

## 2008 STANDINGS

### EAST DIVISION

	C-USA						
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
x-EAST CAROLINA	5-2	.714	2-1	3-1	4-1	134	135
MEMPHIS	3-4	.429	1-2	1-3	2-3	182	203
SOUTHERN MISS	3-4	.429	2-2	1-2	3-2	242	178
UCF	3-4	.429	1-2	2-3	2-2	137	189
MARSHALL	3-4	.429	2-1	1-3	2-3	149	173
UAB	2-5	.286	1-3	1-2	1-3	163	255

### ALL GAMES

W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
7-4	.636	3-1	4-3	229	225
5-6	.455	3-3	2-3	294	311
5-6	.455	3-3	2-3	340	274
4-7	.364	2-3	2-4	199	274
4-7	.357	3-2	1-5	211	294
3-8	.273	2-3	1-5	258	375

### WEST DIVISION

	C-USA						
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts	Opp
HOUSTON	6-1	.857	5-0	2-1	4-0	307	200
TULSA	6-1	.857	4-0	2-1	4-1	357	212
RICE	6-1	.857	3-0	3-1	3-1	297	236
UTEP	4-3	.571	3-1	1-2	2-3	274	249
TULANE	1-6	.143	1-2	0-4	1-4	141	260
SMU	0-7	.000	0-3	0-4	0-5	176	269

### ALL GAMES

W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
7-4	.636	5-1	2-3	452	318
9-2	.818	6-0	3-2	554	316
8-3	.727	5-0	3-3	443	377
5-6	.455	2-3	3-3	374	391
2-9	.182	2-4	0-5	194	369
1-10	.091	1-4	0-6	244	430

x- Clinched Division Title and berth in C-USA Championship Game

### RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, November 22

UCF 28, Memphis 21  
Tulsa 56, Tulane 7  
Rice 35, Marshall 10  
Houston 42, UTEP 37  
East Carolina 17, UAB 13

Saturday, November 15

Southern Miss 21, East Carolina 3  
UAB 41, Tulane 24  
UCF 30, Marshall 14  
Houston 70, (24) Tulsa 30  
UTEP 36, SMU 10

Saturday, November 8

Rice 38, Army 31  
Memphis 31, SMU 26  
Southern Miss 17, UCF 6  
East Carolina 19, Marshall 16 (OT)  
Houston 42, Tulane 14  
UTEP 37, Louisiana-Lafayette 24

### UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 29

UAB at UCF 12:00 p.m.  
Southern Miss at SMU 2:00 p.m.  
Tulsa at Marshall 2:30 p.m.  
Houston at Rice (CBS C) 2:30 p.m.  
Tulane at Memphis (CSS) 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

C-USA Championship Game (ESPN/ESPN 2) 11:00 a.m.

Conference Games in Bold

All Times Central



### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### CO-OFFENSE

**CASE KEENUM - HOUSTON**  
QB. So., Abilene, Texas (Wylie)

Keenum passed for a career-high 480 yards and three touchdowns, to rally the Cougars past UTEP, 42-37, in the largest comeback in UH history. Keenum also rushed for two touchdowns, and his one-yard sneak with 41 seconds to play gave the Cougars the five-point win. He completed 41-of-51 of his attempts with no interceptions and led the Cougars on five second-half touchdown drives en route to his school-record 12th straight 300-yard plus passing effort.

**TARRION ADAMS - TULSA**  
RB. Sr., Moore, Okla. (Moore)

Adams ran for a school record 323 yards and one touchdown on 33 carries in a 56-7 win over Tulane. The 323 yards is the second-best mark ever in Conference USA and it's the third-best rushing performance this year by a football bowl subdivision player. His performance on Saturday broke the previous school record of 312 yards set by Mark Brus in 1990 against New Mexico State.

#### DEFENSE

**TRAVIS BRADSHAW - RICE**  
DB, Fr., Cypress, Texas (Cy-Fair)

Bradshaw was credited with 11 tackles (his fourth double-digit tackle game in as many starts), recovered a fumble and broke up a pass as the Owls held Marshall to just 85 total yards in the second half and 268 yards overall in a 35-10 Rice victory. The 10 points were the fewest allowed by an Owl defense since 2004 and their best showing in terms of yards allowed since giving up 212 to Houston in 2004.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

**KYLE PETERSON - UTEP**  
P. So., Alta Loma, Calif. (South Hills)

Peterson punted five times for 249 yards (49.8 avg.) at Houston, including a career long punt of 60 yards. Two of his punts resulted in touchbacks and one landed inside the 20 yard line. Peterson ranks fourth among all C-USA punters with a 43.4 yard average.

## CONFERENCE RACE UPDATES

Following is a "simple" evaluation of the league's 2008 football race through games of November 22:

### IN THE WEST

**Houston (6-1):** Controls its destiny to win the West Division. Owns tiebreaker over Tulsa.

**Tulsa (6-1):** Needs to defeat Marshall and have Houston lose to Rice (for a total of two Cougar losses) to win the West Division. Owns tiebreaker over Rice.

**Rice (6-1):** Needs to defeat Houston and have Tulsa lose to Marshall (for a total of two Golden Hurricane losses) to win the West Division.

**UTEP (4-3):** Has been eliminated from contention for the West Division Championship.

**Tulane (1-6):** Has been eliminated from contention for the West Division Championship.

**SMU (0-7):** Has been eliminated from contention for the West Division Championship.

### IN THE EAST

**East Carolina (5-2):** Has clinched the East Division Championship and a berth in the 2008 Conference USA Football Championship Game.

**Marshall (3-4):** Has been eliminated from contention for the East Division Championship.

**Memphis (3-4):** Has been eliminated from contention for the East Division Championship.

**Southern Miss (3-4):** Has been eliminated from contention for the East Division Championship.

**UCF (3-4):** Has been eliminated from contention for the East Division Championship.

**UAB (2-5):** Has been eliminated from contention for the East Division Championship.

### Regarding the host of the Conference USA Football Championship game

If the season ended today, Houston would host based on having the best Conference record (6-1) and owns a tiebreaker over Tulsa. Houston and Rice meet on November 29. The host for the Conference USA Football Championship game will be Houston, Rice or Tulsa as the Conference is guaranteed to have a one-loss team as West Division Champion and host for the Championship game.

### *As far as bowl eligibility is concerned:*

#### There are four teams with at least six wins and bowl eligibility

Tulsa (9-2). The Golden Hurricane has a road game left with Marshall.

Rice (8-3). The Owls have a home game left with Houston.

East Carolina (7-4). The Pirates have a home game left with UTEP.

Houston (7-4). The Cougars have a road game left with Rice.

#### There are three teams with five wins and are one win from bowl eligibility

Memphis (5-6). The Tigers have a home game left with Tulane.

Southern Miss (5-6). The Golden Eagles have a road game left with SMU.

UTEP (5-6). The Miners have a road game left with East Carolina.

Marshall (4-7), UCF (4-7), UAB (3-8), Tulane (2-9) and SMU (1-10) - *have been eliminated from contention for bowl eligibility.*

## 2008 C-USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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.

### PAST C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

2005 Tulsa 44, UCF 27 (Orlando, Fla.)

2006 Houston 34, Southern Miss 20 (Houston, Texas)

2007 UCF 44, Tulsa 25 (Orlando, Fla.)

### TIEBREAKERS

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 following tiebreaker formula is in place for the Conference USA Football Championship game:

#### Two-team tie to determine host

1. Highest regular season winning percentage based on overall Conference USA play.
2. If tied, head to head between tied teams.
3. If still tied, team with highest BCS ranking.

#### Two-team or multiple team tie for divisional champion

1. Highest regular season winning percentage based on overall Conference USA play.
2. If tied, head to head between tied teams.
3. If still tied, highest winning percentage within division.
4. If still tied, compare records against divisional opponents in descending order of finish.
5. If still tied, compare records with common cross-divisional opponents.
6. If still tied, compare records against cross-divisional opponents in descending order of finish.
7. If still tied, team with highest BCS ranking.
8. If still tied, the representative will be the team that has not participated in the championship game most recently
9. If at any point the tie is broken in a multiple team tie, the remaining teams will begin the process again at #2.

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAME CREDENTIALS

Conference USA will hold its third annual Football Championship Game on Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 a.m. CST. The location has not been determined, but the game will be hosted by the West Division winner with the highest league winning percentage.

Conference USA encourages all media members planning to cover the 2008 C-USA Football Championship to apply for credentials through the C-USA online system. Due to the circumstances of site and team determination of the 2008 C-USA Football Championship, we would like to receive as much information in advance as possible. It will also help us to expedite information to you once the teams and site are determined.

Please complete the information on the online system as accurately as possible. Based on the information you provide, you will be contacted with more detailed information (game location, participating teams, hotel accommodations, press conferences, etc.) as it becomes available. There will be a limited opportunity to apply for credentials through the online system once the teams are determined.



## POLLING PLACE

Tulsa has appeared in the weekly rankings three weeks this season before falling out last week. East Carolina was ranked as high as No. 14 earlier this season, giving C-USA two ranked teams in a season for the first time since 2004 (Louisville and Southern Miss). Here's a look at the Associate Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches Polls (Nov. 23):

### Associated Press USA Today Coaches'

1 - Alabama (63)	1 - Alabama (56)
2 - Florida (2)	2 - Oklahoma (4)
3 - Oklahoma	3 - Florida (1)
4 - Texas	4 - Texas
5 - USC	5 - USC
6 - Penn State	6 - Penn State
7 - Texas Tech	7 - Utah
8 - Utah	8 - Texas Tech
9 - Boise State	9 - Boise State
10 - Ohio State	10 - Ohio State
11 - Oklahoma State	11 - Missouri
12 - Missouri	12 - Oklahoma State
13 - Georgia	13 - Georgia
14 - TCU	14 - TCU
15 - Ball State	15 - Ball State
16 - Cincinnati	16 - Cincinnati
17 - Oregon State	17 - Oregon State
18 - Georgia Tech	18 - Oregon
19 - Oregon	19 - BYU
20 - Boston College	20 - Northwestern
21 - BYU	21 - Michigan State
22 - Michigan State	22 - Boston College
23 - Florida State	23 - Georgia Tech
24 - Northwestern	24 - Florida State
25 - Mississippi	25 - West Virginia

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30 - TULSA	33 - TULSA
35 - RICE	

## PIRATES CLAIM FIRST EAST DIVISION TITLE

With its 17-13 win over UAB in Birmingham on Saturday, East Carolina secured the East Division title and with that, earned its first trip to the C-USA Football Championship game to be played Dec. 6 at a site still to be determined. The Pirates have won nine of their last 13 games and six of their last seven road games against C-USA members.

ECU has also won seven of its last nine games against C-USA East Division foes and has won at least seven games overall in the last three seasons.

RB **Brandon Simmons** scored on a 2-yard run with 2:20 remaining to seal the victory. Simmons' touchdown capped a nine-play, 55-yard drive that was aided by a face mask penalty that gave East Carolina a first down at UAB's 11. Two plays later, Simmons scored to cap the drive, which was led by backup QB **Rob Kass**.

## LAST WEEK'S STARS

Here's a look at some of the top performers in Conference USA games from Nov. 22:

### Rushing Attempts

33	Tarrion Adams, TLS (323 yds.)
24	Darius Marshall, MAR (118 yds.)
19	Bryce Beall, HOU (167 yds.)
19	C.J. Ugokwe, Rice (79 yds.)

### Rushing Yards

323	Tarrion Adams, TLS (33 att.)
167	Bryce Beall, HOU (19 att.)
118	Darius Marshall, MAR (24 att.)

### Rushing Touchdowns

2	Jamad Williams, TLS
1	Several tied with

### Passing Completions

41	Case Keenum, HOU (51 att.)
27	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP (45 att.)
25	Chase Clement, Rice (41 att.)
19	Patrick Pinkney, ECU (25 att.)

### Passing Yards

480	Case Keenum, HOU (41-of-51)
362	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP (27-of-45)
315	Chase Clement, Rice (25-of-41)
222	Patrick Pinkney, ECU (19-of-25)

### Passing Touchdowns

4	Chase Clement, Rice
4	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP
3	Case Keenum, HOU
1	Several tied with

### Receptions

9	Tyron Carrier, HOU
8	Bryce Beall, HOU
8	Mark Hafner, HOU
8	Chaz Rodriguez, HOU

### Receiving Yards

141	Tyron Carrier, HOU (9 rec.)
120	Corbin Smither, Rice (4 rec.)
111	Kris Adams, UTEP (6 rec.)
96	Bryce Beall, HOU (8 rec.)
95	Davon Drew, ECU (7 rec.)

### Receiving Touchdowns

3	Kris Adams, UTEP
2	Jarett Dillard, Rice
2	Damaris Johnson, TLS

### All-Purpose

326	Tarrion Adams, TLS (323 rush, 3 rcv.)
265	Tyron Carrier, HOU (32 rush, 141 rcv., 14 pr., 78 kr.)
263	Bryce Beall, HOU (167 rush, 96 rcv.)
188	Darius Marshall, MAR (118 rush, 8 rcv., 62 kr.)
148	Jeff Moturi, UTEP (-6 rush, 81 rcv., 73 kr.)
127	D.A. Griffin, MEM (38 pr., 89 kr.)

## 2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

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

### Rushing

RB Damion Fletcher, USM  
185-for-1,176 yds.; 6.4 avg, 8 TD, 117.6 pg.

### Passing Yardage

QB Case Keenum, HOU  
345-of-502, 4,274 yds., 38 TD, 388.5 pg.

### Passing Efficiency

QB David Johnson, TLS  
195.7; 199-300-13, 66.3 pct, 3,358 yards, 40 TD

### Receptions

WR James Casey, Rice  
92-for-1,045 yards; 11.4 ypc, 8.36 rpg., 9 TD

### Receiving Yards

WR Jarett Dillard, Rice  
75-for-1,181 yards; 15.7 ypc., 107.4 ypg, 19 TD

### All-Purpose Yards

KR/WR Damaris Johnson, TLS  
1,891 yards; 217 rush, 500 rcv., 23 pr., 1,151 kr., 171.9 ypg

### Total Offense

QB Case Keenum, HOU  
4,480 total yards; 4,274 pass., 206 rush, 407.3 ypg., (571 plays)

### Scoring

WR Jarett Dillard, Rice  
11 games, 114 pts., 19 TD, 19 pass., 10.4 ppg.

### Scoring (Kick)

PK Jose Martinez, UTEP  
11 games, 102 pts, 42-of-43 PATs, 20-of-26 fgs., 9.3 ppg.

### Field Goals

PK Jose Martinez, UTEP  
11 games, 1.82 FG per game; 20-for-26 (76.9%). 64 long

### Punting

P Ross Thevenot, TLN  
11 games, 41-for-1,859 yards; 71 long, 45.3 avg

### Tackles

LB Gerald McRath, USM  
11 games, 118 (63 solo, 55 assist), 10.7 tpg.

### Sacks

DE Phillip Hunt, HOU  
11 games, 11 (11 solo), 82 yds., 1.00 spg.

### Interceptions

DB Kevin Sanders, UAB  
11 games, 6-for-34, 34 long, 0.55 pg., 0 TD



## GOLDEN GUNSLINGER

Tulsa senior QB David Johnson has picked up where Paul Smith left off and has thrown for over 300 yards in five of TU's 11 games of 2008. He also currently leads the NCAA FBS in passing efficiency. Here is a look at the NCAA leaders in passing efficiency (through games of Nov. 22):

Player	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	TDpct.	Eff.
David Johnson, TLS	199	300	66.3	13.3	195.7
Sam Bradford, Okla.	238	349	68.2	12.0	193.8
Zac Robinson, Ok. St.	160	238	67.2	8.8	178.0

## INDIVIDUAL TOTAL OFFENSE

C-USA has two of the top three NCAA FBS leaders in total offense. Houston QB Case Keenum leads the nation, followed closely by Rice QB Chase Clement. Here is a look at the total offense leaders (through games of Nov. 22):

Player	Rsh.	Pass	Ply.	Yds.	Yd./G
Case Keenum, HOU	206	4,274	571	4,480	407.3
Graham Harrell, TTU	-43	4,438	550	4,395	399.5
Chase Clement, Rice	563	3,431	534	3,994	363.1
Sam Bradford, OU	42	3,710	384	3,752	341.1

## C-USA IS RESPONSIBLE

C-USA also currently features three of the top five NCAA FBS quarterbacks in points responsible for. Rice's Chase Clement currently leads the country. Here's a look at the NCAA leaders (through games of Nov. 22):

Player	Passing	Pts.	Total	Ppg.
Chase Clement, Rice	36	62	280	25.5
Sam Bradford, OU	42	24	276	25.1
Graham Harrell, TTU	39	38	274	24.9
Case Keenum, HOU	38	34	266	24.2
David Johnson, TLS	40	20	260	23.6

## PASSING LEADERS

Tulsa QB David Johnson, Houston QB Case Keenum and Rice QB Chase Clement rank among the top NCAA FBS signal callers in each major passing category. Here is a look at the NCAA leaders (through games of Nov. 22):

Player	CPct.	Yds.	Yatt.	Ycmp.	Ypg.
1. Graham Harrell, TTU	70.5	4,438	8.57	12.16	403.5
2. Case Keenum, HOU	68.7	4,274	8.51	12.39	388.6
3. Sam Bradford, OU	68.2	3,710	10.6	15.59	337.3
6. Chase Clement, Rice	66.2	3,431	8.47	12.80	311.9
8. David Johnson, TLS	66.3	3,358	11.2	16.87	305.3

## RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

C-USA has five of the Top 14 NCAA FBS leaders in receiving yards per game. Rice WR Jarett Dillard is currently fifth in the nation in total receiving yards. Here is a look at the receiving leaders (through games of Nov. 22):

Player	Catch	Yds.	Rpg.	Ypc.	Yd./G
1. Kenny Britt, RUT	78	1,191	7.80	15.27	119.0
5. Jarett Dillard, Rice	75	1,181	6.82	15.75	107.4
6. Aldrick Robinson, SMU	59	1,047	5.90	17.75	104.7
11. DeAndre Brown, USM	63	1,057	5.73	16.78	96.1
12. Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	67	958	6.70	14.30	95.8
14. James Casey, Rice	92	1,045	8.36	11.36	95.0

## SIX PACK

In the first 12 seasons of Conference USA Football just three times had a quarterback thrown for six touchdowns in a game. That feat has already occurred five times in 2008. Tulsa's David Johnson became the first QB in league history to accomplish the feat twice in one season earlier this year and is now joined on that list by Rice's Chase Clement after he tossed six TDs on Oct. 18 against Southern Miss. Houston's Case Keenum had six TDs against Tulsa on Nov. 15 to become the third C-USA QB to throw six TDs in a game this season.

## MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME

6	Case Keenum, Houston vs. Tulsa (11-15-08)
6	Chase Clement, Rice vs. Southern Miss (10-18-08)
6	David Johnson, Tulsa vs. New Mexico (9-20-08)
6	David Johnson, Tulsa at North Texas (9-6-08)
6	Chase Clement, Rice vs. SMU (8-29-08)
6	Chase Clement, Rice vs. UTEP (11-3-07)
6	Lester Ricard, Tulane vs. UAB (10-23-04)
6	Chris Redman, Louisville at ECU (11-14-98)
5	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP vs. La.-Lafayette (11-8-08)
5	Chase Clement, Rice vs. UTEP (11-1-08)
5	David Johnson, Tulsa vs. UTEP (10-18-08)
5	Chase Clement, Rice vs. North Texas (9-27-08)

## AIR ATTACK

Of the top eight leaders in touchdown passes this season, four hail from the West Division of Conference USA. Tulsa's David Johnson is second, trailing Oklahoma's Sam Bradford by just two TDs. Here's a look at the NCAA leaders (through games of Nov. 22):

## MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN 2008

42	Sam Bradford, Oklahoma
40	David Johnson, Tulsa
39	Graham Harrell, Texas Tech
38	Case Keenum, Houston
36	Chase Clement, Rice
34	Max Hall, BYU
33	Tim Hiller, Western Michigan
31	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP

## AIR ATTACK II

Last season, Tulsa's Paul Smith set a new Conference USA record by throwing 47 touchdown passes. His replacement, David Johnson, has now moved into second place on the single-season list with 40. Before this season, just four QB's in league history had thrown 30 or more TDs in a season. Currently, four have already thrown for 30 scores. Here's a look at the leaders:

## C-USA SINGLE-SEASON TD PASS LEADERS

47	Paul Smith, Tulsa, 2007
40	David Johnson, Tulsa, 2008
38	Case Keenum, Houston, 2008
36	Chase Clement, Rice, 2008
36	Shaun King, Tulane, 1998
33	J.P. Losman, Tulane, 2003
31	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP, 2008
30	Kevin Kolb, Houston, 2006

## CATCHING ON

Rice's James Casey currently is third in the nation in total receptions with 85 (through games of Nov. 22). Here's a look at the leaders:

## MOST RECEPTIONS IN 2008

102	Casey Fitzgerald, North Texas
95	Austin Collie, BYU
92	James Casey, Rice
92	Jamarko Simmons, Western Michigan

## 70 SOMETHING

On Nov. 15, Houston became the fourth different C-USA team to record 70 points in a game this season as they defeated Tulsa, 70-30. Prior to this season, C-USA teams had only reached the 70 point mark twice in 12 seasons. Here's a look at the 70-point games in league history:

## MOST POINTS SCORED IN A GAME

77	Tulsa vs. UTEP (35), 10-18-08
77	Rice vs. North Texas (20), 9-27-08
72	Tulane vs. Southwestern Louisiana (20), 10-31-98
70	Houston vs. Tulsa (30), 11-15-08
70	Southern Miss vs. UAB (14), 11-1-08
70	Louisville vs. Cincinnati (7), 11-27-04

## DYNAMIC DUO

Chase Clement and Jarett Dillard became the all-time NCAA record holders for TDs by a duo on Sept 27. Clement and Dillard have combined for 50 scores in four seasons together at Rice. The duo has produced at least one touchdown in 34 of their last 40 games, including eight of ten this season.

## MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A DUO

50	Chase Clement and Jarett Dillard, Rice (2005-08)
39	Tim Rattay and Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech (1997-98)
39	Colt Brennan and Devone Bess, Hawai'i (2005-07)

## BIG PLAYS

When DeAndre Brown grabbed an Austin Davis pass and raced 97 yards for a touchdown Nov. 15 against East Carolina, it tied for the second-longest pass play in C-USA history. Earlier this season, Tulsa's David Johnson and Brennan Marion also hooked up on a 97-yard scoring strike. Here's a look at the longest passing plays in league history:

## LONGEST PASSING PLAYS IN C-USA HISTORY

98t	Brandon Hassell to Reggie Harrell, TCU at Arizona (9-27-03)
97t	Austin Davis to DeAndre Brown, USM vs. ECU (11-15-08)
97t	David Johnson to Brennan Marion, Tulsa vs. UTEP (10-18-08)
95t	Darrell Hackney to Roddy White, UAB at Cincinnati (10-11-03)



## HEY, JOE

UAB's Joe Webb is currently fourth among the nation's quarterbacks with 941 rushing yards, averaging 85.6 yards per game on the ground. Webb ranks fifth in rushing yards per game by quarterbacks. Here's a look at the nation's QB rushing leaders (as of Nov. 22):

### MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QB

1,203	Julian Edelman, Kent State
1,087	Colin Kaepernick, UNLV
1,001	Michael Desormeaux, Louisiana-Lafayette
941	Joe Webb, UAB

## BALL IN THE HALL

After Rice's Chase Clement and Jarett Dillard connected for their 40th career touchdown at the beginning of the second quarter of the Owls' 77-20 win over North Texas, both players knew exactly what happened. That touchdown pass set an NCAA record for career scoring passes involving the same duo. So who got the ball? Well, neither of them. The infamous touchdown ball was tucked away and shipped to the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind. Clement and Dillard scored three touchdowns that night and each kept a ball from one of the other two scores.

On October 18, National Football Foundation Chief Operating Officer Matthew Sign honored the duo for their achievement at the Rice-Southern Miss game.

## OFFENSIVE FIREPOWER

Conference USA is currently ranked second among FBS conferences in total offense, with league teams averaging 402.8 yards per game. Only the Big 12, at 439.8 ypg., is higher. C-USA also trails only the Big 12 in touchdown passes per game, with C-USA teams throwing 2.08 per outing to the Big 12's 2.28. C-USA has moved up to second among FBS conferences in scoring at 28.9 points per game, trailing only the Big 12 at 35.7 ppg. C-USA is also running more total plays per game (69.6) than any conference other than the Big 12 (70.6).

## DILLARD MOVES UP RANKS

Rice WR Jarett Dillard moved his NCAA record to 59 career touchdown receptions with two against Marshall on Saturday. Dillard finished with 88 yards on six receptions and has caught at least two passes in all 47 career appearances. Dillard is tied with Glenn Davis of Army for 14th on the NCAA career scoring list with 354 points.

Dillard now has 4,009 receiving yards on 280 catches in his career. He is 20 catches away from equalling Louisville's Arnold Jackson (1997-2000) for the C-USA top spot at 300 and became the 10th player in NCAA history to reach 4,000 yards receiving.

## TD RESPONSIBILITY

Rice QB Chase Clement is now responsible for 114 career touchdowns (91 pass, 23 rush) and moved into sole possession of first place on the C-USA list for career TDs.

### C-USA CAREER TD RESPONSIBILITY LEADERS

114	Chase Clement, Rice (2006-present)
109	Paul Smith, Tulsa (2005-07, 82 pass 27 rush)

## CHASING THE RECORDS

With 368 yards of total offense against Marshall, Rice QB Chase Clement became the first Rice player and fifth player in C-USA history to surpass 10,650 career yards. The Alamo Heights, Texas product currently has 10,708 yards and moved past Memphis' Danny Wimprine (2001-04) for fifth place on the C-USA list.

Clement finished the game 25-of-41 with 315 passing yards and four touchdowns. He has thrown for over 300 yards in five of his last six games. The Owls improved to 7-4 when Clement throws for more than 300 yards.

Additionally, Clement moved into eighth place on the C-USA career passing yards list. He now has 9,097 passing yards and is 109 yards away from eclipsing Tulane's Patrick Ramsey (9,205 yards) for seventh. Clement owns the top spot for TD passes on the C-USA career list. He has thrown 91 career touchdown passes.

## CATCH THIS

Rice sophomore WR/TE James Casey is closing on the Conference USA single-season record for receptions. With seven catches against Marshall on Saturday, he now has 92 receptions on the season, the third-highest total in C-USA history. Here's a look at the leaders:

### C-USA SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTION LEADERS

101	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1999 (1,209 yards)
94	JaJuan Dawson, Tulane, 1999 (1,036 yards)
92	James Casey, Rice, 2008 (1,045 yards)
91	Donnie Avery, Houston, 2007 (1,456 yards)
91	Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2006 (1,247 yards)
91	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1998 (1,175 yards)

## COMEBACK COUGARS

With Saturday's win 42-37 win over UTEP, Houston recorded the biggest come-from-behind win in school history. The 19-point rally (down 28-9 with 3:46 left in the third quarter) topped the previous record of 17 (down 20-3 with 10:25 left in third quarter, vs. UAB, Oct. 9, 2008) and (down 24-7 with 7:55 left in second quarter, vs. Texas A&M, Oct. 13, 1990).

With Saturday's rally, the Cougars recorded their third come-from-behind win trailing by at least 14 points during the 2008 season and earned their sixth win in their last seven games overall and eighth in a row at John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium.

## CASE IN POINT

With a career-high 480 passing yards against UTEP, Houston QB Case Keenum moved past 4,000 passing yards for the 2008 season. He now has 4,274 passing yards this season and joined Andre Ware (4,699 yards in 1989) and David Klingler (5,140 yards in 1990) as the only UH signal-callers to reach that milestone. It was the fourth 400-yard passing game in his career and the Cougars are 3-0 in games when he throws for 400+. The 480 yards also marked the 12th straight game Keenum has thrown for 300+ yards to extend his school record.

Keenum tossed three TD passes and has thrown a touchdown pass in 14 consecutive games and it was the 14th multi-touchdown game of his career. He has thrown for three TDs in three consecutive games and eight times in his career.

## PATRICK LEADS THE PIRATES

East Carolina QB Patrick Pinkney completed his first four passes against UAB for 60 yards including a 10-yard TD strike to Davon Drew. Pinkney finished the game completing 19-of-25 passes for 222 yards with one TD. He recorded his sixth 200-plus yard passing game of the season and eighth of his career. For his career he now has 289 completions (sixth all-time at ECU) and 3,387 passing yards (seventh all-time at ECU).

## PIRATE TREASURES

ECU RB Brandon Simmons rushed for 14 yards on four carries, including the winning two-yard TD run in the fourth quarter with 2:20 remaining against UAB. He now has five TDs on the season (3/rush; 2/rcv).

RB J.R. Rogers rushed for a career-high 54 yards on a career-best 10 carries, including a career-long run of 14 yards in the first quarter. He followed that up with a nine-yard run and had one KO return for 36 yards (third quarter). RB Norman Whitley had 11 carries for 17 yards and also caught one pass for 17 yards.

The Pirate backs combined for 89 rushing yards on 25 carries to lead the ground attack in the win over UAB.

## HURRICANE BACK ON PATH

With Tulsa's eighth touchdown of the game against Tulane, the Golden Hurricane surpassed the 50-point mark for the sixth time in 11 games this season. The eighth touchdown of the game also marked senior walk-on Aaron Johnson's first career touchdown (a one-yard run with 2:22 remaining in the game).

Tulsa's 489 total rushing yards are the team's most this season. It also marks the third most total rushing yards by a team in the NCAA FBS during the 2008 season. The other top rushing performances were by Navy (558 vs. Towson) and Louisiana-Lafayette (556 vs. Louisiana-Monroe).

Tulsa allowed only seven points against Tulane, marking the lowest point-total for a Tulsa opponent this season and fewest since the GMAC Bowl against Bowling Green (Jan. 6, 2008/seven points).

Tulsa finished the regular season home schedule with a 6-0 record. It marks the first time Tulsa has finished undefeated at home since the 1989 Independence Bowl team went 5-0.

## TARRION TURNS IT ON

Tulsa senior RB Tarrion Adams carried the ball 33 times for a career-high 323 yards and one TD against Tulane. The rushing performance was the highest total in C-USA this season and the second-most all time, trailing only current Chicago Bears' RB Matt Forte's 342-yard effort against SMU last season. He also broke the Tulsa single-game record.

He became just second player in the NCAA FBS this season to rush for 300 or more yards during the 2008 season (348, Shon White, Navy) and is only the second TU back ever to surpass 300 yards.

Adams now has 3,201 career yards-just 335 yards shy of Michael Gunter's Tulsa record of 3,536 yards and good for ninth place all-time in the C-USA annals.

As a team, Tulsa finished the game with 489 rushing yards on 59 carries.



## FRESH CATCH

Conference USA has three of the top ranked freshman players in the FBS in receptions. Houston's **Tyron Carrier** leads the way with 69 catches for 876 yards and eight touchdowns. Southern Miss's **DeAndre Brown** tops all first-year receivers in yards and TDs, while he is second in receptions. Houston's **Patrick Edwards** (out for the season) is tied for fifth in catches. Here's a look at the leaders (through games of Nov. 22):

Player	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Tyron Carrier, HOU	69	876	8
DeAndre Brown, USM	63	1,057	12
Ryan Tannehill, TX A&M	52	813	5
A.J. Green, UG	51	887	7
*Patrick Edwards, HOU	46	634	4
Michael Floyd, ND	46	702	7

\*injured; out for season

## SLATE CLIMBING THE CHARTS

Marshall junior TE **Cody Slate** has caught a touchdown pass in six consecutive games and now has 19 for his career. His 19 career TD receptions rank 8th all-time at Marshall. Slate is also tied with John "Fuzzy" Fillez (1973-76) for 10th all-time in career receiving yards at Marshall with 1,954.

## CALHOUN CATCHES

Memphis WR **Duke Calhoun** hauled in a 54-yard touchdown pass from QB **Arkelon Hall** with 5:40 remaining in the first quarter against UCF. It was a career-long pass for Hall and a season-high catch for Calhoun. This was Hall's 11th passing TD this season; and Calhoun's second TD reception this year.

Calhoun extended his receiving streak to 35 games with the 54-yard TD catch in the first quarter. Calhoun has caught a pass in each of his 35 career games played, and holds the school record. He entered Saturday's game ranked 11th nationally.

Calhoun entered the game needing just 43 yards to become only the third Tiger in school history to tally 2,000 career receiving yards. He hit 2,000 yards with his 54-yard catch in the first quarter. Calhoun is the fastest Tiger receiver to reach 2,000 yards.

## SCORES OF SCORES

Conference USA teams have notched an impressive 32 non-offensive scores so far in 2008, including 13 interceptions that have been returned for TDs. The league also has six fumble recoveries for scores, five kickoff return TDs, two blocked field goals returned for touchdowns, two safeties, a punt return TD and has converted the rare blocked PAT that was returned for two points on two occasions.

With the safety by UAB against Marshall on Oct. 18, C-USA has put points on the board in every way possible. East Carolina, Rice, UCF and UTEP account for 18 of the 26 scores, with Owls leading the way with five non-offensive scores so far this season.

## WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at C-USA overtime games in 2008 and all-time:

### 2008 C-USA Overtimes

N8	East Carolina 19, Marshall 16 (OT)
N2	East Carolina 13, UCF 10 (OT)
S9	(17) South Florida 31, UCF 24 (OT)
S20	N.C. State 30, (15) East Carolina 24 (OT)
O4	UTEP 40, Southern Miss 37

### Overtime Records - 1996-2008

Teams	All Games	C-USA Games
East Carolina	5-3	5-1
Houston	4-5	4-3
Marshall	2-2	1-2
Memphis	1-4	1-4
Rice	4-3	1-0
SMU	1-7	0-4
Southern Miss	3-4	3-3
Tulane	2-2	1-1
Tulsa	2-3	1-1
UAB	2-3	2-1
UCF	0-6	0-1
UTEP	4-3	3-1

## CAREER CATCHES

Rice's **Jarett Dillard** now sits in second place on the all-time C-USA reception list, just 20 catches away from all-time lead. 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)
280	<b>Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present</b> (4,009 yards)
272	Vincent Marshall, Houston, 2003-06 (3,770 yards)

## RECEIVING YARDS GAINED

After 93 yards against UTEP on Nov. 1, Rice's **Jarett Dillard** became the all-time receiving yards gained leader in Conference USA history. Here is a look at the all-time leaders. Check this section throughout the season to monitor his progress.

4,009	<b>Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present</b> (280 catches)
3,770	Vincent Marshall, Houston, 2003-06 (272 catches)
3,670	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1997-00 (300 catches)

## ON THE RUN

UAB QB **Joe Webb** established a new C-USA mark for rushing yards in a season by a quarterback in UAB's win over Marshall on Oct. 18. Webb now has 941 yards, after scampering for 75 yards against East Carolina on Saturday. Webb also is tied for the league lead in rushing TDs with 11.

### SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING BY A QUARTERBACK

941	<b>Joe Webb, UAB</b>	2008
699	Justin Willis, SMU	2007
606	Chad Plummer, Cincinnati	1997

## MOST TOUCHDOWNS

With 59 career touchdowns, Rice's **Jarett Dillard** has moved into second place all-time on the C-USA career TD list, just one behind the career leader. Check this section throughout the season to monitor his progress.

1.	60	DeAngelo Williams, Memphis, 2002-05
2.	59	<b>Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present</b>

## TOUCHDOWN CATCHES

With two TD catches against Army on Nov. 8, Rice's **Jarett Dillard** extended his own C-USA record for career touchdown catches. The senior now has 57 and also owns the NCAA career mark. Dillard is one of two active FBS players with 40 career TD receptions. Here is a look at the career touchdown catch leaders:

59	<b>Jarett Dillard, Rice, 2005-present</b>
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

## HIGH VOLTAGE

Conference USA has always been known for its high-powered offenses and the scoring continues in 2008. Here is a look at the top scoring outputs in C-USA this season:

### 2008

Team (date, result - opponent)	Points
Tulsa (10-18, Win over UTEP)	77
Rice (9-27, Win over North Texas)	77
Houston (11-15, Win over Tulsa)	70
Southern Miss (11-1, Win over UAB)	70
Tulsa (10-4, Win over Rice)	63
Tulsa (9-27, Win over Central Arkansas)	62
UTEP (9-27, Win over UCF)	58
Tulsa (11-22, Win over Tulane)	56
Tulsa (9-20, Win over New Mexico)	56
Tulsa (9-6, Win over North Texas)	56
Rice (8-29, Win over SMU)	56
Houston (8-30, Win over Southern)	55
Southern Miss (8-30, Win over La.-Lafayette)	51
Rice (11-1, Win over UTEP)	49
Tulsa (10-26, Win over UCF)	49
SMU (9-6, Win over Texas State)	47
Rice (10-18, Win over Southern Miss)	45
Houston (10-9, Win over UAB)	45
UAB (9-20, Win over Alabama State)	45
Tulsa (8-30, Win over UAB)	45
UTEP (11-1, Loss to Rice)	44
Houston (10-18, Win over SMU)	44
Houston (11-22, Win over UTEP)	42
Houston (11-8, Win over Tulane)	42
Rice (10-25, Win over Tulane)	42
Rice (9-6, Win over Memphis)	42
UAB (11-15, Win over Tulane)	41
Houston (9-27, Win over East Carolina)	41
Southern Miss (10-18, Loss to Rice)	40
UTEP (10-4, Win over Southern Miss)	40
Rice (11-8, Win over Army)	38
SMU (10-18, Loss to Houston)	38
UTEP (11-22, Loss to Houston)	37
UTEP (11-8, Win over La.-Lafayette)	37
Tulsa (10-11, Win over SMU)	37
Southern Miss (10-4, Loss to UTEP)	37
Houston (9-6, Loss to Oklahoma State)	37
UTEP (11-15, Win over SMU)	36
Rice (11-22, Win over Marshall)	35
UTEP (10-18, Loss to Tulsa)	35
Memphis (9-6, Loss to Rice)	35
Marshall (8-30, Win over Illinois State)	35



## TOUCHDOWN PASSES

After throwing four TD passes against Marshall on Saturday, Rice quarterback **Chase Clement** now has 91 career TD passes to extend his all-time Conference USA TD pass record. Check this section throughout the season to monitor his progress.

2.	91	Chase Clement, Rice, 2005-present
2.	85	Kevin Kolb, Houston, 2003-06
3.	84	Chris Redman, Louisville, 1996-99
4.	82	Paul Smith, Tulsa, 2005-07

## MR. RESPONSIBLE

Rice quarterback **Chase Clement's** seven touchdowns responsible for against North Texas on Sept. 27 was the second-best effort in C-USA history, just one shy of his total of eight (six passing, two rushing) against UTEP last season. Houston's **Case Keenum** was responsible for seven scores (six passing, one rushing) on Saturday against Tulsa. Below is a look at the C-USA leaders in single-game TDs responsible for.

8	Chase Clement, Rice vs. UTEP (11-3-07) (six passing, two rushing)
7	Chase Clement, Rice vs. North Texas (9-27-08) (five passing, two rushing) Case Keenum, Houston vs. Tulsa (11-15-08) (six passing, one rushing)
6	Chase Clement, Rice vs. Southern Miss (10-18-08) (six passing) David Johnson, Tulsa vs. New Mexico (9-20-08) (six passing) David Johnson, Tulsa at North Texas (9-6-08) (six passing) Chase Clement, Rice vs. UTEP (11-1-08) (five passing, one rushing) Austin Davis, Southern Miss vs. UAB (11-1-08) (five rushing, one passing)
6	Several others tied prior to the 2008 season

## PICKED OFF

UCF's **Joe Burnett** recorded his 16th career interception against Memphis on Saturday to move into second place on Conference USA's all-time interception list. Here's a look at the top interceptors in C-USA history:

18	Anthony Floyd, Louisville, 1999-02
16	Joe Burnett, UCF, 2005-08
15	Quentin Demps, UTEP, 2005-07
14	Kevin Sanders, UAB, 2005-08
14	Sha'reff Rashad, UCF, 2005-08
14	Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane, 2000-02
14	Rashad Holman, Louisville, 1997-00

## RECORDS SINCE 2005

Here's a look at each team's record in Conference USA play and overall since the league realigned for the 2005 season:

School	C-USA	Overall
Tulsa	23-8	36-14
Houston	23-7	31-18
UCF	20-10	26-22
East Carolina	19-11	26-20
Southern Miss	19-12	28-21
Rice	16-15	17-29
Memphis	15-16	21-26
UTEP	14-17	21-25
Marshall	12-18	15-30
SMU	8-23	13-33
UAB	8-23	13-33
Tulane	7-24	12-33

## EAST VS. WEST

Conference USA split into two divisions when the league began its realigned membership in 2005. Here's a look at how the cross-division games have fared in that time:

2008	West 9, East 5 (through Nov. 22)
2007	East 14, West 5
2006	West 13, East 6
2005	East 12, West 7

Here's a look at this year's East-West results:

Tulsa 45, UAB 22
Rice 42, Memphis 35
East Carolina 28, Tulane 24
Houston 41, East Carolina 24
UTEP 58, UCF 13
UTEP 40, Southern Miss 37 (2OT)
UCF 31, SMU 17
Houston 45, UAB 20
Rice 45, Southern Miss 40
Tulsa 59, UCF 19
Marshall 37, Houston 23
Memphis 31, SMU 26
UAB 41, Tulane 24
Rice 35, Marshall 10

## PEAK PERFORMERS

Nine different Conference USA quarterbacks have topped the 300-yard passing mark in a game this season. Houston's **Case Keenum** leads the way with 11 games of 300 or more, followed by **Chase Clement** of Rice who has six.

## 300-YARD PASSERS

480	Case Keenum, HOU vs. UTEP	11-22
469	David Johnson, TLS vs. New Mexico	9-20
461	Austin Davis, USM vs. Rice	10-18
444	Chase Clement, Rice vs. Southern Miss	10-18
434	David Johnson, TLS vs. UTEP	10-18
418	David Johnson, TLS vs. North Texas	9-6
410	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP vs. SMU	11-15
404	Case Keenum, HOU vs. SMU	10-18
402	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Tulsa	11-15
399	Case Keenum, HOU vs. East Carolina	9-27
392	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Southern	8-30
387	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Oklahoma State	9-6
384	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Tulane	11-8
384	Chase Clement, Rice vs. Army	11-8
380	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Colorado State	9-20
373	Arkelon Hall, MEM vs. Rice	9-6
372	Chase Clement, Rice vs. UTEP	11-1
370	Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU vs. Texas State	9-6
365	Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU vs. Houston	10-18
364	Arkelon Hall, MEM vs. Marshall	9-13
362	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP vs. Houston	11-22
362	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Air Force	9-13
360	Case Keenum, HOU vs. UAB	10-9
351	Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU vs UCF	10-4
350	Arkelon Hall, MEM vs. Louisville	10-10
332	David Johnson, TLS vs. UAB	8-30
326	Joe Webb, UAB vs. Florida Atlantic	9-6
322	David Johnson, TLS vs. Arkansas	11-1
321	Chase Clement, Rice vs. Tulsa	10-4
318	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP vs. Tulane	10-11
318	Chase Clement, Rice vs. Memphis	9-6
317	Case Keenum, HOU vs. Marshall	10-28
315	Chase Clement, Rice vs. Marshall	11-22
308	Austin Davis, USM vs. Marshall	9-20
306	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP vs. Tulsa	10-18

## 100-YARD RECEIVERS

A total of 26 different Conference USA players have topped the 100-yard passing mark in a game this season. Rice's **Jarett Dillard** and SMU's **Emmanuel Sanders** lead the way with six games of topping the century mark.

233	Brennan Marion, TLS vs. UTEP	10-18
221	DeAndre Brown, USM vs. Rice	10-18
210	Aldrick Robinson, SMU vs. UCF	10-4
208	James Casey, Rice vs. Memphis	9-6
186	Aldrick Robinson, SMU vs. Houston	10-18
178	Maurice Jones, MEM vs. Rice	9-6
172	Aldrick Robinson, SMU vs. Texas State	9-6
165	Darius Passmore, MAR vs. UAB	10-18
160	Mark Hafner, HOU vs. SMU	10-18
158	Jarett Dillard, Rice vs. Texas	9-20
158	Carlos Singleton, MEM vs. Marshall	9-13
157	Jeremy Williams, TLN vs. East Carolina	9-13
149	Frantrell Forrest, UAB vs. Florida Atlantic	9-6
146	Patrick Edwards, HOU vs. East Carolina	9-27
145	Kris Adams, UTEP vs. SMU	11-15
144	Jarett Dillard, Rice vs. Army	11-8
142	James Casey, Rice vs. UTEP	11-1
142	Jarett Dillard, Rice vs. Tulsa	10-4
141	Tyron Carrier, HOU vs. UTEP	11-22
141	Jarett Dillard, Rice vs. Southern Miss	10-18
139	Darius Passmore, MAR vs. Southern Miss	9-20
138	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU vs. Texas State	9-6
136	Brennan Marion, TLS vs. Central Arkansas	9-27
132	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU vs. Tulsa	10-11
129	Slick Shelley, TLS vs. New Mexico	9-20
128	Dwayne Harris, ECU vs. Virginia	10-11
128	Kris Adams, UTEP vs. UCF	9-27
128	Darius Passmore, MAR vs. Memphis	9-13
127	Tyron Carrier, HOU vs. Tulsa	11-15
126	Kris Adams, UTEP vs. Tulsa	10-18
125	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU vs. Texas Tech	9-13
124	DeAndre Brown, USM vs. East Carolina	11-15
124	Jeremy Williams, TLN vs. SMU	9-25
123	Carlos Singleton, MEM vs. UAB	10-2
121	Brian Watters, UCF vs. Tulsa	10-26
121	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU vs. Rice	8-28
120	Corbin Smiter, Rice vs. Marshall	11-22
120	James Casey, Rice vs. Tulsa	10-4
118	Toren Dixon, Rice vs. Southern Miss	10-18
118	Shawn Nelson, USM vs. Auburn	9-6
117	Charles Clay, TLS vs. Arkansas	11-1
115	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU vs. TLN	9-25
115	James Casey, Rice vs. Vanderbilt	9-13
114	Jarett Dillard, Rice vs. North Texas	9-27
113	James Casey, Rice vs. Southern Miss	10-18
111	Kris Adams, UTEP vs. Houston	11-22
110	DeAndre Brown, USM vs. Memphis	10-25
110	DeAndre Brown, USM vs. UTEP	10-4
110	Shawn Nelson, USM vs. Arkansas State	9-13
109	Jeff Moturi, UTEP vs. Rice	11-1
109	Damaris Johnson, TLS vs. New Mexico	9-20
108	Tyron Carrier, HOU vs. UAB	10-9
107	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU vs. Memphis	11-8
107	Brennan Marion, TLS vs. North Texas	9-6
106	Aldrick Robinson, SMU vs. TLN	9-25
106	Patrick Edwards, HOU vs. Oklahoma State	9-6
105	Slick Shelley, TLS vs. SMU	10-11
105	Jarett Dillard, Rice vs. Vanderbilt	9-13
104	Corbin Smith, Rice vs. Army	11-8
104	Tyron Carrier, HOU vs. Marshall	10-28
104	Kierrie Johnson, HOU vs. East Carolina	9-27
103	Brian King, TLN vs. Rice	10-25
103	Mark Hafner, HOU vs. Southern	8-30
101	Toren Dixon, Rice vs. North Texas	9-27



## 100-YARD RUSHERS

Eighteen C-USA players have topped the 100-yard rushing mark in a game this season. Marshall's **Darius Marshall** leads the way with seven games of 100 yards or more, while **Curtis Steele** of Memphis and **Damion Fletcher** of Southern Miss each have five.

323	Tarrion Adams, TLS vs. Tulane	11-22
260	Damion Fletcher, USM vs. UTEP	10-4
255	Andre Anderson, TLN vs. UTEP	10-11
222	Damion Fletcher, USM vs. La-Lafayette	8-30
219	Andre Anderson, TLN vs. SMU	9-25
203	Curtis Steele, MEM vs. Arkansas State	9-27
178	Curtis Steele, MEM vs. Southern Miss	10-25
176	Bryce Beall, HOU vs. Tulane	11-8
167	Bryce Beall, HOU vs. UTEP	11-22
157	Andre Anderson, TLN vs. La-Monroe	9-20
150	Brynn Harvey, UCF vs. Marshall	11-15
142	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. UCF	11-15
142	James Thomas II, UTEP vs. NM State	9-20
140	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. Memphis	9-13
137	Tory Harrison, USM vs. UAB	11-1
136	Joe Webb, UAB vs. Tulsa	8-30
135	Norman Whitley, ECU vs. UCF	11-2
135	Joe Webb, UAB vs. Marshall	10-18
130	Joe Webb, UAB vs. Tulane	11-15
130	Bryce Beall, HOU vs. East Carolina	9-27
123	Curtis Steele, MEM vs. SMU	11-8
123	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. East Carolina	11-8
123	Ronnie Weaver, UCF vs. SMU	10-4
121	Damion Fletcher, USM vs. East Carolina	11-15
121	Austin Davis, USM vs. Memphis	10-25
121	Tarrion Adams, TLS vs. SMU	10-11
121	Joe Webb, UAB vs. Alabama State	9-20
120	Damion Fletcher, USM vs. Rice	10-18
120	Tarrion Adams, TLS vs. Central Arkansas	9-27
118	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. Rice	11-22
115	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. Illinois State	8-30
114	V.J. Floyd, USM vs. UAB	11-1
114	Tarrion Adams, TLS vs. UTEP	10-18
112	Tarrion Adams, TLS vs. Rice	10-4
112	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. Southern Miss	9-20
111	Brandon Ross, MEM vs. SMU	11-8
111	C.J. Ugokwe, Rice vs. Tulane	10-25
110	Bubba Kirksey, USM vs. La-Lafayette	8-30
109	Curtis Steele, MEM vs. Nicholls State	9-20
108	Jonathan Williams, ECU vs. Memphis	10-18
107	Donals Buckram, UTEP vs. Tulane	10-11
107	Bryce Beall, HOU vs. UAB	10-9
107	Andre Anderson, TLN vs. Army	10-4
105	Terrell Jackson, UTEP vs. La.-Lafayette	11-8
105	Bryce Beall, HOU vs. SMU	10-18
103	C.J. Ugokwe, Rice vs. UTEP	11-1
102	Darius Marshall, MAR vs. Houston	10-28
101	Curtis Steele, MEM vs. UAB	10-2
100	Damion Fletcher, USM vs. Memphis	10-25

## MARTINEZ NAMED LOU GROZA AWARD SEMIFINALIST

For the second straight year, UTEP's Jose Martinez has been named one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Collegiate Place Kicker Award, presented by the FedEx Orange Bowl.

A senior from San Jose, Calif., Martinez is 20-for-26 on field goals and 42-for-43 on PATs this season for a team-leading 102 points. He owns the second-longest field goal in NCAA history at 64 yards versus UCF earlier this year.

Martinez was one of three finalists for the award in 2007 with Arizona State's Thomas Weber and Indiana's Austin Starr. All three players returned for the 2008 season, but Martinez is the only one of the group to repeat as a semifinalist.

## JOHNSON O'BRIEN SEMIFINALIST

University of Tulsa quarterback **David Johnson** was named as one of 13 semifinalists for The Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award® (The O'Brien). The list highlights 13 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) quarterbacks who will vie for the award honoring the nation's best quarterback until Finalists are announced November 24.

A senior from Portland, Oregon, Johnson has had three 400+ passing games and two games with 6 TDs this season. Johnson made his first career start in the season opener and now has career totals of 196-of-290 for 3,151 yards and 34 TDs.

The O'Brien honors the nation's best college quarterback of the year and inspires student-athletes to triumph both on and off the field. Johnson is the only quarterback from Conference USA to be named as a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award.

## 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.

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 remaining C-USA games to be aired on national television:

## CBS COLLEGE SPORTS SCHEDULE



Fri. Nov. 28	UTEP at East Carolina	Noon
Sat. Nov. 29	Houston at Rice	2:30 p.m.

## ESPN SCHEDULE



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. Dec. 20	St. Petersburg Bowl	3:30 p.m.
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## ESPN or ESPN2 SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 6	C-USA Championship Game	11:00 a.m.
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## CSS SCHEDULE



Sat. Nov. 29	Tulane at Memphis	2:30 p.m.
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## NFL NETWORK SCHEDULE



Tues., Dec. 30	Texas Bowl	7:00 p.m.
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## 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



Fri., Nov. 28	UTEP at East Carolina	12:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 29	Tulsa at Marshall	2:30 p.m.

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## 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.

### Offense

S2	Patrick Pinkney, QB, East Carolina
S8	James Casey, WR/TE, Rice
S15	Patrick Pinkney, QB, East Carolina
S22	Darius Passmore, WR, Marshall
	David Johnson, QB, Tulsa
S29	Chase Clement, QB, Rice
	Jarett Dillard, WR, Rice
O6	Trevor Vittatoe, QB, UTEP
O13	Case Keenum, QB, Houston
O20	Brennan Marion, WR, Tulsa
O27	Curtis Steele, RB, Memphis
N3	James Casey, WR/TE, Rice
N10	Chase Clement, QB, Rice
N17	Case Keenum, QB, Houston
N24	Case Keenum, QB, Houston
	Tarrion Adams, RB, Tulsa

### Defense

S2	Andrew Sendejo, FS, Rice
S8	Van Eskridge, DB, East Carolina
S15	C.J. Wilson, DL, East Carolina
S22	Charles Davis, DB, Tulsa
S29	Clinton McDonald, DL, Memphis
O6	Un'Tavious Scott, DE, Tulsa
O13	Phillip Hunt, DE, Houston
O20	Joe Henderson, LB, UAB
O27	James Lockett, S, Tulsa
N3	Maurice Kitchens, LB, Marshall
N10	Emmanuel Davis, DB, East Carolina
N17	Loyce Means, DB, Houston
N24	Travis Bradshaw, DB, Rice

### Special Teams

S2	T.J. Lee, WR, East Carolina
S8	Joe Burnett, DB, UCF
S15	Quinten Cotton, LB, East Carolina
S22	Wesley Scourten, WR, Houston
S29	Jose Martinez, PK, UTEP
O6	Vinny Zaccario, PK, Memphis
O13	Swayze Waters, PK/P, UAB
O20	Damaris Johnson, WR/KR, Tulsa
O27	Damaris Johnson, WR/KR, Tulsa
N3	Jose Martinez, PK, UTEP
N10	Ben Hartman, PK, East Carolina
N17	Tyron Carrier, WR/KR, Houston
N24	Kyle Peterson, P, UTEP



## HELMET STICKERS

The following C-USA players have earned helmet stickers this season from ESPN.

### 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)

### September 6

**Patrick Pinkney, QB, East Carolina**  
(22-of-28, 78.5 pct., 236 yards, TD)

**Chris Jammer, DB, Rice**  
(69 yd. INT return for game winning TD)

**David Johnson, QB, Tulsa**  
(25-of-33, 75.8 pct., 418 yards, 6 TDs)

### September 27

**Curtis Steele, RB, Memphis**  
(203 yards on 23 carries, TD)

**Case Keenum, QB, Houston**  
(36-of-44, 88 pct., 399 yards, 3 TDs)

**QB Chase Clement and WR Jarett Dillard, Rice**  
(3 TDs, Set NCAA record with 41 TDs by a duo)

### October 4

**Damion Fletcher, RB, Southern Miss**  
(260 yards on 34 carries, TD, USM all-time leading rusher)

### October 11

**Andre Anderson, RB, Tulane**  
(285 total yards, 255 rushing yards, 3 total TDs)

### October 18

**Brennan Marion, WR, Tulsa**  
(C-USA record for yards per catch in a game with 38.8, six catches for 233 yards and 3 TDs)

**Aldrick Robinson, WR, SMU**  
(Eight catches for 186 yards, 2 TDs)

**Chase Clement, QB, Rice**  
(30-of-43, 70 pct., 444 yards, 6 TDs)

**Case Keenum, QB, Houston**  
(28-of-36, 78 pct., 404 yards, 2 TDs)

**Joe Webb, QB, UAB**  
(C-USA rushing record for a QB, 352 total yards, 135 rushing, TD)

**David Johnson, QB, Tulsa**  
(21-of-27, 78 pct., 434 yards, 5 TDs, third 400-yard game)

### October 25

**Curtis Steele, RB, Memphis**  
(178 yards, 2TDs)

**Austin Davis, QB, Southern Miss**  
(307 yards of total offense, 121 rush, 2 TDs)

### October 25

**Austin Davis, QB, Southern Miss**  
(81 rush yards, 5 rush TDs, 1 pass TD)

**Damion Fletcher, RB, Southern Miss**  
(86 rush yards, first 4,000 yard back in USM history)

**Chase Clement, QB, Rice**  
(372 pass yards, six total TDs)

### November 8

**Chase Clement, QB, Rice**  
(3 TDs, 87 for his career - a new C-USA career record)

**Ben Hartman, PK, East Carolina**  
(4 FGs, Second consecutive week with a game-winner)

**Trevor Vittatoe, QB, UTEP**  
(24-of-33, 294 yards passing, 5 TDs)

**Case Keenum, QB, Houston**  
(29-of-40, 384 yards passing, 4 TDs, 10th straight 300-yard game)

### November 15

**Joe Webb, QB, UAB**  
(284 yards of total offense, 130 rushing yards 3 TDs)

**Sha'reff Rashad, DB, UCF**  
(2 INTs in win over Marshall)

**Trevor Vittatoe, QB, UTEP**  
(21-of-31, 410 uards passing, 3 TDs)

**Kris Adams, WR, UTEP**  
(Five catches for career-high 145 yds., 3 TDs)

**Case Keenum, QB, Houston**  
(24-of-37, 402 yards, 7 total TDs, six passing TDs)

**Loyca Means, DB, Houston**  
(3 INTs, 69-yard INT return for a TD)

### November 22

**Tarrion Adams, RB, Tulsa**  
(School record 323 rushing yards, 1 TD)

**David Skehan, LB, Tulane**  
(2 INTs for 48 yards)

**Chase Clement, QB, Rice**  
(25-of-41, 315 yards, 4 TDs, Set two C-USA records)

**Case Keenum, QB, Houston**  
(41-of-51, 480 yards, 3 TDs, game winning rushing TD)

**Bryce Beall, RB, Houston**  
(167 yards rushing, 96 receiving, 2 TDs)

## RECORD BREAKERS

Offensive records continue to be shattered in Conference USA. Through the first 12 weeks of the season, a total of 28 individual or team single-game records have either been broken or tied. Tulsa has been involved in 12 broken records, while Rice has been a part of nine.

### INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME

#### Touchdown Passes (tied)

- 6 Chase Clement, Rice vs. SMU, 8-29
- 6 Chase Clement, Rice vs. Southern Miss, 10-18
- 6 David Johnson, Tulsa at North Texas, 9-6
- 6 David Johnson, Tulsa vs. New Mexico, 9-20
- 6 Case Keenum, Houston vs. Tulsa, 11-15

#### Yards Per Catch

38.8 Brennan Marion, Tulsa vs. UTEP (6-233), 10-18

#### Rushing Touchdowns (tied)

5 Austin Davis, Southern Miss vs. UAB, 11-1

#### Touchdown Receptions (tied)

- 4 Jarett Dillard, Rice vs. North Texas, 9-27
- 4 DeAndre Brown, Southern Miss at Rice, 10-18

#### Field Goals Made

5 Jose Martinez, UTEP vs. SMU, 11-15

#### Longest Field Goal

64 Jose Martinez, UTEP vs. UCF, 9-27

#### PAT Kicks Attempted

- 11 Clark Fangmeier, Rice vs. North Texas, 9-27
- 11 Jarod Tracy, Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

#### PAT Kicks Made

- 11 Clark Fangmeier, Rice vs. North Texas, 9-27
- 11 Jarod Tracy, Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

#### Kickoff Return Touchdowns (Tied)

- 1 Frantrell Forrest, UAB vs. Tulsa, 8-30
- 1 Joe Burnett, UCF vs. USF, 9-6
- 1 Joe Burnett, UCF at Miami (Fla.), 10-11
- 1 Damaris Johnson, Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

#### Interceptions (Tied)

3 Loyce Means, Houston vs. Tulsa, 11-15

#### TEAM SINGLE-GAME

##### Total Offensive Yards

791 Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

##### All-Purpose Yards

1,023 Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18  
(470 pass, 321 rush, 211 KOR, 21 PR)

##### First Downs by Rushing (Tied)

22 Southern Miss vs. UL-Lafayette, 8-30

##### Passing Touchdowns (Tied)

6 Seven tied with

##### Rushing Touchdowns

9 Southern Miss vs. UAB, 11-1

##### Points (Overall)

77 Rice vs. North Texas, 9-27  
Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

##### Points in a C-USA Game

77 Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

##### Field Goal Attempts (tied)

6 Southern Miss vs. UTEP, 10-4

##### Field Goal Made (tied)

5 UTEP vs. SMU, 11-15

##### PAT Kicks Attempted

- 11 Rice vs. North Texas, 9-27
- 11 Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

##### PAT Kicks Made

- 11 Rice vs. North Texas, 9-27
- 11 Tulsa vs. UTEP, 10-18

##### Punts (tied)

12 UCF at Miami (Fla.), 10-11

##### Kickoff Returns

12 UTEP at Tulsa, 10-18

##### Interception Returns for Touchdowns (tied)

2 Rice vs. North Texas, 9-27

##### Fewest Passing First Downs Allowed (Tied)

- 0 Houston vs. Air Force, 9-13
- 0 SMU vs. Navy, 10-25

##### Fewest Rushing Attempts Allowed

13 Tulane vs. SMU, 9-25

##### Fewest Passes Allowed

0 SMU vs. Navy, 10-25

##### Fewest Pass Completions Allowed

- 0 Houston vs. Air Force, 9-13
- 0 SMU vs. Navy, 10-25



## EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

Senior RB **Brandon Simmons** scored on a 2-yard run with 2:20 remaining in the game to lift the Pirates to a 17-13 victory over UAB on Saturday night. The win clinched the C-USA East Division title for ECU and a spot in the C-USA championship game. Simmons' touchdown capped a nine-play, 55-yard drive that was aided by a face mask penalty that gave the Pirates a first down at UAB's 11. Two plays later, Simmons scored to cap the drive, which was led by backup QB **Rob Kass**. With the win, the Pirates have won nine of their last 13 games and six of their last seven road games against C-USA members. ECU has also won seven of its last nine games against C-USA East Division foes and has won at least seven games overall in its last three seasons. **Patrick Pinkney** stared at QB for ECU and completed his first four passes against the Blazers for 60 yards including a 10-yard TD strike to **Davon Drew**. Pinkney finished the game completing 19-of-25 passes for 222 yards with one TD. He recorded his sixth 200-plus yard passing game of the season and eighth of his career. For his career he now has 289 completions (sixth all-time at ECU) and 3,387 passing yards (seventh all-time at ECU). Simmons, J.R. Rogers and Norman Whitley combined for 89 rushing yards on 25 carries to lead the ground attack in the win over UAB.

## HOUSTON COUGARS

The Cougars rallied from 19 points down to defeat UTEP, 42-37 and remain in control of its destiny to win the West Division and host the Conference USA Championship Game. Sophomore QB **Case Keenum** passed for a career-high 480 yards and three touchdowns, while also rushing for two scores, with his one-yard sneak with 41 seconds to play to give the Cougars the win. He completed 41-of-51 of his attempts with no interceptions and led the Cougars on five second-half touchdown drives en route to his school-record 12th straight 300-yard plus passing effort. With 141 receiving yards on nine catches, freshman WR **Tyron Carrier** recorded his fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season. Freshman RB **Bryce Beall** rushed for 167 yards to move past 1,000 yards in 2008. He ended the game with 1,024 rushing yards to become the 19th player in UH history to reach that milestone. With his blocked field goal in the first quarter, sophomore TE **Wesley Scourten** blocked his fourth kick and third field goal of the season. Houston generated a season-high 700 yards of total offense, becoming the seventh team in C-USA history to reach that level. The Cougars had 748 yards of offense against Rice on Oct. 13, 2007.

## MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Sophomore RB **Darius Marshall** ran for 118 yards to pass 1,000 for the season, but it wasn't enough as the Herd was unable to contain the Owls potent passing attack in a 35-10 loss Saturday at Rice Stadium. Offensively, Marshall was led once again by D. Marshall who became the 13th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season. Quarterback **Mark Cann** completed 13-of-24 passes for 83 yards in the loss. Tight end **Cody Slate** made seven receptions for 37 yards and had the Herd's lone touchdown. Slate's TD capped off an 18-play, 99-yard drive and marked his sixth straight game with a TD reception. The catch was also his 19th career TD reception, moving him into eighth place on the Herd's all-time list. Defensively, **Maurice Kitchens** recorded his fourth interception of the season and T.J. Drakeford forced and recovered a fumble.

## MEMPHIS TIGERS

Memphis fell to UCF on Saturday, 28-21, at the Liberty Bowl. Behind strong defensive play by the Tigers, the Memphis offense cut the UCF lead to a touchdown in the fourth, but Memphis turned the ball over on downs at the UCF 44 in the final minute. Memphis QB **Arkelon Hall**, in his first game back after breaking his right thumb Oct. 18 against East Carolina, completed 15-of-35 passes for 183 yards and also had a career-high 42 yards rushing on 11 attempts. Memphis got within a touchdown with 8:24 left after benefiting from a pass interference call. On the next play, **Steven Black** took the direct snap at quarterback and went over for the TD from three yards out. Junior WR **Duke Calhoun** hauled in a 54-yard touchdown pass from Hall with 5:40 remaining in the first quarter. It was a career-long pass for Hall and a season-high catch for Calhoun. Calhoun extended his receiving streak to 35 games with the 54-yard TD and he has caught a pass in each of his 35 career games played, a school record. Calhoun went over 2,000 career receiving yards with the 54-yard catch and is the fastest Tiger receiver to reach 2,000 yards. The Memphis defensive effort included 12 tackles for loss in the game.

## RICE OWLS

The Owls improved to 5-0 at home this season with a 35-10 victory over Marshall. Senior WR **Jarett Dillard** caught six passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns. He now has 19 receiving touchdowns on the season, just two shy of his own school and conference record of 21 which he set during the 2006 season. Dillard extended his NCAA record for career receiving touchdowns to 59, two away from the C-USA career touchdown mark of 60, set by DeAngelo Williams of Memphis. He has now caught at least one touchdown against each of the other 11 C-USA schools. Sophomore WR **James Casey** had seven receptions for 38 yards to give him 92 on the year, breaking Dillard's single-season school record for receptions (91 set in 2006). Senior QB **Chase Clement** threw a touchdown pass for the 20th consecutive game, finishing 25-of-41 for 315 yards and four touchdowns. He also a new C-USA record for touchdowns responsible for with 114, breaking the record that Tulsa's Paul Smith set last season. The four TD passes allowed him to tie David Klingler for 13th place on the all-time NCAA list. With his fourth extra-point of the day, junior K **Clark Fangmeier** became the first Rice kicker and fourth player overall to score 200 points in a career. He extended his Rice season and career records for PATs to 60 and 141, respectively.

## SMU MUSTANGS

The Mustangs fell Nov. 15 to UTEP 36-10 in El Paso. Both **Bo Levi Mitchell** and **Logan Turner** saw time under center, with the freshmen combining to go 13-of-36 for 137 yards. SMU scored its lone touchdown in the fourth quarter after trailing 36-3. Turner hit WR **Bradley Haynes** with a 27-yard pass for the touchdown. The TD pass with the 30th of the season for the team, breaking the previous mark of 29 TD passes in 2006. KR **Jessie Henderson** had two kickoff returns for 84 yards and now has 2,881 career KOR yards, extending his SMU and C-USA record. He is the current NCAA active career leader. Henderson's 992 kickoff return yards this season are an SMU record and his 44 kickoff returns extended his SMU record. His 118 career kickoff returns also extended his SMU and C-USA records.

## SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

The Golden Eagles were idle last week after downing East Carolina on Nov. 15, 21-3, and are just one win away from bowl-eligibility. The victory was the third straight for Southern Miss and the Eagles have allowed a total of just 23 points in those three games (7.7 avg.) after allowing 31.4 ppg in the season's first eight games. Freshman QB **Austin Davis** threw two touchdowns, including a school-record 97-yard scoring strike to freshman WR **DeAndre Brown**. Davis was 18 of 30 for 239 yards and two scores. Brown had eight catches for 124 yards and needs just three more receptions to tie the school's single season record of 66. He also became just the fourth player in Southern Miss to top the 1,000-yard mark in a season. Junior RB **Damion Fletcher**, Southern Miss' all-time leading rusher, ran for 121 yards on 23 carries and one touchdown in his first game after missing two games with a hamstring injury. The Southern Miss defense intercepted two more passes, giving them eight picks in the last three games. Sophomore DB **Justin Wilson** tallied a pair of interceptions to go along with one pass broken up and two tackles.

## TULANE GREEN WAVE

The Green Wave dropped a 56-7 decision at Tulsa on Saturday. Redshirt freshman RB **J.T. McDonald** rushed 15 times for a career-high 53 yards and his third career rushing touchdown. Sophomore QB **Kevin Moore** was 15-of-30 for 144 yards. Senior WR **Michael Batiste** extended his streak of consecutive games with at least one reception to 11 with a 19-yard grab in the second quarter. Sophomore TE **Cody Sparks** match his career high for receptions by grabbing three passes for 38 yards. Senior S **David Skehan** recorded a pair of interceptions in the second quarter, his second career multiple INT game. The two picks gave him 11 in his career, which places him sixth on Tulane's all-time list.

## TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

The Golden Hurricane improved to 6-1 in conference play with a 56-7 victory over Tulane on Saturday. Senior RB **Tarrion Adams** posted the second-highest single-game rushing total in C-USA history, carrying 33 times for 323 yards and a touchdown. The 323 yards gave him 1,007 on the season, marking the second straight season that he has rushed for more than 1,000 yards. Senior QB **David Johnson** threw three touchdown passes to join Paul Smith as the only Golden Hurricane players to throw 40 touchdowns in a season. With the opening kickoff return of 23 yards, freshman **Damaris Johnson** became Tulsa's single-season kickoff return leader with 1,151 yards surpassing **Ashlan Davis'** previous record of 1,131 yards (2005). He also caught four passes for 61 yards and two TDs. With his first-quarter two-yard touchdown reception, junior TE **Jake Collums** has caught six touchdown passes in his last eight receptions dating back to the 2007 season. That includes four touchdown receptions on five catches this season. Tulsa finished the regular season 6-0 at H.A. Chapman Stadium, its first unbeaten season at home since the 1989 Independence Bowl team went 5-0.

## UAB BLAZERS

The Blazers fell to East Carolina, 17-13, on Saturday at Legion Field. QB **Joe Webb** rushed for 75 yards and passed for 116 to lead the UAB offensive attack. Webb continues to add to his C-USA single-season record for rushing yards by a quarterback, a mark he shattered last month. Webb now has 941 yards through 11 games. The old mark of 699 was held previously by SMU's Justin Willis (2007). He also has the fourth-most rushing yards of any quarterback in the country and he is tied for the league lead with 11 rushing scores. CB **Kevin Sanders** notched his league-leading sixth interception against the Pirates and has moved into a tie for second place all-time at UAB with 14, tying **Rodregis Brooks** (1996-99). That mark of 14 is also tied for No. 4 all-time in C-USA. PK **Swayze Waters** is No. 2 among C-USA punters in average and is No. 15 nationally at 43.7 yards per punt. UAB has 19 rushing touchdowns this season after registering only five last fall. RB **Rashaud Slaughter** has registered four TDs in 2008 on 496 rushing yards.

## UCF KNIGHTS

The Knights posted their first back-to-back wins of the season, both coming on the road, after downing Memphis 28-21 on Saturday. UCF has now won all four games over Memphis since the Knights joined Conference USA in 2005. UCF's 14 first-quarter points were its most this season. The Knights are now 19-5 under **George O'Leary** when leading after the first quarter. It is the fourth-straight week that UCF has led the game after 15 minutes of play. UCF's 21 first-half points were its most of the season, edging its 20 last week at Marshall. CB **Joe Burnett's** interception was the 16th of his career, extending his own school record and bringing him to within two places of the Conference USA career benchmark of 18. On the runback, he passed teammate **Johnell Neal** for the school career record in interception return yardage. With his 61 kickoff return yards, Burnett moved into third place on UCF's seasonal chart with his 687 on the year. The Knights have at least one interception in 10 of the team's 11 games this year and 18 of the last 19 overall. UCF has now scored five non-offensive touchdowns this year. The school record is six set last year.

## UTEP MINERS

The Miners were unable to hold on to a fourth quarter lead and fell at Houston on Saturday, 42-37. Sophomore QB **Trevor Vittatoe** was 27-of-45 for 362 yards and four touchdowns. The four TD pass give him a program-record 31 for the year, two more than Jordan Palmer threw in 2005. Vittatoe now has a program-record eight consecutive games with three touchdowns or more. His 362 passing yards gives the sophomore 2,961 for his career and moves him into sixth on the single-season list, just 71 yards out of fifth. Sophomore WR **Kris Adams** now has eight touchdown receptions in the past three games and 13 on the season, which ties him for second on the single-season list. He needs two more touchdowns next week to tie Lee Mays' record 15 from 2000. His second three-touchdown day in the past seven days makes him the third Miner to score three or more touchdowns in consecutive games, as he joins **Chuck Hughes** (1965) and **Volley Murphy** ('67). UTEP now has played four turnover-free games this year, the first time that's happened since athletic director Bob Stull was the coach in 1988. For just the fourth time since 1965, UTEP has gone two consecutive games without a turnover.



## A GLANCE AT THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS

### UTEP at EAST CAROLINA

Friday, November 28  
 1 p.m. (EST)  
 All-Time Series:  
 Last Meeting:  
 Television:  
 Announcers:

Greenville, North Carolina  
 Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (43,000)  
 East Carolina leads 1-0  
 East Carolina 45, UTEP 42 (ot) (Oct. 13, 2007)  
 CBS College Sports  
 Tom Hart (PxP), Trev Alberts (Analyst)

#### UTEP (5-6, 4-3 in C-USA)

Website: www.utepathletics.com  
 Head Coach: Mike Price (Puget Sound '69)  
 Career Record: 159-151 (27th year)  
 Record at UTEP: 30-29 (5th year)  
 Offense: I-Back  
 Defense: 3-3-5  
 Leading Passer: Trevor Vittatoe (223-of-375, 2,961 yds., 31 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Terrell Jackson (104 att., 407 yds., 1 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Jeff Moturi (48 rec., 642 yds., 9 TD)  
 Last Game: Houston 42, UTEP 37  
 Next Game: TBA

#### East Carolina (7-4, 5-2 in C-USA)

Website: www.ecupirates.com  
 Head Coach: Skip Holtz (Notre Dame, '86)  
 Career Record: 61-44 (9th year)  
 Record at ECU: 27-21 (4th year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Patrick Pinkney (178-of-280, 2,029 yds., 9 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Norman Whitley (109 att., 486 yds., 3 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Dwayne Harris (58 rec., 654 yds., 1 TD)  
 Last Game: East Carolina 17, UAB 13  
 Next Game: C-USA Championship Game, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. CT

### UAB at UCF

Saturday, November 29  
 1 p.m. (EST)  
 All-Time Series:  
 Last Meeting:

Orlando, Florida  
 Bright House Networks Stadium (45,323)  
 UCF leads 5-0  
 UCF 45, UAB 31 (Nov. 10, 2007)

#### UAB (3-8, 2-5 in C-USA)

Website: www.uabsports.com  
 Head Coach: Neil Callaway (Alabama '78)  
 Career Record: 5-18 (2nd year)  
 Record at UAB: 5-18 (2nd year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Joe Webb (188-of-325, 2,123 yds., 10 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Joe Webb (176 att., 941 yds., 11 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Frantrell Forrest (39 rec., 501 yds., 2 TD)  
 Last Game: East Carolina 17, UAB 13  
 Next Game: Season Complete

#### UCF (4-7, 3-4 in C-USA)

Website: www.ucfathletics.com  
 Head Coach: George O'Leary (New Hampshire '69)  
 Career Record: 78-68 (12th year)  
 Record at UCF: 26-35 (5th year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Passer: Rob Calabrese (63-of-157, 658 yds., 7 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Brynn Harvey (110 att., 429 yds., 1 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Brian Watters (37 rec., 554 yds., 3 TD)  
 Last Game: UCF 28, Memphis 21  
 Next Game: Season Complete

### SOUTHERN MISS at SMU

Saturday, November 29  
 2 p.m. (CST)  
 All-Time Series:  
 Last Meeting:

Dallas, Texas  
 Gerald J. Stadium (32,000)  
 Southern Miss leads 1-0  
 Southern Miss 28, SMU 7 (Oct. 13, 2007)

#### Southern Miss (5-6, 3-4 in C-USA)

Website: www.southernmiss.com  
 Head Coach: Larry Fedora (Austin College '85)  
 Career Record: 5-6 (1st year)  
 Record at USM: 5-6 (1st year)  
 Offense: Spread  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Austin Davis (226-of-394, 2,640 yds., 19 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Damion Fletcher (185 att., 1,176 yds., 8 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: DeAndre Brown (63 att., 1,057 yds., 12 TD)  
 Last Game: Southern Miss 21, East Carolina 3 (Nov. 15)  
 Next Game: TBA

#### SMU (1-10, 0-7 in C-USA)

Website: www.smumustangs.com  
 Head Coach: June Jones (N.Y. State Regents College)  
 Career Record: 76-51 (10th year)  
 Record at SMU: 1-10 (1st year)  
 Offense: Run and Shoot  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Bo Levi Mitchell (210-of-361, 2,612 yds., 23 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Andrew McKinney (43 att., 173 yds., 1 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Emmanuel Sanders (67 rec., 958 yds., 9 TD)  
 Last Game: UTEP 36, SMU 10 (Nov. 15)  
 Next Game: Season Complete

### HOUSTON at RICE

Saturday, November 29  
 2:30 p.m. (CST)  
 All-Time Series:  
 Last Meeting:  
 Television:  
 Announcers:

Houston, Texas  
 Rice Stadium (47,000)  
 Houston leads 25-9  
 Houston 56, Rice 48 (Oct. 13, 2007)  
 CBS College Sports  
 Carter Blackburn (PxP), Aaron Taylor (Analyst)

#### Houston (7-4, 6-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.uhcougars.com  
 Head Coach: Kevin Sumlin (Purdue, '86)  
 Career Record: 7-4 (1st year)  
 Record at UH: 7-4 (1st year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Case Keenum (345-of-502, 4,274 yds., 38 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Bryce Beall (159 att., 1,024 yds., 11 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Mark Hafner (81 rec., 865 yds., 11 TD)  
 Last Game: Houston 42, UTEP 37  
 Next Game: TBA

#### Rice (8-3, 6-1 in C-USA)

Website: www.riceowls.com  
 Head Coach: David Baillif (Texas State, '81)  
 Career Record: 32-27 (5th year)  
 Record at Rice: 11-12 (2nd year)  
 Offense: Spread  
 Defense: 4-2-5  
 Leading Passer: Chase Clement (268-of-405, 3,431 yds., 36 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: C.J. Ugokwe (132 att., 645 yds., 2 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: James Casey (92 rec., 1,045 yds., 9 TD)  
 Last Game: Rice 35, Marshall 10  
 Next Game: TBA



## A GLANCE AT THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS

### TULSA at MARSHALL

Saturday, November 29  
 3:30 p.m. (EST)  
 All-Time Series: Tulsa leads 1-0  
 Last Meeting: Tulsa 38, Marshall 31 (Oct. 13, 2007)

#### Tulsa (9-2, 6-2 in C-USA)

Website: [www.tulsahurricane.com](http://www.tulsahurricane.com)  
 Head Coach: Todd Graham (West Texas State, '87)  
 Career Record: 26-12 (3rd year)  
 Record at Tulsa: 19-6 (2nd year)  
 Offense: Spread No Huddle  
 Defense: 3-4  
 Leading Passer: David Johnson (199-of-300, 3,358 yds., 40 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Tarrion Adams (170 att., 1,077 yds., 6 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Brennan Marion (35 rec., 962 yds., 8 TD)  
 Last Game: Tulsa 56, Tulane 7  
 Next Game: TBA

#### Marshall (4-7, 3-4 in C-USA)

Website: [www.herdzone.com](http://www.herdzone.com)  
 Head Coach: Mark Snyder (Marshall, '88)  
 Career Record: 16-30 (4th year)  
 Record at Marshall: 16-30 (4th year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: 3-4  
 Leading Passer: Mark Cann (154-of-307, 1,767 yds., 14 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Darius Marshall (206 att., 1,001 yds., 5 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Darius Passmore (50 rec., 872 yds., 5 TD)  
 Last Game: Rice 35, Marshall 10  
 Next Game: Season Complete

### TULANE at MEMPHIS

Saturday, November 29  
 2:30 p.m. (CST)  
 All-Time Series: Memphis leads 14-11-1  
 Last Meeting: Memphis 28, Tulane 27 (Oct. 27, 2007)  
 Television: CSS  
 Announcers: Bob Neal (PxP), Chuck Oliver (Analyst)

#### Tulane (2-9, 1-6 in C-USA)

Website: [www.tulanegreenwave.com](http://www.tulanegreenwave.com)  
 Head Coach: Bob Toledo (San Francisco State '68)  
 Career Record: 84-85 (15th year)  
 Record at Tulane: 6-17 (2nd year)  
 Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: Multiple  
 Leading Returning Passer: Kevin Moore (170-of-304, 1,997 yds., 8 TD)  
 Leading Returning Rusher: Andre Anderson (174 att., 864 yds., 7 TD)  
 Leading Returning Receiver: Brian King (36 rec., 452 yds., 0 TD)  
 Last Game: Tulsa 56, Tulane 7  
 Next Game: Season Complete

#### Memphis (5-6, 3-4 in C-USA)

Website: [www.gotigersgo.com](http://www.gotigersgo.com)  
 Head Coach: Tommy West (Tennessee '75)  
 Career Record: 81-85 (14th year)  
 Record at Memphis: 46-50 (8th year)  
 Offense: No Huddle, Spread  
 Defense: 4-3  
 Leading Passer: Arkelon Hall (166-of-292, 2,012 yds., 11 TD)  
 Leading Rusher: Curtis Steele (183 att., 1,040 yds., 6 TD)  
 Leading Receiver: Carlos Singleton (49 rec., 751 yds., 5 TD)  
 Last Game: UCF 28, Memphis 21  
 Next Game: TBA



## 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](http://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 offensive 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](http://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](http://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](http://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  
 Phone: 504/525-5678  
 FAX: 504/529-1622  
 Mailing Address: 2020 St. Charles Avenue 4th Floor  
 New Orleans, LA 70130

### 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](http://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: Brett Dulaney  
 Media Relations Director: TBA  
 Sales Director: Carlos Padilla

## 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](http://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  
 Marketing Services Manager: Heather Houston  
 Media Relations Director: Bill Cousins  
 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.  
Champions: Tulsa Men, SMU Women

### Women's Soccer

Date: Nov. 5-9  
Location: Houston, Texas  
Champion: Memphis

### Men's Soccer

Date: Nov. 12-16  
Location: Dallas, Texas  
Champion: Tulsa

### Volleyball

Date: Nov. 20-23  
Location: Memphis, Tenn.  
Champion: Tulane

## 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.

<b>Correct Usage</b>	<b>NEVER USE!!</b>
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, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24.

## 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](http://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](http://www.dragonflyathletics.com/cusa).
5. 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

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](mailto: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	<a href="http://www.ECUPirates.com">www.ECUPirates.com</a>
Houston	<a href="http://www.UHCougars.com">www.UHCougars.com</a>
Marshall	<a href="http://www.HerdZone.com">www.HerdZone.com</a>
Memphis	<a href="http://www.GoTigersGo.com">www.GoTigersGo.com</a>
Rice	<a href="http://www.RiceOwls.com">www.RiceOwls.com</a>
SMU	<a href="http://www.SMUMustangs.com">www.SMUMustangs.com</a>
Southern Miss	<a href="http://www.SouthernMiss.com">www.SouthernMiss.com</a>
Tulane	<a href="http://www.TulaneGreenWave.com">www.TulaneGreenWave.com</a>
Tulsa	<a href="http://www.TulsaHurricane.com">www.TulsaHurricane.com</a>
UAB	<a href="http://www.UABSports.com">www.UABSports.com</a>
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## C-USA EAST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

### EAST CAROLINA (7-4, 5-2 C-USA)



A30	vs. (15) Virginia Tech	ESPN	W	27-22	1-0
S6	(8) WEST VIRGINIA	ESPN 2	W	24-3	2-0
S13	at Tulane	WFTN	W	28-24	3-0
S20	at North Carolina State	ESPN	L	24-30 (OT)	3-1
S27	HOUSTON		L	24-41	3-2
O11	at Virginia	RAYCOM Sports	L	20-35	3-3
O18	MEMPHIS	CSS	W	30-10	4-3
N2	at UCF	ESPN	W	13-10 (OT)	5-3
N8	MARSHALL		W	19-16 (OT)	6-3
N15	at Southern Miss	WFTN	L	3-21	6-4
N22	at UAB	CSS	W	17-13	7-4
N28	UTEP				1:00 p.m.

All Times Eastern

### SOUTHERN MISS (5-6, 3-4 C-USA)



A30	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE		W	51-21	1-0
S6	at (9) Auburn	RAYCOM Sports	L	13-27	1-1
S13	at Arkansas State		W	27-24	2-1
S20	MARSHALL	CSS	L	27-34	2-2
O4	UTEP		L	37-40 (2OT)	2-3
O11	(15) BOISE STATE		L	7-24	2-4
O18	at Rice		L	40-45	2-5
O25	at Memphis		L	30-36	2-6
N1	UAB	CSS	W	70-14	3-6
N8	at UCF		W	17-6	4-6
N15	EAST CAROLINA		W	21-3	5-6
N29	at SMU				2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

### MARSHALL (4-7, 3-4 C-USA)



A30	ILLINOIS STATE	West Virginia Media	W	35-10	1-0
S6	at (11) WISCONSIN	SPORTS ILLUSTRATED	L	14-51	1-1
S13	MEMPHIS	CSS	W	17-16	2-1
S22	at Southern Miss	CSS	W	34-27	3-1
S27	at West Virginia	ESPN PLUS	L	3-27	3-2
O3	Cincinnati	ESPN	L	10-33	3-3
O18	at UAB		L	21-23	3-4
O28	HOUSTON	ESPN 2	W	37-23	4-4
N8	at East Carolina		L	16-19 (OT)	4-5
N15	UCF	CSS	L	14-30	4-6
N22	at Rice		L	10-35	4-7
N29	TULSA				3:30 p.m.

All Times Eastern

### UAB (3-8, 2-5 C-USA)



A30	TULSA		L	22-45	0-1
S6	at Florida Atlantic		L	34-49	0-2
S13	at Tennessee	RAYCOM Sports	L	3-35	0-3
S20	ALABAMA STATE		W	45-10	1-3
S27	at South Carolina	ESPN PLUS	L	13-26	1-4
O2	MEMPHIS		L	30-33	1-5
O9	at Houston		L	20-45	1-6
O18	MARSHALL		W	23-21	2-6
N1	at Southern Miss	CSS	L	14-70	2-7
N15	at Tulane		W	41-24	3-7
N22	EAST CAROLINA	CSS	L	13-17	3-8
N29	at UCF				12:00 p.m.

All Times Central

### MEMPHIS (5-6, 3-4 C-USA)



A30	at Mississippi		L	24-41	0-1
S6	RICE		L	35-42	0-2
S13	at Marshall	CSS	L	16-17	0-3
S20	NICHOLLS STATE		W	31-10	1-3
S27	ARKANSAS STATE		W	29-17	2-3
O2	at UAB		W	33-30	3-3
O12	LOUISVILLE	ESPN	L	28-35	3-4
O18	at East Carolina	CSS	L	10-30	3-5
O25	SOUTHERN MISS		W	36-30	4-5
N8	at SMU		W	31-26	5-5
N22	UCF		L	21-28	5-6
N29	TULANE	CSS			2:30 p.m.

All Times Central

### UCF (4-7, 3-4 C-USA)



A30	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE		W	17-0	1-0
S6	(17) SOUTH FLORIDA	ESPN 2	L	24-31	1-1
S20	at Boston College		L	7-34	1-2
S27	at UTEP		L	14-58	1-3
O4	SMU		W	41-17	2-3
O11	at Miami (Fla.)		L	14-20	2-4
O26	at (18) Tulsa	ESPN	L	19-49	2-5
N2	EAST CAROLINA	ESPN	L	10-13 (OT)	2-6
N8	SOUTHERN MISS		L	6-17	2-7
N15	at Marshall	CSS	W	30-14	3-7
N22	at Memphis		W	28-21	4-7
N29	UAB				1:00 p.m.

All Times Eastern



## C-USA WEST SCHEDULES/RESULTS

### HOUSTON (7-4, 6-1 C-USA)



A30	SOUTHERN	W	55-3	1-0
S6	at Oklahoma State	L	37-56	1-1
S13	AIR FORCE	L	28-31	1-2
S20	at Colorado State	L	25-28	1-3
S27	at (23) East Carolina	W	41-24	2-3
O9	UAB	W	45-20	3-3
O18	at SMU	W	44-38	4-3
O28	at Marshall	L	23-37	4-4
N8	TULANE	W	42-12	5-4
N15	(24) TULSA	W	70-30	6-4
N22	UTEP	W	56-47	7-4
N29	at Rice			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

### TULANE (2-9, 1-6 C-USA)



S6	at (13) Alabama	L	6-20	0-1
S13	(14) EAST CAROLINA	L	24-28	0-2
S20	LOUISIANA-MONROE	W	24-10	1-2
S25	SMU	W	34-27	2-2
O4	ARMY (Tad Gormley Stadium)	L	13-44	2-3
O11	at UTEP	L	21-24	2-4
O25	RICE	L	17-42	2-5
N1	at (15) LSU	L	10-35	2-6
N8	at Houston	L	14-42	2-7
N15	UAB	L	24-41	2-8
N22	Tulsa	L	7-56	2-9
N29	at Memphis			2:30 p.m.

All Times Central

### RICE (8-3, 6-1 C-USA)



A29	SMU	W	56-27	1-0
S6	at Memphis	W	42-35	2-0
S13	at Vanderbilt	L	21-38	2-1
S20	at (7) Texas	L	10-52	2-2
S27	NORTH TEXAS	W	77-20	3-2
O4	at Tulsa	L	28-53	3-3
O18	SOUTHERN MISS	W	45-40	4-3
O25	at Tulane	W	42-17	5-3
N1	at UTEP	W	49-44	6-3
N8	ARMY	W	38-31	7-3
N22	MARSHALL	W	35-10	8-3
N29	HOUSTON			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

### TULSA (9-2, 6-1 C-USA)



A30	at UAB	W	45-22	1-0
S6	at North Texas	W	56-26	2-0
S20	NEW MEXICO	W	56-14	3-0
S27	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	W	62-34	4-0
O4	RICE	W	63-28	5-0
O11	at SMU	W	37-31	6-0
O18	UTEP	W	77-35	7-0
O26	UCF	W	49-19	8-0
N1	at Arkansas	L	23-30	8-1
N15	at Houston	L	30-70	8-2
N22	TULANE	W	56-7	9-2
N29	at Marshall			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

### SMU (1-10, 0-8 C-USA)



A29	at Rice	L	27-56	0-1
S6	TEXAS STATE	W	47-36	1-1
S13	at (12) Texas Tech	L	7-43	1-2
S20	TCU	L	7-48	1-3
S25	at Tulane	L	27-34	1-4
O4	at UCF	L	17-31	1-5
O11	TULSA	L	31-37	1-6
O18	HOUSTON	L	38-44	1-7
O25	at Navy	L	7-34	1-8
N8	MEMPHIS	L	26-31	1-9
N15	at UTEP	L	10-36	1-10
N29	SOUTHERN MISS			2:00 p.m.

All Times Central

### UTEP (5-6, 4-3 C-USA)



A28	at Buffalo	L	17-42	0-1
S6	(9) TEXAS	L	13-42	0-2
S20	NEW MEXICO STATE	L	33-34	0-3
S27	UCF	W	58-13	1-3
O4	at Southern Miss	W	40-37 (2OT)	2-3
O11	TULANE	W	24-21	3-3
O18	at (19) Tulsa	L	35-77	3-4
N1	RICE	L	44-49	3-5
N8	at Louisiana-Lafayette (CSS)	W	37-24	4-5
N15	SMU	W	36-10	5-5
N22	at Houston	L	47-56	5-6
N28	at East Carolina			11:00 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

(11) Wisconsin 51, Marshall 14

(9) Auburn 27, Southern Miss 13

Florida Atlantic 49, UAB 34

East Carolina 24, (8) West Virginia 3

Oklahoma State 56, Houston 37

(13) Alabama 20, Tulane 6

Tulsa 56, North Texas 26

(17) South Florida 31, UCF 24 (OT)

**Rice 42, Memphis 35**

SMU 47, Texas State 36

(9) Texas 42, UTEP 13

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Air Force 31, Houston 28

Tennessee 35, UAB 3

**(14) East Carolina 28, Tulane 24**

**Marshall 17, Memphis 16**

Vanderbilt 38, Rice 21

(12) Texas Tech 43, SMU 7

Southern Miss 27, Arkansas State 24

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

N.C. State 30, (15) East Carolina 24

Boston College 34, UCF 7

Tulane 24, Louisiana-Monroe 10

Colorado State 28, Houston 25

**Marshall 34, Southern Miss 27**

UAB 45, Alabama State 10

(7) Texas 52, Rice 10

Tulsa 56, New Mexico 14

Memphis 31, Nicholls State 10

TCU 48, SMU 7

New Mexico State 34, UTEP 33

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Tulane 34, SMU 27

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Memphis 29, Arkansas State 17

**Houston 41, (23) East Carolina 24**

West Virginia 27, Marshall 3

Rice 77, North Texas 20

Tulsa 62, Central Arkansas 34

South Carolina 26, UAB 13

**UTEP 58, UCF 13**

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Memphis 33, UAB 30**

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Cincinnati 33, Marshall 10

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Army 44, Tulane 13

**UCF 31, SMU 17**

**UTEP 40, Southern Miss 37 (2 OT)**

Tulsa 63, Rice 28

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Houston 45, UAB 20**

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Louisville 35, Memphis 28

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Virginia 35, East Carolina 20

Miami (Fla.) 20, UCF 14

**Tulsa 37, SMU 31**

(15) Boise State 24, Southern Miss 7

**UTEP 24, Tulane 21**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

**East Carolina 30, Memphis 10**

**Rice 45, Southern Miss 40**

**UAB 23, Marshall 21**

**Houston 44, SMU 38**

**Tulsa 77, UTEP 35**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Rice 42, Tulane 17**

Navy 34, SMU 7

**Memphis 36, Southern Miss 30**

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

**(18) Tulsa 49, UCF 19**

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Marshall 37, Houston 23

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Arkansas 30, (18) Tulsa 23

**Southern Miss 70, UAB 14**

(15) LSU 35, Tulane 10

**Rice 49, UTEP 44**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**East Carolina 13, UCF 10 (OT)**

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Rice 38, Army 31

**Memphis 31, SMU 26**

**Southern Miss 17, UCF 6**

**East Carolina 19, Marshall 16 (OT)**

**Houston 42, Tulane 14**

UTEP 37, Louisiana-Lafayette 24

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Southern Miss 21, East Carolina 3**

**UAB 41, Tulane 24**

**UCF 30, Marshall 14**

**Houston 70, (24) Tulsa 30**

**UTEP 36, SMU 10**

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**UCF 28, Memphis 21**

**Tulsa 56, Tulane 7**

**Rice 35, Marshall 10**

**Houston 42, UTEP 37**

**East Carolina 17, UAB 13**

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

UTEP at East Carolina (CBS C)

12:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

UAB at UCF

12:00 p.m.

Southern Miss at SMU

2:00 p.m.

Tulsa at Marshall

2:30 p.m.

Houston at Rice (CBS C)

2:30 p.m.

Tulane at Memphis (CSS)

2:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

C-USA Championship Game (ESPN/ESPN 2) 11:00 a.m.

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