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MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL IMPORTANT MEDIA DATES

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

BOWL GAMES ARE BETTER IN THE BAHAMAS

MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL WEEK 11 NOTEBOOK

PASSPORT STAMPED (BOWL-ELIGIBLE TEAMS): C-USA (5): FIU (6-3) Louisiana Tech (6-3), Middle Tennessee (6-3), North Texas (7-2), UAB (8-1); MAC (4): Buffalo (9-1), Northern Illinois (7-3), Ohio (6-4), Western Michigan (6-4). **AT CUSTOMS (ONE VICTORY SHY):** C-USA (1): Marshall (5-3); MAC (2): Eastern Michigan (5-5), Toledo (5-5).

WEEK 11 PREVIEW: Midweek MACtion continued Tuesday as East Division leader Buffalo beat Kent State 48-14. Wednesday, Miami beat Ohio 30-28 in the 'Battle of the Bricks', and West Division leader Northern Illinois beat Toledo 38-15. Saturday, Eastern Michigan, which needs one victory for bowl eligibility, hosts Akron, and Bowling Green is at Central Michigan.

Saturday in Conference USA, Middle Tennessee will try to stay atop of the East Division race with a trip to UTEP. FIU will try to keep pace in the East race as the Panthers visit UTSA. 2017 bowl participant UAB will try to set a school record for victories at the FBS level and clinch the West Division title as they host Southern Miss. Marshall, needing one victory for bowl eligibility, hosts Charlotte. Louisiana Tech will look to stay in the West race as the Bulldogs host Rice. Bowl-eligible North Texas is at Old Dominion, and WKU visits Florida Atlantic.

IN THE POLLS: In Conference USA, UAB (8-1 overall, 6-0 C-USA) is receiving votes in both the Associated Press and the Amway Coaches polls, while North Texas (7-2 overall, 3-2 C-USA) is getting votes in the Coaches Poll. In the MAC, Buffalo (9-1, 6-0 MAC) is receiving votes in both the Associated Press and the Amway Coaches polls.

CONFERENCE USA NOTES: Florida Atlantic defeated FIU 49-14 in Shula Bowl 17 behind 439 rushing yards. The UAB leads the FBS in scoring defense (12.1) and is fourth in sacks per game (3.44) and in total defense (271.7). Southern Miss is seventh in the FBS in total defense at 282.5 yards per game.

MAC NOTES: Northern Illinois has won six straight, as the Huskies became bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years. 2017 bowl champion Ohio, thanks to a victory over Western Michigan last Thursday, became bowl eligible for the 10th consecutive year.

C-USA STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION		
	C-USA	Overall
* Middle Tennessee	5-1	6-3
* FIU	4-1	6-3
Marshall	3-2	5-3
Charlotte	3-2	4-5
Florida Atlantic	2-3	4-5
Old Dominion	1-5	2-7
WKU	0-5	1-8
WEST DIVISION		
	C-USA	Overall
* UAB	6-0	8-1
* Louisiana Tech	4-1	6-3
* North Texas	3-2	7-2
Southern Miss	3-2	4-4
UTSA	2-3	3-6
UTEP	1-4	1-8
Rice	0-6	1-9
* - bowl eligible		

MAC STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION		
	MAC	Overall
* Buffalo	6-0	9-1
* Ohio	4-2	6-4
Miami	3-3	4-6
Akron	2-3	4-4
Kent State	1-5	2-8
Bowling Green	0-5	1-8
WEST DIVISION		
	MAC	Overall
* Northern Illinois	6-0	7-3
* Western Michigan	4-2	6-4
Toledo	3-3	5-5
Eastern Michigan	3-3	5-5
Ball State	2-4	3-7
Central Michigan	0-6	1-9
* - bowl eligible		

WEEK 11 SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE USA

Saturday, Nov. 10

- * Charlotte at Marshall (ESPN+)
- * Middle Tennessee at UTEP (ESPN+)
- * North Texas at ODU (ESPN3)
- * WKU at Florida Atlantic (STAD/FB)
- * FIU at UTSA (ESPN+)
- * Rice at Louisiana Tech (ESPN+)
- * Southern Miss at UAB (beIN)

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 6

- * Buffalo 48, Kent State 14

Wednesday, November 7

- * Miami 30, Ohio 28
- * Northern Illinois 38, Toledo 15

Saturday, November 10

- * Akron at Eastern Michigan (ESPN3)
- * Bowling Green at Central Michigan (ESPN+)

* - conference games

WEEK 10 RESULTS

CONFERENCE USA

Friday, Nov. 2

- * Middle Tennessee 29, WKU 10

Saturday, Nov. 3

- * Southern Miss 26, Marshall 24
- * UTEP 34, Rice 26
- * Florida Atlantic 49, FIU 14
- * UAB 52, UTSA 3
- Tennessee 14, Charlotte 3
- Mississippi State 45, Louisiana Tech 7

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, Oct. 30

- * Kent State 35, Bowling Green 28
- * Buffalo 51, Miami 42

Wednesday, Oct. 31

- * Toledo 45, Ball State 13

Thursday, Nov. 1

- * Northern Illinois 36, Akron 26
- * Ohio 59, Western Michigan 14

Saturday, Nov. 3

- * Eastern Michigan 17, Central Michigan 7

* - conference games

WEEK 10 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

CONFERENCE USA

Offensive Player of the Week

Florida Atlantic RB **Devin Singletary**: The junior rushed 27 times for 184 yards and three TDs in a 49-14 victory over FIU.

Defensive Player of the Week

Charlotte DE **Alex Highsmith**: The redshirt junior had seven tackles (four for loss), 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble in a loss to Tennessee.

Special Teams Player of the Week

Middle Tennessee K **Crews Holt**: The sophomore made five field goals and posted 17 total points in a 29-10 victory over WKU.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East Division Offensive Player of the Week

Buffalo QB **Tyree Jackson**: The junior accounted for six touchdowns and passed for 358 yards in a 51-42 win over Miami.

East Division Defensive Player of the Week

Kent State LB **Dalton Hicks**: The junior had 14 tackles, six solo stops and a pass breakup in a 35-28 win over Bowling Green.

East Division Special Teams Player of the Week

Ohio S **Alvin Floyd**: The redshirt freshman returned a blocked punt 13 yards for a TD in a 59-14 win at Western Michigan

West Division Offensive Player of the Week

Northern Illinois RB **Tre Harbison**: The sophomore ran 23 times for 169 yards with a TD and caught three passes in a 36-26 win at Akron.

West Division Defensive Player of the Week

Northern Illinois DB **Jalen McKie**: The redshirt freshman had a pair of interceptions, one for a TD, and returned a blocked PAT for two points in a 36-26 win at Akron.

West Division Special Teams Player of the Week

Toledo K **Jameson Vest**: The senior made a FG and six PATs in a 45-13 victory over Ball State.

WELCOME MAKERS WANTED

Elk Grove Village, Illinois, using its business slogan – **Makers Wanted** – was announced July 31 as the title sponsor of the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

The tagline Makers Wanted is Elk Grove Village's slogan and serves a call-to-action for a thriving community and the thousands of businesses based there. It is home to the largest contiguous industrial park in the United States, featuring six square miles and 62 million square feet of inventory. Over 5,614 businesses, including 300 manufacturers specializing in metal, plastic, rubber and food manufacturing, call Elk Grove Village their home. It is also a top national destination for data centers in the U.S. with two million square feet. For more info, visit www.makerswanted.org.

C-USA VS. MAC

The 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl will be contested between Conference USA and the Mid-American Conference for the fifth-straight year. C-USA won the 2018 season series over the MAC 2-0.

Sept. 1

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

Sept. 22

WKU (C-USA) 28, Ball State (MAC) 20

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

2014

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

2015

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

2016

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

2017

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

AROUND THE CONFERENCES

• Florida Atlantic junior RB **Devin Singletary** moved back into the national lead in rushing TDs with 18. He has 62 career TDs, which is tied for ninth on the all-time FBS list and the most of any player with less than four seasons.

• The MAC has two WRs with the longest current reception streak in the nation. Ohio's **Papi White** (39 games) is third, while Bowling Green's **Scott Miller** (33) is tied for 11th.

“POWER FIVE” VICTORIES

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

Team (Conference)	Opponent	Score
Sept. 8		
Eastern Michigan (MAC)	Purdue (Big Ten)	20-19
Sept. 15		
Akron (MAC)	Northwestern (Big Ten)	39-34
North Texas (C-USA)	Arkansas (SEC)	44-17
Sept. 22		
Buffalo (MAC)	Rutgers (Big Ten)	42-13
Old Dominion (C-USA)	Virginia Tech (ACC)	49-35



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MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL PARTICIPANT SELECTION

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

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

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

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

SATURDAYS TO SUNDAYS

A total of 14 former student-athletes who played in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl have played for NFL clubs in 2018.

- S **Kevin Byard** - Tennessee (Middle Tennessee)
- WR **Corey Davis** - Tennessee (Western Michigan)
- S **Kavon Frazier** - Dallas (Central Michigan)
- TE **Tyler Higbee** - Los Angeles Rams (WKU)
- WR **Richie James** - San Francisco (Middle Tennessee)
- G **Forrest Lamp** - Los Angeles Chargers (WKU)*
- G **Taylor Moton** - Carolina (Western Michigan)
- T **Chukwuma Okorafor** - Pittsburgh (Western Michigan)*
- CB **Darius Phillips** - Cincinnati (Western Michigan)*
- QB **Cooper Rush** - Dallas (Central Michigan)
- WR **Taywan Taylor** - Tennessee (WKU)
- DE **Leterrius Walton** - Pittsburgh (Central Michigan)
- CB **Darius Williams** - Baltimore (UAB)*
- T **Andrew Wylie** - Kansas City (Eastern Michigan)*

* - made NFL debut in 2018

MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA PROJECTIONS

Media Organization (Reporter) - Date:	Predicted Matchup
10th Year Seniors (John Marc Nutt) - Nov. 8:	Marshall vs. Toledo
USA Today (Erick Smith) - Nov. 6:	Florida Atlantic vs. Ohio
The Athletic (Stuart Mandel) - Nov. 6:	Marshall vs. Toledo
The Sporting News (Bill Bender) - Nov. 5:	Marshall vs. Western Michigan
Bleacher Report (Joe Tansey) - Nov. 4:	Middle Tennessee vs. Ohio
Athlon Sports (Steven Lissan) - Nov. 4:	FIU vs. Buffalo
Sports Illustrated (Eric Single) - Nov. 4:	FIU vs. Northern Illinois
CBSSports.com (Jerry Palm) - Nov. 4:	Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo
ESPN.com (Kyle Bonagura) - Nov. 4:	FIU vs. Toledo
ESPN.com (Mitch Sherman) - Nov. 4:	Marshall vs. Toledo
SB Nation (Jason Kirk) - Nov. 4:	FIU vs. Northern Illinois
Orlando Sentinel (Brant Parsons) - Nov. 4:	Marshall vs. Ohio
CollegeFootballNews.com (Staff) - Nov. 4:	Florida Atlantic vs. Buffalo
Nassau Tribune (Renaldo Dorsett) - Nov. 1:	Florida Atlantic vs. Akron
Phil Steele Magazine (Phil Steele) - Oct. 31:	North Texas vs. Buffalo

ESPN EVENTS

ESPN Events, a division of ESPN, owns and operates a large portfolio of 31 collegiate sporting events worldwide. The roster includes three Labor Day weekend college football games; FCS opening-weekend game; 14 college bowl games, 10 college basketball events, a college softball event and two college award shows, which accounts for approximately 375-plus hours of live programming, reaches almost 64 million viewers and attracts over 800,000 attendees each year. With satellite offices in Albuquerque, Birmingham, Boca Raton, Boise, Dallas-Fort Worth, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Montgomery and St. Petersburg, ESPN Events builds relationships with conferences, schools and local communities, as well as providing unique experiences for teams and fans.

ESPN Events also manages the Big 12 Corporate Partner Program.

Collegiate Football

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

Collegiate Basketball

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

Collegiate Softball

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



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