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2008 STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

	C-USA						
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
EAST CAROLINA	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
MARSHALL	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
SOUTHERN MISS	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
UCF	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
MEMPHIS	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
UAB	0-1	.000	0-1	0-0	-	22	45

ALL GAMES

W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	27	22
1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	35	10
1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	51	21
1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	17	0
0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	24	41
0-1	.000	0-1	0-0	22	45

WEST DIVISION

	C-USA						
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
RICE	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	1-0	56	27
TULSA	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	-	45	22
HOUSTON	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
TULANE	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
UTEP	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	-
SMU	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-1	27	56

ALL GAMES

W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	56	27
1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	45	22
1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	55	3
0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-
0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	17	42
0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	27	56

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, August 30

East Carolina 27, (15) Virginia Tech 22
Tulsa 45, UAB 22
 Marshall 35, Illinois State 10
 Mississippi 41, Memphis 24
 UCF 17, South Carolina State 0
 Houston 55, Southern 3
 Southern Miss 51, Louisiana-Lafayette 21

Friday, August 29

Rice 56, SMU 27

Thursday, August 28

Buffalo 42, UTEP 17

UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, September 6

Marshall at (11) Wisconsin (Big Ten Network) 11:00 a.m.
 Southern Miss at (9) Auburn (Raycom) 11:30 a.m.
 UAB at Florida Atlantic 3:00 p.m.
 (8) West Virginia at East Carolina (ESPN) 3:30 p.m.
 Houston at Oklahoma State 6:00 p.m.
 Tulane at (13) Alabama 6:00 p.m.
 Tulsa at North Texas 6:00 p.m.
 (17) South Florida at UCF (ESPN 2) 6:00 p.m.
Rice at Memphis (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.
 Texas State at SMU 7:00 p.m.
 (9) Texas at UTEP (ESPN 2) 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 13

UAB at Tennessee (Raycom) 11:30 a.m.
East Carolina at Tulane (WITN-TV) 2:00 p.m.
 Air Force at Houston (CBS C) 2:30 p.m.
Memphis at Marshall (CSS) 6:00 p.m.
 Rice at Vanderbilt 6:00 p.m.
 SMU at (12) Texas Tech 6:00 p.m.
 Southern Miss at Arkansas State 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

Louisiana-Monroe at Tulane (CST) 2:00 p.m.
 Houston at Colorado State 2:30 p.m.
Marshall at Southern Miss (CSS) 2:30 p.m.
 Alabama State at UAB 3:00 p.m.
 New Mexico at Tulsa 6:00 p.m.
 Nicholls State at Memphis 7:00 p.m.
 TCU at SMU (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.
 New Mexico State at UTEP 8:05 p.m.
 East Carolina at N.C. State TBA
 Rice at (9) Texas TBA
 UCF at Boston College TBA

Thursday, September 25

SMU at Tulane (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

Conference Games in Bold

All Times Central

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

PATRICK PINKNEY - EAST CAROLINA QB, Sr., Fayetteville, N.C. (Byrd)

Pinkney guided ECU to a 27-22 win over No. 15 Virginia Tech, helping the Pirates become the first team in C-USA history to defeat back-to-back nationally-ranked opponents (No. 22 Boise State in the 2007 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl). He completed 19-of-23 passes for 211 yards with one touchdown pass. His 82.6 completion percentage set a new single-game school record. Pinkney also rushed 11 times for 24 yards with a score. Eight of his 19 completions went for 10 or more yards, with a game-long 27 yarder going to Dwayne Harris in the second quarter.

DEFENSE

ANDREW SENDEJO - RICE FS, Jr., Canyon Lake, Texas (Smithson Valley)

Sendejo set up a pair of Rice touchdowns in a 28-point third quarter outburst to put the game away vs. SMU. He intercepted a pass and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown, the second of his career and both have come against SMU. Sendejo then picked up a fumble and returned it 34 yards to set up the Owls final touchdown of the game. He also had four tackles and was credited with breaking up a second pass.

SPECIAL TEAMS

T.J. LEE - EAST CAROLINA WR, Sr., Raleigh, N.C. (Bakersfield JC)

Lee blocked a punt and returned it 27 yards for touchdown with 1:52 remaining to give ECU a 27-22 victory over No. 15 Virginia Tech in Charlotte. He became the fourth Pirate since 2006 to receive an ESPN Gameday Final helmet sticker for his play against the Hokies and was one of four players nationally to be nominated for the AT&T All-America Player-of-the-Week. Lee's blocked punt for a TD was the first by a Pirate since Nov. 16, 2002 when Antwane Yelverton accomplished the feat at UAB. The blocked punt is also a Pontiac Game Changing Performance-of-the-Week Nominee and that winner will be announced on Thursday.

POLLING PLACE

Here's a look at the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Polls (Sept. 2):

Associated Press USA Today Coaches'

1 - USC (21)	1 - USC (23)
2 - Georgia (20)	2 - Georgia (20)
3 - Ohio State (15)	3 - Ohio State (10)
4 - Oklahoma (2)	4 - Oklahoma (2)
5 - Florida (5)	5 - Florida (3)
6 - Missouri (1)	6 - LSU (3)
7 - LSU (1)	7 - Missouri
8 - West Virginia	8 - West Virginia
9 - Auburn	9 - Texas
10 - Texas	10 - Auburn
11 - Wisconsin	11 - Wisconsin
12 - Texas Tech	12 - Kansas
13 - Alabama	13 - Texas Tech
14 - Kansas	14 - Arizona State
15 - BYU	15 - BYU
Arizona State	16 - Oregon
17 - South Florida	17 - Alabama
18 - Oregon	18 - South Florida
19 - Penn State	19 - Penn State
20 - Wake Forest	20 - Wake Forest
21 - Fresno State	21 - Fresno State
22 - Utah	22 - Clemson
23 - UCLA	23 - Utah
24 - Illinois	24 - South Carolina
South Carolina	25 - Illinois

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27 - East Carolina	28 - East Carolina
42 - Tulsa	45 - Tulsa
	UCF

STRONG SLATE

Conference USA schools will play a total of 11 games against nine different teams that were ranked in the pre-season Top 25. Nine C-USA schools face at least one preseason Top 25 team, with East Carolina and Marshall facing two. Here's a look at who C-USA plays:

Rk. Opponent	C-USA School
8. West Virginia	East Carolina, Marshall
10. Auburn	Southern Miss
11. Texas	UTEP, Rice
12. Texas Tech	SMU
13. Wisconsin	Marshall
15. Virginia Tech	East Carolina
18. Tennessee	UAB
19. South Florida	UCF
20. Alabama	Tulane

TOUGH OPENING ACT

Conference USA faces a very challenging opening two weeks of the season. C-USA will face at least one team from five of the six BCS AQ conferences during that stretch.

East Carolina defeated No. 15 Virginia Tech 27-22 in Charlotte this past Saturday and then on September 6 C-USA teams will face six different nationally-ranked teams, three at home and three on the road. East Carolina will host No. 8 West Virginia, UTEP will welcome No. 9 Texas to El Paso for the first time ever and UCF will be at home for No. 18 South Florida. Marshall will battle No. 11 Wisconsin for the first time, Southern Miss will go to No. 9 Auburn and Alabama plays at No. 13 Alabama.

LAST WEEK'S STARS

Here's a look at some of the top performers in Conference USA games from Aug. 28 - Aug. 30:

Rushing Attempts

23	Ronnie Weaver, UCF (84 yds.)
21	Damion Fletcher, USM (222 yds.)
20	Darius Marshall, MAR (115 yds.)
20	Bubba Kirksey, USM (110 yds.)

Rushing Yards

222	Damion Fletcher, USM (21 att.)
136	Joe Webb, UAB (18 att.)
115	Darius Marshall, MAR (20 att.)
110	Bubba Kirksey, USM (20 att.)

Rushing Touchdowns

2	Damion Fletcher, USM
2	Tarrion Adams, TLS
2	Austin Davis, USM

Passing Completions

33	Case Keenum, HOU (43 att.)
25	Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU (43 att.)
24	Chase Clement, Rice (37 att.)

Passing Yards

392	Case Keenum, HOU (33-of-43)
332	David Johnson, TLS (20-of-24)
258	Chase Clement, Rice (24-of-37)
244	Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU (25-of-43)
211	Patrick Pinkney, ECU (19-of-23)

Passing Touchdowns

6	Chase Clement, Rice
5	Case Keenum, HOU
3	David Johnson, TLS
3	Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU

Receptions

8	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU (121 yds.)
7	Mark Hafner, HOU (103 yds.)
7	Aldrick Robinson, SMU (91 yds)
7	Jarett Dillard, Rice (89 yds.)

Receiving Yards

121	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU (8 rec.)
103	Mark Hafner, HOU (7 rec.)
91	Aldrick Robinson, SMU (7 rec.)
89	Jarett Dillard, Rice (7 rec.)
89	Carolos Singleton, MEM (6 rec.)

Receiving Touchdowns

3	Jarett Dillard, Rice
2	Mark Hafner, HOU
2	Aldrick Robinson, SMU

Interceptions

2	Brandon King, Rice
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All-Purpose

236	Damion Fletcher, USM (222 rush, 14 rcv.)
232	Frantrell Forrest, UAB (42 rcv., 190 kr.)
163	Darius Marshall, MAR (115 rush, 19 rcv., 29 kr.)
160	Jessie Henderson, SMU (160 kr.)

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Here is a look at the 2008 leaders in the top individual statistical categories:

Rushing

RB Damion Fletcher, USM
21-for-222 yards; 10.6 avg; 2 TD

Passing Yardage

QB Case Keenum, HOU
33-of-43, 392 yds., 5 TD

Passing Efficiency

QB David Johnson, TLS
240.8 ; 20-24-0; 332 yards; 3 TD

Receptions

WR Emmanuel Sanders, SMU
8-for-121 yards; 15.1 avg, 1 TD.

Receiving Yards

WR Emmanuel Sanders, SMU
8-for-121 yards; 15.1 avg, 1 TD.

All-Purpose Yards

RB Damion Fletcher, USM
236 total yards; 222 rushing; 14 receiving

Total Offense

QB Case Keenum, HOU
384 total yards; 392 passing, -8 rush (46 plays)

Scoring

WR Jarett Dillard, Rice
18 points; 3 TD; 0 XPT; 0 FG

Field Goals

K Ben Bell, HOU
2.00 FG per game; 2-for-2 (100%)

Punting

P Kyle Peterson, UTEP
3 for 145 yards; 48.3 avg

Tackles

LB Gerald McRath, USM
15 (6 solo, 9 assist)

Sacks

DL Albert McClellan, MAR
2.00 per game, 2 solo

Interceptions

CB Brandon King, Rice
2.00 per game, 2



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

C-USA names Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week each Monday during the season. The awards are voted on by a media panel with one representative in each league city. The first awards will be announced on September 2.

Offense

S2 Patrick Pinkney, QB, ECU

Defense

S2 Andrew Sendejo, FS, Rice

Special Teams

S2 T.J. Lee, WR, ECU

PEAK PERFORMERS

Check here throughout the season to track some of the top individual offensive performances in C-USA:

300-YARD PASSERS

392	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Southern	8-30
332	David Johnson, TLS vs. UAB	8-30

100-YARD RECEIVERS

121	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU vs. Rice	8-28
103	Mark Hafner, HOU vs. Southern	8-30

100-YARD RUSHERS

222	Damion Fletcher, USM vs. La-Lafayette	8-30
136	Joe Webb, UAB vs. Tulsa	8-30
115	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. Illinois State	8-30
110	Bubba Kirksey, USM vs. La-Lafayette	8-30

PRESEASON ALL-C-USA

The 2007 Conference USA Football Championship game featured Tulsa and UCF battling for the league title and the two squads are favored once again for a title shot in 2008, according to the league's 12 head coaches. The defending champion Knights were picked to win the East Division crown, garnering 67 of a possible 72 points. The Golden Hurricane was unanimously picked to win the West, grabbing all 72 available points.

UCF was picked to finish third in the East Division in last year's poll, but behind record-setting running back Kevin Smith, the Knights finished the year 7-1 in the league and advanced to host the third annual C-USA Football Championship game. UCF rolled to the league championship with a 44-25 win over TU and went on to play in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, just the second bowl appearance in program history. The team returns nine starters in 2008 to a defensive unit that picked off a school record 24 passes in 2007.

Despite falling in the C-USA Championship game, Tulsa represented the league in the GMAC Bowl and routed Bowling Green, 63-7, to finish the season at 10-4. The 10 wins were the most for the program since 1991 and along the way TU became the first team in NCAA history to have a 5,000-yard passer, three 1,000-yard receivers and a 1,000-yard rusher. More importantly, nine starters return in 2008 to an offensive unit that led the nation in total offense a season ago.

PRESEASON HONORS

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Athlon Sports

Third Team

Joe Burnett, PR, UCF

CBSSportsLine.com

First Team

Jarett Dillard, WR, Rice

CollegeFootballNews.com

Second Team

Damion Fletcher, RB, Southern Miss
Gerald McRath, LB, Southern Miss

Honorable Mention

Jarett Dillard, WR, Rice
Shawn Nelson, TE, Southern Miss
Cody Slate, TE, Marshall
Pat Brown, OL, UCF
Robby Felix, OL, UTEP
Albert McClellan, DE, Marshall
Joe Burnett, CB, UCF
Sha'reff Rashad, S, UCF
Will Dunbar, S, UAB
C.J. Spillman, S, Marshall
Thomas Morstead, P, SMU
Britt Barefoot, P, Southern Miss
Swayze Water, K, UAB
Jose Martinez, K, UTEP
Joe Burnett, PR, UCF
Darius Marshall, KR, Marshall

NationalChamps.net

Third Team

Jarett Dillard, WR, Rice
Cody Slate, TE, Marshall
Phillip Hunt, DL, Houston
Joe Burnett, DB/PR, UCF
Jose Martinez, K, UTEP

Phil Steele's

First Team

Jose Martinez, K, UTEP

Fourth Team

Jarett Dillard, WR, Rice

Pro Football Weekly

Second Team Offense

Damion Fletcher, RB, Southern Miss

Second Team Defense

Albert McClellan, DL, Marshall
Gerald McRath, LB, Southern Miss

Sporting News

Second Team

Jarett Dillard, WR, Rice

Third Team

Gerald McRath, LB, Southern Miss
Thomas Morstead, P, SMU

Honorable Mention

Damion Fletcher, RB, Southern Miss
Brennan Marion, WR, Tulsa
Jeff Moturi, WR, UTEP
Shawn Nelson, TE, Southern Miss
Cody Slate, TE, Marshall

Pat Brown, OL, UCF
Swayze Waters, K, UAB
Joe Henderson, LB, UAB
Kenneth Fontenette, DB, Houston
Andrew Sendejo, DB, Rice
C.J. Spillman, DB, Marshall

PRESEASON NATIONAL UNIT AND PLAYER RANKINGS

Athlon Sports

Top Defensive Line Units

10 - East Carolina

Top Defensive Backs Units

5 - UCF

Lindy's

Top Wide Receiver Units

3 - Tulsa

Top Quarterbacks

21 - Chase Clement, Rice

Top Running Backs

10 - Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss

Top Receivers

5 - Jarett Dillard, Rice

Top Linebackers

6 - Gerald McRath, Southern Miss

Top Cornerbacks

7 - Joe Burnett, UCF

Top Kickers

5 - Jose Martinez, UTEP

Top Punters

7 - Thomas Morstead, SMU

Phil Steele's

Top Quarterback Units

17 - Rice

Top Wide Receiver Units

4 - Tulsa
8 - Memphis
25 - Marshall
27 - Rice

Top Defensive Back Units

10 - UCF

Top Special Teams Units

7 - UAB
9 - SMU
26 - UCF



WATCH OUT

Several C-USA players have been named to official award watch lists. Here's a look at those players (as of Aug. 25):

BEDNARIK (Top Defensive Player)

Joe Burnett, UCF
Gerald McRath, Southern Miss

BILETNIKOFF (Top Wide Receiver)

Jarett Dillard, Rice

BUTKUS (Top Linebacker)

Will Bonilla, SMU
Joe Henderson, UAB
Gerald McRath, Southern Miss
Brian Raines, Rice

DAVEY O'BRIEN (Top Quarterback)

Chase Clement, Rice

DOAK WALKER (Top Running Back)

Tarrion Adams, Tulsa
Donald Buckram, UTEP
Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss
Terrell Jackson, UTEP
DeMyron Martin, SMU

HENDRICKS (Top Defensive End)

Phillip Hunt, Houston
Albert McClellan, Marshall

LOMBARDI (Top Down Lineman/TE)

Phillip Hunt, Houston
Gerald McRath, Southern Miss

LOU GROZA (Top Kicker)

Ben Bell, Memphis
Jose Martinez, UTEP
Matt Reagan, UAB
Jarod Tracy, Tulsa

JOHN MACKEY (Top Tight End)

Shawn Nelson, Southern Miss
Cody Slate, Marshall

MANNING (Top Quarterback)

Chase Clement, Rice
Will Hudgens, Memphis

MAXWELL (Top Player)

Jarett Dillard, Rice
Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss

NAGURSKI (Top Defensive Player)

Joe Burnett, UCF
Will Dunbar, UAB
Albert McClellan, Marshall
Gerald McRath, Southern Miss

RIMINGTON (Top Center)

Carl Barnett, Houston
Phillip Belies, Memphis
Mitch Enright, SMU
Robby Felix, UTEP

THORPE (Top Defensive Back)

Joe Burnett, UCF

WALTER CAMP (Top Player)

Joe Burnett, UCF
Jarett Dillard, Rice

UNITAS (Top Quarterback)

Chase Clement, Rice
Will Hudgens, Memphis

C-USA ON NATIONAL TV

Conference USA has announced its television schedule for the 2008 football season. The current confirmed schedule features nearly 50 games to air nationally or regionally. National games will be televised on CBS College Sports Network, ESPN, ESPN 2, the NFL Network and the Big Ten Network. Included are a number of unopposed windows that provide tremendous exposure to C-USA, as well as several exciting league match-ups, and many challenging non-conference contests. Additionally, at least seven other games will be regionally-televised throughout the southeast on CSS.

This season marks the fourth year of C-USA's partnership with CBS College Sports Network (formerly CSTV). In 2005, Conference USA signed a six-year initial term that includes significant national and regional exposure for football, men's and women's basketball and other C-USA sports. CBS College Sports Network is widely available on cable systems across the country and via satellite on DIRECTV Channel 613 (Premier Package and Sports Pack) and Dish Network Channel 152 (America's Top 200 Package).

Conference USA will also be featured on ESPN and its family of networks with at least 10 regular season contests televised this fall as part of its contract with the network. Additional non-conference games may be selected by the network through agreements with other conferences. The fourth annual Conference USA Football Championship Game will be televised by ESPN or ESPN 2 on Saturday, December 6.

Listed below is a complete schedule of C-USA games to be aired on national television:

CBS COLLEGE SPORTS SCHEDULE



Sat. Sept. 6	Rice at Memphis	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 13	Air Force at Houston	2:30 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 20	TCU at SMU	7:00 p.m.
Thur. Sept. 25	SMU at Tulane	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 27	Houston at East Carolina	2:30 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 27	UCF at UTEP	7:00 p.m.
Thur. Oct. 2	Memphis at UAB	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 4	SMU at UCF	2:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 4	Rice at Tulsa	7:00 p.m.
Thur. Oct. 9	UAB at Houston	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 11	Boise State at Southern Miss	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 18	UTEP at Tulsa	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 25	SMU at Navy	2:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 25	Southern Miss at Memphis	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 8	Marshall at East Carolina	2:30 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 8	TBA (12 day advance)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 15	TBA (12 day advance)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 22	TBA (12 day advance)	2:30 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 28	UTEP at East Carolina	Noon
Sat. Nov. 29	TBA (12 day advance)	2:30 p.m.

ESPN SCHEDULE



Sat. Sept. 6	West Virginia at East Carolina	3:30 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 3	Cincinnati at Marshall	7:00 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 10	Louisville at Memphis	7:00 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 26	UCF at Tulsa	7:00 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 2	East Carolina at UCF	7:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 21	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 31	Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl	11:00 a.m.
Fri. Jan. 2	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	4:00 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 6	GMAC Bowl	7:00 p.m.

ESPN2 SCHEDULE



Sat. Sept. 6	South Florida at UCF	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 6	Texas at UTEP	9:15 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 28	Houston at Marshall	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 20	St. Petersburg Bowl	3:30 p.m.

ESPN or ESPN2 SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 6	C-USA Championship Game	TBA
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ESPN REGIONAL SCHEDULE



Sat. Sept. 13	Marshall at West Virginia	2:30 p.m.
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CSS SCHEDULE



Sat. Sept. 13	Memphis at Marshall	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 20	Marshall at Southern Miss	2:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 18	Memphis at East Carolina	11:00 a.m.
Sat. Nov. 1	UAB at Southern Miss	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 15	UCF at Marshall	3:30 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 22	TBA (12 day advance)	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 29	TBA (12 day advance)	2:30 p.m.

BIG TEN NETWORK SCHEDULE



Sat. Sept. 6	Marshall at Wisconsin	11:00 a.m.
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NFL NETWORK SCHEDULE



Tues., Dec. 30	Texas Bowl	7:00 p.m.
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RAYCOM REGIONAL SCHEDULE



Sat., Sept. 6	Southern Miss at Auburn	11:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 13	UAB at Tennessee	11:30 a.m.

All Game Times Central

C-USA ON SIRIUS RADIO

Conference USA will once again have games broadcast live on Sirius Satellite Radio this season. Games will be featured on Ch. 107. Below is the schedule to date. Please check this section throughout the season as more games will be released.

SIRIUS RADIO SCHEDULE



Sat., Sept. 6	South Florida at UCF	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 13	Air Force at Houston	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 20	New Mexico State at UTEP	8:05 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 27	Houston at East Carolina	2:30 p.m.



SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

Conference USA teams never shy away from playing challenging non-conference competition and this season is no exception. Included are 23 non-conference games against teams that played in bowl games last season. Among the teams on C-USA's non-conference slate in 2008 are Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Boise State, Boston College, Louisville, LSU, Miami (Fla.), South Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Texas Tech, TCU, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

Conference USA will face at least one opponent from all 10 of the other I-A conferences, with the exception of the Pac-10 Conference.

Here's a look at C-USA's non-league opponents by conference:

- ACC:** Boston College, Miami (Fla.), N.C. State, Virginia, Virginia Tech
- Big East:** Cincinnati, West Virginia (2), Louisville, USF
- Big Ten:** Wisconsin
- Big 12:** Oklahoma State, Texas (2), Texas Tech
- Mtn. West:** Air Force, Colorado State, New Mexico, TCU
- MAC:** Buffalo
- SEC:** Alabama, Arkansas, LSU, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt
- Sun Belt:** Arkansas State (2), Florida Atlantic, Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe, North Texas (2)
- WAC:** Boise State, New Mexico State
- Independent:** Army, Navy

SUMLIN TABBED TO LEAD UH

University of Houston Director of Athletics Dave Maggard announced on Dec. 14 that **Kevin Sumlin** was hired as the Cougar football head coach. Sumlin becomes the 11th head coach in UH history, but more importantly, he becomes the first African-American to lead the prestigious Cougar program.

Sumlin is the first African-American to be hired to lead a Division I-Football Bowl Subdivision program in the state of Texas. Former North Texas head coach Matt Simon was first hired in 1993 when the UNT program was a Division I-Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) school, later moving up a division and coaching the North Texas program from 1994-97 as a member of the Division I-FBS.

The 43-year-old Sumlin arrives on Cullen Boulevard after spending the past five seasons at the University of Oklahoma, where he has served as both the co-offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach (2006-07) and special teams coordinator/tight end coach (2003-05).

JONES TO GUIDE MUSTANGS

Director of Athletics Steve Orsini announced **June Jones** as the head football coach at SMU on January 7. Jones arrives on the Hilltop after nine years at Hawai'i, where he resurrected a downtrodden Warrior football program to make it one of the most exciting and competitive squads in the country.

Jones led his Hawai'i teams to 76 wins -- the most by any Hawai'i coach -- two Western Athletic Conference Championships and six bowl-game appearances. He developed six All-Americans and produced 16 NFL draft picks, with a school-record five in 2007. In the five years before Jones' arrival, Hawai'i combined for 12 wins and not a single draft pick or bowl game berth. In 1998, Hawai'i suffered its first-ever winless season. The following year, the first under Jones, the Warriors went 9-4, marking the biggest turnaround in NCAA history.

Jones catapulted the Warrior program into the national rankings in his nine seasons, with Hawai'i ranking in the top 40 in seven of his nine years, including a top-10 ranking in 2007.

SOUTHERN MISS CALLS ON FEDORA

University of Southern Mississippi President Martha Saunders and Director of Athletics Richard Giannini announced the hiring of **Larry Fedora** as the 18th head football coach in the 91-year history of the program on Dec. 12.

Fedora, 45, comes to Southern Miss after spending the last three seasons as the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma State where the Cowboys have been in the top 10 in rushing yards per game and in the top 20 in total offense per game in each of the last two seasons. During Fedora's three-year tenure at OSU, the Cowboys have raised their rushing, passing and total offensive yards in each year that he has been there. In 2006, the Cowboys were one of just two teams - the other being Boise State - to average over 200 yards both rushing and passing.

The offense has averaged over 30 points per contest over the last two seasons as well. The Cowboys made the biggest improvement in the country in scoring following his second season of running the offense, jumping from 96th nationally in 2005 to seventh in 2006.

THAT'S A FIRST

With its thrilling 27-22 win over No. 15 Virginia Tech, East Carolina became the first team in the 13-year history of Conference USA Football to EVER win back-to-back games over nationally ranked teams. The Pirates closed out the 2007 season with a 41-38 victory over No. 22 Boise State in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl.

COACH 'EM UP SKIP

In four years under head coach **Skip Holtz**, East Carolina has now posted wins over five different ACC schools (Virginia Tech in 2008, North Carolina in 2007, Virginia and N.C. State in 2006 and Duke in 2005).

PINKNEY SETS RECORD

East Carolina QB **Patrick Pinkney** completed 19-of-23 passes for 211 yards with one TD. His 82.6 completion percentage established a new single-game school record previously set by James Pinkney in 2005 against Duke (17-of-21; 81.0 %). Pinkney tied a career-high with 11 rushes for 33 yards (career-high) with one TD.

DAZZLING DEBUT

With 55 points, first-year head coach **Kevin Sumlin's** Cougars tallied the most points by a Cougar coach in his first game with the program. It topped the 54 points scored by the Cougars against Montana on Sept. 17, 1955, in former head coach Bill Meek's debut. The Cougars' 55 points scored was the most scored by UH in a season opener since a 73-3 win over Louisiana Tech on Aug. 31, 1991.

CASE IN POINT

With five touchdowns, sophomore QB **Case Keenum** became the first quarterback to throw five TD passes since Kevin Kolb accomplished the feat at UTEP on Sept. 16, 2005. With his 392 passing yards, Keenum recorded the second 300-yard passing game of his career and the yardage total was a single-game high for the signal caller.

HAFNER HAS IT

With six catches, Houston senior TE **Mark Hafner** tied his single-game high. He added 103 receiving yards to record the second 100-yard receiving game of his career. Hafner also tallied two touchdown receptions to establish a new career high.

CAN'T CATCH FLETCH

Southern Miss junior RB **Damion Fletcher** went over the 3,000-yard rushing mark with his career-best 222 yards rushing against La. Lafayette - which currently ranks him second in nation. The rushing output was the highest ever for a Golden Eagle junior as he moved into third place on the school's career chart for rushing yards with 3,196. Fletcher also tied the school mark for most 100-yard rushing games with Ben Garry (1974-77) with 17. He added a pair of rushing scores - from 14 and 6 yards - and tallied a 10.6 yards per rush with his longest carry coming at 45 yards.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

With both Fletcher and **Bubba Kirksey** rushing for over 100 yards, the Golden Eagles had a pair of rushers go for over the century mark for the first time since September 14, 2002 against Memphis (Derrick Nix, Anthony Harris).

DAVIS DOES IT

Southern Miss QB **Austin Davis** threw for 206 yards and two touchdowns in his first start, while rushing for 63 yards and two touchdowns, the first two of his career. It was the first start for a Golden Eagle freshman at quarterback in the school's opener since Tommy Waters opened the year with a 25-7 win over Delta State on Aug. 31, 1991.



HE IS BACK

Marshall's 2006 Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year **Albert McClellan** is back. The Marshall standout recorded 19 tackles for loss and 11 sacks as a sophomore en route to first-team all-conference and All-America honors in 2006. He suffered a knee injury in preseason camp last year that forced him to miss all of the 2007 campaign. He recorded four tackles, including a team-high two sacks for -20 yards in the opener.

HE IS (DARIUS) MARSHALL

Marshall sophomore running back **Darius Marshall** is looking to build on a strong freshman season and Saturday against Illinois State he laid a good foundation. He led the Thundering Herd in rushing last season with 631 yards en route to earning All-Conference USA Freshman Team honors. Against Illinois State, Marshall eclipsed the 100-yard mark for the first time with 115 yards on 20 carries and one touchdown.

YES HE CANN

Marshall redshirt-freshman quarterback **Mark Cann** made his collegiate debut against Illinois State. The South Carolina native completed 11-of-22 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns with only one interception en route to helping the Herd to the 35-10 victory. He also carried the ball five times for 10 yards.

CARLOS CATCHES

Memphis junior WR **Carlos Singleton** hauled in a 42-yard reception in the first quarter to mark his fifth consecutive game with a reception of 40 or more yards. He also extended his active receiving streak to 22 games. Singleton finished the game with six catches for a team high 89 yards.

ALL DAY DUKE

Memphis junior receiver **Duke Calhoun** extended his receiving streak to 25 games with his 23-yard reception in the second quarter. Calhoun has now caught a pass in all 25 games he has played in. He missed the UCF game last season with a knee injury. Calhoun finished Saturday's game with four receptions for 43 yards. He moved into seventh place among all-time leading receivers at Memphis with those catches.

DILLARD AT IT AGAIN

Rice senior WR **Jarett Dillard** hauled in three touchdown receptions against SMU to vault him into a tie for third on the NCAA career list with Aaron Turner of Pacific. Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech holds the record with 50, while Darius Watts of Marshall is second with 47.

CUT TO THE CHASE

Rice senior QB **Chase Clement** tied the conference and school records with six touchdown passes against SMU. Clement completed 24 of 37 for 258 yards and did not throw an interception. He also led the Owls with 87 yards rushing and became the first Rice player to top 7,000 yards of career total offense (7,059). He threw three TDs to Jarett Dillard, extending their combined total to 35 in their career, three shy of the NCAA career mark for passing duos.

CAREER CATCHES

Rice's **Jarett Dillard** now sits in eighth place on the all-time C-USA reception list. Here is a look at the career catch leaders. Check this section throughout the season to monitor his progress.

300	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1997-00 (3,670 yards)
272	Vincent Marshall, Houston, 2003-06 (3,770 yards)
236	JaJuan Dawson, Tulane, 1996-98 (3,048 yards)
222	Orlando Iglesias, Houston, 1997-01 (2,810 yards)
217	Ibn Green, Louisville, 1996-99 (2,830 yards)
215	Roydell Williams, Tulane, 2000-04 (3,207 yards)
215	Donnie Avery, Houston, 2004-2007 (2,390 yards)
212	Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present (2,917 yards)

RECEIVING YARDS GAINED

Rice's **Jarett Dillard** also enters 2008 in 10th place on the all-time receiving yards gained chart. Here is a look at the all-time leaders. Check this section throughout the season to monitor his progress.

3,770	Vincent Marshall, Houston, 2003-06 (272 catches)
3,670	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1997-00 (300 catches)
3,289	Donnie Avery, Houston, 2004-2007 (286 catches)
3,207	Roydell Williams, Tulane, 2001-04 (215 catches)
3,115	Sherrod Gideon, Southern Miss, 1996-99 (193 catches)
3,112	Roddy White, UAB, 2001-04 (163 catches)
3,048	JaJuan Dawson, Tulane, 1996-98 (236 catches)
2,917	Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present (212 catches)
2,873	Brandon Middleton, Houston, 1999-03 (137 catches)
2,830	Ibn Green, Louisville, 1996-99 (217 catches)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

With 43 career touchdowns, Rice's **Jarett Dillard** needs just four to move into second place all-time on the C-USA career TD list. Here is a look at the C-USA leaders. Check this section throughout the season to monitor his progress.

1.	60	DeAngelo Williams, Memphis, 2002-05
2.	46	Kevin Smith, UCF, 2005-07
3.	44	Chris Johnson, East Carolina, 2004-07
4.	44	Matt Forté, Tulane, 2004-07
5.	43	Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present

TOUCHDOWN CATCHES

With his three TD's against SMU to open the season, Rice's **Jarett Dillard** extended his own C-USA record for career touchdown catches. The senior now has 43 and is one of two active players with 40 career TD receptions. Here is a look at the career touchdown catch leaders:

43	Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present
35	Roydell Williams, Tulane, 2001-04
33	Ibn Green, Louisville, 1996-99
31	JaJuan Dawson, Tulane, 1996-98
31	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1997-00
30	Sherrod Gideon, Southern Miss, 1996-99
27	Corey White, UAB, 2003-06
26	Vincent Marshall, Houston, 2003-06
26	Roddy White, UAB, 2001-04
24	Brandon Middleton, Houston, 1999-03
24	Adrian Burnette, Tulane, 1997-00
22	Todd Pinkston, Southern Miss, 1996-99
19	Donnie Avery, Houston, 2004-2007
19	Tavares Gideon, Memphis, 2002, 04
19	J.R. Russell, Louisville, 2001-04

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Rice quarterback **Chase Clement** needs 22 TD passes to become the fifth player in C-USA history with 80 TD passes. Clement tossed 29 TDs a year ago. Check this section throughout the season to monitor his progress.

1.	85	Kevin Kolb, Houston, 2003-06
2.	84	Chris Redman, Louisville, 1996-99
3.	82	Paul Smith, Tulsa, 2005-07
4.	81	Danny Wimprine, Memphis, 2001-04
5.	78	Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati, 2001-04
12.	58	Chase Clement, Rice, 2005-present

MORE FLETCH

After the first weekend of FBS Football play, Southern Miss RB **Damion Fletcher** ranks second in the nation in rushing yards per game. Here's a look at the NCAA leaders:

Player	Rsh.	Yds.	Avg.	Ypg.
Shun White, Navy	19	348	18.32	384.0
Damion Fletcher, USM	21	222	10.57	222.0
P.J. Hill, Wisconsin	26	210	8.08	210.0

200 PLUS

Fletcher became the 13th C-USA player in the last two seasons to rush for 200+ yards and the 222 yards were a career high for the junior and just his second career 200-yard rushing game.

GOLDEN GUNSLINGER

Tulsa QB **David Johnson** picked up where Paul Smith left off and notched a 300-yard passing game in his 2008 debut. He also currently ranks second in the NCAA FBS in passing efficiency. Here is a look at the NCAA leaders in passing efficiency:

Player	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	TDpct.	Eff.
Drew Willy, Buffalo	10	16	62.5	25.0	261.0
David Johnson, TLS	20	24	83.3	12.5	240.8
Nate Davis, Ball St.	21	24	87.5	12.5	230.3



TOTAL OFFENSE

Houston sophomore QB **Case Keenum** threw for 392 yards on Saturday against Southern and currently ranks fifth in the NCAA FBS in total offense. Here is a look at the total offense leaders:

Player	Rsh.	Pass	Ply.	Yds.	Yd./G
Graham Harrell, TT	2	536	60	538	538.0
Max Hall, BYU	-1	486	45	485	485.0
Juice Williams, ILL	10	451	81	461	461.0
Rudy Carpenter, ASU	40	388	33	428	428.0
Case Keenum, HOU	-8	392	46	384	384.0

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

Conference USA features two of the top seven players in the NCAA in all-purpose running. Southern Miss' **Damion Fletcher** is in fifth and UAB's **Frantrell Forrest** is in seventh. Here is a look at the NCAA all-purpose running leaders:

Player	Rsh.	Rcv.	Pr.	Kor.	Yd./G
1. Brandon Tate, UNC	106	93	142	56	397.0
2. Shun White, Navy	348	0	0	0	348.0
3. Jahvid Best, Cal	111	63	0	103	277.0
4. James Rodgers, OSU	49	39	0	159	247.0
6. Damion Fletcher, USM222	14	0	0	0	236.0
6. Jeremy Maclin, MIZ	2	31	56	145	234.0
7. Frantrell Forrest, UAB	0	213	0	0	213.0

CLEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE

Rice QB **Chase Clement** currently leads the nation and C-USA in points responsible for after week one. Here's a look at the NCAA leaders:

Player	Pass	Passing Pts.	Total	Ppg.	
Chase Clement, Rice	0	6	0	36	36.0
Juice Williams, ILL	1	5	2	34	34.0
Josh Freeman, KSU	0	3	12	30	30.0

PASSING CASE

Houston sophomore QB **Case Keenum** threw for 392 yards on Saturday against Southern and currently ranks fifth in the NCAA FBS in passing and passing yards. Here is a look at the NCAA leaders:

Player	CPct.	Yds.	Yatt.	Ycmp.	Cpg.
Graham Harrell, TT	74.1	536	9.24	12.47	43.0
Todd Reesing, KAN	71.2	256	4.92	6.92	37.0
Max Hall, BYU	82.9	486	11.9	14.29	34.0
Lyle Moevao, OSU	63.0	404	7.48	11.88	34.0
Case Keenum, HOU	76.7	392	9.12	11.88	33.0

MARION DOESN'T MISS A BEAT

Tulsa WR **Brennan Marion** went over 100 yards on his fourth reception of the the game against UAB. It marked his seventh 100+ receiving game in just his 15th collegiate outing. Marion tallied caught of 58 and 56 yards in the win.

OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION

Tulsa first-year quarterback **David Johnson** completed his first nine passes before his first incomplection, which came on his last pass attempt of the first half against UAB. In addition, for the 15th straight game going back to last year's season opener Tulsa has had a 300-yard passer. Johnson completed 20-of-24 passes for 332 yards and three TDs. Also dating back to last year, Tulsa has gone over 500 yards in total offense in 11 times in the last 15 contests and has surpassed 600 yards for the fifth time in the last two years.

KNIGHT SHUT OUT

UCF's 17-0 victory over South Carolina State was its sixth since joining the Football Bowl Subdivision (Division I-A) and first since shutting out Louisiana-Lafayette 31-0 on November 24, 2001. It is also the first shutout in Bright House Networks Stadium. UCF handed South Carolina State its first shutout loss in 15 years.

MURRAY TAKES THE PLUNGE

UCF true freshman **Latavius Murray** scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard plunge in the second quarter. He is the first freshman to score a touchdown since Kevin Smith scored in overtime at the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl on December 24, 2005. Murray added a seven-yard score in the fourth and finished with 43 yards on 11 carries and two TDs.

BURNETT BREAKS RECORD

Senior **Joe Burnett** broke the Conference USA career punt return record of 972 yards, set by Arnold Jackson of Louisville. Burnett, the NCAA's active leader in punt return yardage, finished with four returns for 83 yards, giving him 1,009 career punt return yards.

FROSH APPROACH

SMU began the 2008 season with 13 true freshman on its two-deep. The means almost 25% of the 56 players listed were entering their first season of collegiate football. It also makes SMU the youngest team in the nation, as a quick survey of the FBS SIDs revealed that that was the highest number on any school's two-deep entering the season.

RETURNING JESSIE

SMU senior KR **Jessie Henderson** had 160 kickoff return yards Friday against Rice, the second-most of his career. With 2,049 KO return yards, he needs just 105 to tie the school record.

GO JOE

UAB junior QB **Joe Webb** was 17-of-31 for 169 yards and two touchdowns through the air, while also rushing 18 times for 136 yards. He had a combined 184 rushing and passing yards in the first half as UAB built a 22-21 lead over Tulsa.

FRANTRELL FINDS THE ENDZONE

Sophomore WR **Frantrell Forrest** had a 32-yard touchdown reception for the game's first score and added a 90-yard kickoff return for a TD in the second quarter. Forrest, who had a 92-yard return for a score against Tulane last year, totaled 190 yards on six kick returns. UAB ran the ball 36 times for 245 yards. Last season, the Blazers averaged just 110.3 yards per game on the ground.

FIRST TIMERS

Twenty UAB players saw their first FBS action on Saturday. True freshmen playing for the first time included linebacker **Drew Luker** and safety **Chase Daniel**. Luker had four tackles and Daniel was credited with three tackles, a tackle for loss and a pass breakup.

HUNT'S GREAT START

UTEP senior TE **Jamar Hunt** led the Miners in catches (six) and receiving yards (86) at Buffalo, coming within two yards of tying his career high in the process. He had 88 yards receiving against UAB in 2005. Incidentally, that was also the last time a tight end led UTEP in receiving. Hunt had seven catches for 92 yards in the first six games of the 2007 season combined. Against Buffalo, he became the first tight end to lead UTEP in receiving in a season opener since Clifford Johnston had 34 yards at LSU in 1997. Overall Hunt is only the third tight end in school history to lead the team in receiving to open a season, joining Johnston and Jason Blair at New Mexico State (44 yards) in 1995.

MR. SEASON OPENER

UTEP senior RB **Terrell Jackson** has scored two touchdowns in two seasons at UTEP, with both occurring in the first game of the season. A year ago, his 36-yard dash into the end zone sealed the Miners' 10-6 conquest of New Mexico. He finished the game with a team-leading 73 yards rushing on 11 carries. Last week at Buffalo, Jackson ran for 67 yards on 18 attempts, again scoring UTEP's first TD of the season on a one-yard plunge. Jackson has rushed for 269 yards in a Miner uniform, with 52 percent (140) of those yards coming in game one. In two career starts for UTEP -- the '07 and '08 season opener -- Jackson has averaged 70 yards rushing.

WORTH A TRY

Buffalo fans might have been a little surprised to see UTEP senior K **Jose Martinez** attempt a 66-yard field goal last week, but that distance shouldn't stun Miner supporters. After all, Martinez nailed a 70-yarder in practice under the lights in the Sun Bowl just a couple of weeks ago. Incidentally, the NCAA record for longest field goal without a tee is 65 yards by Kansas State's Martin Gramatica against Northern Illinois in 1998. Martinez's personal best is 57 yards versus Houston a year ago to set a Conference USA record.

HELMET STICKERS

The following C-USA players have earned helmet stickers this season from ESPN's Graham Watson, author of the network's Non-BCS blog:

August 31

T.J. Lee, East Carolina
(Game winning TD scored on blocked punt vs. Va. Tech)

Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss
(21 carries, 222 yards, 2 TDs vs. ULL)



EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

T.J. Lee blocked a punt and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:52 left to help East Carolina defeat No. 15 Virginia Tech, 27-22 on Saturday in Charlotte. Senior QB **Patrick Pinkney** completed his first seven pass attempts and finished the game 19-of-23 for 211 yards and one touchdown. His 82.6 completion percentage established a new single-game school record. Pinkney also tied his career record for rushing attempts (11) and set a new mark for rushing yards (33). His TD pass was a 12-yarder to junior WR **Jamar Bryant** in the third quarter, his seventh career scoring reception. Senior TE **Davon Drew** grabbed five passes for a career-high 65 yards. The Pirates ran for 158 yards with senior RB **Brandon Simmons** gaining 54 yards on 17 attempts and sophomore RB **Jonathan Williams** picking up 48 on 10 tries, including a one-yard TD run for ECU's first score of the day. Senior LB **Quentin Cotton** had an interception, a sack, a pass breakup and five tackles, while junior LB **Nick Johnson** had three tackles and an interception that he returned to the one-yard line.

HOUSTON COUGARS

The Cougars open the **Kevin Sumlin** era on Saturday with a 55-3 win over Southern University. Houston has now won its last six home openers at Robertson Stadium. Sophomore QB **Case Keenum** threw for a career-high 392 yards and five touchdowns. He opened the game by completing his first 14 pass attempts and finished 33-of-43. Senior TE **Mark Hafner** collected his second career 100-yard receiving game, ending play with a game-high 103 yards and two touchdowns on seven catches. Sophomore WR **L.J. Castille**, a former quarterback, set career highs for receptions (5), yards (83) and touchdowns (2). Sophomore RB **Andre Kohn** finished as the contest's leading rusher with 56 yards on 11 carries, edging freshman **Bryce Beall**, who racked up 53 yards on only six rushes. The attendance of 26,555 marked the second-most fans to watch a Houston season opener at Robertson Stadium. The 52-point victory was also the largest margin of victory in a Houston coaching debut, topping the previous best during a 42-point win (54-12) by former head coach Bill Meek against Montana on Sept. 17, 1955.

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

The Thundering Herd opened the 2008 season with a 35-10 win over Illinois State on Saturday. In his first game as Marshall starting quarterback, redshirt freshman **Mark Cann** completed 11-of-22 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns. Cann's primary target was senior WR **Darius Passmore**, who finished the day 111 yards receiving on just four catches. That marked the third 100-yard receiving game of his career. Sophomore RB **Darius Marshall** finished the day with 115 yards on 20 carries. It was the first 100-yard rushing performance of his career. Freshman RB **Terrell Edwards** and senior RB **Chubb Small** each added touchdown carries of their own. Senior DE **Albert McClellan** made his return to play showed no rust from his year off as he recorded two sacks. Senior S **C.J. Spillman** led Marshall with 13 total tackles. Freshman P **Kase Whitehead** pinned the Redbirds inside the 20-yard line on four different occasions. Whitehead averaged 41.2 yards per punt and also had a punt downed at the 1-yard line on the evening.

MEMPHIS TIGERS

The Tigers dropped their season opener at Mississippi, 41-24. Junior **Arkelon Hall** started at QB for the Tigers and was 15-of-27 for 159 yards. He left the game in the third quarter with an injury, but did return. Senior **Will Hudgens** also saw time under center, going 8-of-15 for 102 yards with two touchdown passes. Included was a 43-yard TD pass to senior WR **Maurice Jones**, Hudgens longest pass play since the 2005 season. Junior WR **Carlos Singleton** hauled in a 42-yard reception in the first quarter to mark his fifth consecutive game with a reception of 40 or more yards. He finished the game with six catches for a team high 89 yards. Junior WR **Duke Calhoun** caught a pass for the 25th consecutive game, grabbing four passes for 43 yards and moving into sixth place on the school's all-time receiving yardage list with 1,614 yards. Junior RB **Curtis Steele** had a solid debut in a Tiger uniform, rushing 15 times for 87 yards.

RICE OWLS

The Owls opened the 2008 season with a 56-27 win over SMU on Friday night. The 56 points match the most scored by Rice since joining Conference USA in 1995. Senior QB **Chase Clement** tied the C-USA record for touchdown passes in a single game with six (matching his record vs. UTEP last year and also held by Lester Ricard of Tulane in 2004 and Chris Redman of Louisville in 1998). He also ran 13 times for 87 yards, giving him 345 yards of total offense. Senior WR **Jarett Dillard** grabbed seven passes for 89 yards and caught three touchdown passes. Clement and Dillard have now combined for 35 touchdown passes, just three shy of the NCAA record that was set by Tim Rattay and Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech and matched last year by Colt Brennan and Davone Bess of Hawaii. With 43 career TD catches, Dillard has moved into a tie for third place all-time for receiving touchdowns (with Aaron Turner of Pacific). Sophomore **James Casey** lined up at QB, WR and TE, rushing nine times for 47 yards and a touchdown and also catching six passes for 53 yards and a score.

SMU MUSTANGS

The Mustangs opened the **June Jones** era on Friday night at Rice, but fell to the Owls, 56-27. SMU jumped out to a 13-0 lead on a pair of first quarter touchdown passes by true freshman QB **Bo Levi Mitchell**, but Rice scored 28 unanswered points to close out the first half. Mitchell finished the game 25-of-43 for 244 yards and three touchdowns, but also threw three interceptions, including one that was returned for a touchdown. Junior WR **Emmanuel Sanders** caught eight passes for 121 yards and a touchdown, notching his fifth career 100-yard game. Senior P/K **Thomas Morstead** extended his school-record PAT made streak to 78 before missing his second try of the night. He had not missed since his first SMU attempt back in 2006 at North Texas. Senior KR **Jessie Henderson** had 160 kickoff return yards, the second-most of his career. With 2,049 KO return yards, he needs just 105 to tie the school record.

SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

Southern Miss opened the **Larry Fedora** with a 51-21 win over Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday. The game was played in front of a crowd of 32,792 the eighth largest crowd in Carlisle-Faulkner Field at Roberts Stadium history. Southern Miss established a school record by gaining 633 total yards, breaking the old mark of 630 against Texas-Arlington on Oct. 3, 1981. The Golden Eagles ran for 427 yards and threw for 206. Junior RB **Damion Fletcher** went over the 3,000-yard rushing mark with his career-best 222 yards rushing – which currently ranks him second in nation. The rushing output was the highest ever for a Golden Eagle junior as he moved into third place on the school's career chart for rushing yards with 3,196. Fletcher also tied the school mark for most 100-yard rushing games with Ben Garry (1974-77) with 17. He added a pair of rushing scores – from 14 and 6 yards – and tallied a 10.6 yards per rush with his longest carry coming at 45 yards. Junior RB **Bubba Kirksey** carried 20 times for 110 yards, giving USM a pair of 100-yard rushers for the first time since Derrick Nix and Anthony Harris topped the century mark against Memphis on Nov. 14, 2002. **Austin Davis** became the first freshman to start at quarterback for USM since 1991 and threw for 206 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for 63 yards and two scores.

TULANE GREEN WAVE

The Green Wave was the only team in Conference USA that did not play this weekend. Tulane will visit Alabama on Saturday for its season opener. The defense returns seven starters under new coordinator **O'Neill Gilbert**. Senior S **David Skehan** produced 66 tackles (39 solo) last season, led the team with four interceptions and was second with 10 pass breakups. He missed the beginning of preseason camp as he recovered from a sports hernia injury suffered during the summer. Senior DE **Reggie Scott** recorded four sacks, nine tackles for loss and three forced fumbles in 12 starts last season. Sophomore **Kevin Moore**, who threw for 432 yards and two TDs in parts of eight games last year, was named the Wave's starting quarterback on August 14. Junior RB **Andre Anderson** is scheduled to be the starter to take the place of record-setting rusher Matt Forte. A two-year letterwinner, Anderson carried 14 times for 91 yards and one touchdown in 2007.

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

The Golden Hurricane shutout UAB in the second half, posting a 45-22 victory after trailing by a point at halftime. Senior QB **David Johnson** was 20-of-24 for 332 yards and three touchdowns. He completed his first nine passes before throwing an incompleteness on his final attempt of the first half. Senior WR **Brennan Marion**, who broke a 30-year old NCAA record by averaging 31.9 yards per catch last season, had receptions of 58 and 56 yards and finished with four grabs for 125 yards. He now has seven 100-yard games in 15 collegiate outings. Senior RB **Tarrison Adams** carried 12 times for 73 yards and a pair of touchdowns before leaving in the third quarter with a leg injury. Sophomore RB **Charles Clay** caught the game's longest pass, a 73-yarder from Dave Johnson, but also registered his first collegiate sack. Tulsa rolled up 601 yards of total offense, including 240 on the ground. Dating back to the beginning of last season, Tulsa has gone over 500 yards in total offense 11 times in the last 15 contests and has surpassed 600 yards five times.

UAB BLAZERS

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The Knights opened the 2008 season with a 17-0 shutout victory over South Carolina State. The shutout by UCF was its sixth since joining the Football Bowl Subdivision (Division I-A). It was South Carolina State's first shutout loss in 15 years. UCF extended its home winning streak to seven games, currently tied for the eighth longest active streak nationally. Starting freshman RB **Ronnie Weaver** finished the day with 84 yards on 23 carries. True freshman **Latavius Murray** scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard plunge in the second quarter. He is the first freshman to score a touchdown since Kevin Smith scored in overtime at the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl on December 24, 2005. Murray added a seven-yard score in the fourth and finished with 43 yards on 11 carries and two TDs. Senior **Joe Burnett** broke the Conference USA career punt return record of 972 yards, set by Arnold Jackson of Louisville. Burnett, the NCAA's active leader in punt return yardage, finished with four returns for 83 yards, giving him 1,009 career punt return yards.

UTEP MINERS

The Miners were the first C-USA team to open the 2008 season and fell to the Buffalo Bulls in Buffalo, 42-17. After falling behind 14-0 to begin the game, UTEP rallied to tie the game early in the second quarter. Senior RB **Terrell Jackson** got his team on the board first with a one-yard run to cap an 18-play, 80-yard drive. On UTEP's next possession, sophomore QB **Trevor Vittatoe** found classmate TE **Jonny Moore** in the endzone with a short pass to knot the game at 14-all. The Bulls then used a clock eating drive to take a 21-14 lead into halftime and the Miners would get no closer the rest of the contest. Vittatoe finished the game 20-of-37 for 199 yards with the one touchdown toss. Jackson finished with 67 yards on 18 carries, while the Miners notched 98 yards as a team. 2007 Lou Groza Award finalist senior K **Jose Martinez** went 1-for-2 on field goal tries, hitting from 27 yards and missing from 66 yards. UTEP will return to action on Sept. 6 when they host No. 10 Texas at the Sun Bowl.



A GLANCE AT THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS

MARSHALL at (11) WISCONSIN

Saturday, September 6
 11 a.m. (CDT)
 All-Time Series:
 Television:
 Announcers:

Madison, Wisconsin
 Camp Randall Stadium (80,321)
 First Meeting
 Big Ten Network
 Matt Devlin (PxP), Charles Davis (Analyst)

Marshall (1-0, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.herdzone.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at Marshall:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Mark Snyder (Marshall, '88)
 13-23 (4th year)
 13-23 (4th year)
 Multiple
 3-4
 Mark Cann (11-of-22, 161 yds., 2 TD)
 Darius Marshall (20 att., 115 yds., 1 TD)
 Darius Passmore (4 rec., 111 yds., 2 TD)
 Marshall 35, Illinois State 10
 Sept. 13, Memphis (CSS)

Wisconsin (1-0, 0-0 in Big Ten)

Website: www.uwbadgers.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at UW:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Bret Bielema (Iowa '92)
 22-5 (3rd year)
 22-5 (3rd year)
 Multiple
 4-3
 Allan Evridge (7-of-10, 75 yds., 1 TD)
 P.J. Hill (26 att., 210 yds., 2 TD)
 Kyle Jefferson (2 rec., 27 yds., 0 TD)
 Wisconsin 38, Akron 17
 Sept. 13, at (25) Fresno State

SOUTHERN MISS at (9) AUBURN

Saturday, September 6
 11:30 a.m. (CDT)
 All-Time Series:
 Last Meeting:
 Television:
 Announcers:

Auburn, Alabama
 Jordan-Hare Stadium (87,451)
 Auburn leads 16-5
 Auburn 35, Southern Miss 24 (Sept. 25, 1993)
 Raycom
 Dave Neal (PxP), Dave Archer (Analyst)

Southern Miss (1-0, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.southernmiss.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at USM:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Larry Fedora (Austin College '85)
 1-0 (1st year)
 1-0 (1st year)
 Spread
 4-3
 Austin Davis (14-of-21, 206 yds., 2 TD)
 Damion Fletcher (21 att., 222 yds., 2 TD)
 DeAndre Brown (4 att., 92 yds., 1 TD)
 Southern Miss 51, Louisiana-Lafayette 21
 Sept. 13, at Arkansas State

Auburn (1-0, 0-0 in SEC)

Website: www.auburntigers.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at AU:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Tommy Tuberville (Southern Arkansas, '76)
 106-53 (14th year)
 81-33 (10th year)
 Spread
 4-3
 Chris Todd (9-of-18, 70 yds., 0 TD)
 Ben Tate (13 att., 114 yds., 0 TD)
 Rodgeriquis Smith (5 rec., 57 yds., 0 TD)
 Auburn 34, Louisiana-Monroe 0
 Sept. 13, at Mississippi State

UAB at FLORIDA ATLANTIC

Saturday, September 6
 4 p.m. (EDT)
 All-Time Series:

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Lockhart Stadium (20,500)
 First Meeting

UAB (0-1, 0-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.uabsports.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at UAB:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Neil Callaway (Alabama '78)
 2-11 (2nd year)
 2-11 (2nd year)
 Multiple
 4-3
 Joe Webb (17-of-31, 169 yds., 2 TD)
 Joe Webb (18 att., 136 yds., 0 TD)
 Mario Wright (3 rec., 46 yds., 0 TD)
 Tulsa 45, UAB 22
 Sept. 13, at (18) Tennessee

Florida Atlantic (0-1, 0-0 in Sun Belt)

Website: www.fausports.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at FAU:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Howard Schnellenberger (Kentucky '56)
 141-120-3 (24th year)
 41-43 (8th year)
 Pro-Set
 4-3
 Rusty Smith (15-31, 253 yds., 1 TD)
 Di'Ivory Edgecomb (5 att., 24 yds., 0 TD)
 Jamari Grant (4 rec., 95 yds., 0 TD)
 (10) Texas 52, Florida Atlantic 10
 Sept. 13, at Michigan State

(8) WEST VIRGINIA at EAST CAROLINA

Saturday, September 6
 4:30 p.m. (EDT)
 All-Time Series:
 Last Meeting:
 Television:
 Announcers:

Greenville, North Carolina
 Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (43,000)
 West Virginia leads 1-0
 (5) West Virginia 48, East Carolina 7 (Sept. 22, 2007)
 ESPN
 Mike Patrick (PxP), Todd Blackledge (Analyst)

West Virginia (1-0, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.msnsportsnet.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at WVU:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Bill Stewart (Fairmont State, '75)
 9-25 (4th year)
 2-0 (1st year)
 Spread Option
 3-3-5 Stack
 Pat White (25-of-33, 208 yds., 5 TD)
 Pat White (9 att., 63 yds., 0 TD)
 Jock Sanders (8 rec., 62 yds., 2 TD)
 West Virginia 48, Villanova 21
 Sept. 18, at Colorado

East Carolina (1-0, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.ecupirates.com
 Head Coach:
 Career Record:
 Record at ECU:
 Offense:
 Defense:
 Leading Passer:
 Leading Rusher:
 Leading Receiver:
 Last Game:
 Next Game:

Skip Holtz (Notre Dame, '86)
 55-40 (9th year)
 21-17 (4th year)
 Multiple
 Multiple
 Patrick Pinkney (19-of-23, 211 yds., 1 TD)
 Brandon Simmons (17 att., 54 yds., 0 TD)
 Davon Drew (5 rec., 65 yds., 0 TD)
 East Carolina 27, (15) Virginia Tech 22
 Sept. 13, at Tulane (WITN-TV/Cox Sports)



A GLANCE AT THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS

HOUSTON at OKLAHOMA STATE

Saturday, September 6
6 p.m. (CDT)
All-Time Series:
Last Meeting:

Stillwater, Oklahoma
Boone Pickens Stadium (69,703)
Houston leads 9-8-1
Houston 34, Oklahoma State 25 (Sept. 23, 2006)

Houston (1-0, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.uhcougars.com
Head Coach: Kevin Sumlin (Purdue, '86)
Career Record: 1-0 (1st year)
Record at UH: 1-0 (1st year)
Offense: Multiple
Defense: 4-3
Leading Passer: Case Keenum (33-of-43, 395 yds., 5 TD)
Leading Rusher: Andre Kohn (11 att., 54 yds., 1 TD)
Leading Receiver: Mark Hafner (7 rec., 103 yds., 2 TD)
Last Game: Houston 55, Southern 3
Next Game: Sept. 13, Air Force (CBS College Sports)

Oklahoma State (1-0, 0-0 in Big 12)

Website: www.okstate.com
Head Coach: Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State, '90)
Career Record: 19-19 (4th year)
Record at OSU: 19-19 (4th year)
Offense: Multiple
Defense: 4-3
Leading Passer: Zac Robinson (20-of-27, 193 yds., 0 TD)
Leading Rusher: Kendall Hunter (23 att., 107 yds., 2 TD)
Leading Receiver: Dez Bryant (7 rec., 90 yds., 0 TD)
Last Game: Oklahoma State 39, Washington State 13
Next Game: Sept. 13, Missouri State

TULANE at (13) ALABAMA

Saturday, September 6
6 p.m. (CDT)
All-Time Series:
Last Meeting:
Television:
Announcers:

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Bryant-Denny Stadium (92,138)
Alabama leads 26-11-3
Alabama 20, Tulane 10 (Sept. 24, 1994)
Crimson Tide Sports Network
Chris Stewart (PxP), Tyler Watts (Analyst)

Tulane (4-8, 3-5 in C-USA in 2007)

Website: www.tulanegreenwave.com
Head Coach: Bob Toledo (San Francisco State '68)
Career Record: 82-76 (15th year)
Record at Tulane: 4-8 (2nd year)
Offense: Multiple
Defense: Multiple
Leading Returning Passer: Kevin Moore (30-of-54, 432 yds., 2 TD)
Leading Returning Rusher: Andre Anderson (14 att., 91 yds., 1 TD)
Leading Returning Receiver: Jeremy Williams (46 rec., 773 yds., 5 TD)
2007 Bowl Game: None
Next Game: Sept. 13, East Carolina (WITN/Cox Sports)

Alabama (1-0, 0-0 in SEC)

Website: www.rolltide.com
Head Coach: Nick Saban (Kent State '73)
Career Record: 99-48-1 (15th year)
Record at UA: 8-6 (2nd year)
Offense: Multiple Pro Set
Defense: 3-4
Leading Passer: John Parker-Wilson (22-of-30, 180 yds., 2 TD)
Leading Rusher: Mark Ingram (17 att., 96 yds., 0 TD)
Leading Receiver: Nick Walker (7 rec., 69 yds., 1 TD)
Last Game: Alabama 34, (9) Clemson 10
Next Game: Sept. 13, Western Kentucky

TULSA at NORTH TEXAS

Saturday, September 6
6 p.m. (CDT)
All-Time Series:
Last Meeting:

Denton, Texas
Fouts Field (30,500)
Tulsa leads 15-6
Tulsa 54, North Texas 2 (Sept. 17, 2005)

Tulsa (1-0, 1-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.tulsahurricane.com
Head Coach: Todd Graham (West Texas State, '87)
Career Record: 18-10 (3rd year)
Record at Tulsa: 11-4 (2nd year)
Offense: Spread No Huddle
Defense: 3-4
Leading Passer: David Johnson (20-24, 332 yds., 3 TD)
Leading Rusher: Tarrion Adams (12 att., 63 yds., 2 TD)
Leading Receiver: A.J. Whitmore (5 rec., 63 yds., 0 TD)
Last Game: Tulsa 45, UAB 22
Next Game: Sept. 20, New Mexico

North Texas (0-1, 0-0 in Sun Belt)

Website: www.meangreensports.com
Head Coach: Todd Dodge (Texas '87)
Career Record: 2-11 (2nd year)
Record at UNT: 2-11 (2nd year)
Offense: Spread
Defense: 4-3
Leading Passer: Giovanni Vizza (16-of-29, 100 yds., 1 TD)
Leading Rusher: Cam Montgomery (8 att., 62 yds., 0 TD)
Leading Receiver: Casey Fitzgerald (6 rec., 31 yds., 0 TD)
Last Game: Kansas State 45, North Texas 6
Next Game: Sept. 13, at (6) LSU

(17) SOUTH FLORIDA at UCF

Saturday, September 6
7 p.m. (EDT)
All-Time Series:
Last Meeting:
Television:
Announcers:

Orlando, Florida
Bright House Networks Stadium (45,323)
South Florida leads 3-0
South Florida 64, UCF 12 (Oct. 13, 2007)
ESPN 2
Joe Tessitore (PxP), Rodney Gilmore (Analyst)

South Florida (1-0, 0-0 in Big East)

Website: www.usfbulls.com
Head Coach: Jim Leavitt (Missouri, '78)
Career Record: 80-47 (12th year)
Record at USF: 80-47 (12th year)
Offense: No Huddle, Spread
Defense: 4-3
Leading Passer: Matt Grothe (6-of-8, 96 yds., 2 TD)
Leading Rusher: Benjamin Williams (6 att., 70 yds., 1 TD)
Leading Receiver: A.J. Love (4 rec., 57 yds., 0 TD)
Last Game: South Florida 56, Tennessee-Martin 7
Next Game: Sept. 12, (13) Kansas

UCF (1-0, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.ucfathletics.com
Head Coach: George O'Leary (New Hampshire '69)
Career Record: 75-61 (12th year)
Record at UCF: 23-28-0 (5th year)
Offense: Multiple
Defense: Multiple
Leading Passer: Michael Greco (9-of-16, 90 yds., 0 TD)
Leading Rusher: Ronnie Weaver (23 att., 84 yds., 0 TD)
Leading Receiver: Khymest Williams (5 rec., 32 yds., 0 TD)
Last Game: UCF 17, South Carolina State 0
Next Game: Sept. 20, at Boston College



A GLANCE AT THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS

RICE at MEMPHIS

Saturday, September 6
 7:00 p.m. (CDT)
 All-Time Series:
 Last Meeting:
 Television:
 Announcers:

Memphis, Tennessee
 Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (62,380)
 Memphis leads 1-0
 Memphis 38, Rice 35 (Oct. 20, 2007)
 CBS College Sports
 Carter Blackburn (PxP), Aaron Taylor (Analyst)

Rice (1-0, 1-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.riceowls.com
 Head Coach: David Bailiff (Texas State, '81)
 Career Record: 25-24 (5th year)
 Record at Rice: 4-9 (2nd year)
 Offense: Spread
 Defense: 4-2-5
 Leading Passer: Chase Clement (24-of-37, 258 yds., 6 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Chase Clement (13 att., 87 yds., 0 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Jarett Dillard (7 rec., 89 yds., 3 TD)
 Last Game: Rice 56, SMU 27
 Next Game: Sept. 13, at Vanderbilt

Memphis (0-1, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.gotigersgo.com
 Head Coach: Tommy West (Tennessee '75)
 Career Record: 76-80 (14th year)
 Record at Memphis: 41-45 (8th year)
 Offense: No Huddle, Spread
 Defense: 4-3
 Leading Passer: Arkelon Hall (15-of-27, 159 yds., 0 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Curtis Steele (15 att., 87 yds., 0 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Carlos Singleton (6 rec., 89 yds., 0 TD)
 Last Game: Mississippi 41, Memphis 24
 Next Game: Sept. 13, at Marshall (CSS)

TEXAS STATE at SMU

Saturday, September 6
 7 p.m. (CDT)
 All-Time Series:

Dallas, Texas
 Gerald J. Ford Stadium (32,000)
 First Meeting

Texas State (1-0, 0-0 in Southland)

Website: www.txstatebobcats.com
 Head Coach: Brad Wright (Texas State, '81)
 Career Record: 4-7 (2nd year)
 Record at TSU: 4-7 (2nd year)
 Offense: Multiple Pro Set
 Defense: 4-3
 Leading Passer: Josh Neiswander (18-of-25, 213 yds., 2 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Daniel Thomas (23 att., 68 yds., 0 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Sam Tindol (5 rec., 94 yds., 0 TD)
 Last Game: Texas State 21, Angelo State 14
 Next Game: Sept. 20, at Northern Colorado

SMU (0-1, 0-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.smumustangs.com
 Head Coach: June Jones (N.Y. State Regents College)
 Career Record: 75-42 (10th year)
 Record at SMU: 0-1 (1st year)
 Offense: Run and Shoot
 Defense: 4-3
 Leading Passer: Bo Levi Mitchell (25-of-43, 244 yds., 3 TD)
 Leading Rusher: DeMyron Martin (8 att., 28 yds., 0 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Emmanuel Sanders (8 rec., 121 yds., 1 TD)
 Last Game: Rice 56, SMU 27
 Next Game: Sept. 13, at (12) Texas Tech

(9) TEXAS at UTEP

Saturday, September 6
 8:15 p.m. (MDT)
 All-Time Series:
 Last Meeting:
 Television:
 Announcers:

El Paso, Texas
 Sun Bowl (51,500)
 Texas leads 2-0
 Texas 22, UTEP 6 (Sept. 30, 1933)
 ESPN 2
 Mark Jones (PxP), Bob Davie (Analyst)

Texas (1-0, 0-0 in Big 12)

Website: www.texassports.com
 Head Coach: Mack Brown (Florida State, '74)
 Career Record: 190-99-1 (25th year)
 Record at Texas: 104-25 (11th year)
 Offense: Multiple
 Defense: 4-3
 Leading Passer: Colt McCoy (24-of-29, 222 yds, 3 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Colt McCoy (12 att., 103 yds., 1 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Blaine Irby (7 att., 62 yds., 1 TD)
 Last Game: Texas 52, Florida Atlantic 10
 Next Game: Sept. 13, Arkansas

UTEP (0-1, 0-0 in C-USA)

Website: www.utepathletics.com
 Head Coach: Mike Price (Puget Sound '69)
 Career Record: 154-146 (27th year)
 Record at UTEP: 25-24 (5th year)
 Offense: I-Back
 Defense: 3-3-5
 Leading Passer: Trevor Vittatoe (20-of-37, 199 yds., 1 TD)
 Leading Rusher: Terrell Jackson (18 att., 67 yds., 1 TD)
 Leading Receiver: Jamar Hunt (6 rec., 86 yds., 0 TD)
 Last Game: Buffalo 42, UTEP 17 (Aug. 28)
 Next Game: Sept. 20, New Mexico State



C-USA BOWL PARTNERS

C-USA BOWL SYNOPSIS

Conference USA has agreements in place with seven different bowl games and is guaranteed a spot in six bowls for the 2008 season.

The AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis will have the first selection of Conference USA teams to face an opponent from the Southeastern Conference in its game. The second selection belongs to the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala., which will pair a C-USA team against an opponent from the Mid-American Conference. The league will also provide teams for the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, the St. Petersburg Bowl and the Texas Bowl this season.

Conference USA could also earn a seventh bowl spot this season if the Pac-10 is unable to supply a team for the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl. That bowl will be played on December 24 and includes a team from the Western Athletic Conference.

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

ABOUT THE BCS

The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) is a five-game arrangement for post-season college football that is designed to match the two top-rated teams in a national championship game and to create exciting and competitive matchups between eight other highly regarded teams in four other games. The bowl games participating are the Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl. In addition, a BCS National Championship Game will be played at one of the bowl sites.

BCS RANKINGS

The BCS Standings, have been compiled by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame since the beginning of the 2000 regular season. The BCS Standings determine which teams play in the National Championship game, and which are included in the pool of eligible teams available for at-large selection. The BCS Standings include the Harris Poll, the USA Today Coaches poll and an average of six computer polls. Each component will count for one-third of a team's overall BCS score in the BCS Standings.



C-USA AND THE BCS

The Conference USA champion (along with the champions of the Mid-American Conference, the Mountain West Conference, the Sun Belt Conference and the Western Athletic Conference) will have an automatic berth in one of the five bowls if it is a Conference Champion; and Either:

*It is ranked in the top 12 of the BCS Standings on Bowl Selection Sunday;

*It is ranked in the top 16 of the BCS Standings on Bowl Selection Sunday, and its ranking in the BCS Standings is better than that of a champion of a Conference that has an annual automatic berth in one of the BCS bowl games.

AUTO ZONE LIBERTY BOWL

The AutoZone Liberty Bowl will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2008...It is the nation's seventh-oldest bowl...Conference USA's representative has won seven of the last 11 Liberty Bowl games...C-USA teams have an all-time record of 10-7 in the game...The game has drawn a crowd of more than 50,000 in each of the last 10 years...In 2008, C-USA will face a team from the SEC in the game for the third-straight year...Over the years the Liberty Bowl has seen legendary coaches such as Paul "Bear" Bryant, Lou Holtz, Johnny Majors and Joe Paterno coach in the game, while outstanding players such as Ernie Davis, Doug Flutie, Bo Jackson, Archie Manning and Randy White have participated in the bowl.



AUTO ZONE LIBERTY BOWL FACTS

Website: www.LibertyBowl.org
 Location: Memphis, Tennessee
 Date: January 2, 2009
 Time: 4:00 p.m. CST
 Stadium: Liberty Bowl Memorial (62,380)
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: SEC Selection
 Executive Director: Steve Ehrhart
 President: Mike Longo
 Associate Executive Director: Harold Graeter
 Chief Financial Officer: Perry Winstead
 Phone: 901/795-7700
 FAX: 901/795-7826
 Mailing Address: 3767 New Getwell Road
 Memphis, TN 38118

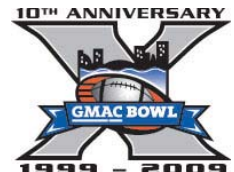
C-USA IN THE LIBERTY BOWL

2007 Mississippi State 10, UCF 3
 2006 South Carolina 44, Houston 36
 2005 Tulsa 31, Fresno State 24
 2004 (7) Louisville 44, Boise State 40
 2003 (25) Utah 17, Southern Miss 0
 2002 TCU 17, (21) Colorado State 3
 2001 (22) Louisville 28, (17) BTU 10
 2000 (23) Colorado State, (22) Louisville 17
 1999 Southern Miss 23, Colorado State 17

1998 Tulane 41, Brigham Young 27
 1997 Southern Miss 41, Pittsburgh 7
 1996 Syracuse 30, Houston 17
 1995 East Carolina 19, Stanford 13
 1994 Illinois 30, East Carolina 0
 1993 Louisville 18, Michigan State 7
 1979 Penn State 9, Tulane 6
 1970 Tulane 17, Colorado 3

GMAC BOWL

Some of the brightest of- fensive stars have displayed their talents in the first nine years of the GMAC Bowl. Incredibly productive quarterbacks like Paul Smith (Tulsa), Jordan Palmer (UTEP), Dave Ragone (Louisville), Stefan LeFors (Louisville) and David Garrard (East Carolina) have squared off against the likes of Bruce Gradkowski (Toledo), Ben Roethlisberger (Miami-Ohio) and Byron Leftwich (Marshall) in the game. Running backs like TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson and DeAngelo Williams of Memphis have raced down the field at Ladd-Peebles Stadium...East Carolina and Marshall battled in the highest-scoring bowl game in NCAA history in the third annual GMAC Bowl in 2001. No. 25 Marshall rallied from a 38-8 halftime deficit to post a 64-61 win in double-overtime. The teams combined for 1,141 total yards. Last year, Tulsa set an NCAA record for largest winning margin in a bowl game with its 63-7 victory over Bowling Green.



GMAC BOWL FACTS

Website: www.GMACBowl.com
 Location: Mobile, Alabama
 Stadium: Ladd-Peebles Stadium (42,000)
 Date: January 6, 2009
 Time: 7:00 p.m. CST
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: MAC Selection
 CEO: Mike Gottfried
 President: Jerry Silverstein
 Executive Director: Frank Modarelli
 Media Relations Director: Kelley Wright
 Phone: 251/635-0011
 FAX: 251/635-0014
 Mailing Address: 1100 Hillcrest Road, Suite 115
 Mobile, AL 36695

C-USA IN THE GMAC BOWL

2007 Tulsa 63, Bowling Green 7
 2006 Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7
 2005 Toledo 45, UTEP 13
 2004 Bowling Green 52, Memphis 35
 2003 Miami (Ohio) 48, Louisville 29
 2002 Marshall 38, Louisville 15
 2001 Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 (2ot)
 2000 Southern Miss 28, TCU 21
 1999 TCU 28, East Carolina 14



BELL HELICOPTER ARMED FORCES BOWL

Following a one-year absence, Conference USA will return to the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl...The C-USA representative will face an opponent from the Mountain West Conference in this year's game....Conference USA was a part



of the first four Armed Forces Bowls (known as the Fort Worth Bowl during its first three years)....Tulsa appeared in the game two years ago, losing to Utah....Houston represented C-USA in the 2005 game, falling to Big 12 foe Kansas....The 2004 game featured a matchup of current and future C-USA members as Cincinnati posted a 32-14 win over Marshall in what proved to be the final game for Thundering Herd head coach Bob Pruett, who retired several weeks after the game....The inaugural game in 2003 featured a battle of Top 20 Teams when No. 19 TCU battled No. 16 Boise State. The Broncos won the game, 34-31, in one of the highest scoring games of the 2003-2004 bowl season.

BELL HELICOPTER ARMED FORCES BOWL FACTS

Website: www.ArmedForcesBowl.com
 Location: Fort Worth, Texas
 Date: December 31, 2008
 Time: 11:00 a.m. CST
 Stadium: Amon G. Carter Stadium (44,008)
 Network: ESPN
 Match-Up: Mountain West Conference Selection
 Executive Director: Tom Starr
 Sales and Marketing: Brant Ringle
 Operations: Anne Rector
 Ticket Operations: Trisha Branch
 Phone: 817/810-0012
 FAX: 817/810-0252
 Mailing Address: 505 Main Street, Suite 270
 Fort Worth, TX 76102
 Media Relations Director: Tim Simmons
 Phone: 303/678-8484

C-USA IN THE ARMED FORCES BOWL

- 2006 Utah 25, Tulsa 13
- 2005 Kansas 42, Houston 13
- 2004 Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14
- 2003 Boise State 34, TCU 31

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Conference USA will be a part of the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl for the seventh-consecutive season, facing the champion of the Sun Belt Conference...Last



season, Memphis made its fourth bowl appearance in five years when it fell to Florida Atlantic... Rice represented C-USA in the 2006 game, ending a 45-year bowl drought, losing to Troy...Southern Miss captured

back-to-back games in 2005 and 2004, defeating Sun Belt Conference Champions Arkansas State and North Texas, respectively....In 2003, Memphis, armed with over 10,000 of its fans, made its first bowl appearance since 1971....The Tigers defeated North Texas, 27-17, to cap off their first nine-win season since 1963....In 2002, C-USA co-champion Cincinnati battled North Texas, dropping a 24-19 decision to the Mean Green....The New Orleans Bowl is played at the Louisiana Superdome, home of Tulane University and site of six Super Bowl games.

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL FACTS

Website: www.NewOrleansBowl.org
 Location: New Orleans, La.
 Date: December 21, 2008
 Time: 7:00 p.m. CST
 Stadium: Louisiana Superdome (69,767)
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: Sun Belt Conference Champion
 President/CEO: Jay Cicero
 Executive Director: Billy Ferrante
 Media Relations Director: Sam Joffray
 Operations Director: Alison Comeaux
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C-USA IN THE NEW ORLEANS BOWL

- 2007 Florida Atlantic 44, Memphis 27
- 2006 Troy 41, Rice 17
- 2005 Southern Miss 31, Arkansas State 19 (Lafayette, La.)
- 2004 Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10
- 2003 Memphis 27, North Texas 17
- 2002 North Texas 24, Cincinnati 19

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL

Conference USA has reached an agreement with the St. Petersburg Bowl to provide a team for its annual game beginning with the inaugural 2008 contest. The C-USA representative will play an opponent from the Big East Conference at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. The inaugural St. Petersburg Bowl will be played this December and will be televised by ESPN or ESPN 2.



The NCAA certified St. Petersburg Bowl will be owned and operated by ESPN Regional Television (ERT), a subsidiary of ESPN. ERT operates five other postseason college football bowls: the Papajohns.com Bowl; the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl; the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl; the Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl and the New Mexico Bowl.

This will be the first time that C-USA has been a part of a bowl game in Florida. The St. Petersburg Bowl will

be the sixth postseason game to take place in the Sunshine State.

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL FACTS

Website: www.StPetersburgBowl.com
 Location: St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Date: December 20, 2000
 Time: 4:30 p.m. EST
 Stadium: Tropicana Field (43,000)
 Network: ESPN 2
 Opponent: Big East Selection
 Executive Director: TBA
 Media Relations Director: TBA

TEXAS BOWL

Conference USA will be a part of the Texas Bowl in Houston for the 2008 and 2009 seasons. Operated by Lone Star Sports & Entertainment, the bowl is played at the state-of-the-art Reliant Stadium, home of the NFL's Houston Texans.



C-USA will face an opponent from the Big 12 Conference in the bowl. Last year, Houston faced old C-USA and Southwest Conference rival TCU in the game, falling 20-13. In the inaugural Texas Bowl in 2006, nationally-ranked Rutgers defeated Kansas State, 37-10, in front of a crowd of 52,210, the largest crowd to watch a bowl game in Houston not involving Texas since 1972.

TEXAS BOWL FACTS

Website: www.TexasBowl.org
 Location: Houston, Texas
 Date: December 30, 2008
 Time: 7:00 p.m. CST
 Stadium: Reliant Stadium (68,000)
 Network: NFL Network
 President: Jamey Rootes
 Event Manager: David Brady
 Marketing Services Manager: Heather Houston
 Media Relations Director: Zac Emmons
 Phone: 832/667-2220
 FAX: 832/667-2057
 Mailing Address: Reliant Stadium, Two Reliant Park
 Houston, TX 77054

C-USA IN THE TEXAS BOWL

- 2007 TCU 20, Houston 13



INSTANT REPLAY

Conference USA will continue to use an instant replay program implemented in 2005. For 2008, C-USA will use the model adopted by all Division I-A conferences which relies on a replay official (RO) in the press box 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.

Unlike the 2005 protocol, 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 TA 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. Conference USA replay officials, referees and communicators were provided with intensive training at a clinic prior to the start of the season.

C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Conference USA will host its fourth football championship game in 2008. The event is slated for Saturday, December 6, and will be televised by ESPN or ESPN 2.

The team with the highest league winning percentage will serve as host site for the game. The title game will feature champions from the East and West divisions of the league. UCF and Houston have hosted the first three championship games, played in front of record-setting crowds.

Tulsa claimed the C-USA inaugural crown in 2005. In 2007, UCF hosted the game for the second time in three seasons and earned its first championship. Houston claimed the championship game title in 2006. The Knights became the seventh different team to earn the C-USA title since 2002.

C-USA is one of only five Division I-A Conferences that host a football championship game. The ACC, Big 12, SEC and Mid-American conferences currently host football championships.

C-USA TIEBREAKER

Home field for the C-USA Championship Game will be awarded to the team that posts the highest regular season winning percentage against conference competition. The first tiebreaker is the winner of a head-to-head matchup. If the two teams did not play during the regular season, the team with the highest BCS ranking would receive the nod.

PRESEASON ALL-C-USA SELECTIONS

Offensive Player of the Year
Damion Fletcher, RB, Southern Miss

Defensive Player of the Year
Gerald McRath, LB, Southern Miss

Special Teams Player of the Year
Joe Burnett, PR, UCF

First Team Offense

QB Chase Clement, Sr., Rice
RB Damion Fletcher, So., Southern Miss
RB Tarrion Adams, Sr., Tulsa
OL Patrick Brown, Sr., UCF
OL Robby Felix, Sr., UTEP
OL Ryan McKee, Sr., Southern Miss
OL Doug Palmer, Jr., East Carolina
OL Brandon Pearce, Sr., Memphis
WR Jarett Dillard, Jr., Rice
WR Duke Calhoun, Jr., Memphis
WR Brennan Marion, Sr., Tulsa
WR Jeff Moturi, Sr., UTEP
TE Cody Slate, Jr., Marshall

First Team Defense

DL Albert McClellan, Jr., Marshall
DL Moton Hopkins, Sr., Tulsa
DL Phillip Hunt, Sr., Houston
DL Zach Slate, Sr., East Carolina
DL C.J. Wilson, Jr., East Carolina
LB Joe Henderson, Sr., UAB
LB Gerald McRath, Jr., Southern Miss
LB Brian Raines, Sr., Rice
DB Will Dunbar, Sr., UAB
DB Kenneth Fontenette, Sr., Houston
DB Andrew Sendejo, Jr., Rice
DB C.J. Spillman, Sr., Marshall

First Team Special Teams

K Jose Martinez, Sr., UTEP
P Thomas Morstead, Sr., SMU
KR Darius Marshall, So., Marshall
PR Joe Burnett, Sr., UCF

C-USA FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Here is a look at the dates and sites for Conference USA's fall championships:

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Date: Nov. 1
Location: Memphis, Tenn.
Host: Memphis

Women's Soccer

Date: Nov. 5-9
Location: Houston, Texas
Host: Rice

Men's Soccer

Date: Nov. 12-16
Location: Dallas, Texas
Host: SMU

Volleyball

Date: Nov. 20-23
Location: Memphis, Tenn.
Host: Memphis

C-USA FOOTBALL FACTS

Below are several facts about Conference USA football teams:

- 121 All-Time Bowl appearances (47 since 1994).
- Since 1995, current C-USA schools have posted at least one non-conference victory over the following foes: Miami (Fla.), Oklahoma, LSU, Alabama, Kansas State, Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Clemson, Oklahoma State, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Boise State and West Virginia.
- Since 1997, three schools have finished ranked in the Top 25 in the final poll at least one time (Marshall, Southern Miss and Tulane)
- C-USA schools have finished ranked in the Top 20 of the final AP poll at total of 49 times since the poll began in 1936.
- Since the 2000 season, current C-USA schools have combined to make 225 national television appearances.
- 11 of Conference USA's 12 teams have played in a bowl game in the last six years.
- Houston and Southern Miss have played in more bowl games than any other C-USA schools. Both teams made their 18th bowl appearance last year.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Several C-USA schools are often mis-represented when it comes to the correct spelling and abbreviation of their names. The following is a list of names that seem to cause the most confusion. Please be sure to use the correct spelling when referring to Conference USA schools.

Correct Usage	NEVER USE!!
Conference USA	Conf. USA
C-USA	CUSA
East Carolina Pirates	
Houston Cougars	
Marshall Thundering Herd	Marshall Herd, Herd
Memphis Tigers	
Rice Owls	
SMU Mustangs	Southern Methodist
Southern Miss Golden Eagles	So. Mississippi
	So. Miss (abbreviation)
	USM (stat abbreviation)
Tulane Green Wave	
Tulsa Golden Hurricane	UT, Hurricanes
UAB Blazers	Alabama-Birmingham
	Ala.-Birmingham
UCF Knights	Central Florida
	Central Fla.
	Golden Knights
UTEP Miners	Texas-El Paso



COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

All 12 Conference USA head football coaches will be featured on a teleconference beginning at 2:00 p.m. EDT/1:00 p.m. CDT each Monday during the 2008 season. The first call is scheduled for August 25 and can be accessed by calling **(913) 981-5538**.

Following is the call schedule for 2008. Please note that a call will **NOT** be held on the following Mondays: Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27 and Nov. 10.

SCHEDULE

2:00 EDT/1:00 p.m. CDT	Players of the Week/Notes
2:05 EDT/1:05 p.m. CDT	Skip Holtz, East Carolina
2:12 EDT/1:12 p.m. CDT	Mark Snyder, Marshall
2:19 EDT/1:19 p.m. CDT	George O'Leary, UCF
2:26 EDT/1:26 p.m. CDT	Larry Fedora, Southern Miss
2:33 EDT/1:33 p.m. CDT	Kevin Sumlin, Houston
2:40 EDT/1:40 p.m. CDT	David Baliff, Rice
2:47 EDT/1:47 p.m. CDT	June Jones, SMU
2:54 EDT/1:54 p.m. CDT	Bob Toledo, Tulane
3:01 EDT/2:01 p.m. CDT	Neil Callaway, UAB
3:08 EDT/2:08 p.m. CDT	Todd Graham, Tulsa
3:15 EDT/2:15 p.m. CDT	Mike Price, UTEP
3:22 EDT/2:22 p.m. CDT	Tommy West, Memphis

WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Conference USA is pleased to introduce an exciting new format for getting C-USA football highlights this season, as well as selected highlights for other sports. Conference USA has teamed with DragonFly Athletics, a leading provider of video highlights and content. The web-based platform will provide extensive highlights of C-USA Football throughout the 2008 season.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Establish a DragonFly Athletics account by visiting www.dragonflyathletics.com/cusa where you will be prompted to login.
2. Click on the "REGISTER" link.
3. An E-mail will be sent to you at the E-mail address that you enter to verify your E-mail address.
4. Once your account is verified, you may login at www.dragonflyathletics.com/cusa.
5. After logging-in, enter the "Media Access" credential code "CUSAmedia" in the Credentials.
6. You will now see a list of all video by school throughout the conference.

If you have technical questions, please contact:
Kirk Miller at 205-886-3713

collegepressbox.com

EVERYTHING BUT THE PRE-GAME MEAL

CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for Conference USA football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, media guides and more for the conference and each of its 12 member institutions throughout the season. Login information will be distributed by the conference office to accredited media or you can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to: password@collegepressbox.com

PRESS BOX NUMBERS

Here are the press box numbers for each Conference USA school:

East Carolina	(252) 328-4697
Houston	(713) 743-0550
Marshall	(304) 696-6666
Memphis	(901) 272-0136
Rice	(713) 527-0250
SMU	(214) 768-7730
Southern Miss	(601) 266-5523
Tulane	(504) 587-3868
Tulsa	(918) 631-2492
UAB	(205) 327-5228
UCF	(407) 245-0342
UTEP	(915) 747-5154

FLAGSHIP RADIO STATIONS

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

East Carolina	WSFL-FM 106.5
Houston	KBME-AM 790
Marshall	WDGG-FM 93.7
Memphis	WREC-AM 600
Rice	KSEV-AM 700
SMU	KTCK-AM 1310
Southern Miss	WXRR-FM 104.5
Tulane	WIST-AM 690
Tulsa	KRMG-AM 690
UAB	WYDE-FM 101.1
UCF	WQTM-AM 740
UTEP	KOFX-FM 92.3
	KSVE-AM 1150 (Spanish)

C-USA WEBSITES

Here are the official websites for each Conference USA school:

East Carolina	www.ECUPirates.com
Houston	www.UHCougars.com
Marshall	www.HerdZone.com
Memphis	www.GoTigersGo.com
Rice	www.RiceOwls.com
SMU	www.SMUMustangs.com
Southern Miss	www.SouthernMiss.com
Tulane	www.TulaneGreenWave.com
Tulsa	www.TulsaHurricane.com
UAB	www.UABSports.com
UCF	www.UCFAthletics.com
UTEP	www.UTEPAthletics.com

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

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C-USA EAST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

EAST CAROLINA (1-0, 0-0 C-USA)



A30	vs. (15) Virginia Tech	ESPN	W	27-22	1-0
S6	(8) WEST VIRGINIA	ESPN 2			4:30 p.m.
S13	at Tulane	WFTN			3:00 p.m.
S20	at North Carolina State			TBA	
S27	HOUSTON				3:30 p.m.
O11	at Virginia			TBA	
O18	MEMPHIS	CSS		Noon	
N2	at UCF	ESPN			8:00 p.m.
N8	MARSHALL				3:30 p.m.
N15	at Southern Miss				3:00 p.m.
N22	at UAB	CSS			7:00 p.m.
N28	UTEP				1:00 p.m.

All Times Eastern

SOUTHERN MISS (1-0, 0-0 C-USA)



A30	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE		W	51-21	1-0
S6	at (9) Auburn	RAYCOM Sports			11:30 a.m.
S13	at Arkansas State				6:00 p.m.
S20	MARSHALL	CSS			2:30 p.m.
O4	UTEP				6:00 p.m.
O11	BOISE STATE				7:00 p.m.
O18	at Rice				2:00 p.m.
O25	at Memphis				7:00 p.m.
N1	UAB	CSS			7:00 p.m.
N8	at UCF				1:00 p.m.
N15	EAST CAROLINA				2:00 p.m.
N29	at SMU				2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

MARSHALL (1-0, 0-0 C-USA)



A30	ILLINOIS STATE	<small>West Virginia Media</small>	W	35-10	1-0
S6	at (11) WISCONSIN	ESPN 2			12:00 a.m.
S13	MEMPHIS	CSS			7:00 p.m.
S22	at Southern Miss	CSS			3:30 p.m.
S27	at (8) West Virginia	ESPN+PLUS			3:30 p.m.
O3	Cincinnati	ESPN			8:00 p.m.
O18	at UAB				4:00 p.m.
O28	HOUSTON	ESPN 2			8:00 p.m.
N8	at East Carolina				3:30 p.m.
N15	UCF	CSS			4:30 p.m.
N22	at Rice				3:00 p.m.
N29	TULSA				3:30 p.m.

All Times Eastern

UAB (0-1, 0-1 C-USA)



A30	TULSA		L	22-45	0-1
S6	at Florida Atlantic				3:00 p.m.
S13	at Tennessee	RAYCOM Sports			11:30 p.m.
S20	ALABAMA STATE				11:30 p.m.
S27	at (24) South Carolina			TBA	
O2	MEMPHIS				7:00 p.m.
O9	at Houston				7:00 p.m.
O18	MARSHALL				3:00 p.m.
N1	at Southern Miss	CSS			7:00 p.m.
N15	at Tulane				2:00 p.m.
N22	EAST CAROLINA	CSS			6:00 p.m.
N29	at UCF				1:00 p.m.

All Times Central

MEMPHIS (0-1, 0-0 C-USA)



A30	at Mississippi		L	24-41	0-1
S6	RICE				7:00 p.m.
S13	at Marshall	CSS			6:00 p.m.
S20	NICHOLLS STATE				7:00 p.m.
S27	ARKANSAS STATE				1:00 p.m.
O2	at UAB				7:00 p.m.
O12	LOUISVILLE	ESPN			7:00 p.m.
O18	at East Carolina	CSS			11:00 a.m.
O25	at SOUTHERN MISS				7:00 p.m.
N8	at SMU				2:00 p.m.
N22	UCF			TBA	
N29	TULANE				1:00 p.m.

All Times Central

UCF (1-0, 0-0 C-USA)



A30	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE		W	17-0	1-0
S6	(17) SOUTH FLORIDA	ESPN 2			7:00 p.m.
S20	at Boston College			TBA	
S27	at UTEP				8:30 p.m.
O4	SMU				3:30 p.m.
O11	at Miami (Fla.)			TBA	
O26	at Tulsa	ESPN			8:00 p.m.
N2	EAST CAROLINA	ESPN			8:00 p.m.
N8	SOUTHERN MISS				2:00 p.m.
N15	at Marshall	CSS			4:30 p.m.
N22	at Memphis			TBA	
N29	UAB				2:00 p.m.

All Times Eastern



C-USA WEST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

HOUSTON (1-0, 0-0 C-USA)



A30	SOUTHERN	W	55-3	1-0
S6	at Oklahoma State			6:00 p.m.
S13	AIR FORCE			2:30 p.m.
S20	at Colorado State			2:30 p.m.
S27	at East Carolina			2:30 p.m.
O9	UAB			7:00 p.m.
O18	at SMU			7:00 p.m.
O28	at Marshall			7:00 p.m.
N8	TULANE			4:00 p.m.
N15	TULSA			4:00 p.m.
N22	UTEP			4:00 p.m.
N29	at Rice			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

RICE (1-0, 1-0 C-USA)



A29	SMU	W	56-27	1-0
S6	at Memphis			7:00 p.m.
S13	at Vanderbilt			6:00 p.m.
S20	at (9) Texas		TBA	
S27	NORTH TEXAS			4:00 p.m.
O4	at Tulsa			7:00 p.m.
O18	SOUTHERN MISS			2:00 p.m.
O25	at Tulane			2:00 p.m.
N1	at UTEP			8:05 p.m.
N8	ARMY			2:00 p.m.
N22	MARSHALL			2:00 p.m.
N29	HOUSTON			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

SMU (0-1, 0-1 C-USA)



A29	at Rice	L	27-56	0-1
S6	TEXAS STATE			7:00 p.m.
S13	at (12) Texas Tech			6:00 p.m.
S20	TCU			7:00 p.m.
S25	at Tulane			7:00 p.m.
O4	at UCF			2:30 p.m.
O11	TULSA			7:00 p.m.
O18	HOUSTON			7:00 p.m.
O25	at Navy			2:30 p.m.
N8	MEMPHIS			2:00 p.m.
N15	at UTEP			8:05 p.m.
N29	SOUTHERN MISS			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

TULANE (0-0, 0-0 C-USA)



S6	at (13) Alabama			6:00 p.m.
S13	EAST CAROLINA			2:00 p.m.
S20	LOUISIANA-MONROE			2:00 p.m.
S25	SMU			7:00 p.m.
O4	ARMY			2:00 p.m.
O11	at UTEP			8:05 p.m.
O25	RICE			2:00 p.m.
N1	at (6) LSU			7:00 p.m.
N8	at Houston			4:00 p.m.
N15	UAB			2:00 p.m.
N22	at Tulsa			2:00 p.m.
N29	at Memphis			1:00 p.m.

All Times Central

TULSA (1-0, 1-0 C-USA)



A30	at UAB	W	45-22	1-0
S6	at North Texas			6:00 p.m.
S20	NEW MEXICO			6:00 p.m.
S27	CENTRAL ARKANSAS			6:00 p.m.
O4	RICE			7:00 p.m.
O11	at SMU			7:00 p.m.
O18	UTEP			7:00 p.m.
O26	UCF			7:00 p.m.
N1	at Arkansas			1:00 p.m.
N15	at Houston			4:00 p.m.
N22	TULANE			2:00 p.m.
N29	at Marshall			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

UTEP (0-1, 0-0 C-USA)



A28	at Buffalo	L	17-42	0-1
S6	(9) TEXAS			5:00 p.m.
S20	NEW MEXICO STATE			6:00 p.m.
S27	UCF			7:05 p.m.
O4	at Southern Miss			2:30 p.m.
O11	TULANE			7:05 p.m.
O18	at Tulsa			7:05 p.m.
N1	RICE			7:05 p.m.
N8	at Louisiana-Lafayette			7:05 p.m.
N15	SMU			5:00 p.m.
N22	at Houston			5:30 p.m.
N28	at East Carolina			10:00 a.m.

All Times Mountain



C-USA COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Buffalo 42, UTEP 17

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Rice 56, SMU 27

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

East Carolina 27, (15) Virginia Tech 22

Tulsa 45, UAB 22

Marshall 35, Illinois State 10

Mississippi 41, Memphis 24

UCF 17, South Carolina State 0

Houston 55, Southern 3

Southern Miss 51, Louisiana-Lafayette 21

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Marshall at (11) Wisconsin (Big Ten Network) 11:00 a.m.

Southern Miss at (9) Auburn (Raycom) 11:30 a.m.

UAB at Florida Atlantic 3:00 p.m.

(8) West Virginia at East Carolina (ESPN) 3:30 p.m.

Houston at Oklahoma State 6:00 p.m.

Tulane at (13) Alabama 6:00 p.m.

Tulsa at North Texas 6:00 p.m.

(17) South Florida at UCF (ESPN 2) 6:00 p.m.

Rice at Memphis (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

Texas State at SMU 7:00 p.m.

(9) Texas at UTEP (ESPN 2) 9:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

UAB at Tennessee (Raycom) 11:30 a.m.

East Carolina at Tulane (WITN-TV) 2:00 p.m.

Air Force at Houston 2:30 p.m.

Memphis at Marshall (CSS) 6:00 p.m.

Rice at Vanderbilt 6:00 p.m.

SMU at (12) Texas Tech 6:00 p.m.

Southern Miss at Arkansas State 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Louisiana-Monroe at Tulane (CST) 2:00 p.m.

Houston at Colorado State 2:30 p.m.

Marshall at Southern Miss (CSS) 2:30 p.m.

Alabama State at UAB 3:00 p.m.

Nicholls State at Memphis 7:00 p.m.

TCU at SMU (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

New Mexico at Tulsa 6:00 p.m.

New Mexico State at UTEP 8:05 p.m.

East Carolina at N.C. State TBA

Rice at (9) Texas TBA

UCF at Boston College TBA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SMU at Tulane (CSB C) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Arkansas State at Memphis 1:00 p.m.

Houston at East Carolina (CBS C) 2:30 p.m.

Marshall at (8) West Virginia (ESPN Regional) 2:30 p.m.

North Texas at Rice 4:00 p.m.

Central Arkansas at Tulsa 6:00 p.m.

UCF at UTEP (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

UAB at South Carolina TBA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Memphis at UAB (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Cincinnati at Marshall (ESPN) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Army at Tulane (CST) 2:00 p.m.

SMU at UCF (CBS C) 2:30 p.m.

UTEP at Southern Miss (TW El Paso) 6:00 p.m.

Rice at Tulsa (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

UAB at Houston (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Louisville at Memphis (ESPN) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Tulsa at SMU 7:00 p.m.

Boise State at Southern Miss (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

Tulane at UTEP 8:05 p.m.

East Carolina at Virginia TBA

UCF at Miami (Fla.) TBA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Memphis at East Carolina (CSS) 11:00 a.m.

Southern Miss at Rice 2:00 p.m.

Marshall at UAB 3:00 p.m.

Houston at SMU 7:00 p.m.

UTEP at Tulsa (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Rice at Tulane 2:00 p.m.

SMU at Navy (CBS C) 2:30 p.m.

Southern Miss at Memphis (CBS C) 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

UCF at Tulsa (ESPN) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Houston at Marshall (ESPN 2) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Tulsa at Arkansas 1:00 p.m.

UAB at Southern Miss (CSS) 7:00 p.m.

Tulane at (6) LSU 7:00 p.m.

Rice at UTEP 8:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

East Carolina at UCF (ESPN) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Southern Miss at UCF 1:00 p.m.

Army at Rice 2:00 p.m.

Memphis at SMU 2:00 p.m.

Marshall at East Carolina (CBS C) 2:30 p.m.

Tulane at Houston 4:00 p.m.

UTEP at Louisiana-Lafayette 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

East Carolina at Southern Miss 2:00 p.m.

UAB at Tulane 2:00 p.m.

UCF at Marshall (CSS) 3:30 p.m.

Tulsa at Houston 4:00 p.m.

SMU at UTEP 8:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Marshall at Rice 2:00 p.m.

Tulane at Tulsa 2:00 p.m.

UTEP at Houston 4:00 p.m.

East Carolina at UAB (CSS) 6:00 p.m.

UCF at Memphis TBA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

UTEP at East Carolina (CBS C) 12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Tulane at Memphis 1:00 p.m.

UAB at UCF 1:00 p.m.

Houston at Rice 2:00 p.m.

Southern Miss at SMU 2:00 p.m.

Tulsa at Marshall 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

C-USA Championship Game (ESPN/ESPN 2) TBA

Conference games in bold.

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All games and dates subject to change.

CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast

CST - Cox Sports Television

TW El Paso - Time Warner Cable, El Paso

