



# Conference USA

*Dedicated to Excellence*

**E**xcellence every day. For Conference USA, dedication to excellence is a common thread in athletics, academics and in the community, and the guiding initiative for the league's promising future. Conference USA features 12 nationally prominent, tradition-rich members in East Carolina, Houston, Marshall, Memphis, Rice, SMU, Southern Miss, Tulane, Tulsa, UAB, UCF and UTEP. This combination enhances men's and women's programs that are steeped in athletic success and academic prowess. Together, we are dedicated to excellence, integrity and leadership in athletics, academics and in our communities.

All C-USA institutions sponsor Division I-A football, along with several other men's and women's athletic programs, many of which compete regularly for NCAA Championships. C-USA sponsors competition in 19 sports - nine for men (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis and indoor and outdoor track and field) and 10 for women (basketball, cross country, golf, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field and volleyball).

The league sponsors numerous academic awards, including the Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom. C-USA annually awards six postgraduate scholarships, along with the Sport Academic Award, Scholar Athletes of the Year and the Institutional Academic Excellence Award.

## Success Off The Field

C-USA institutions are among the nation's best in academic performance among student-athletes, bolstered by the fact that student-athletes at league schools have a higher graduation rate than the general student population. Among C-USA's 5,000 student-athletes, there are champions off the playing field as well. In 12 years, 105 student-athletes earned national *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honors, while 338 were named All-District. In addition, more than 13,000 student-athletes have been named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll or received the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom.



## C-USA On TV

C-USA enjoys significant television exposure through its partnerships with ESPN, Inc. and College Sports Television Networks (CSTV). The league entered into long-term agreements with both ESPN and CSTV, which, combined, provides C-USA with significant national and regional exposure for football, men's and women's basketball, and all other conference sports. Additionally, the CSTV agreement includes video-on-demand, Internet, broadband, national over-the-air and satellite radio, and wireless distribution as well as corporate marketing rights, and website production through CSTV Online, a subsidiary of CSTV. The agreement with ESPN extends the conference's current regular season football package to include the broadcast of the conference's Football Championship Game. It also encompasses distribution of men's basketball and women's basketball on ESPN/ESPN2 and both tournament championship games.

## C-USA In The Community

The conference's footprint is concentrated with 12 members in nine states and a combined area population of nearly 17 million. More than 1.1 million living alumni represent C-USA schools across the nation. With a renewed commitment to community involvement, the conference has begun development of several initiatives to maintain strong ties in C-USA cities, as well as with fans and alumni across the country. C-USA schools also place a priority on giving back to their communities through volunteer service with local and national organizations.

## Governance

Along with the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC, Conference USA is one of the seven conferences having significant representation in the NCAA governance structure. The Presidents of the member institutions serve as the league's Board of Directors. R. Gerald Turner of SMU will serve as chair of the Board for 2007-08.

## A Proud History; A Promising Future

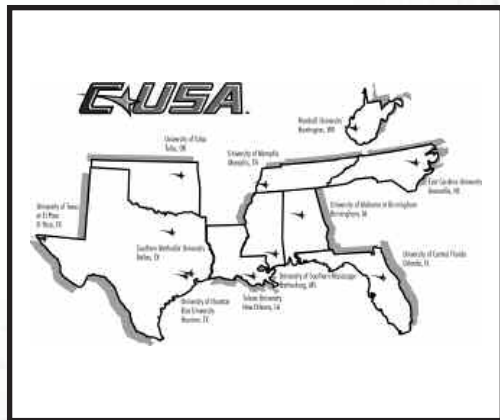
Conference USA was formed in 1995 and quickly emerged as one of the nation's top conferences. The conference unveiled its name, logo and commissioner on April 24, 1995 in Chicago. The league's charter members included Charlotte, Cincinnati, DePaul, Houston, Louisville, Marquette, Memphis, Saint Louis, Southern Miss, Tulane, UAB and USF. Eleven of the institutions began athletic participation in 1995, while Houston joined competition in the fall of 1996.

The league's headquarters were established in Chicago and after nine years, relocated to the current office in Irving, Texas. Britton Banowsky was named Commissioner in October 2002, succeeding Mike Slive, the league's first commissioner.

C-USA added East Carolina (September, 1996) and the United States Military Academy (March, 1997) as football members. ECU began league competition in 1997; Army in 1998 and UAB began football play in 1999. The league added TCU and ECU (1999) for all sports and they began competition in 2001. USF started C-USA football in 2003.

After celebrating its 10th Anniversary during the 2004-05 season, C-USA began a new chapter in 2005-06 when its current membership came together to form the new look of the league.

Since its formation, C-USA has established a strong foundation, an identity and a history that reflects the league's national presence. Twelve years of remarkable history has reinforced the league's position in collegiate athletics, setting the course for the next decade and beyond.





# 2006 Conference USA Standings

## C-USA GAMES

	W	L	Pct.	H	A
^Tulsa	13	3	.813	8-0	5-3
Marshall	12	4	.750	7-1	5-3
Memphis	11	5	.688	6-2	5-3
Tulane	11	5	.688	5-3	6-2
#UAB	10	6	.625	6-2	4-4
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.625</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>4-4</b>
Houston	8	8	.500	6-2	2-6
SMU	7	9	.438	3-5	4-4
Southern Miss	6	10	.375	2-6	4-4
Rice	5	11	.312	4-4	1-7
UTEP	2	14	.125	0-8	2-6
UCF	1	15	.062	0-8	1-7

## OVERALL GAMES

	W	L	Pct.	H	A	N
^Tulsa	27	7	.794	8-1	11-4	8-2
Marshall	20	12	.625	8-1	7-7	5-4
Memphis	27	8	.771	14-3	7-4	6-1
Tulane	15	11	.577	8-2	8-6	11-2
#UAB	27	10	.730	8-2	6-5	1-4
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.613</b>	<b>12-4</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>2-2</b>
Houston	19	17	.528	10-2	3-9	6-6
SMU	17	15	.531	9-6	5-7	3-1
Southern Miss	15	18	.455	5-7	7-6	3-5
Rice	12	19	.387	7-4	3-10	2-4
UTEP	7	25	.219	0-12	2-8	4-5
UCF	5	24	.172	3-12	2-9	0-3

^ - C-USA Regular Season Champions

# - C-USA Tournament Champions

## INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

### First Team All-C-USA

**Kelley Wernert, East Carolina**  
**Mignon Dubenion, East Carolina**  
 Justine Farmer, Houston  
 Kelly-Anne Billingly, Marshall  
 Shelby Burton, Memphis  
 Rachel Giubilato, SMU  
 Sara Radosevic, Tulane  
 Julia Silva, Tulsa  
 Kassiana Urnau, Tulsa  
 Ivana Bozic, UAB

### Second Team All-C-USA

**Heidi Krug, East Carolina**  
 Stephanie Cahill, Marshall  
 Maggie Arias, Marshall  
 Uche Ndubisi, Marshall  
 Christen Clayton, Memphis  
 Tessa Kuykendall, Rice  
 Jen Linder, Tulane  
 Jenn Miller, Tulane  
 Ksenija Vlaskovic, Tulane  
 Germana Hilario, Tulsa  
 Fabiola Nepomuceno, Tulsa

### Player of the Year

Kelly-Anne Billingly, Marshall

### Coach of the Year

Ed Allen, Tulsa

### All-Freshman Team

Erin Rice, Houston  
 Natalie Bogan, Rice  
 Kendra Kahaneck, SMU  
 Angela Hlavaty, Southern Miss  
 Jenn Miller, Tulane  
 Ksenija Vlaskovic, Tulane

### Setter of the Year

Julia Silva, Tulsa

### Defensive

### Player of the Year

Christen Clayton, Memphis

### Freshman of the Year

Ksenija Vlaskovic, Tulane



## 2006 PLAYERS/SETTERS OF THE WEEK

8/28	P – Sara Radosevic	Tulane
	P – Jenn Miller	Tulane
	S – Laura Cote	Memphis
	S – Kelsey King	Houston
9/5	P – Shelby Burton	Memphis
	P – Ashley Calhoun	Houston
	S – Julia Silva	Tulsa
9/11	P – Tessa Kuykendall	Rice
	<b>P – Heidi Krug</b>	<b>East Carolina</b>
	S – Christen Bimberg	Marshall
9/18	P – Kelly-Anne Billingly	Marshall
	P – Kassiana Urnau	Tulsa
	S – Julia Silva	Tulsa
9/25	P – Kelly-Anne Billingly	Marshall
	P – Amanda Blunk	Southern Miss
	S – Julia Silva	Tulsa
10/2	P – Kelly McAnelly	Houston
	P – Kassiana Urnau	Tulsa
	P – Yvette Kirk	Rice
	S – Rachel Lopez	Rice
10/9	P – Sara Radosevic	Tulane
	P – Yvette Kirk	Rice
	S – Rachel Lopez	Rice
10/16	P – Sarah Bury	Memphis
	P – Christen Clayton	Memphis
	<b>S – Heidi Krug</b>	<b>East Carolina</b>
10/23	P – Kelly-Anne Billingly	Marshall
	P – Candice Davis	SMU
	S – Laura Cote	Memphis
10/30	P – Shelby Burton	Memphis
	P – Christen Clayton	Memphis
	S – Christen Bimberg	Marshall
	S – Nevena Stefanov	UAB
11/6	P – Sara Radosevic	Tulane
	P – Brianna Galvin	UAB
	S – Nevena Stefanov	UAB
11/13	P – Rachel Giubilato	SMU
	P – Candice Davis	SMU
	S – Julia Silva	Tulsa



# 2006 Team Leaders - C-USA All Matches

## KILLS

	G	No.	Avg.
Tulane	98	1568	16.00
Tulsa	120	1919	15.99
Marshall	118	1879	15.92
Memphis	130	2054	15.80
Houston	137	2097	15.31
UAB	139	2127	15.30
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>15.07</b>
SMU	122	1784	14.62
Rice	130	1855	14.27
UTEP	123	1547	13.80
UCF	106	1443	13.61
Southern Miss	128	1704	13.31

## HITTING PCT.

	K	E	TA	Pct.
Memphis	2054	709	4957	.271
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>4244</b>	<b>.252</b>
Marshall	1879	756	4494	.250
UAB	2127	822	5273	.247
Tulane	1568	632	3835	.244
Tulsa	1919	735	5006	.237
SMU	1784	741	4850	.215
Houston	2097	917	5629	.210
Rice	1855	883	5440	.179
Southern Miss	1704	856	5004	.169
UCF	1443	754	4185	.165
UTEP	1698	821	5405	.162

## ASSISTS

	G	No.	Avg.
Tulane	98	1470	15.00
Memphis	130	1897	14.59
Tulsa	120	1747	14.56
Marshall	118	1707	14.47
Houston	137	1958	14.29
UAB	139	1955	14.06
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>13.75</b>
SMU	122	1637	13.42
Rice	130	1714	13.18
UTEP	123	1547	12.58
Southern Miss	128	1510	11.80
UCF	106	1240	11.70

## DIGS

	G	No.	Avg.
Rice	130	2353	18.10
UTEP	123	2190	17.80
Tulsa	120	2133	17.77
Houston	137	2389	17.44
SMU	122	2026	16.61
Tulane	98	1582	16.14
UAB	139	2164	15.57
Southern Miss	128	1977	15.45

Memphis	130	1989	15.30
Marshall	118	1758	14.90
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>14.89</b>
UCF	106	1556	14.68

## BLOCKS

	G	Solo	Asst.	Total	Avg.
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>294.5</b>	<b>2.58</b>
SMU	122	63	466	296.0	2.43
Southern Miss	128	70	451	295.5	2.31
Marshall	118	89	364	271.0	2.30
Houston	137	64	494	311.0	2.27
Memphis	130	76	434	293.0	2.25
Rice	130	59	467	292.5	2.25
Tulane	98	24	349	198.5	2.03
Tulsa	120	38	405	240.5	2.00
UCF	106	34	328	198.0	1.87
UAB	139	62	385	254.5	1.83
UTEP	123	42	364	224.0	1.82

## ACES

	G	No.	Avg.
UAB	139	336	2.42
Memphis	130	284	2.18
Tulsa	120	248	2.07
UCF	106	196	1.85
Marshall	118	187	1.58
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1.53</b>
Tulane	98	149	1.52
Houston	137	198	1.45
SMU	122	171	1.40
UTEP	123	169	1.37
Southern Miss	128	174	1.36
Rice	130	168	1.29

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS ALL MATCHES

## KILLS

	G	No.	Avg.
Kelly-Anne Billingly (MAR)	101	668	6.61
Sara Radosevic (TLN)	90	495	5.50
Ivana Bozic (UAB)	134	656	4.90
Justine Farmer (HOU)	133	645	4.85
Rachel Giubilato (SMU)	122	568	4.66

## HITTING PCT.

	K	E	TA	PCT.
Jen Linder (TLN)	199	43	357	.437
Shelby Burton (MEM)	513	111	974	.413
<b>Mignon Dubenion (ECU)</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>.365</b>
Casey Dent (UAB)	349	86	757	.347
Kelly-Anne Billingly (MAR)	668	204	1348	.344

## ASSISTS

	G	No.	Avg.
Laura Cote (MEM)	130	1692	13.02
Nevena Stefanov (UAB)	137	1739	12.69
<b>Heidi Krug (ECU)</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1369</b>	<b>12.56</b>
Julia Silva (TLS)	120	1414	11.78
Christin Bimberg (MAR)	115	1323	11.50

## DIGS

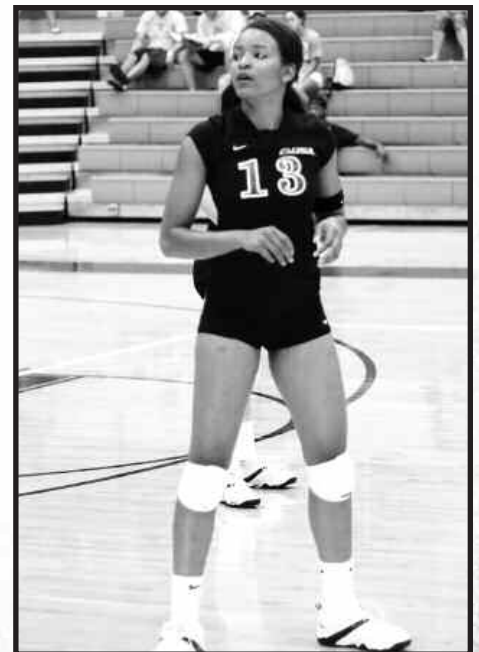
	G	No.	Avg.
Jenn Miller (TLN)	98	507	5.17
Elsa Reyes (UTEP)	123	632	5.14
Christen Clayton (MEM)	130	641	4.93
Candice Davis (SMU)	118	524	4.44
Yvette Kirk (RICE)	130	569	4.38

## BLOCKS

	G	Solo	Asst.	Total	Avg.
Shelby Burton (MEM)	129	35	133	168.0	1.30
Erin Rice (HOU)	94	13	108	121.0	1.29
<b>Jaime Bevan (ECU)</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>133.0</b>	<b>1.19</b>
Morgan Johnson (USM)	85	18	82	100.0	1.18
Natalie Peters (SMU)	103	19	102	121.0	1.17

## ACES

	G	No.	Avg.
Shelby Burton (MEM)	129	73	0.57
Lorin Lukas (UCF)	98	54	0.55
Sara Radosevic (TLN)	90	49	0.54
Ivana Bozic (UAB)	134	70	0.52
Aleksandra Vujovic (UAB)	123	57	0.46



Mignon Dubenion



## Team Leaders - C-USA Matches

Kills	G	NO.	AVG.
Tulane	62	1013	16.34
Marshall	62	996	16.06
Tulsa	59	945	16.02
Memphis	64	985	15.39
Houston	60	921	15.35
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>15.00</b>
UAB	63	940	14.92
Rice	72	1065	14.79
UTEP	61	890	14.59
SMU	61	889	14.57
Southern Miss	61	831	13.62
UCF	58	767	13.22

Hitting Pct.	K	E	TA	PCT.
Marshall	996	377	2383	.260
Tulane	1013	392	2411	.258
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2180</b>	<b>.252</b>
Memphis	985	365	2518	.246
Tulsa	945	365	2479	.234
UAB	940	410	2438	.217
Houston	921	409	2514	.204
SMU	889	384	2529	.200
Rice	1065	474	3112	.190
Southern Miss	831	395	2394	.182
UTEP	890	397	2744	.180
UCF	767	429	2247	.150

Assists	G	NO.	AVG.
Tulane	62	946	15.26
Tulsa	59	865	14.66
Marshall	62	907	14.63
Houston	60	865	14.42
Memphis	64	903	14.11
Rice	72	992	13.78
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>13.69</b>
UAB	63	854	13.56
UTEP	61	819	13.43
SMU	61	817	13.39
Southern Miss	61	746	12.23
UCF	58	656	11.31

Digs	G	NO.	AVG.
Rice	72	1381	19.18
Houston	60	1085	18.08
Tulsa	59	1054	17.86
UTEP	61	1082	17.74
SMU	61	1041	17.07
Tulane	62	993	16.02
Memphis	64	1015	15.86
Marshall	62	936	15.10
UAB	63	944	14.98
Southern Miss	61	904	14.82
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>14.41</b>
UCF	58	814	14.03

Blocks	G	SOLO	ASST.	TOTAL	AVG.
SMU	61	38	269	172.5	2.83
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>165.5</b>	<b>2.81</b>
Houston	60	27	252	153.0	2.55
Marshall	62	49	189	143.5	2.31
Rice	72	35	257	163.5	2.27
Tulsa	59	21	225	133.5	2.26
Memphis	64	42	204	144.0	2.25
Tulane	62	13	248	137.0	2.21
Southern Miss	61	29	206	132.0	2.16
UTEP	61	22	186	115.0	1.89
UCF	58	19	168	103.0	1.78
UAB	63	27	165	109.5	1.74

Aces	G	NO.	AVG.
UAB	63	128	2.03
Tulsa	59	117	1.98
Memphis	64	116	1.81
UCF	58	96	1.66
Marshall	62	102	1.65
Tulane	62	92	1.48
<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1.47</b>
Houston	60	84	1.40
UTEP	61	81	1.33
Southern Miss	61	77	1.26
Rice	72	90	1.25
SMU	61	76	1.25

## Individual Leaders - C-USA Matches

Kills	G	NO.	AVG.
Kelly-Anne Billingsy (MAR)	62	415	6.69
Sara Radosevic (TLN)	62	336	5.42
Justine Farmer (HOU)	60	309	5.15
Ivana Bozic (UAB)	62	293	4.73
<b>Kelley Wernert (ECU)</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>4.69</b>

Hitting Pct.	K	E	TA	PCT.
Jen Linder (TLN)	123	24	213	.465
Kelly-Anne Billingsy (MAR)	415	117	846	.352
Shelby Burton (MEM)	225	56	485	.348
Kendra Kahaneck (SMU)	166	46	355	.338
Uche Ndubisi (MAR)	152	47	319	.329

Assists	G	NO.	AVG.
Christen Bimberg (MAR)	62	804	12.97
Krystal Schulle (HOU)	60	772	12.87
Laura Cote (MEM)	64	800	12.50
<b>Heidi Krug (ECU)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>12.41</b>
Nevena Stefanov (UAB)	63	776	12.32

Digs	G	NO.	AVG.
Jenn Miller (TLN)	62	322	5.19
Christen Clayton (MEM)	64	319	4.98
Candice Davis (SMU)	61	303	4.97
Elsa Reyes (UTEP)	61	302	4.95
Yvette Kirk (RICE)	72	356	4.94

Blocks	G	SOLO	ASST.	TOTAL	AVG.
Erin Rice (HOU)	48	11	64	75.0	1.56
Natalie Peters (SMU)	48	11	60	71.0	1.48
Lauren Boatwright (TLN)	62	5	76	81.0	1.31
<b>Mignon Dubenion (ECU)</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>1.25</b>
Tessa Kuykendall (RICE)	72	14	73	87.0	1.21

Aces	G	NO.	AVG.
Sara Radosevic (TLN)	62	34	0.55
Malorey Grove (TULS)	59	28	0.47
Aleksandra Vujovic (UAB)	57	27	0.47
Kori Smith (MEM)	62	27	0.44
Lorin Lukas (UCF)	51	22	0.43