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C-USA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

EAST: FIU • Florida Atlantic • Marshall • Middle Tennessee • Old Dominion • UAB • WKU
WEST: Louisiana Tech • North Texas • Rice • Southern Miss • UTEP • UTSA

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EAST DIVISION

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
*MARSHALL	7-1	.875	3-1	4-0	5-1	378	183
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	5-3	.625	4-0	1-3	4-2	270	273
WKU	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	2-3	347	347
UAB	4-4	.500	2-2	2-2	2-3	258	243
OLD DOMINION	4-4	.500	2-2	2-2	2-3	272	337
FIU	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	3-2	202	205
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	2-6	.250	2-2	0-4	1-5	212	276

WEST DIVISION

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
*LOUISIANA TECH	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	5-0	357	159
RICE	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	4-1	248	243
UTEP	5-3	.625	4-0	1-3	3-2	213	208
UTSA	3-5	.375	3-1	0-4	2-3	133	214
NORTH TEXAS	2-6	.250	2-2	0-4	0-5	175	262
SOUTHERN MISS	1-7	.125	0-4	1-3	1-4	169	284

*DIVISION CHAMPION

SEASON STANDINGS

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
	12-1	.923	6-1	6-0	586	271
	6-6	.500	5-1	1-5	379	378
	7-5	.583	5-1	2-4	528	471
	6-6	.500	3-3	3-3	398	359
	6-6	.500	4-2	2-4	392	456
	4-8	.333	3-5	1-3	276	298
	3-9	.250	3-2	0-7	288	413

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
	8-5	.615	4-1	4-4	488	328
	7-5	.583	4-1	3-4	344	364
	7-5	.583	5-1	2-4	340	344
	4-8	.333	3-3	1-5	205	311
	4-8	.333	4-2	0-6	326	358
	3-9	.250	2-4	1-5	228	425

C-USA BOWL GAMES

GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL (Albuquerque, N.M.)

Saturday, December 20

UTEP vs. Utah State (ESPN) 1:20 p.m.

BOCA RATON BOWL (Boca Raton, Fla.)

Tuesday, December 23

Marshall vs. Northern Illinois (ESPN) 5 p.m.

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL (Nassau, Bahamas)

Wednesday, December 24

WKU vs. Central Michigan (ESPN) 11 a.m.

HAWAII BOWL (Honolulu, Hawai'i)

Wednesday, December 24

Rice vs. Fresno State (ESPN) 7 p.m.

ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL (Dallas, TX)

Friday, December 26

Louisiana Tech vs. Illinois (ESPN) 12 p.m.

All Times Central

C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Marshall 26, Louisiana Tech 23

MVP: Justin Haig, K, Marshall



C-USA AWARDS

COACH OF THE YEAR

Doc Holliday - Marshall

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Brandon Doughty - QB - WKU

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Rakeem Cato - QB - Marshall

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Neville Hewitt - LB - Marshall

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

J.J. Nelson - KR/PR - UAB

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Cody Sokol - QB - Louisiana Tech

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

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CONFERENCE USA ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

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FIRST TEAM ALL-C-USA

OFFENSE

QB - Rakeem Cato, Marshall, Sr.
 RB - Devon Johnson, Marshall, Jr.
 RB - Jordan Howard, UAB, So.
 OL - Chris Jasperse, Marshall, Sr.
 OL - Mitchell Bell, Louisiana Tech, Sr.
 OL - Clint Van Horn, Marshall, Jr.
 OL - Josh Mann, Old Dominion, Sr.
 OL - Cyril Lemon, North Texas, Sr.
 TE - Jonnu Smith, FIU, So.
 WR - Tommy Shuler, Marshall, Sr.
 WR - Antonio Vaughan, Old Dominion, Sr.
 WR - Lucky Whitehead, Florida Atlantic, Sr.

DEFENSE

DL - Brian Nordstrom, Rice, Jr.
 DL - Rakeem Nunez-Roches, Southern Miss, Sr.
 DL - Diaheem Watkins, UAB, Sr.
 DL - James Rouse, Marshall, Sr.
 LB - Neville Hewitt, Marshall, Sr.
 LB - Derek Akunne, North Texas, Sr.
 LB - Andrae Kirk, Florida Atlantic, Sr.
 DB - Richard Leonard, FIU, Jr.
 DB - Kevin Byard, Middle Tennessee, Jr.
 DB - Xavier Woods, Louisiana Tech, So.
 DB - Darryl Roberts, Marshall, Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Corey Acosta, Southern Miss, Sr.
 P - Tyler Williams, Marshall, Jr.
 KR - J.J. Nelson, UAB, Sr.
 PR - Richard Leonard, FIU, Jr.
 LS - Matt Cincotta, Marshall, Jr.

SECOND TEAM ALL-C-USA

OFFENSE

QB - Brandon Doughty, WKU, Sr.
 RB - Kenneth Dixon, Louisiana Tech, Jr.
 RB - Aaron Jones, UTEP, So.
 RB - Leon Allen, WKU, Jr.
 OL - Brian O'Leary, UAB, Sr.
 OL - Jerell Watkins, UTEP, Sr.
 OL - Isaiah Anderson, Middle Tennessee, Sr.
 OL - Cameron Clemmons, WKU, Sr.
 OL - Darius Johnson, Middle Tennessee, Jr.
 OL - Nico Carlson, Rice, Sr.
 TE - Kennard Backman, UAB, Sr.
 WR - Jared Dangerfield, WKU, Jr.
 WR - Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, So.
 WR - Jordan Taylor, Rice, Sr.

DEFENSE

DL - Arnold Blackmon, Marshall, Sr.
 DL - Michael Wakefield, FIU, Jr.
 DL - Houston Bates, Louisiana Tech, Sr.
 DL - Robert Singletary, UTSA, Sr.
 LB - Jake Ganus, UAB, Jr.
 LB - T.T. Barber, Middle Tennessee, Jr.
 LB - Jermaine Holmes, Marshall, Sr.
 DB - Triston Wade, UTSA, Sr.
 DB - D'Joun Smith, Florida Atlantic, Sr.
 DB - James Jones, North Texas, Sr.
 DB - Bryce Callahan, Rice, Sr.
 DB - Wonderful Terry, WKU, Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Sean Ianno, UTSA, Sr.
 P - Dalton Schomp, Florida Atlantic, So.
 KR - Autrey Golden, UTEP, Jr.
 PR - J.J. Nelson, UAB, Sr.
 LS - Jesse Medrano, UTSA, Sr.

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

OFFENSE

QB - Alex McGough, FIU
 RB - Alex Gardner, FIU
 RB - Ray Lawry, Old Dominion
 OL - Will Hernandez, UTEP
 OL - Reggie Bain, Florida Atlantic
 OL - Derek Elmendorph, UTEP
 OL - Brandon Ray, WKU
 OL - Darius Garcia, Old Dominion
 TE - Ryan Yurachek, Marshall
 WR - Angelo Jean-Louis, Marshall
 WR - Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech

DEFENSE

DL - Graysen Schantz, Rice
 DL - Deldrick Canty, Louisiana Tech
 DL - Bunmi Rotimi, Old Dominion
 DL - Derik Overstreet, WKU
 LB - Alvin Jones, UTEP
 LB - Anthony Wint, FIU
 LB - DJ Sanders, Middle Tennessee
 DB - Antavis Rowe, Marshall
 DB - Secdrick Cooper, Louisiana Tech
 DB - Kishawn McClain, North Texas
 DB - Christian Byrum, Old Dominion
 DB - Cornell Armstrong, Southern Miss

SPECIAL TEAMS

K - Trevor Moore, North Texas
 P - Jarrett Cervi, Old Dominion
 KR - Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech
 PR - Kylen Towner, WKU



GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL

UTEP vs. UTAH STATE

Saturday, Dec. 20 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 12:20 p.m. (MST) University Stadium (37,792)
 All-Time Series: Utah State leads 2-0
 Last Meeting: at Utah State 21, UTEP 6 (Sept. 17, 1960)
 Television: ESPN
 Announcers: Mark Neely (PxP), David Diaz-Infante (AN)
 Kayce Smith (SL)

UTEP (7-5, 5-3 in C-USA)

Website: www.utepathletics.com
 Head Coach: Sean Kugler (UTEP, '89)
 Career Record: 9-15 (2nd year)
 Record at UTEP: 9-15 (2nd year)
 Offense: Pro-Style
 Defense: 4-2-5
 Leading Passer: Jamiell Showers (146-of-262, 1,732 yds., 12 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Aaron Jones (217 att., 1,233 yds., 11 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Ian Hamilton (23 rec., 500 yds., 2 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Wesley Miller (74 tackles, 32 solo)
 Last Game: at UTEP 24, Middle Tennessee 21 (Nov. 29)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2010 New Mexico (BYU 52, UTEP 24)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 5-8

NOTING THE MINERS: UTEP has clinched its first winning season since 2005 and will play in its first bowl game since facing BYU in the 2010 New Mexico Bowl...The Miners 2,552 rushing yards ranks fifth in program history, while UTEP's 27 rushing touchdowns is tied for the sixth-best seasonal tally...UTEP opened the 2014 season with a 31-24 victory over New Mexico at University Stadium and this will mark the 25th time the Miners have played a game in the venue....UTEP Head Coach Sean Kugler will take part in his third bowl game with the Miners. Kugler played in the Independence Bowl (1988) and was an assistant coach in the Humanitarian Bowl (2000).

Utah State (9-4, 6-2 in Mountain West)

Website: www.utahstateaggies.com
 Head Coach: Matt Wells (Utah State, '96)
 Career Record: 18-9 (2nd year)
 Record at Utah St.: 18-9 (2nd year)
 Offense: Multiple
 Defense: Multiple
 Leading Passer: Darell Garretson (91-of-135, 1,140 yds., 8 TD)
 Leading Rusher: LaJuan Hunt (107 att., 524 yds., 1 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Hunter Sharp (63 rec., 918 yds., 7 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Zach Vigil (145 tackles, 74 solo)
 Last Game: Boise State 50, Utah State 19 (Nov. 29)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2013 San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (Utah State 21, Northern Illinois 14)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 3-6

NOTING THE AGGIES: The Aggies are in a bowl game for the fourth consecutive season for the first time in school history....After starting the season with a 2-2 mark and losing nine starters to season-ending injuries including three quarterbacks and four linebackers throughout the year, Utah State won seven of its final nine regular season games.

GAME NOTES: Conference USA will enter its first year as a primary partner with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl and is scheduled to send a team to Albuquerque all six seasons between 2014 and 2019...This year's game will mark the ninth in the bowl's history, which has produced two of the highest scoring and most exciting comeback finishes among all bowl games in each of the last two years.

BOCA RATON BOWL

MARSHALL vs. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 Boca Raton, Florida
 6 p.m. (EST) FAU Stadium (29,419)
 All-Time Series: Northern Illinois leads 4-3
 Last Meeting: Marshall 37, Northern Illinois 15 (Oct. 6, 2001)
 Television: ESPN
 Announcers: Dave Lamont (PxP), Desmond Howard (AN)
 Quint Kessenich (SL)

Marshall (12-1, 7-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.herdzone.com
 Head Coach: Doc Holliday (West Virginia, '79)
 Career Record: 39-25 (5th year)
 Record at MU: 39-25 (5th year)
 Offense: Multiple
 Defense: 4-3
 Leading Passer: Rakeem Cato (242-of-414, 3,622 yds., 37 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Devon Johnson (191 att., 1,636 yds., 16 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Tommy Shuler (74 rec., 953 yds., 8 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Neville Hewitt (114 tackles, 39 solo)
 Last Game: Marshall 26, Louisiana Tech 23 (Dec. 6)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2013 Military (Marshall 31, Maryland 20)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 8-2

NOTING THE THUNDERING HERD: Marshall is second in the FBS in scoring offense, sixth in rushing offense and fifth in total offense...Devon Johnson leads C-USA in rushing at 136.3 yards per game and is second in touchdowns with 16...Marshall produced a conference-record 10 selections on the All-C-USA first team, including Offensive Player of the Year Rakeem Cato and Defensive Player of the Year Neville Hewitt. Cato has thrown for 3,622 yards and 37 touchdowns, while Hewitt has 114 tackles.

Northern Illinois (11-2, 7-1 in Mid-American)

Website: www.niuhuskies.com
 Head Coach: Rod Carey (Indiana, '94)
 Career Record: 22-5 (2nd year)
 Record at NIU: 22-5 (2nd year)
 Offense: Multiple
 Defense: 4-3
 Leading Passer: Drew Hare (179-of-299, 2,097 yds., 17 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Camer Stingily (175 att., 895 yds., 13 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Da'Ron Brown (64 rec., 1,002 yds., 6 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Marlon Moore (93 tackles, 45 solo)
 Last Game: Northern Illinois 51, Bowling Green 17 (Dec. 5)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2013 San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (Utah State 21, Northern Illinois 14)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 4-5

NOTING THE HUSKIES: Northern Illinois is the champion of the Mid-American Conference for the third time in the last four years....NIU extends its school and MAC record for consecutive bowl seasons to seven and the Huskies will play in a bowl for the ninth time in the last 11 years...The Huskies come into the game on a seven-game winning streak after defeating Bowling Green, 51-17, in the MAC Championship game....NIU is one of only two teams in the country (Oregon) to win 11 or more games over each of the last five seasons....Senior DE Jason Meehan leads NIU and ranks second in the MAC in sacks with seven on the season and his 9.5 tackles for loss also lead the Huskies.

GAME NOTES: This will be the only matchup outside of the two College Football Playoff semifinals that will match conference champions...The game will be played at three-year old FAU Stadium on the campus of C-USA member Florida Atlantic....The game is among eight bowl games played in the state of Florida.



POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL

WKU vs. CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Nassau, Bahamas
 12 p.m. (EST) Thomas C. Robinson Stadium (15,000)
 All-Time Series: Central Michigan leads 1-0
 Last Meeting: Central Michigan 24, WKU 21 (Dec. 26, 2013)
 Television: ESPN
 Announcers: Steve Levy (PxP), Lou Holtz (AN), Mark May (AN)
 Laura Rutledge (SL)

WKU (7-5, 5-3 in C-USA)

Website: www.wkusports.com
 Head Coach: Jeff Brohm (Louisville, '94)
 Career Record: 7-5 (1st year)
 Record at WKU: 7-5 (1st year)
 Offense: Multiple
 Defense: 4-3
 Leading Passer: Brandon Doughty (344-of-510, 4,344 yds., 44 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Leon Allen (259 att., 1,490 yds., 12 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Jared Dangerfield (64 rec., 738 yds., 10 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Nick Holt (103 tackles, 59 solo)
 Last Game: WKU 67, at Marshall 66 (ot) (Nov. 28)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2012 Little Caesars (Central Mich. 24, WKU 21)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 0-1

NOTING THE HILLTOPPERS: WKU, which has been bowl eligible in four consecutive seasons, will have a re-match of its first bowl game in school history (2012 Little Caesars Bowl) when the Hilltoppers take on Central Michigan...Over the course of the 2014 campaign under their first-year head coach, WKU shattered the record books and set a combined 42 team and individual records, including total offensive yards in a season and game, points scored in a season and scoring average...Brandon Doughty was named C-USA MVP after leading the FBS in passing yards (4,344) and TD passes (44)...This will be the 11th game that WKU has played against a bowl-eligible team this season. Only five schools played more than the Toppers.

Central Michigan (7-5, 5-3 in Mid-American)

Website: www.cmuchippewas.com
 Head Coach: Dan Enos (Michigan State, '90)
 Career Record: 26-35 (5th year)
 Record at CMU: same
 Offense: Multiple
 Defense: Multiple
 Leading Passer: Cooper Rush (215-of-337, 2,664 yds., 20 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Thomas Rawls (210 att., 1,133 yds., 10 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Titus Davis (54 rec., 843 yds., 9 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Justin Cherocci (107 tackles, 55 solo)
 Last Game: Western Michigan 32, CMU 20 (Nov. 22)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2012 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (CMU 24, WKU 21)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 3-4

NOTING THE CHIPPEWAS: The Chippewas finished the regular season ranked first in the MAC in total defense, rush defense and pass defense.... Five Chippewas were selected to the first team, including wide receiver Titus Davis, who earned all-conference honors for the fourth time. Davis is just the third Chippewa to collect All-MAC accolades in each of his four seasons. He is CMU's all-time leader in TD receptions with 33, and is the first player in FBS history to catch at least eight TD passes in each of his four collegiate seasons.

GAME NOTES: Conference USA will be a part of the inaugural Bahamas Bowl, kicking off on the afternoon of December 24 at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in Nassau....The 2014 Bahamas Bowl is the first post-season FBS bowl game outside of either the United States or Canada between two U.S. teams since the Jan. 1, 1937 Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba.

HAWAI'I BOWL

RICE vs. FRESNO STATE

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Honolulu, Hawai'i
 7 p.m. (CST) (3 pm HST) Aloha Stadium (50,000)
 All-Time Series: Fresno State leads 6-0
 Last Meeting: (Oct. 11, 2004)
 Television: ESPN
 Announcers: Allen Bestwick (PxP), Rod Gilmore (AN)
 Holly Rowe (SL)

Rice (7-5, 5-3 in C-USA)

Website: www.riceowls.com
 Head Coach: David Bailiff (Texas State, '81)
 Career Record: 68-67 (11th year)
 Record at Rice: 46-52 (8th year)
 Offense: Spread
 Defense: 4-2-5
 Leading Passer: Driphus Jackson (176-of-307, 2,524 yds., 21 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Jowan Davis (232 att., 910 yds., 6 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Jordan Taylor (49 rec., 781 yds., 6 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Sam Scofield (94 tackles, 66 solo)
 Last Game: at Rice 17, Tulane 13
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2013 Liberty (Mississippi St. 44, Rice 7)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 4-6

NOTING THE OWLS: The 2014 Owls will become the first football team in school history to play in three consecutive bowls....Rice earned the 12th bowl bid in school history by reaching seven wins for the third consecutive season. The Owls have posted a 24-15 record over the past three seasons, their best production over any similar time frame in school history....Junior DE Brian Nordstrom has compiled 18.5 tackles for loss, tied for seventh nationally and ranks second in school history. His 7.5 sacks are fifth-best in C-USA and sixth-most in Rice annals.... In eight games played after returning from a foot injury, WR Jordan Taylor caught 48 passes for 780 yards and six touchdowns. His average of 86.8 yards per game leads the league.

Fresno State (6-7, 5-3 in Mountain West)

Website: www.gobulldogs.com
 Head Coach: Tim DeRuyter (Air Force, '85)
 Career Record: 26-13 (3rd year)
 Record at Fresno St.: 26-13 (3rd year)
 Offense: Spread
 Defense: Multiple 3-4
 Leading Passer: Brian Burrell (242-of-412, 2,576 yds., 22 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Marteze Waller (210 att., 1,292 yds., 11 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Josh Harper (86 rec., 1,072 yds., 7 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Kyrie Wilson (88 tackles, 52 solo)
 Last Game: Boise State 28, Fresno State 14 (Dec. 6)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2013 Las Vegas Bowl (USC 45, Fresno State 20)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 11-14

NOTING THE BULLDOGS: Fresno State will be playing in a bowl game for the 14th time in the past 16 seasons...The Bulldogs won their final three regular season games to win the West Division of the Mountain West and play in the conference title game...Josh Harper is just the third receiver in Bulldog history to have back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons.

GAME NOTES: The Hawai'i Bowl is in its 13th year and this will mark the 10th time that C-USA will be a part of the Christmas Eve game....In its first 12 years, the Hawai'i Bowl has gained a reputation for offensive shootouts, with the winning team topping the 40-point mark in nine of the first 12 years, while the losing team has scored 35 or more points five times...Rice becomes the ninth C-USA school to participate in the Hawaii Bowl... Since 1980, there have been 496 teams that started a season out 0-3, but only 21 of them reached a bowl game and Fresno State and Rice represent two of those 21 teams.



ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

LOUISIANA TECH vs. ILLINOIS

Friday, Dec. 26 12 p.m. (CST) Dallas, Texas
 Cotton Bowl (92,158)
 All-Time Series: Louisiana Tech leads 1-0
 Last Meeting: Louisiana Tech 52, at Illinois 24 (Sept. 22, 2012)
 Television: ESPN
 Announcers: Mike Corey (PxP), Charles Arbuckle (AN)
 Kayce Smith (SL)

Louisiana Tech (8-5, 7-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.latechsports.com
 Head Coach: Skip Holtz (Notre Dame, '89)
 Career Record: 100-84 (16th year)
 Record at LA Tech: 12-13 (2nd year)
 Offense: Spread
 Defense: Multiple
 Leading Passer: Cody Sokol (246-of-420, 3,189 yds., 29 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Kenneth Dixon (240 att., 1,236 yds., 21 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Trent Taylor (62 rec., 814 yds., 9 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Kentrell Brice (80 tackles, 59 solo)
 Last Game: at Marshall 26, Louisiana Tech 23 (Dec. 6)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2011 Poinsettia (TCU 31, Louisiana Tech 24)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 2-3-1

NOTING THE BULLDOGS: This will mark Louisiana Tech's seventh bowl game in school history since the school moved up to Division I status in 1975...The Bulldogs enter the game with a four-game improvement in the win column from last season....LA Tech is the second-most improved team in the FBS in scoring average (trailing only TCU), up 18.3 points per game from 2013. Running back Kenneth Dixon leads the Bulldog offense with 1,238 rushing yards (5.2 average) and 21 touchdowns. For his career in Ruston, Dixon has amassed 3,347 rushing yards with 52 touchdowns on the ground in 35 games....On the defensive side of the ball, Louisiana Tech is the national leader in points off of turnovers.The Bulldogs have scored 164 points off turnovers in 13 games this season (12.6 points per game).

Illinois (6-6, 3-5 in Big Ten)

Website: www.fightingillini.com
 Head Coach: Tim Beckman (Findlay, '88)
 Career Record: 33-40 (6th year)
 Record at Illinois: 12-24 (3rd year)
 Offense: Spread/Multiple
 Defense: Multiple
 Leading Passer: Wes Lunt (149-of-233, 1,729 yds., 14 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Josh Ferguson (139 att., 658 yds., 8 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Mike Dudek (69 rec., 965 yds., 6 TD)
 Leading Tackler: Mason Monheim (108 tackles, 42 solo)
 Last Game: Illinois 47, Northwestern 33 (Nov. 29)
 Last Bowl Appearance: 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger (Illinois 20, UCLA 14)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 8-9

NOTING THE FIGHTING ILLINI: Illinois won its final two games to become bowl-eligible for the first time since 2011...The Illini have posted five comeback wins on the year and the Illini trailed entering the fourth quarter in four of their six wins...Illinois boasts one of the top passing offenses in the Big Ten, ranking third in the conference in passing yards per game (243.2) and completion percentage (61.2 percent) and fifth in passing efficiency.

GAME NOTES: Conference USA makes its third appearance in the five-year old Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl (Houston defeated Penn State in the bowl then known as the TicketCity Bowl on Jan. 1, 2012 and North Texas defeated UNLV last season)...The last meeting between the teams came during the 2012 season, when LA Tech posted a 52-24 win in Champaign.

C-USA BOWL HISTORY

LOUISIANA TECH BOWL HISTORY (2-3-1)

Year	Bowl	Result
2014	Heart of Dallas	Louisiana Tech vs. Illinois
2011	Poinsettia	TCU 31, Louisiana Tech 24
2008	Independence	LA Tech 17, Northern Illinois 10
2001	Humanitarian	Clemson 49, LA Tech 24
1990	Independence	LA Tech 34, Maryland 34
1978	Independence	East Carolina 35, LA Tech 13
1977	Independence	Louisiana Tech 24, Louisville 14

MARSHALL BOWL HISTORY (8-2)

Year	Bowl	Result
2014	Boca Raton	Marshall vs. Northern Illinois
2013	Military	Marshall 31, Maryland 20
2011	Beef 'O' Brady's	Marshall 20, FIU 10
2009	Little Caesars	Marshall 21, Ohio 17
2004	Fort Worth	Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14
2002	GMAC	Marshall 38, Louisville 15
2001	GMAC	Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 (2ot)
2000	Motor City	Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
1999	Motor City	Marshall 21, BYU 3
1998	Motor City	Marshall 48, Louisville 29
1997	Motor City	Mississippi 34, Marshall 31

RICE BOWL HISTORY (6-5)

Year	Bowl	Result
2014	Hawaii	Rice vs. Fresno State
2013	Liberty	Mississippi State 44, Rice 7
2012	Armed Forces	Rice 33, Air Force 14
2008	Texas	Rice 38, Western Michigan 10
2006	New Orleans	Troy 41, Rice 17
1961	Bluebonnet	Kansas 33, Rice 7
1960	Sugar	Mississippi 14, Rice 6
1958	Cotton	Navy 20, Rice 7
1954	Cotton	Rice 28, Alabama 6
1950	Cotton	Rice 27, North Carolina 13
1947	Orange	Rice 8, Tennessee
1938	Cotton	Rice 28, Colorado 14

UTEP BOWL HISTORY (8-3)

Year	Bowl	Result
2014	Gildan New Mexico	UTEP vs. Utah State
2010	New Mexico	BYU 52, UTEP 24
2005	GMAC	Toledo 45, UTEP 13
2004	Houston	Colorado 33, UTEP 28
2000	Humanitarian	Boise State 38, UTEP 23
1988	Independence	Southern Miss 38, UTEP 18
1967	Sun	UTEP 14, Mississippi 7
1965	Sun	UTEP 13, TCU 12
1957	Sun	George Washington 13, UTEP 0
1955	Sun	UTEP 47, Florida State 20
1954	Sun	UTEP 37, Southern Miss 14
1950	Sun	UTEP 33, Georgetown 20
1949	Sun	West Virginia 21, UTEP 12
1937	Sun	Hardin-Simmons 34, UTEP 6

WKU BOWL HISTORY (0-1)

Year	Bowl	Result
2014	Popeyes Bahamas	WKU vs. Central Michigan
2012	Little Caesars	Central Michigan 24, WKU 21



Marshall Defeats LA Tech in C-USA Football Championship, 26-23

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. – Rakeem Cato’s five-yard touchdown pass to Deon-Tay McManus in the corner of the end zone with 1:50 to play rallied Marshall to a 26-23 victory over Louisiana Tech in the 2014 Conference USA Football Championship Game and earned the Thundering Herd its first C-USA title.

The scoring strike was Cato’s second of the game to McManus and marked a sparkling end to the senior’s home career. After setting numerous school, conference and NCAA records, Cato walked off the field at Joan C. Edwards Stadium for the final time with his first conference championship.

“That’s been my main goal since I walked on campus,” said Cato. “I wanted to come here, start the tradition over again, and win a championship. We finally got it done today, December 6th, 2014.”

Marshall head coach Doc Holliday praised the accomplishment for Cato: “I told him after the game, you know what you have all of these records and he has everything that has happened here but what was not on his resume was a championship. Now with him winning that championship, you can talk about him with the same breath as you do Chad [Pennington] and Byron [Leftwich] because they did that and they got that done here. Now he’s got that done. That kid has meant so much to this program.”

Cato finished 25-of-46 for 308 yards, hitting longtime teammate Tommy Shuler seven times for 84 yards. McManus, who became the fifth player in C-USA Championship game history to catch two touchdowns, finished with four grabs for 41 yards.

Louisiana Tech held a 10-0 lead after the first quarter. Jonathan Barnes put the Bulldogs on the board with a 26-yard field goal midway through the opening period. Kenneth Dixon extended the LA Tech lead to 10-0 with a 33-yard touchdown run at 2:53 of the first, tying the school record with his 57th career touchdown.

After Marshall got on the board with a six-yard scoring strike from Rakeem Cato to Deon-Tay McManus, Dixon would break the school’s all-time TD mark seven minutes into the second quarter with a 30-yard run that pushed the Bulldogs back up by 10.

Justin Haig would finish off the first half scoring with a pair of field goals in the final four minutes. His first was a 40-yarder and his second was a career-long 46-yarder on the final play of the half that tied the C-USA Championship Game record.

Haig tied the C-USA Championship Game record with another 40-yard field goal in the third quarter, becoming the first player in title game annals to hit three field goals from 40 yards or longer.

Following a blocked punt, Dixon scored his third touchdown of the game on a 19-yard run with 18 seconds remaining in the third quarter. The score put LA Tech up 23-16 when the PAT failed.

All three of Dixon’s TD runs came following a Marshall miscue (two fumbles and one blocked punt).

Haig, who was named the game’s Most Valuable Player, cut the lead to 23-19 with his C-USA Championship Game record fourth field goal with 8:34 to play.

On the ensuing drive, Louisiana Tech drove to the 31-yard line, but Kyle Fischer’s 49-yard field goal was wide left. Marshall took over and went 68 yards in 11 plays for what proved to be the game-winning score.

Marshall becomes the seventh different school to win the C-USA Championship game in its 10-year history. The Thundering Herd becomes the third team in C-USA’s 19 football seasons to win 12 games, joining the 1998 Tulane and 2011 Southern Miss squads.

C-USA Football Championship Notes

**Marshall wins its first Conference USA Championship, its first conference title since beating Toledo in the 2002 Mid-American Conference Championship Game.

**Marshall senior K Justin Haig was named Most Valuable Player. He is the first kicker to earn MVP honors in C-USA history after hitting a C-USA Championship Game record four field goals and scoring 14 points.

**Marshall is the seventh different school to win the C-USA Championship game in its 10-year history.

**Marshall becomes the first team to win the C-USA Championship Game after losing it the previous season.

**The three-point margin of victory matches East Carolina’s 27-24 win at Tulsa for the closest final score in C-USA Championship Game history.

**Marshall’s victory following a 10-point deficit marked the largest comeback in C-USA Championship Game history.



2014-15 BOWL SCHEDULE

CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Jan. 12, Arlington, Texas
TBD vs. TBD

GODADDY Jan. 4, Mobile, Ala.
Toledo vs. Arkansas State

BIRMINGHAM Jan. 3, Birmingham, Ala.
East Carolina vs. Florida

TICKETCITY CACTUS Jan. 2, Tempe, Ariz.
Washington vs. Oklahoma State

VALERO ALAMO Jan. 2, San Antonio, Texas
Kansas State vs. UCLA

TAXSLAYER.COM Jan. 2, Jacksonville, Fla.
Iowa vs. Tennessee

LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES Jan. 2, Fort Worth, Texas
Houston vs. Pittsburgh

ALLSTATE SUGAR Jan. 1, New Orleans, La.
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Ohio State

ROSE PRESENTED BY N WESTERN MUTUAL Jan. 1, Pasadena, Calif.
No. 2 Oregon vs. No. 3 Florida State

BUFFALO WILD WINGS CITRUS Jan. 1, Orlando, Fla.
Missouri vs. Minnesota

GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC Jan. 1, Arlington, Texas
Michigan State vs. Baylor

OUTBACK Jan. 1, Tampa, Fla.
Auburn vs. Wisconsin

CAPITAL ONE ORANGE Dec. 31, Miami, Fla.
Mississippi State vs. Georgia Tech

VIZIO FIESTA Dec. 31, Glendale, Ariz.
Boise State vs. Arizona

CHICK-FIL-A PEACH Dec. 31, Atlanta, Ga.
Mississippi vs. TCU

FOSTER FARMS Dec. 30, Santa Clara, Calif.
Maryland vs. Stanford

BELK Dec. 30, Charlotte, N.C.
Georgia vs. Louisville

FRANKLIN AMER. MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY Dec. 30, Nashville, Tenn.
Notre Dame vs LSU

ADVOCARE V100 TEXAS Dec. 29, Houston, Texas
Arkansas vs. Texas

RUSSELL ATHLETIC Dec. 29, Orlando, Fla.
Oklahoma vs. Clemson

AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL Dec. 29, Memphis, Tenn.
Texas A&M vs. West Virginia

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY Dec. 27, San Diego, Calif.
Nebraska vs. USC

NEW ERA PINSTRIPE Dec. 27, Bronx, N.Y.
Boston College vs. Penn State

DUCK COMMANDER INDEPENDENCE Dec. 27, Shreveport, La.
Miami (Fla.) vs. South Carolina

HYUNDAI SUN Dec. 27, El Paso, Texas
Arizona State vs. Duke

MILITARY PRES. BY NORTHROP GRUZMAN Dec. 27, Annapolis, Md.
Cincinnati vs. Virginia Tech

BITCOIN ST. PETERSBURG Dec. 26, St. Petersburg, Fla.
NC State vs. UCF

QUICK LANE Dec. 26, Detroit, Mich.
Rutgers vs. North Carolina

ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS Dec. 26, Dallas, Texas
Illinois vs. Louisiana Tech

HAWAII Dec. 24, Honolulu, Hawaii
Fresno State vs. Rice

POPEYES BAHAMAS Dec. 24, Nassau, Bahamas.
Central Michigan vs. WKU

SDCCU POINSETTIA Dec. 23, San Diego, Calif.
Navy vs. San Diego State

BOCA RATON Dec. 23, Boca Raton, Fla.
Marshall vs. Northern Illinois

MIAMI BEACH Dec. 22, Miami, Fla.
BYU vs. Memphis

RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELIA Dec. 20, Montgomery, Ala.
South Alabama vs. Bowling Green

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO Dec. 20, Boise, Idaho
Western Michigan vs. Air Force

ROYAL PURPLE LAS VEGAS Dec. 20, Las Vegas, Nev.
Utah vs. Colorado State

GILDAN NEW MEXICO Dec. 20, Albuquerque, N.M.
Utah State vs. UTEP

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS Dec. 20, New Orleans, La.
Nevada vs. Louisiana-Lafayette



CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

POLLING PLACE

Here's a look at the Dec. 7 Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Polls.

Associated Press

- 1 - Alabama (27)
- 2 - Florida State (25)
- 3 - Oregon (89)
- 4 - Baylor
- 5 - Ohio State
- 6 - TCU
- 7 - Michigan State
- 8 - Mississippi State
- 9 - Mississippi
- 10 - Georgia Tech
- 11 - Kansas State
- 12 - Arizona
- 13 - Georgia
- 14 - UCLA
- 15 - Arizona State
- 16 - Missouri
- 17 - Wisconsin
- 18 - Clemson
- 19 - Auburn
- 20 - Louisville
- 21 - Boise State
- 22 - LSU
- 23 - Utah
- 24 - USC
- 25 - Nebraska

USA Today Coaches'

- 1 - Alabama (28)
- 2 - Florida State (25)
- 3 - Oregon (7)
- 4 - Ohio State
- 5 - Baylor (1)
- 6 - TCU
- 7 - Michigan State
- 8 - Mississippi State
- 9 - Georgia Tech
- 10 - Kansas State
- 11 - Arizona
- 12 - Mississippi
- 13 - Georgia
- 14 - Missouri
- 15 - UCLA
- 16 - Arizona State
- 17 - Wisconsin
- 18 - Clemson
- 19 - Auburn
- 20 - Louisville
- 21 - Boise State
- 22 - Nebraska
- 23 - LSU
- 24 - Oklahoma
- 25 - Utah

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C-USA BOWL LINEUP

Conference USA Football Champion Marshall leads five teams into bowl games, joined in the postseason by Louisiana Tech, Rice, UTEP and WKU.

Marshall returns to the postseason for the third time in four years as the Thundering Herd will play in the inaugural Boca Raton Bowl. Marshall, which lists 34 players from the state of Florida, is scheduled to play MAC Conference Champion Northern Illinois on Tuesday, Dec. 23. This will be the only matchup outside of the two College Football Playoff semifinals that will match conference champions. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. EST at FAU Stadium on the campus of C-USA member Florida Atlantic.

Louisiana Tech will play in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl on Friday, Dec. 26 at historic Cotton Bowl Stadium (11 a.m. CST on ESPN). The Bulldogs return to bowl play after a two-year absence, facing Illinois. The West Division Champions defeated Army in a regular season game at Cotton Bowl Stadium last season.

Rice has accepted an invitation to play in the 2014 Hawai'i Bowl, marking the first time in program history that the Owls will make bowl appearances three years in a row. Rice will play Mountain West Conference opponent Fresno State in the game, which will kick off at 7 p.m. CST (2 p.m. HST).

WKU enters postseason play on four-game winning streak when it represents C-USA in the inaugural Popeyes Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, the first bowl game played outside of the United States or Canada

since 1937. The Hilltoppers will face Central Michigan in the game, which kicks off at Noon EST on ESPN. This will be the second bowl game for a WKU program that is completing its sixth FBS season.

UTEP has clinched its first winning season since 2005 and will play in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl on Sat., Dec. 20. The Miners, whose last bowl trip came in the 2010 New Mexico Bowl, will face Utah State.

WKU'S BRANDON DOUGHTY WINS SAMMY BAUGH AWARD

WKU redshirt senior QB **Brandon Doughty** is the winner of the 2014 Sammy Baugh Award, which is presented to college football's top passer by the Touchdown Club of Columbus. Doughty, who was named the 2014 C-USA MVP, becomes the first quarterback in WKU history to receive the Sammy Baugh Award and the third in C-USA history. Louisville's Stefan Lefors, who was WKU head coach Jeff Brohm's pupil at the time, won in 2004 while Houston's Case Keenum earned the honor in the 2009 and 2011 seasons.

UAB'S NELSON NAMED WALTER CAMP ALL-AMERICAN

UAB senior KR/PR **J.J. Nelson** was selected to the 2014 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America Second Team. He finished the 2014 campaign ranked No. 1 in the country in kickoff return average at 38.3 yards per return, which is also the fifth-highest season mark in FBS history. Nelson returned four kickoffs for touchdowns this season to tie the Conference USA single-season record and finish one shy of the NCAA record. Nelson, who earned first team all-league recognition as a kickoff returner and second team honors as a punt returner, paced C-USA punt returners with an average of 10.7 yards to rank No. 18 in the nation.

SEASON TOP PERFORMERS

Here's a look at the 2014 league leaders in 300-yard passers, 100-yard rushers and 100-yard receivers:

300-Yard Passing Performances

- | | |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 10 | Brandon Doughty, WKU |
| 5 | Taylor Heinicke, Old Dominion |
| 3 | Jaquez Johnson, Florida Atlantic |
| 3 | Cody Sokol, Louisiana Tech |
| 3 | Rakeem Cato, Marshall |

100-Yard Rushing Performances

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 9 | Devon Johnson, Marshall |
| 8 | Jordan Howard, UAB |
| 6 | Leon Allen, WKU |
| 5 | Ray Lawry, Old Dominion |
| 5 | Aaron Jones, UTEP |
| 4 | Kenneth Dixon, Louisiana Tech |
| 3 | Alex Gardner, FIU |
| 3 | Jowan Davis, Rice |

100-Yard Receiving Performances

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 4 | Jordan Taylor, Rice |
| 3 | J.J. Nelson, UAB |
| 3 | Antonio Vaughan, Old Dominion |
| 3 | Davonte Allen, Marshall |

C-USA HAS EIGHT ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS

A total of eight C-USA football players have been named to the 2014 Capital One Academic All-District teams, as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Old Dominion and Southern Miss each produced two All-District honorees, while Rice, UAB, UTEP and UTSA had one.

DISTRICT 3 (NC, TN, VA)

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|----|----------------------------------|
| OL | Tyler Compton, Jr., Old Dominion |
| OL | Josh Mann, Sr., Old Dominion |

DISTRICT 4 (AL, FL, GA, PR, SC)

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|---|--------------------------|
| P | Hunter Mullins, Sr., UAB |
|---|--------------------------|

DISTRICT 6 (AR, IA, LA, MN, MO, MS, ND, SD, WI)

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|----|----------------------------------|
| K | Corey Acosta, Sr., Southern Miss |
| OL | Cameron Tom, So., Southern Miss |

DISTRICT 7 (CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NM, OK, TX, WY)

- | | |
|----|----------------------------|
| OL | Nate Leonard, Sr., UTSA |
| DB | Wesley Miller, Gr., UTEP |
| DL | Brian Nordstrom, Jr., Rice |

C-USA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Conference USA Football saw 15 student-athletes named to the 2014 C-USA All-Academic Team, including four that earned Academic All-American honors. Rice led the way with three selections, while Marshall, Old Dominion and Southern Miss each had two honorees apiece. The team is comprised of three sophomores, four juniors, seven seniors and a graduate student. The all-academic team consists of student-athletes who have earned a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or better and are a starter or key reserve for their team.

2014 C-USA Football All-Academic Team

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| NAME - SCHOOL - YEAR - GPA |
| Xavier Woods - Louisiana Tech - Sophomore - 3.78 |
| Eric Frohnappel - Marshall - Senior - 4.0 |
| Trevor Mendelson - Marshall - Senior - 3.8 |
| Jordan Parker - Middle Tennessee - Junior - 3.63 |
| Cyril Lemon - North Texas - Senior - 3.42 |
| Tyler Compton - Old Dominion - Sophomore - 3.97 |
| Josh Mann - Old Dominion - Senior - 3.44 |
| James Farrimond - Rice - Junior - 3.64 |
| James Hairston - Rice - Graduate - 4.0 |
| Brian Nordstrom - Rice - Junior - 3.63 |
| Corey Acosta - Southern Miss - Senior - 3.81 |
| Cameron Tom - Southern Miss - Sophomore - 3.80 |
| Cody Clements - UAB - Junior - 3.35 |
| Wesley Miller - UTEP - Senior - 3.94 |
| Nate Leonard - UTSA - Senior - 3.99 |

HISTORICAL HIGH SCORING

The Nov. 28 WKU-Marshall game was the highest scoring game in C-USA history with 133 combined points. The 118 points in regulation was also the largest total through four quarters.

Highest Scoring Games in C-USA History

- | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| 133 | WKU 67, Marshall 66 (OT), 11-28-14 |
| 124 | ECU 65, Marshall 59 (OT), 11-23-12 |
| 117 | WKU 66, Old Dominion 51, 10-25-14 |
| 117 | TCU 62, Houston 55, 10-25-03 |



CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

WKU-MARSHALL NOTES

**WKU (7-5, 4-4) defeated No. 19 Marshall (11-1, 7-1), 67-66 in overtime, making it the highest scoring game in C-USA history. The game featured 133 total points, 74 first downs, 168 plays, 1,446 total yards, 513 rushing yards, 8.58 per play and 15 touchdown passes. The 15 combined TD passes is a new FBS record.

WKU senior QB **Brandon Doughty** threw eight touchdown passes (second-most in C-USA history), while Marshall senior QB **Rakeem Cato's** seven TD tosses are the third-most in C-USA annals.

WKU junior RB **Leon Allen** ran for 237 yards, while Marshall junior RB **Steward Butler** picked up 233 yards, just the third time in FBS history that two backs topped 230 yards in the same game.

MOST TD PASSES IN AN FBS GAME

The 15 combined touchdown passes in the WKU-Marshall game is a new FBS record. The old record was 14, set by Houston and Eastern Washington in 1990. WKU's **Brandon Doughty** threw eight, while Marshall's **Rakeem Cato** tossed seven, the two highest single-game totals in C-USA history.

DEVON DELIVERS

Marshall junior RB **Devon Johnson** has had just seven carries for 63 yards the past two games due to a shoulder injury. The converted tight end still has 1,636 yards and 16 rushing TDs in 12 games. Johnson remains among the FBS leaders in total rushing yards, average (sixth with 136.3 yards per game) and scoring (11th with 9.0 points per game).

DIXON FOR SIX

Louisiana Tech junior RB **Kenneth Dixon** ran for three touchdowns in the C-USA Championship Game, the fifth time he has scored three or more times in a game this season. Dixon has at least one score in all 13 games this year, totaling 26 (21 rushing, five receiving). The 26 touchdowns are the second-most in a single season in C-USA history and rank third in the FBS this season behind Boise State's Jay Ajayi and Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon, who each have 29.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

- 30 Kevin Smith, UCF, 2007 (29 rush, 1 rec.)
- 26 Kenneth Dixon, LA Tech, 2014 (21 rush, 5 rec.)
- 25 Alex Singleton, Tulsa, 2012 (24 rush, 1 rec.)

TOPS IN TURNOVERS FORCED

Louisiana Tech leads the nation with 40 forced turnovers and has scored a nation-leading 164 points off those turnovers. The Bulldogs are second in the FBS with 25 interceptions (third-most in C-USA history) and have 15 fumble recoveries. FIU, currently tied for third in turnovers gained, finished its season with 33 forced turnovers, and recovered a nation-leading 19 fumbles. Eight of the forced fumbles came in the red zone.

MOST INTERCEPTIONS IN A SEASON

- 27 Louisville, 2000 (328 yards)
- 26 Tulane, 1997 (362 yards)
- 25 Louisiana Tech, 2014 (274 yards)
- 24 Tulsa, 2010 (444 yards)
- 24 UCF, 2007 (392 yards)

J.J. IS DYNAMITE

UAB senior KR **J.J. Nelson** has four kickoff returns for touchdowns this season, which leads the FBS (he is second in return average at 38.3 yards per return). Three of the returns have been for 100 yards, with Saturday's at Southern Miss covering 99 yards. Nelson has tied Tyrone Carrier of Houston for the league record with four returns for scores, set in 2009. That is one shy of the FBS record of five.

BIG PLAY C-USA

UAB has recorded seven plays of 70 yards or longer from scrimmage, more than any FBS team in that category. Marshall has 11 plays of 60 yards or longer from scrimmage, tied with Indiana and New Mexico for the most. Marshall leads the FBS in plays of 20 yards or longer (106) and 30 or longer (54).

CATO'S CORNER

Marshall senior QB **Rakeem Cato** was 25-of-46 for 308 yards and two passing touchdowns in the Thundering Herd's 26-23 C-USA Championship Game win over Louisiana Tech. He also extended his FBS record for consecutive games with a TD throw to 46.

Cato has extended his school record for career TD passes to 128, 11 more than Chad Pennington. Cato had previously broken Pennington's record for completions (now at 1,128). Cato and Pennington are the only Marshall passers with four seasons of 1,000 yards or more. In 2014, Cato has passed for 3,622 yards and rushed for 457 (an average of 313.8 yards of total offense).

Additionally, Cato is now second in C-USA history in passing yards and passing touchdowns:

CAREER PASSING YARDS

- 19,217 Case Keenum, HOU, 2007-11 (1,546 of 2,229)
- 13,798 Rakeem Cato, Marshall, 2011-14 (1,128 of 1,801)
- 12,964 Kevin Kolb, HOU, 2003-06 (964 of 1,565)

CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

- 155 Case Keenum, Houston, 2007-11
- 128 Rakeem Cato, Marshall, 2011-14
- 99 Chase Clement, Rice, 2005-08

NO DOUGHT

WKU senior QB **Brandon Doughty** is the seventh C-USA player to throw 40 or more touchdown passes in a single-season. With 44 TD passes, he is now tied for fourth all-time in league history. Doughty is the 10th C-USA passer to throw for at least 4,000 yards in a season, currently ranking fifth in that category.

TD PASSES IN A SEASON

- 48 Case Keenum, Houston, 2011
- 47 Paul Smith, Tulsa, 2007
- 46 David Johnson, Tulsa, 2008
- 44 Brandon Doughty, WKU, 2014**
- 44 Case Keenum, Houston, 2009
- 44 Case Keenum, Houston, 2008
- 44 Chase Clement, Rice, 2008

PASSING YARDS IN A SEASON

- 5,671 Case Keenum, Houston, 2009 (492-of-700)
- 5,631 Case Keenum, Houston, 2011 (428-of-603)
- 5,065 Paul Smith, Tulsa, 2007 (327-of-544)
- 5,020 Case Keenum, Houston, 2008 (397-of-589)
- 4,344 Brandon Doughty, WKU, 2014 (344-of-510)**
- 4,201 Rakeem Cato, Marshall, 2012 (406-of-584)

MOST IMPROVED

Four Conference USA teams have improved their win total by four games or more from last season. UTEP leads the way with a five-game improvement, while Louisiana Tech and UAB each increased their win total by four games.

MOST IMPROVED FBS TEAMS

- | | | |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 7 | TCU | 4-8 to 11-1 |
| 7 | Western Michigan | 1-11 to 8-4 |
| 7 | Air Force | 2-10 to 9-3 |
| 6 | Memphis | 3-9 to 9-3 |
| 5 | UTEP | 2-10 to 7-5 |
| 4 | UAB | 2-10 to 6-6 |
| 4 | Louisiana Tech | 4-8 to 8-5 |
| 4 | NC State | 3-9 to 7-5 |
| 4 | Temple | 2-10 to 6-6 |
| 4 | California | 1-11 to 5-7 |

WKU BREAKING RECORDS

WKU junior RB **Leon Allen** set a new C-USA single-game rushing record with 345 yards against Army on Nov. 15. That mark surpasses the 342 yards that Tulane's Matt Forte gained vs. SMU on Nov. 9, 2007. In its first season in C-USA, WKU has now broken the C-USA single-game records for rushing yards and passing yards (593 by **Brandon Doughty** at Middle Tennessee on Sept. 13). The Hilltoppers are the first school to break their conference's single-game rushing and passing marks in the same season since Kent State did it in the Mid-American Conference in 1997.

RICE'S PATT PICKS UP NAGURSKI NATIONAL PLAYER OF WEEK

Rice senior DE **Zach Patt** was named the FWAA/Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week for games the weekend of Nov. 1. He registered a school-record five sacks and forced three fumbles in leading Rice to a 31-17 victory over FIU. Patt's five sacks are the second-highest total in a game in Conference USA history.

USM'S ACOSTA NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR WUERRFEL TROPHY

Southern Miss senior place kicker **Corey Acosta** was announced as one of 12 finalists for the 2014 Wuerffel Trophy, the national award that honors the college football player who best exhibits exemplary community service and presented by The All Sports Association Inc. from Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

UTSA'S LEONARD NAMED 2014 NFF SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

UTSA senior C **Nate Leonard** was selected as one of 17 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, the NFF and the College Football Hall of Fame have announced. Leonard and his fellow 16 honorees also comprised the list of finalists for the 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy, which recognizes the individual that is the best scholar-athlete in the nation.

Leonard, who maintains a 3.99 GPA in physical education, was a 2013 Second Team Academic All-American in addition to being named the 2013-14 Conference USA Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He is on track to graduate in May 2015.



CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

CATO AND HEINICKE

Old Dominion senior **Taylor Heinicke** and Marshall senior **Rakeem Cato** are two of the most productive active quarterbacks in the FBS. These two players have combined for 2,296 pass completions for 28,496 yards and 258 touchdowns, with Heinicke throwing 129 and Cato tossing 126 scoring strikes. Here's a look at the current FBS leaders in career passing yards and TDs:

Career Passing Yardage

- 14,959 Taylor Heinicke, Old Dominion
- 13,600 Sean Mannion, Oregon State
- 13,488 Rakeem Cato, Marshall
- 11,304 Connor Halliday, Washington State

Career Passing Touchdowns

- 132 Taylor Heinicke, Old Dominion
- 126 Rakeem Cato, Marshall
- 99 Marcus Mariotta, Oregon

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RICE'S NORDSTROM A PART OF HENDRICKS AWARD WATCH LIST

Junior DE **Brian Nordstrom**, who leads Conference USA and is tied for sixth nationally in tackles for loss, is one of 32 defensive ends who have been named to the Mid-Season Watch list for the 2014 Ted Hendricks Award. A final list of candidates will be announced at the end of November.

FIU'S SMITH NAMED A MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICAN

FIU sophomore TE **Jonnu Smith** has been named to CBSsports.com's 2014 Midseason All-America Team announced on October 15. Smith is also on the Mackey Award Midseason Watch List.

THREE PLAYERS UP FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Middle Tennessee senior DE **Leighton Gasque**, UTSA senior OL **Nate Leonard** and WKU senior OL **Cam Clemmons** have been announced as three of the 30 FBS candidates for the Senior CLASS Award, an honor given annually to student-athletes who have notable achievements in four areas of excellence - community, classroom, character and competition. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

LA TECH'S PINSON IS NAGURSKI NATIONAL PLAYER OF WEEK

Louisiana Tech senior LB **Terrell Pinson** was named the FWAA/Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 21. Pinson had a career day in LA Tech's 27-20 win over UTSA, registering seven

total tackles, a TFL, two interceptions returned for 34 yards, a fumble recovery returned for a TD, two pass break-ups and a quarterback hurry.

UTSA'S WADE A SEMIFINALIST FOR JIM THORPE AWARD

UTSA senior **Triston Wade** was named one of 15 semifinalists for this year's Jim Thorpe Award, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame announced. The award is presented annually to the nation's top defensive back.

MACKAY MIDSEASON LIST

The John Mackey Award has released its 2014 Mid-season Watch List for the honor given annually to the most outstanding collegiate tight end. FIU sophomore **Jonnu Smith**, UAB senior **Kennard Backman**, UTEP senior **Eric Tomlinson** and WKU senior **Mitchell Henry** are the Conference USA representatives among the 33 midseason candidates.

C-USA HAS FIVE SEMIFINALISTS FOR THE CAMPBELL TROPHY

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) has announced the semifinalists for the 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy and C-USA has five representatives among the 62 candidates. Middle Tennessee senior DE **Leighton Gasque**, Old Dominion senior C **Josh Mann**, Rice senior DL **Dylan Klare**, Southern Miss senior K **Corey Acosta** and UTSA senior C **Nate Leonard** are the C-USA players listed.

CATO ONE OF 15 UP FOR UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD

The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award reduced its list of candidates to 15 and C-USA was represented on the list by Marshall senior QB **Rakeem Cato**. The award has been presented at the end of each season since 1987 to the nation's top college quarterback, based on his accomplishments on and off the field.

WEEKLY MACKAY WINNERS

A pair of Conference USA players have picked up the John Mackey National Tight End of the Week award. FIU sophomore **Jonnu Smith** earned recognition on Sept. 8 following the Panthers win over Wagner. On Sept. 15, WKU senior TE **Mitchell Henry** gained the honor after his performance at Middle Tennessee.

LOU GROZA AWARD STARS OF THE WEEK

Three Conference USA players have earned Lou Groza Award National Stars of the Week honors during the 2014 season.

Southern Miss senior K **Corey Acosta** picked up the honor on Sept. 8, following the Golden Eagles win over Alcorn State. Middle Tennessee sophomore K **Cody Clark** gained the honor Sept. 15 after the Blue Raiders beat WKU in triple-OT. WKU junior K **Garrett Schwettman** was recognized on Sept. 29 following the Hilltoppers win at Navy.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

Offense

- S1 Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU
- S8 Kenneth Dixon, RB, Louisiana Tech
- S15 Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU
- S22 Taylor Heinicke, QB, Old Dominion
- S29 Jaquez Johnson, QB, Florida Atlantic
- O6 Devon Johnson, RB, Marshall
- O13 Rakeem Cato, QB, Marshall
- Cody Clements, QB, UAB
- O20 Carlos Harris, WR, North Texas
- O27 Devon Johnson, RB, Marshall
- N3 Cody Sokol, QB, Louisiana Tech
- N10 Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU
- N17 Leon Allen, RB, WKU
- N24 Reggie Whatley, RB, Middle Tennessee
- D1 Brandon Doughty, QB, WKU

Defense

- S1 Jens Jeters, LB, UTSA
- S8 Wonderful Terry, DB, WKU
- S15 D.J. Simon, LB, Old Dominion
- S22 Dasman McCullum, DL, Southern Miss
- S29 Richard Leonard, DB, FIU
- O6 Richard Leonard, DB, FIU
- O13 Robert Singletary, DE, UTSA
- O20 Terrell Pinson, S, Louisiana Tech
- O27 Jermaine Holmes, LB, Marshall
- N3 Zach Patt, DE, Rice
- N10 Wonderful Terry, DB, WKU
- N17 Davison Colimon, LB, FIU
- N24 Neville Hewitt, LB, Marshall
- D1 Wesley Miller, DB, UTEP

Special Teams

- S1 Richard Leonard, PR, FIU
- S8 Trevor Moore, K, North Texas
- S15 Cody Clark, K, Middle Tennessee
- S22 Darvin Kidsy, PR, North Texas
- S29 Kevin Byard, PR, Middle Tennessee
- O6 J.J. Nelson, RS, UAB
- O13 Sean Ianno, K, UTSA
- O20 Corey Acosta, K, Southern Miss
- O27 J.J. Nelson, RS, UAB
- N3 Autrey Golden, KR, UTEP
- N10 J.J. Nelson, RS, UAB
- N17 Sean Ianno, K, UTSA
- N24 Richard Leonard, PR, FIU
- D1 J.J. Nelson, RS, UAB

EAST VS. WEST

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

- 2014: West 9, East 7
- 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



CONFERENCE USA QUICK HITTERS

C-USA ON NATIONAL TV

Conference USA has announced its preliminary television schedule for the 2014 football season.

The current confirmed schedule features more than 80 games to air nationally or regionally, with additional games to be added prior to the beginning of the season. National games will be televised on FOX Sports 1, Fox Sports Net (FSN), FOX College Sports, CBS Sports Network, ESPN, NBC and the new American Sports Network (ASN). Included are several unopposed windows that provide tremendous exposure to C-USA as well as numerous exciting league match-ups and many challenging non-conference contests.

The 2014 football season marks the fourth year of a multi-platform media rights agreement between Conference USA and FOX Sports to broadcast a minimum of 30 games. Games appear on FOX Sports 1, FOX's new national cable sports network, as well as FOX Sports Networks owned and affiliated regional networks, which reach more than 85 million homes, and FOX College Sports.

This season marks the 10th year of C-USA's partnership with CBS Sports Network that includes significant national and regional exposure for football, men's and women's basketball, and other C-USA sports. CBS Sports Network is the 24-hour home of CBS Sports and is available to more than 99 million households across the country.

American Sports Network (ASN) is a collegiate sports initiative owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. that will air 30 C-USA Football games this season on television stations throughout the nation. Sinclair, the largest and one of the most diversified television broadcasters in the country, owns and operates, programs and provides sales services to 162 television stations in 78 markets, reaching approximately 39% of U.S. television households and is affiliated with all the major broadcast networks.

The 2014 C-USA Championship game Saturday, December 6 is scheduled to air on either ESPN or ESPN 2. It marks the 10th straight year the C-USA Championship will air on the ESPN Family of Networks.

Additional C-USA television exposures remain a possibility (including games that are guaranteed to be televised as part of other conference's television packages), and will be released as soon as they are finalized. The following is a complete schedule of C-USA games to be aired on national television in 2014:

NATIONAL BROADCASTS

CBS SPORTS NETWORK NATIONAL SCHEDULE

Fri., Aug. 29 WKU 59, Bowling Green 31
 Thu., Sept. 11 Louisiana Tech 42, North Texas 21
 Sat., Sept. 13 Marshall 44, Ohio 14
 Sat., Sept. 27 WKU 36, Navy 27
 Sat., Oct. 11 Rice 41, Army 21
 Sat., Nov. 1 BYU 27, Middle Tennessee 7
 Thur., Nov. 13 UTSA 12, Southern Miss 10
 Sat., Nov. 15 WKU 52, Army 24
 Sat., Nov. 29 Louisiana Tech 76, Rice 31

FOX SPORTS 1 SCHEDULE

Thu., Sept. 4 Arizona 26, UTSA 23
 Sat., Sept. 6 Texas Tech 30, UTEP 26
 Sat., Sept. 13 Pittsburgh 42, FIU 25
 Sat., Sept. 20 Louisville 34, FIU 3
 Fri., Sept. 26 Middle Tennessee 41, ODU 28
 Sat., Oct. 25 Marshall 35, Florida Atlantic 16
 Sat., Nov. 15 UTEP 35, North Texas 17
 Fri., Nov. 21 Rice 31, UTEP 13
 Fri., Nov. 28 WKU 67, Marshall 66 (OT)

FOX SPORTS NET SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 6 North Texas 43, SMU 6
 Sat., Sept. 6 Mississippi State 47, UAB 34
 Sat., Sept. 13 Oklahoma State 43, UTSA 13
 Sat., Sept. 20 Old Dominion 45, Rice 42
 Sat., Sept. 27 Kansas State 58, UTEP 28
 Thu., Oct. 2 FIU 38, Florida Atlantic 10
 Sat., Oct. 4 Marshall 56, Old Dominion 14
 Sat., Oct. 11 Marshall 49, Middle Tennessee 24
 Sat., Oct. 18 Louisiana Tech 27, UTSA 20
 Sat., Oct. 25 Rice 41, North Texas 21
 Sat., Nov. 1 Louisiana Tech 59, WKU 10
 Sat., Nov. 8 Rice 17, UTSA 7
 Sat., Nov. 15 Marshall 41, Rice 14
 Sat., Nov. 22 WKU 45, UTSA 7
 Sat., Nov. 29 UTSA 34, North Texas 27

FOX COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 30 UAB 48, Troy 10
 Sat., Sept. 13 Florida Atlantic 50, Tulsa 21
 Sat., Sept. 27 Rice 41, Southern Miss 23
 Sat., Oct. 4 Louisiana Tech 55, UTEP 3
 Sat., Oct. 11 UTSA 16, FIU 13
 Sat., Oct. 18 Middle Tennessee 34, UAB 22
 Sat., Nov. 1 UTEP 35, Southern Miss 14
 Sat., Nov. 8 North Texas 31, Florida Atlantic 10
 Sat., Nov. 22 Old Dominion 30, Louisiana Tech 27

AMERICAN SPORTS NETWORK (ASN) SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 30 Old Dominion 41, Hampton 28
 Sat., Aug. 30 Bethune Cookman 14, FIU 12
 Sat., Sept. 6 Marshall 48, Rhode Island 7
 Sat., Sept. 13 UAB 41, Alabama A&M 14
 Sat., Sept. 13 UTEP 42, New Mexico State 24
 Sat., Sept. 20 North Texas 77, Nicholls State 3
 Sat., Sept. 20 Southern Miss 21, App. St. 20
 Sat., Sept. 27 FIU 34, UAB 20
 Sat., Oct. 4 Middle Tenn. 37, Southern Miss 31
 Sat., Oct. 4 New Mexico 21, UTSA 9
 Sat., Oct. 4 Rice 28, Hawai'i 14
 Sat., Oct. 11 UAB 56, North Texas 21
 Sat., Oct. 11 UTEP 42, Old Dominion 35
 Sat., Oct. 18 Florida Atlantic 45, WKU 38
 Sat., Oct. 18 Marshall 45, FIU 13
 Sat., Oct. 18 Southern Miss 30, North Texas 20
 Sat., Oct. 25 LA Tech 31, Southern Miss 20
 Sat., Oct. 25 UTEP 34, UTSA 0
 Sat., Nov. 1 Rice 31, FIU 17

Sat., Nov. 1 UAB 31, Florida Atlantic 28
 Sat., Nov. 8 Louisiana Tech 40, UAB 24
 Sat., Nov. 8 Old Dominion 38, FIU 35
 Sat., Nov. 8 Marshall 63, Southern Miss 17
 Sat., Nov. 15 FIU 38, Middle Tennessee 28
 Sat., Nov. 22 North Texas 17, FIU 14
 Sat., Nov. 22 Middle Tennessee 35, FAU 34
 Sat., Nov. 29 Old Dominion 31, FAU 28
 Sat., Nov. 29 UAB 45, Southern Miss 24
 Sat., Nov. 29 UTEP 24, Middle Tennessee 21

ESPN SCHEDULE

Sat., Dec. 20 Gilman New Mexico Bowl 1:20 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 23 Boca Raton Bowl 5 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 24 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl 11 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 24 Hawai'i Bowl 7 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 26 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl 12 p.m.

ESPN 2 SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 13 Alabama 52, Southern Miss 12
 Sat., Sept. 13 Texas A&M 38, Rice 10
 Sat., Dec. 6 C-USA Championship Game
 Marshall 26, LA Tech 23

ESPN U SCHEDULE

Fri., Aug. 29 UTSA 27, Houston 7
 Sat., Nov. 1 Vanderbilt 42, Old Dominion 28

ESPN 3 SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 30 Marshall 42, Miami (Ohio) 27
 Sat., Sept. 6 NC State 46, Old Dominion 34
 Sat., Sept. 6 LA Tech 48, Louisiana-Lafayette 20
 Sat., Sept. 13 Marshall 48, Akron 17
 Sat., Sept. 13 Memphis 36, Middle Tennessee 17

NBC SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 30 Notre Dame 48, Rice 17

BIG TEN NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 30 Nebraska 55, Florida Atlantic 7
 Sat., Sept. 6 Illinois 42, WKU 34
 Sat., Sept. 6 Minnesota 35, Middle Tennessee 24
 Sat., Oct. 4 Indiana 49, North Texas 24

SEC NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 30 Mississippi State 49, Southern Miss 0
 Sat. Sept. 6 Alabama 41, Florida Atlantic 0
 Sat., Sept. 27 Auburn 45, Louisiana Tech 17
 Sat., Oct. 25 Arkansas 45, UAB 17

LONGHORN NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 30 Texas 38, North Texas 7

MOUNTAIN WEST NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 20 Wyoming 20, Florida Atlantic 19

C-USA ON LOCAL TV

WVAH SCHEDULE (Huntington, W. Va.)

Sat., Nov. 22 Marshall 23, UAB 18

WUXP SCHEDULE (Nashville, Tenn.)

Sat., Sept. 13 Middle Tennessee 50, WKU 47 (3OT)

COX SPORTS SCHEDULE (Norfolk, Va.)

Sat., Sept. 13 Old Dominion 17, Eastern Michigan 3

KMYS (San Antonio)/ TW TEXAS SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 27 Florida Atlantic 41, UTSA 37

All Game Times Central



C-USA EXTRA POINTS

FIU PANTHERS

FIU closed out its season with a 4-8 record, finishing 3-5 in C-USA. Junior DB **Richard Leonard** was the first player in C-USA history to win Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Week twice in the same season. He registered four touchdowns on the year (two INTs, one fumble recovery, one punt return), recorded a school-record-tying five interceptions and averaged 25.7 yards per kickoff return and a nation-leading 23.8 yards per punt return. Sophomore TE **Jonnu Smith** finished the year with 61 catches for a team-best 710 yards, the most ever by an FIU tight end. His eight receiving touchdowns leads all FBS tight ends.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

The Owls lost their season finale in the final seconds to Old Dominion, 31-28. Senior WR **Lucky Whitehead** returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown, a career long punt return for him. It was the first punt return TD by an FAU player since Nov. 17, 2001 and the second-longest in school history. Senior RB **Tony Moore** (83 rushing yards), junior QB **Jaquez Johnson** (75 yards) and sophomore RB **Jay Warren** (37 yards) all ran for touchdowns in the game.

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Senior QB **Rakeem Cato's** five-yard touchdown pass to freshman WR **Deon-Tay McManus** in the corner of the end zone with 1:50 to play rallied Marshall to a 26-23 victory over Louisiana Tech in the C-USA Football Championship Game and earned the Thundering Herd its first C-USA title. Cato finished 25-of-46 for 308 yards, hitting longtime teammate **Tommy Shuler** seven times for 84 yards. Senior K **Justin Haig** was named MVP after setting a C-USA Championship record with four field goals, while becoming the first player in title game annals to hit three field goals from 40 yards or longer. The Herd are just the fourth team in C-USA history to win 12 games in a season.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

The Blue Raiders dropped a 24-21 decision at UTEP. MT rushed for 259 yards and had 358 yards of total offense. Sophomore QB **Austin Grammer** led the ground attack with 106 yards on 12 carries, while sophomore RB **Shane Tucker** added 101 yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns. Tucker now has 12 TDs this season and has scored 17 times in 17 career games. It was Grammer's third 100-yard rushing outing this season and he was 9-of-16 for 99 yards passing. Middle Tennessee recorded its fifth blocked kick of 2014 with a blocked punt in the third quarter.

OLD DOMINION MONARCHS

The Monarchs won on the final play for the third-straight game, leveling their record at 6-6 with a 31-28 victory at Florida Atlantic. Senior QB **Taylor Heinicke** finished the day 32-of-50 for 282 yards and three touchdowns, moving into fourth place on the NCAA's all-time passing TD list with 132 in his career. Sophomore RB **Ray Lowry** had 25 carries for a career-high 213 yards (second-most in school history), including a career-long 61-yard touchdown run. He has 16 rushing TDs on the year. Senior WR **Antonio Vaughan** had six catches for 44 yards and became the first ODU receiver to top 1,000 yards for the season (1,019).

UAB BLAZERS

The Blazers reached bowl-eligibility for the first time since 2004 with a 45-24 win at Southern Miss. UAB has enjoyed a four-game win increase in the first season under head coach **Bill Clark**. The Blazers totaled more than 500 yards for the third time this season after racking up 547 yards against the Golden Eagles. Sophomore RB **Jordan Howard** set a new school-record by rushing for 262 yards on. His 13th rushing score tied the UAB single-season mark held by current Carolina Panther Darrin Reaves (2012). Howard also became the Blazers' single-season leader in rushing yards, moving ahead of quarterback Joe Webb (1,427 yards, 2009). Howard now has 1,587 rushing yards this season. Senior **J.J. Nelson** had a kickoff return for a touchdown and also caught a TD pass.

WKU HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers won their fourth straight game with a 67-66 overtime victory at No. 19 Marshall, marking the program's first win over a ranked team in the FBS era. Senior QB **Brandon Doughty** set a WKU record with eight touchdown passes. He finished the day 34-of-50 with 491 yards and eight TDs. Doughty completed 12-of-15 passes for 215 yards and four touchdowns in the first quarter alone. Junior RB **Leon Allen** rushed for 237 yards on 33 carries, while adding 51 yards receiving with a pair of scores. Allen has 650 rushing yards in WKU's last three

and has scored eight TDs during WKU's four game winning streak. Junior WR **Jared Dangerfield** had eight catches for 117 yards and two touchdowns, while sophomore **Taywan Taylor** had four receptions for 122 yards and a score. WKU's 738 yards set a new school record and marked the third time it has eclipsed 700 yards in 2014. Sophomore DB **Branden Leston** intercepted a career-high three passes and tallied eight tackles.

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs won the West Division title and played in their first C-USA Championship Game, falling at Marshall in the final two minutes, 26-23. The LA Tech defense forced four turnovers against the Herd and junior RB **Kenneth Dixon** made the most of those on the offensive side, scoring three touchdowns, two off Herd turnovers and one following a punt block. He rushed for 156 yards on 20 carries and now ranks second in Bulldog history for career rushing yards with 3,347, just five yards shy of the school record. Junior LB **Nick Thomason** led the Louisiana Tech defense with 12 total tackles, a half sack, two quarterback hurries and one interception. As a team, LA Tech had six tackles for a loss and forced two fumbles. With three fumbles and one interception, LA Tech's defense has now forced 40 turnovers forced this season, a mark that currently leads the nation.

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

The Mean Green's second-half rally fell short in a 34-27 loss at UTSA. Sophomore QB **Andrew McNulty** was 24-of-43 for a career-high 287 yards and a touchdown. Senior WR **Carlos Harris** was over 100 yards receiving for the third time this year, catching 10 passes for 131 yards. True freshman RB **Jeffrey Wilson** topped the century mark rushing for the first time in his career, carrying for 105 yards on 19 carries. Senior LB **Derek Akunne** finished his senior season with a Conference-USA-leading 108 tackles, and concluded his career with 308 tackles.

RICE OWLS

The Owls fell at Louisiana Tech Saturday, 76-31. Senior WR **Jordan Taylor** topped the 100-yard mark for the fourth time this season and the eighth time in his career with 10 receptions for 136 yards. He also moved into second place on the Rice list for career receiving touchdowns with his 19th. Senior WR **Mario Hull** had his first career game with two touchdown receptions. Junior QB **Driphus Jackson** threw for a career-high 337 yards and matched his career-best with three TD passes. Rice finished the regular season with 344 points and 4,727 yards of total offense, both the eighth-most in school history.

SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

The Golden Eagles fell to UAB, 45-24. Sophomore QB **Nick Mullens** Tallied 263 yards passing, marking his 14th career 200-yard passing games in 16 starts. This season, Mullens has collected 200-yard passing games in nine of 10 starts. Freshman **Michael Thomas** returned a kickoff for 100 yards and a TD, USM's first kickoff returned for a score since Sept. 1, 2012. Junior RB **Jalen Richard** had 123 total yards, scoring once on the ground and once through the air.

UTEP MINERS

The Miners defeated Middle Tennessee, 24-21, to finish 5-1 at home this season and guarantee the program's first winning season since 2005. Sophomore RB **Aaron Jones** tallied 147 yards on 29 carries and one touchdown, while also scoring on a 72-yard reception from senior QB **Jamiell Showers**. It was the ninth-career 100-yard game for Jones, who has 1,233 yards rushing in 2014, the sixth-best single season performance in program history. Showers added a career-best 59 rushing yards on 10 carries, along with the go-ahead touchdown. UTEP rushed for 250 yards on the night. It was the seventh time the Miners rushed for 200+ yards in a game this season.

UTSA ROADRUNNERS

UTSA racked up a season-high 452 yards of offense to top North Texas, 34-27. Senior QB **Tucker Carter** completed 18-of-29 passes for a career-high 277 yards and two touchdowns to go along with a scoring run. He completed his 18 passes to 11 different receivers, as 19 Roadrunners caught a pass this season. Senior RB **David Glasco II** just missed out on a 100-yard day with 99 yards and a touchdown on 15 attempts, and senior RB **Brandon Armstrong** added another 67 yards and a score as UTSA piled up a season-high 175 yards on the ground. Senior S **Triston Wade** had five tackles and a pass breakup. He led the Runners with 86 tackles, 47 solo stops, four interceptions, 14 passes defended and a pair of fumble recoveries.



C-USA BOWL PARTNERS



**COLLEGE FOOTBALL
PLAYOFF**

C-USA BOWL SYNOPSIS

Conference USA has five primary agreements and one secondary agreement for the 2014 season. The Bahamas, Boca Raton, Gildan New Mexico, Heart of Dallas and Sheraton Hawai'i Bowls are primary agreements. The Duck Commander Independence Bowl is a secondary agreement.

Conference USA's champion will select which bowl it would like to attend and the remainder of the selections will follow after that, with no particular set order. C-USA teams with seven or more wins will be placed in bowls prior to 6-6 teams.

C-USA and the College Football Playoff

As a member of the College Football Playoff, Conference USA will be a part of one of the College Football Playoff bowls if it has the highest rated champion from among the American, C-USA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt Conferences.

The Playoff

Beginning with the 2014-15 season, college football will enter a new era when a postseason playoff will begin. The format is simple: top four teams, two semifinals played in bowl games, and a national championship game played in a different city each year. Each semifinal will be played during the New Year's holiday with the national championship game in prime time on a Monday night at least a week later. It will be the best of all worlds, and the biggest innovation to the sport in decades.

The Selection Committee

A selection committee will choose the four teams for the playoff based on their performance during the regular season, including, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, championships won, and other factors. The teams will be seeded so that No. 1 will play No. 4 in one semifinal and No. 2 will meet No. 3 in the other, with the winners advancing to the national championship game.

The Rotation

The semifinals will rotate among six different bowls, extending the experience to more fans. In the years when the bowls are not hosting semifinals, the bowls will feature eight other teams in four compelling matchups.

For the 2014-15 season, the Orange Bowl (Dec. 31), Peach Bowl (Dec. 31), Fiesta Bowl (Dec. 31) and Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1) will host its regular bowl games, while the Rose Bowl (Jan. 1) and Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1) will host semifinals. The College Football Championship will be held on Monday, Jan. 12 in Arlington, Texas.

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL

Conference USA will be a part of the inaugural Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, kicking off on the afternoon of Dec. 24, 2014 at the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. Named for the Olympic track



& field star, the stadium currently has a capacity of 15,000 people, but has the ability to be expanded... C-USA will face an opponent from the Mid-American Conference this year, but the American, Mountain West and Sun Belt are also currently scheduled to be a part of the game over the next six years... The game is based in Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, and the average high temperature in December is 79 degrees... The 2014 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl is the first postseason FBS bowl game outside of either the United States or Canada between two U.S. teams since the Jan. 1, 1937, Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba, a 7-7 tie between Auburn and Villanova.

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL FACTS

Nassau, Bahamas
Date: Dec. 24, 2014
Time: 12 p.m. EST
Stadium: Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (15,000)
Network: ESPN
Opponent: Mid-American Selection
Phone: 404-668-7485
Executive Director: Lea Miller
Mailing Address: 5201 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 300 Irving, TX 75063
Director of Communications: Chris Pika
Website: www.popeyesbahamasbowl.com
Facebook: PopeyesBahamasBowl
Twitter: @TheBahamasBowl

PREVIOUS RESULTS

First season

BOCA RATON BOWL

Conference USA will be a part of the inaugural Boca Raton Bowl, which will be played on Dec. 23... The game will be held at three-year old FAU Stadium, the home of C-USA member Florida Atlantic... C-USA will face an opponent from the Mid-American Conference in the inaugural game, with the American Athletic Conference also scheduled to be a part of the game during the next six years.



BOCA RATON BOWL FACTS

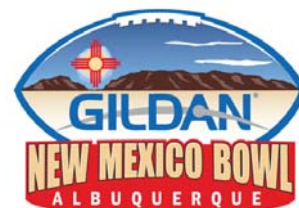
Boca Raton, Florida
Date: Dec. 23, 2014
Time: 6 p.m. EST
Stadium: FAU Stadium (29,419)
Network: ESPN
Opponent: Mid-American Selection
Phone: TBA
Executive Director: Doug Mosley
Mailing Address: TBA
Media Relations Director: Jena LaMendola
Website: www.thebocaratonbowl.com
Facebook: Boca Raton Bowl
Twitter: @BocaBowl

PREVIOUS RESULTS

First season

GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL

Conference USA will enter its first year as a primary partner with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl and is scheduled to send a team to Albuquerque all



six seasons between 2014 and 2019. C-USA will face a representative from the Mountain West Conference each season at University Stadium on the campus of the University of New Mexico... C-USA has participated in the New Mexico Bowl once before, as UTEP met its former conference rival BYU in 2010... This year's game will mark the ninth in the bowl's history, which has produced two of the highest scoring and most exciting comeback finishes among all bowl games in each of the past two years... This bowl will once again be played on the opening day of the bowl season, which it has several times during its existence.

NEW MEXICO BOWL FACTS

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Date: Dec. 20, 2014
Time: 12:20 p.m. MST
Stadium: University Stadium (37,792)
Network: ESPN
Opponent: Mountain West Selection
Phone: 505-925-5999
Executive Director: Jeff Siembieda
Director of Operations: Cary Colbert
Chairman of the Board: Rudy Davalos
Media Relations Director: RaeAnn McKernan
Mailing Address: 801 University SE Ste. 104 Albuquerque, NM 87106
Website: www.gildannewmexicobowl.com
Facebook: NewMexicoBowl
Twitter: @GildanNMBowl



C-USA BOWL PARTNERS

PREVIOUS RESULTS

- 2013 Colorado State 48, Washington State 45
- 2012 Arizona 49, Nevada 48
- 2011 Temple 37, Wyoming 15
- 2010 BYU 52, UTEP 24
- 2009 Wyoming 35, Fresno State 28 (2OT)
- 2008 Colorado State 40, Fresno State 35
- 2007 New Mexico 23, Nevada 0
- 2006 San Jose State 20, New Mexico 12

ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

Conference USA is slated to play an opponent from the Big Ten Conference in the fifth annual Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl on December 26... Last year, North Texas celebrated its return to postseason play with a 36-14 win over UNLV in front of a partisan Mean Green crowd at Cotton Bowl Stadium... In 2012, Oklahoma State defeated Purdue in the game, which was re-named and re-branded to benefit organizations working to eradicate homelessness in Dallas... Conference USA made its first appearance in the bowl on Jan. 1, 2012, when No. 17 Houston concluded a 13-1 season with a win over No. 22 Penn State in a matchup of nationally-ranked teams. It was one of just nine bowl games during the 2011-12 bowl season that matched two top 25 squads... After a one-year absence college football postseason action returned to the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas on New Year's Day 2011, when Texas Tech defeated Northwestern in the inaugural TicketCity Bowl.



ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL FACTS

Dallas, Texas
 Date: Dec. 26, 2014
 Time: 12 p.m. CST
 Stadium: Cotton Bowl
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: Big Ten Selection
 Phone: 214-389-4299
 Executive Director: Brant Ringler
 Operations & Events: Scott Pomeroy
 Supervisor, Sales and Marketing: Bryan Delgado
 Assoc. Manager of Events: Monty Clegg
 Ticket Manager: Trisha Branch
 Mailing Address: 2633 McKinney Ave. #130-341 Dallas, Texas 75204
 Media Operations Coordinator: Tim Simmons
 Phone: 303-678-8484
 Website: www.theheartofdallasbowl.com
 Facebook: theheartofdallas
 Twitter: @HODBowI

PREVIOUS RESULTS

- 2013 North Texas 36, UNLV 14
- 2012 Oklahoma State 58, Purdue 14
- 2011 Houston 30, Penn State 14
- 2010 Texas Tech 45, Northwestern 38

HAWAII BOWL

The Hawai'i Bowl enters its 13th year and this will mark the 10th time that C-USA will be a part of the Christmas Eve game... In its first 12 years, the Hawai'i Bowl has gained a reputation for offensive shootouts, with the winning team topping the 40-point mark in nine of the first 12 years, while the losing team has scored 35 or more points five times... In 2012, SMU posted its second convincing Hawai'i Bowl victory in four years, defeating Fresno State, 43-10... In 2011, C-USA Champion Southern Miss posted its school-record 12th victory with a 24-17 win over Nevada... In 2010, Tulsa closed out its season with a seventh straight victory, defeating home-standing and 25th-ranked Hawai'i, 62-35... In 2009, June Jones and his SMU Mustangs capped off the nation's largest turnaround by defeating Nevada, 45-10... East Carolina won the 2007 game, as current Tennessee Titans star RB Chris Johnson led the Pirates to a 41-38 win over No. 22 Boise State... UCF and UAB each made their first bowl appearances in school history in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, in 2005 and 2004, respectively... Hawai'i prevailed in 2003, 54-48, in triple overtime over Houston... In 2002, Tulane represented C-USA in the inaugural Hawai'i Bowl, upsetting Hawai'i on its home field, 36-28.



HAWAII BOWL FACTS

Honolulu, Hawai'i
 Date: Dec. 24, 2014
 Time: 3 p.m. HST (8 p.m. EST)
 Stadium: Hawaiian Airlines Field at Aloha Stadium (50,000)
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: Mountain West Conference Selection
 Executive Director: David A.K. Matlin
 Assoc. Executive Director: Daryl Garvin
 Director of Ticketing and Operations: Brad Motooka
 Event Manager: Tamarah Tabor
 Media Relations Director: Derek Inouchi
 Phone: 808-523-3688
 FAX: 808-523-3712
 Mailing Address: 841 Bishop Street, Suite 2100 Honolulu, HI 96813
 Website: www.sheratonhawaiibowl.com
 Facebook: SheratonHawaiiBowl
 Twitter: @HawaiiBowl

Past Results:

- 2013 Oregon State 38, Boise State 23
- 2012 SMU 43, Fresno State 10
- 2011 Southern Miss 24, Nevada 17
- 2010 Tulsa 62, Hawai'i 35
- 2009 SMU 45, Nevada 10
- 2008 Notre Dame 49, Hawai'i 21
- 2007 East Carolina 41, Boise State 38
- 2006 Hawai'i 41, Arizona State 24
- 2005 Nevada 49, UCF 48 (OT)
- 2004 Hawai'i 59, UAB 40
- 2003 Hawai'i 54, Houston 48 (3OT)
- 2002 Tulane 36, Hawai'i 28

DUCK COMMANDER INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Conference USA enters a new secondary partnership with the Duck Commander Independence Bowl, played at Independence Stadium in Shreveport, Louisiana. Conference USA will provide a surplus team to the bowl in the event the Southeastern Conference or Atlantic Coast Conference are unable to provide a team... The game was established in 1976 and named the Independence Bowl in honor of the nation's Bicentennial year. It is the nation's 11th-oldest bowl game. Current C-USA members Louisiana Tech, Southern Miss and UTEP have previously played in the Independence Bowl.



DUCK COMMANDER INDEPENDENCE BOWL FACTS

Shreveport, Louisiana
 Date: Dec. 27, 2014
 Time: 3 p.m. CST
 Stadium: Independence Stadium (48,975)
 Network: ESPN 2
 Opponent: ACC or SEC Selection
 Phone: 318-221-0712
 Executive Director: Missy Setters
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 Website: www.independencebowl.org
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PREVIOUS RESULTS INVOLVING C-USA SCHOOLS

- 2008 Louisiana Tech 17, Northern Illinois 10
- 1990 Louisiana Tech 34, Maryland 34
- 1988 Southern Miss 38, UTEP 18
- 1980 Southern Miss 16, McNeese State 14
- 1978 East Carolina 35, Louisiana Tech 13
- 1977 Louisiana Tech 24, Louisville 14



C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

C-USA BOWL OVERVIEW 2014-2019

Conference USA will have 10 bowl affiliations through the 2019 season, securing a minimum of five berths annually and offering fans a number of great destinations between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

Conference USA has agreements with three new bowls: the Bahamas Bowl, Boca Raton Bowl and Miami Beach Bowl, along with a first-time agreement with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl in Albuquerque. Additionally, C-USA maintains relationships with three ESPN-owned bowls: Beef `O` Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Florida, Heart of Dallas Bowl, and the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl in Honolulu, as well as the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

Conference USA has secondary agreements with two bowls also located within the league's footprint, giving teams the opportunities to participate in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas and the Duck Commander Independence Bowl in Shreveport, Louisiana.

In these bowls, Conference USA will have the opportunity to face opponents from the American Athletic, Big 12, Big Ten, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt Conferences.

WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at C-USA overtime games in 2014 and all-time:

2014 C-USA Overtimes

S13 Middle Tennessee 50, WKU 47 (3OT)
N22 Old Dominion 30, Louisiana Tech 27 (OT)
N28 WKU 67, Marshall 66 (OT)

Overtime Records - 1996-2014

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



2014 C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Conference USA will host its 10th football championship game in 2014.

The event is slated for Saturday, Dec. 6 at Noon EST/11 a.m. CST, and will be televised by ESPN 2. East Division champion Marshall will host West Division champion Louisiana Tech at Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington, West Va..

Five different schools have hosted the first nine championship games.

Rice won its first Conference USA Football Championship last season with a victory over Marshall at Rice Stadium. Southern Miss won the 2011 C-USA Championship, when the nationally-ranked Golden Eagles defeated previously undefeated Houston on the Cougars home field. Former members East Carolina, Tulsa and UCF each won two championship games, while Houston claimed one crown.

Year Champion (C-USA Record)

2013	Rice (7-1)
2012	Tulsa (7-1)
2011	Southern Miss (7-1)
2010	UCF (7-1)
2009	East Carolina (6-2)
2008	East Carolina (6-2)
2007	UCF (7-1)
2006	Houston (7-1)
2005	Tulsa (6-2)
2004	Louisville (8-0)
2003	Southern Miss (8-0)
2002	TCU (6-2)
	Cincinnati (6-2)
2001	Louisville (6-1)
2000	Louisville (6-1)
1999	Southern Miss (6-0)
1998	Tulane (6-0)
1997	Southern Miss (6-0)
1996	Houston (4-1)
	Southern Miss (4-1)

C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, Dec. 6
Time: Noon EST
ESPN 2

EAST

FIU
FLORIDA ATLANTIC
MARSHALL
MIDDLE TENNESSEE
OLD DOMINION
UAB
WKU

WEST

LOUISIANA TECH
NORTH TEXAS
RICE
SOUTHERN MISS
UTEP
UTSA

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Members of the media that wish to cover the C-USA Championship game will be required to request credentials through the league's online credential application system available at conferenceusa.com/MediaCenter.

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

C-USA STADIUMS

FIU	FIU Stadium (20,000)
Florida Atlantic	FAU Stadium (29,419)
Louisiana Tech	Joe Aillet Stadium (30,600)
Marshall	Joan C. Edwards Stadium (38,019)
Middle Tennessee	Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium (30,788)
North Texas	Apogee Stadium (30,850)
Old Dominion	S.B. Ballard Stadium (20,068)
Rice	Rice Stadium (47,000)
Southern Miss	M.M. Roberts Stadium (36,000)
UAB	Legion Field (72,000)
UTEP	Sun Bowl (51,500)
UTSA	Alamodome (65,000)
WKU	Houchens Industries/L.T. Smith Stadium (22,113)



INSTANT REPLAY/FUTURE MEMBER

INSTANT REPLAY

Conference USA uses the instant replay program implemented in 2005. For 2014, C-USA will use the model adopted by all FBS conferences which relies on a replay official (RO) to both call for the instant replay and have the final decision upon review.

The RO will have access to the referee through a vibrating pager. When the RO feels there is a call that warrants a review and the play is reviewable, he will page the referee.

The referee will kill the clock and announce that a ruling on the field is being reviewed. The RO will then review all aspects of the play and can change the original call or allow it to stand. The RO, as well as the communicator (CO), and technician (at a minimum), will be utilized to insure that all plays are reviewed in an efficient and timely manner.

In addition to the RO having the ability to change a call rather than the referee, the other significant difference to the Conference USA instant replay policy relates to a coaches challenge.

Coaches will be allowed to challenge an on-field ruling once per game. A coach may initiate a challenge by calling a time out (if he has a time out available) and informing the referee prior to the ball being put back in play. If the on-field ruling is reversed, that team's time out will not be charged.

There will be no clock adjustments unless there is a replay reversal on a play that ran time off the clock and, upon further review, the clock would have been stopped. The referee and RO will confirm the correct time and communicate it to the timer.

Instant replay is a very unique situation and there are many aspects to it. C-USA replay officials, referees and communicators were provided with intensive training at a clinic prior to the start of the season.

NO DOUGHTING HIM

In his first three games as a member of C-USA, WKU senior QB **Brandon Doughty** tied the C-USA single game record with six TD passes in his first game (vs. Bowling Green on Aug. 29), accomplished eight times previously, and broke the single-game passing yardage record in his third game (at Middle Tennessee on Sept. 13), after posting the fourth-highest total in his first game.

MOST PASSING YARDS GAME

- 593** **Brandon Doughty, WKU at Middle Tennessee 9-13-14 (43 of 66)**
- 592 Chris Redman, Louisville at East Carolina 11-14-98 (44 of 56)
- 580 David Piland, Houston vs. Louisiana Tech 9-8-12 (53 of 77)
- 569** **Brandon Doughty, WKU vs. Bowling Green 8-29-31 (46 of 63)**
- 559 Case Keenum, Houston vs. Southern Miss 10-31-09 (44 of 54)

THE FUTURE OF C-USA

The league will be a 13-team configuration for the 2014 season and a 14-team conference for the 2015 season.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a charter member of C-USA in 1995, returned to the conference last fall in all sports but football. Charlotte 49ers football will join Conference USA for the 2015 football season. The 49ers football program completed its inaugural season in 2013, playing before sellout crowds in all its home games. Located a few miles north of downtown Charlotte, the school has an enrollment of 26,571 students and sponsors 17 NCAA Division I sports.

Charlotte's football program will become a football-playing member of C-USA for the 2015 season.

2015 MEMBERS

- Charlotte
- FIU
- Florida Atlantic
- Louisiana Tech
- Marshall
- Middle Tennessee
- North Texas
- Old Dominion
- Rice
- Southern Miss
- UAB
- UTEP
- UTSA
- WKU

CHARLOTTE 49ERS

Location: Charlotte, N.C.
 Founded: 1946
 Enrollment: 25,063
 Colors: Green and White
 First Year of Football: 2013
 2013 Record: 5-6
 Coach: Brad Lambert
 Athletics Director: Judy Rose
 Stadium: Jerry Richardson Stadium (15,300)
 Surface: FieldTurf
 Basic Offense: Spread
 Basic Defense: 3-4

2014 Schedule (5-6)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
Aug. 28 (Thu.)	at Campbell	W, 33-9
Sept. 6	JOHNSON C. SMITH	W, 56-0
Sept. 13	at N.C. Central	W, 40-28
Sept. 20	at Elon	L, 13-20
Sept. 27	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN L	41-47 (OT)
Oct. 4	at Gardner-Webb	L, 27-24
Oct. 11	at The Citadel	L, 56-63
Oct. 25	JAMES MADISON	L, 40-48
Nov. 8	COASTAL CAROLINA	L, 34-59
Nov. 15	WESLEY COLLEGE	W, 38-33
Nov. 22	MOREHEAD STATE	W, 52-14

COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

All 13 Conference USA head football coaches were featured on a teleconference Monday, August 25. The only other teleconference during the 2014 season will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and will feature the head coaches of the two teams participating in the 2014 C-USA Football Championship Game.

In lieu of a weekly teleconference, the C-USA office provides coaches quotes each Monday and Tuesday during the season. Those quotes will be emailed to media members and available on ConferenceUSA.com.

PRESEASON ALL-C-USA

SELECTIONS *(selected by league coaches)*

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Rakeem Cato, Sr., QB, Marshall

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

James Rouse, Sr., DL, Marshall

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Parker Mullins, Sr., P, UAB

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

- QB Rakeem Cato, Sr., Marshall
- RB Kenneth Dixon, Jr., Louisiana Tech
- RB Aaron Jones, So., UTEP
- OL Scott Inskeep, Sr., UTSA
- OL Chris Jasperse, Sr., Marshall
- OL Cyril Lemon, Sr., North Texas
- OL Clint Van Horn, Jr., Marshall
- OL Mason Y'Barbo, Sr., North Texas
- WR Jamarcus Nelson, Sr., UAB
- WR Tommy Shuler, Sr., Marshall
- WR Jordan Taylor, Sr., Rice
- TE Eric Tomlinson, Sr., UTEP

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

- DL Vernon Butler, Jr., Louisiana Tech
- DL Christian Covington, Jr., Rice
- DL Ra'Shawde Myers, Sr., Marshall
- DL James Rouse, Sr., Marshall
- LB T.T. Barber, Sr., Middle Tennessee
- LB Evan McKelvey, Sr., Marshall
- LB Andrae Kirk, Jr., Florida Atlantic
- DB Kevin Byard, Jr., Middle Tennessee
- DB Bryce Callahan, Sr., Rice
- DB D'Joun Smith, Sr., Florida Atlantic
- DB Triston Wade, Sr., UTSA

FIRST TEAM SPECIAL TEAMS

- K Sean Ianno, Sr., UTSA
- P Hunter Mullins, Sr., UAB
- KR Autrey Golden, Jr., UTEP
- PR Kenny Harrison, Sr., UTSA
- LS Jesse Medrano, Sr., UTSA

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

EAST DIVISION		Pts
1.	Marshall	91
2.	Middle Tennessee	73
3.	Florida Atlantic	60
4.	WKU	57
5.	Old Dominion	33
6.	UAB	31
7.	FIU	19

WEST DIVISION		Pts
1.	North Texas	66
2.	Rice	65
3.	UTSA	62
4.	Louisiana Tech	38
5.	Southern Miss	24
6.	UTEP	18



MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Video highlights from each Conference USA school will be available through XOS Video exchange during the 2014 season. By Noon CDT Monday afternoons during the season each school will upload several minutes of footage to XOS for television stations to download and use. Schools may also post additional footage at times during the week.

Please contact the C-USA media relations department for more information.

C-USA AUDIO UPDATES

Conference USA produces a weekly audio football show entitled "Talking Conference USA Football," that is syndicated throughout Conference USA markets.

The league also produces a daily audio update entitled "Today in Conference USA" that focuses on football as well as all C-USA sports. It also appears on the syndicated network.

Bill Hazen serves as the host and producer of both programs.

Both of these shows are available for download on C-USA's podcast channel:

<http://conferenceusa.cstv.com/podcasts/c-usa-podcasts.html>

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION

Media may contact the Conference USA office by phone (214-774-1300) or e-mail to be included on the league's e-mail lists for releases and information.

Statistics are updated on Sundays, weekly notes on Mondays, game previews on Tuesdays and press conference quotes on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please contact Russell Anderson (rdanderson@c-usa.org) in the conference office with requests or questions.

COLLEGE PRESSBOX.COM

Collegepressbox.com is the official media website for Conference USA football. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides and more for the conference and each of its 13 member schools throughout the season. Login information will be distributed to accredited media or you can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to: password@collegepressbox.com.

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SINCE 2005 EVERYTHING BUT THE PRE-GAME MEAL

FLAGSHIP RADIO STATIONS

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

School	Station	Signal	PxP
FIU	FIUSports.com		Pete Pelegrin
Florida Atlantic	ESPN-FM	106.3	Ken LaVicka
Louisiana Tech	KXKZ-FM	107.5	Dave Nitz
Marshall	WDGG-FM	93.7	Steve Cotton
Middle Tenn.	WPRT-FM	102.5	Chip Walters
North Texas	KNTU-FM	88.1	George Dunham
	KGAF-AM	1580	
Old Dominion	ESPN Radio	94.1	Ted Alexander
Rice	KGOW-FM	1560	J.P. Heath
Southern Miss	WXRR-FM	104.5	John Cox
UAB	WUHT-FM	107.7	David Crane
UTEP	KOFX-FM	92.3	Jon Teicher
	*ESPN Deportes	1650	Harry Ruiz
UTSA	KTKR-AM	760	Andy Everett
	KBUC-FM	92.5/93.3	(alternate)
	*K272EK	102.3	Jorge Rodriguez
WKU	WPTQ-FM	105.3	Randy Lee

*Spanish station

C-USA WEBSITES

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

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:

FIU	@FIUFootball
Florida Atlantic	@FAUOwlAthletics
Louisiana Tech	@LATechFB
Marshall	@HerdFB
Middle Tennessee	@MT_FB
North Texas	@MeanGreenFB
Old Dominion	@ODUFootball
Rice	@RiceFootballI
Southern Miss	@SouthernMissFB
UAB	@UAB_Football
UTEP	@UTEPFootball
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WKU	@WKUFootball

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C-USA EAST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	BETHUNE-COOKMAN (ASN)	L 12-14	0-1	
S6	WAGNER	W 34-3	1-1	
S13	PITTSBURGH (FS1)	L 25-42	1-2	
S20	LOUISVILLE (FS1)	L 3-34	1-3	
S27	→at UAB (ASN)	W 34-20	2-3	
O2 (Thu.)	→FLORIDA ATLANTIC (FSN)	W 38-10	3-3	
O11	→at UTSA (FCS)	L 13-16	3-4	
O18	→(24) MARSHALL (ASN)	L 13-45	3-5	
N1	→RICE (ASN)	L 17-31	3-6	
N8	→at Old Dominion (ASN)	L 35-38	3-7	
N15	→MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ASN)	W 38-28	4-7	
N22	→at North Texas (ASN)	L 14-17	4-8	

OLD DOMINION (6-6, 4-4 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	HAMPTON (ASN)	W 41-28	1-0	
S6	at NC State (ESPN3)	L 34-46	1-1	
S13	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 17-3	2-1	
S20	→at Rice (FSN)	W 45-42	3-1	
S26 (Fri.)	→MIDDLE TENNESSEE (FS1)	L 28-41	3-2	
O4	→MARSHALL (FSN)	L 14-56	3-3	
O11	→at UTEP	L 35-42	3-4	
O25	→at WKU	L 51-66	3-5	
N1	at Vanderbilt (ESPN U)	L 28-42	3-6	
N8	→FIU (ASN)	W 38-35	4-6	
N22	→LOUISIANA TECH (FCS)	W 30-27 (ot)	5-6	
N29	→at Florida Atlantic (ASN)	W 31-28	6-6	

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	at (22) Nebraska (BTN)	L 7-55	0-1	
S6	at Alabama (SEC Network)	L 0-41	0-2	
S13	TULSA (FCS)	W 50-21	1-2	
S20	at Wyoming (Mtn. West Net)	L 19-20	1-3	
S27	→UTSA	W 41-37	2-3	
O2 (Thu.)	→at FIU (FSN)	L 10-38	2-4	
O18	→WKU (ASN)	W 45-38	3-4	
O25	→at (22) Marshall (FS1)	L 16-35	3-5	
N1	→UAB (ASN)	L 28-31	3-6	
N8	→at North Texas (FCS)	L 10-31	3-7	
N22	→at Middle Tennessee (ASN)	L 34-35	3-8	
N29	→OLD DOMINION (ASN)	L 28-31	3-9	

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	TROY (FCS)	W 48-10	1-0	
S6	at Mississippi State (FSN)	L 34-47	1-1	
S13	ALABAMA A&M (ASN)	W 41-14	2-1	
S27	→FIU (ASN)	L 20-34	2-2	
O4	→at WKU	W 42-39	3-2	
O11	→NORTH TEXAS (ASN)	W 56-21	4-2	
O18	→at Middle Tennessee (FCS)	L 22-34	4-3	
O25	at Arkansas (SEC Network)	L 17-45	4-4	
N1	→at Florida Atlantic (ASN)	W 31-28	5-4	
N8	→LOUISIANA TECH (ASN)	L 24-40	5-5	
N22	→(18) MARSHALL (WVAH)	L 18-23	5-6	
N29	→at Southern Miss (ASN)	W 45-24	6-6	

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	at Miami (Ohio) (ESPN3)	W 42-27	1-0	
S6	RHODE ISLAND (ASN)	W 48-7	2-0	
S13	OHIO (CBSSN)	W 44-14	3-0	
S20	at Akron (ESPN3)	W 48-17	4-0	
O4	→at Old Dominion (FSN)	W 56-14	5-0	
O11	→MIDDLE TENNESSEE (FSN)	W 49-24	6-0	
O18	→at FIU (ASN)	W 45-13	7-0	
O25	→FLORIDA ATLANTIC (FS1)	W 35-16	8-0	
N8	→at Southern Miss (ASN)	W 63-17	9-0	
N15	→RICE (FSN)	W 41-14	10-0	
N22	→at UAB (WVAH)	W 23-18	11-0	
N28 (Fri.)	→WKU (FS1)	L 66-67 (ot)	11-1	
D6	LA TECH (C-USA Champ.) (ESPN 2)	W 26-23	12-1	
D23	vs. Northern Illinois (Boca Raton Bowl)		6:00p	

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A29 (Fri.)	BOWLING GREEN (CBSSN)	W 59-31	1-0	
S6	at Illinois (Big Ten Network)	L 34-42	1-1	
S13	→at Middle Tennessee (WUXP)	L 47-50 (3ot)	1-2	
S27	at Navy (CBSSN)	W 36-27	2-2	
O4	→UAB	L 39-42	2-3	
O18	→at Florida Atlantic (ASN)	L 38-45	2-4	
O25	→OLD DOMINION	W 66-51	3-4	
N1	→at Louisiana Tech (FSN)	L 10-59	3-5	
N8	→UTEP	W 35-27	4-5	
N15	ARMY (CBSSN)	W 52-24	5-5	
N22	→UTSA (FSN)	W 45-7	6-5	
N28 (Fri.)	→at (19) Marshall (FS1)	W 67-66 (ot)	7-5	
D24	vs. Central Mich. (Popeyes Bahamas Bowl)		12:00p	

All times are Eastern and subject to change

All times are Central and subject to change

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-6, 5-3 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	SAVANNAH STATE	W 61-7	1-0	
S6	at Minnesota (Big Ten Network)	L 24-35	1-1	
S13	→WKU (WUXP)	W 50-47 (3ot)	2-1	
S20	at Memphis (ESPN3)	L 17-36	2-2	
S26 (Fri.)	→at Old Dominion (FS1)	W 41-28	3-2	
O4	→SOUTHERN MISS (ASN)	W 37-31	4-2	
O11	→at Marshall (FSN)	L 24-49	4-3	
O18	→UAB (FCS)	W 34-22	5-3	
N1	BYU (CBSSN)	L 7-27	5-4	
N15	→at FIU (ASN)	L 28-38	5-5	
N22	→FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ASN)	W 35-34	6-5	
N29	→at UTEP (ASN)	L 21-24	6-6	



C-USA WEST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

LOUISIANA TECH (8-5, 7-1 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	at (3) Oklahoma (FS Okla. PPV)	L 16-48	0-1	
S6	at Louisiana-Lafayette (ESPN3)	W 48-20	1-1	
S11 (Thu.)	← at North Texas (CBSSN)	W 42-21	2-1	
S20	NORTHWESTERN STATE	L 27-30	2-2	
S27	at (5) Auburn (SEC Network)	L 17-45	2-3	
O4	← UTEP	W 55-3	3-3	
O18	← UTSA	W 27-20	4-3	
O25	← at Southern Miss (ASN)	W 31-20	5-3	
N1	← WKU (FSN)	W 59-10	6-3	
N8	← at UAB (ASN)	W 40-24	7-3	
N22	← at Old Dominion (FCS)	L 27-30	7-4	
N29	← RICE (CBSSN)	W 76-31	8-4	
D6	at Marshall (C-USA Champ.) (ESPN 2)	L 23-26	8-5	
D26	vs. Illinois (Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl)	12:00p		

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NORTH TEXAS (4-8, 2-6 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	at (24) Texas (LHN)	L 7-38	0-1	
S6	SMU (FSN)	W 43-6	1-1	
S11 (Thu.)	← LOUISIANA TECH (CBSSN)	L 21-42	1-2	
S20	NICHOLLS STATE (ASN)	W 77-3	2-2	
O4	at Indiana (BTN)	L 24-49	2-3	
O11	← at UAB (ASN)	L 21-56	2-4	
O18	← SOUTHERN MISS (ASN)	L 20-30	2-5	
O25	← at Rice (FSN)	L 21-41	2-6	
N8	← FLORIDA ATLANTIC (FCS)	W 31-10	3-6	
N15	← at UTEP (FS1)	L 17-35	3-7	
N22	← FIU (ASN)	W 17-14	4-7	
N29	← at UTSA (FSN)	L 27-34	4-8	

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	at (17) Notre Dame (NBC)	L 17-48	0-1	
S13	at (7) Texas A&M (ESPN2)	L 10-38	0-2	
S20	← OLD DOMINION (FSN)	L 42-45	0-3	
S27	← at Southern Miss (FCS)	W 41-23	1-3	
O4	HAWAII (ASN)	W 28-14	2-3	
O11	at Army (CBSSN)	W 41-21	3-3	
O25	← NORTH TEXAS (FSN)	W 41-21	4-3	
N1	← at FIU (ASN)	W 31-17	5-3	
N8	← UTSA (FSN)	W 17-7	6-3	
N15	← at (21) Marshall (FSN)	L 14-41	6-4	
N21 (Fri.)	← UTEP (FS1)	W 31-13	7-4	
N29	← at Louisiana Tech (CBSSN)	L 31-76	7-5	
D24	vs. Fresno State (Hawaii Bowl)	7:00p		

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SOUTHERN MISS (3-9, 1-7 C-USA)



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	at Mississippi State (SEC Net)	L 0-49	0-1	
S6	ALCORN STATE	W 26-20	1-1	
S13	at Alabama (ESPN 2)	L 12-52	1-2	
S20	APPALACHIAN STATE (ASN)	W 21-20	2-2	
S27	← RICE (FCS)	L 23-41	2-3	
O4	← at Middle Tennessee (ASN)	L 31-37	2-4	
O18	← at North Texas (ASN)	W 30-20	3-4	
O25	← LOUISIANA TECH (ASN)	L 20-35	3-5	
N1	← at UTEP (FCS)	L 14-35	3-6	
N8	← (22) MARSHALL (ASN)	L 17-63	3-7	
N13 (Thu.)	← at UTSA (CBSSN)	L 10-12	3-8	
N29	← UAB (ASN)	L 24-45	3-9	

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A30	at New Mexico	W 31-24	1-0	
S6	TEXAS TECH (FS1)	L 26-30	1-1	
S13	NEW MEXICO STATE (ASN)	W 42-24	2-1	
S27	at (25) Kansas State (FSN)	L 28-58	2-2	
O4	← at Louisiana Tech (FCS)	L 3-55	2-3	
O11	← OLD DOMINION (ASN)	W 42-35	3-3	
O25	← at UTSA (ASN)	W 34-0	4-3	
N1	← SOUTHERN MISS (FCS)	W 35-14	5-3	
N8	← at WKU	L 27-35	5-4	
N15	← NORTH TEXAS (FS1)	W 35-17	6-4	
N21 (Fri.)	← at Rice (FS1)	L 13-31	6-5	
N29	← MIDDLE TENNESSEE (ASN)	W 24-21	7-5	
D20	vs. Utah State (Gildan New Mexico Bowl)	12:20p		

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



DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME		
A29 (Fri.)	at Houston (ESPN U)	W 27-7	1-0	
S4 (Thu.)	ARIZONA (FS1)	L 23-26	1-1	
S13	at Oklahoma State (FSN)	L 13-43	1-2	
S27	← at Florida Atlantic (KMYS)	L 37-41	1-3	
O4	NEW MEXICO (ASN)	L 9-21	1-4	
O11	← FIU (FCS)	W 16-13	2-4	
O18	← at Louisiana Tech (FSN)	L 20-27	2-5	
O25	← UTEP (ASN)	L 0-34	2-6	
N8	← at Rice (FSN)	L 7-17	2-7	
N13 (Thu.)	← SOUTHERN MISS (CBSSN)	W 12-10	3-7	
N22	← at WKU (FSN)	L 7-45	3-8	
N29	← NORTH TEXAS (FSN)	W 34-27	4-8	



C-USA COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

WKU 59, Bowling Green 31
UTSA 27, Houston 7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Arizona 26, UTSA 23

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

North Texas 43, SMU 6
FIU 34, Wagner 3
LA Tech 48, Louisiana-Lafayette 20
Marshall 48, Rhode Island 7
Southern Miss 26, Alcorn State 20
Alabama 41, Florida Atlantic 0
Illinois 42, WKU 34
Mississippi State 47, UAB 34
Minnesota 35, Middle Tennessee 24
NC State 46, Old Dominion 34
Texas Tech 30, UTEP 26

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

← Louisiana Tech 42, North Texas 21

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

← Middle Tennessee 50, WKU 47
Florida Atlantic 50, Tulsa 21
Marshall 44, Ohio 14
Old Dominion 17, Eastern Michigan 3
UAB 41, Alabama A&M 14
UTEP 42, New Mexico St. 24
Pittsburgh 42, FIU 25
(2) Alabama 52, Southern Miss 12
Oklahoma State 43, UTSA 13
(7) Texas A&M 38, Rice 10

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

← Old Dominion 45, Rice 42
Marshall 48, Akron 17
North Texas 77, Nicholls St. 3
Southern Miss 21, Appalachian St. 20
Memphis 36, Middle Tennessee 17
Louisville 34, FIU 3
Wyoming 20, Florida Atlantic 19
Northwestern State 30, Louisiana Tech 27

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

← Middle Tennessee 41, Old Dominion 28

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

← FIU 34, at UAB 20
← at Florida Atlantic 41, UTSA 37
← Rice 41, at Southern Miss 23
WKU 36, at Navy 27
at (25) Kansas State 58, UTEP 28
at (5) Auburn 45, Louisiana Tech 17

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

← FIU 38, Florida Atlantic 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

← Marshall 56, Old Dominion 14
← Middle Tenn. 37, Southern Miss 31
← Louisiana Tech 55, UTEP 3
← UAB 42, WKU 39
Rice 28, Hawai'i 14
Indiana 49, North Texas 24
New Mexico 21, UTSA 9

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

← at Marshall 49, Middle Tennessee 24
← at UAB 56, North Texas 21
← at UTSA 16, FIU 13
← UTEP 42, Old Dominion 35
Rice 41, at Army 21

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

← (24) Marshall 45, at FIU 13
← at Florida Atlantic 45, WKU 38
← at Louisiana Tech 27, UTSA 20
← at Middle Tennessee 34, UAB 22
← Southern Miss 30, at North Texas 20

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

← at (22) Marshall 35, Florida Atlantic 16
← at Rice 41, North Texas 21
← Louisiana Tech 31, at Southern Miss 20
← at WKU 66, ODU 51
← UTEP 34, at UTSA 0
at Arkansas 45, UAB 17

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

← Rice 31, at FIU 17
← at Louisiana Tech 59, WKU 10
← UAB 31, at Florida Atlantic 28
← at UTEP 35, Southern Miss 14
BYU 27, at Middle Tennessee 7
at Vanderbilt 42, ODU 28

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

← (22) Marshall 63, at Southern Miss 17
← Louisiana Tech 40, at UAB 24
← at Rice 17, UTSA 7
← at Old Dominion 38, FIU 35
← at WKU 35, UTEP 27
← at North Texas 31, Florida Atlantic 10

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

← UTSA 12, Southern Miss 10

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

← at (21) Marshall 41, Rice 14
← at FIU 38, Middle Tennessee 28
← at UTEP 35, North Texas 17
at WKU 52, Army 24

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

← Rice 31, UTEP 13

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

← (18) Marshall 23, at UAB 18
← at WKU 45, UTSA 7
← at Old Dominion 30, LA Tech 27
← at North Texas 17, FIU 14
← at Middle Tennessee 35, Florida Atlantic 34

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

← WKU 67, (19) Marshall 66 (ot)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

← Old Dominion 31, at FAU 28
← at Louisiana Tech 76, Rice 31
← at UTSA 34, North Texas 27
← UAB 45, at Southern Miss 24
← at UTEP 24, Middle Tennessee 21

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

C-USA Championship Game
Marshall 26, Louisiana Tech 23

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Gildan New Mexico Bowl
UTEP vs. Utah State 1:20 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Boca Raton Bowl
Marshall vs. Northern Illinois 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Popeyes Bahamas Bowl
WKU vs. Central Michigan 11 a.m.

Hawai'i Bowl

Rice vs. Fresno State 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl
Louisiana Tech vs. Illinois 12 p.m.

← Conference games in bold.

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