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## **C-USA ANNOUNCES MEDIA FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS**

IRVING, Texas – Conference USA announced its 2007 Media All-Conference football teams today, as selected by a panel of media members in each conference city. Eleven schools were represented with at least two players, with East Division Champion UCF producing a league-high nine total selections, followed by Southern Miss with eight players on the squad and West Division Champion Tulsa with seven.

Headlining UCF's all-conference players is junior RB **Kevin Smith**. Smith leads the country in rushing with an incredible 180.3 yards-per-game average. He became the first rusher in the state of Florida history and only the 13<sup>th</sup> player all-time to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark in a season. He is joined on the first team by Knights offensive linemen **Pat Brown**, **Josh Sitton** and **Kyle Smith**, DL **Leger Douzable**, DB **Joe Burnett** (who was also chosen as the first-team punt returner) and long snapper **Michael Buscemi**.

Southern Miss produced a pair of first team defensive lineman in seniors **Matthew Chatelain** and **Martavius Prince**. That duo was joined on the first team defense by LB **Gerald McRath** and DB **Brandon Sumrall**.

Of Tulsa's seven selections, three were first team honorees. QB **Paul Smith** was named to the first team after a record-setting senior season. The Oklahoma native has thrown for over 300 yards in all 12 TU games this season and 13 times in his career. Additionally, he has thrown for three or more TDs in nine games this year and 13 times in his career. Smith leads the nation and C-USA in points responsible for and set the C-USA single season record for total offense and passing yards. Fellow seniors **Chris Chamberlain** and **Nelson Coleman** filled two of the three first team linebacker spots.

Houston nabbed six selections, while cross-town rival Rice added five. Cougar senior OL **Jeff Akeroyd** garnered first-team honors, as well as WR **Donnie Avery** and DL **Phillip Hunt**. Rice was led by first-team selection WR **Jarett Dillard**. Dillard became the eighth receiver in NCAA history to reach 40 career TD catches and has scored a touchdown in 17 of his last 18 conference games and in 23 of the last 27 overall.

East Carolina, Marshall, Memphis, Tulane, UAB and UTEP each had three players earn recognition on the teams. East Carolina placed senior kick returner **Chris Johnson** on the first team. Marshall had two first-team selections in TE **Cody Slate** and OL **Doug Legursky**, while Tulane RB **Matt Forté**, the nation's second-leading rusher at 177.3 ypg., was also a first-team selection.

UAB senior DB **Will Dunbar** represented the Blazers on the first-team defense, while PK **Swayze Waters** was named first team kicker. Waters hit 22-of-28 FG's on the season for a percentage of .768, good for a tie for seventh in the country.

UTEP WR **Jeff Moturi** was chosen as one of the three first-team wide receivers, while teammate **Quintin Demps** was one of the first team defensive back choices.

Memphis' selections were OL **Andy Smith**, WR **Duke Calhoun** and LB **Jake Kasser**, all on the second team and SMU was represented by first team punter **Thomas Morstead**.

Conference USA will stage its third annual Championship Game this Saturday when UCF hosts Tulsa at Noon EST on ESPN.

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# **2007 C-USA FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS**

## **FIRST TEAM**

### **OFFENSE**

Quarterback – Paul Smith, Sr., Tulsa  
Running Back- Matt Forte', Sr., Tulane  
Running Back- Kevin Smith, Jr., UCF  
Offensive Lineman- Jeff Akeroyd, Sr., Houston  
Offensive Lineman- Pat Brown, Jr., UCF  
Offensive Lineman- Doug Legursky, Sr., Marshall  
Offensive Lineman- Josh Sitton., Sr., UCF  
Offensive Lineman- Kyle Smith, Sr., UCF  
Tight End- Cody Slate, So., Marshall  
Wide Receiver- Donnie Avery, Sr., Houston  
Wide Receiver- Jarett Dillard, Jr., Rice  
Wide Receiver- Jeff Moturi, So., UTEP

### **DEFENSE**

Defensive Lineman- Matthew Chatelain, Sr., Southern Miss  
Defensive Lineman- Leger Douzable, Sr., UCF  
Defensive Lineman- Phillip Hunt, Jr., Houston  
Defensive Lineman- Martavius Prince., Sr., Southern Miss  
Linebacker- Chris Chamberlain, Sr., Tulsa  
Linebacker- Nelson Coleman, Sr., Tulsa  
Linebacker- Gerald McRath, So., Southern Miss  
Defensive Back- Joe Burnett, Jr., UCF  
Defensive Back- Quintin Demps, Sr., UTEP  
Defensive Back- Will Dunbar, Sr., UAB  
Defensive Back- Brandon Sumrall, Sr., Southern Miss

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

Placekicker- Swayze Waters, Jr., UAB  
Punter- Thomas Morstead, Jr., SMU  
Kick Returner- Chris Johnson, Sr., East Carolina  
Punt Returner- Joe Burnett, Jr., UCF  
Long Snapper- Michael Buscemi, Sr., UCF

## **SECOND TEAM**

### **OFFENSE**

Quarterback – Chase Clement, Jr., Rice  
Running Back- Anthony Alridge, Sr., Houston  
Running Back- Damion Fletcher, So., Southern Miss  
Offensive Lineman- Aryan Barto, Sr., Tulane  
Offensive Lineman- Matt Butler, Sr., East Carolina  
Offensive Lineman- Chris Clark, Sr., Southern Miss  
Offensive Lineman- Nick Dean., Sr., Southern Miss  
Offensive Lineman- Robby Heos, Sr., Rice  
Offensive Lineman- Andy Smith, Sr., Memphis  
Tight End- Shawn Nelson, Jr., Southern Miss  
Wide Receiver- Duke Calhoun, So., Memphis  
Wide Receiver- Trae Johnson, Fr., Tulsa  
Wide Receiver- Brennan Marion, Jr., Tulsa

### **DEFENSE**

Defensive Lineman- Antonio Harris., Sr., Tulane  
Defensive Lineman- Moton Hopkins, Jr., Tulsa  
Defensive Lineman- Bruce Miller, So., UCF  
Defensive Lineman- Zack Slate, Jr., East Carolina  
Linebacker- Joe Henderson, Jr., UAB  
Linebacker- Jake Kasser, Sr., Memphis  
Linebacker- Brian Raines, Jr., Rice  
Defensive Back- Kenneth Fontenette, Jr., Houston  
Defensive Back- Sha'Reff Rashad, Sr., UCF  
Defensive Back- Andrew Sendejo, So., Rice  
Defensive Back- C.J. Spillman, Jr., Marshall

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

Placekicker- Jose Martinez, Jr., UTEP  
Punter- Britt Barefoot., So., Southern Miss  
Kick Returner- Donnie Avery, Sr., Houston  
Punt Returner- Quintin Demps, Sr., UTEP  
Long Snapper- John Warren, Jr., Tulsa