streak. The team set a school record for total offense yards with 5,504 as Middle Tennessee has over 5,000 offensive yards for the third straight season and the sixth time in school history. A large part of the offensive output has come from a pair of freshmen, quarterback **Brent Stockstill**, the son of the Middle Tennessee head coach, and wide receiver **Richie James**. Stockstill set a Conference USA record for most passing yards by a freshman with 3,678 yards. James, his favorite target, set a school record for receptions with 100 and became the second player in school history to have over 1,000 receiving yards with 1,220. The duo is the first 3,000-yard passing and 1,000-yard receiving combo in school history.

ABOUT WESTERN MICHIGAN: This will be the seventh overall bowl game appearance, and it will be the second straight for the Broncos under head coach **P.J. Fleck**, who is in his third season at the school and is the youngest head coach at the FBS level. The Broncos played in the 2014 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl against Air Force.

The Broncos, 7-5 overall and 6-2 in MAC play, will come into the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl with a share of the MAC West Division title after posting six victories in their last eight games, including a 35-30 victory over No. 24 Toledo in WMU's last game. Western Michigan has the top receiving duo in the country as juniors **Daniel Braverman** (103 receptions; 1,270 yards) and **Corey Davis** (82 receptions; 1,253 yards) have combined for 185 catches in 2015. Davis has 3,602 career receiving yards, the most among active FBS players and 32 receiving touchdowns, second-most among active FBS players. The ball-control offense of the Broncos is second in FBS in average time of possession (34:32).

C-USA STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION

| | C-USA | Overall |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| *# WKU | 8-0 | 10-2 |
| * Marshall | 6-2 | 9-3 |
| * Middle Tennessee | 6-2 | 7-5 |
| FIU | 3-5 | 5-7 |
| Florida Atlantic | 3-5 | 3-9 |
| Old Dominion | 3-5 | 5-7 |
| Charlotte | 0-8 | 2-10 |

WEST DIVISION

| | C-USA | Overall |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| *# Southern Miss | 7-1 | 9-3 |
| * Louisiana Tech | 6-2 | 8-4 |
| UTSA | 3-5 | 3-9 |
| UTEP | 3-5 | 5-7 |
| Rice | 3-5 | 5-7 |
| North Texas | 1-7 | 1-11 |

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MAC STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION

| | MAC | Overall |
|------------------|-----|---------|
| *# Bowling Green | 7-1 | 9-3 |
| * Ohio | 5-3 | 8-4 |
| * Akron | 5-3 | 7-5 |
| Buffalo | 3-5 | 5-7 |
| Kent State | 2-6 | 3-9 |
| Miami | 2-6 | 3-9 |
| UMass | 2-6 | 3-9 |

WEST DIVISION

| | MAC | Overall |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| *# Northern Illinois | 6-2 | 8-4 |
| * Toledo | 6-2 | 9-2 |
| * Western Michigan | 6-2 | 7-5 |
| * Central Michigan | 6-2 | 7-5 |
| Ball State | 2-6 | 3-9 |
| Eastern Michigan | 0-8 | 1-11 |

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WEEK 14 SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE USA



Saturday, December 5

Conference USA Championship Game

(Houchens-Smith Stadium; Bowling Green, Ky.)

Southern Miss at WKU

Noon ET (ESPN2)

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE



Friday, December 4

Marathon MAC Championship Game

(Ford Field; Detroit, Mich.)

Northern Illinois vs. Bowling Green

8 pm ET (ESPN2)

“POWER FIVE” VICTORIES

A list of Conference USA and MAC victories over “Power Five” opponents (teams from the ACC, Big Ten, Big XII, Pac-12 and SEC)

| C-USA/MAC Team | Opponent | Score |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Sept. 3 | | |
| WKU (C-USA) | Vanderbilt (SEC) | 14-12 |
| Sept. 6 | | |
| Marshall (C-USA) | Purdue (Big Ten) | 41-31 |
| Sept. 12 | | |
| Bowling Green (MAC) | Maryland (Big Ten) | 48-27 |
| Toledo (MAC) | No. 18 Arkansas (SEC) | 16-12 |
| Sept. 19 | | |
| Toledo (MAC) | Iowa State (Big XII) | 30-23 (2 OT) |
| Sept. 26 | | |
| Bowling Green (MAC) | Purdue (Big Ten) | 35-28 |

WEEK 13 RESULTS

CONFERENCE USA

Friday, November 27

* WKU 49, Marshall 28

Saturday, November 28

* Southern Miss 58, Louisiana Tech 24

* Florida Atlantic 33, Old Dominion 31

* Middle Tennessee 42, UTSA 7

* Rice 27, Charlotte 7

* UTEP 20, North Texas 17

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 24

* Bowling Green 48, Ball State 10

* Ohio 26, Northern Illinois 21

Friday, November 27

Western Michigan 35, Toledo 30

Akron 20, Kent State 0

Central Michigan 35, Eastern Michigan 28

UMass 31, Buffalo 26

* - conference games

WEEK 13 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

QB Brandon Doughty, WKU: The senior threw for 370 yards and five touchdowns in a 49-28 victory over Marshall for C-USA Offensive Player of the Week honors.

LB Nick Holt, WKU: The senior had four tackles, two interceptions and forced a fumble in a 49-28 victory over Marshall for C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors.

KR Deandre Reaves, Marshall: The senior returned a kickoff 97 yards for a TD and had 221 kick return yards in a loss to WKU for C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

RB Marquis Young, UMass: The freshman rushed 35 times for 240 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-26 win at Buffalo for MAC East Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

LB Brandon Harris, Bowling Green: The freshman had 11 tackles and two tackles for loss in a 48-10 victory over Ball State for MAC East Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

P Zach Paul, Akron: The senior punted three times for 117 yards (39.0 avg.), including a long of 45 yards in a 20-0 win over Kent State for MAC East Division Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

WR Corey Davis, Western Michigan: The junior had six receptions for 139 yards and two touchdowns in a 35-30 victory over No. 24 Toledo for MAC West Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

S Marlon Moore, Northern Illinois: The senior had seven tackles, forced a fumble, intercepted a pass and broke up two passes in a loss to Ohio for MAC West Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

DB Kavon Frazier, Western Michigan: The senior had a key blocked punt in a 35-28 win over Eastern Michigan for MAC West Division Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

