

# ***ABOUT CONFERENCE USA BASEBALL***

- Conference USA will field 12 teams in 2016, as the league begins its 21st season: Charlotte, FIU, Florida Atlantic, Louisiana Tech, Marshall, Middle Tennessee, Old Dominion, Rice, Southern Miss, UAB, UTSA and WKU.
- Conference USA has been ranked as the No. 5 baseball conference in RPI in seven of the last 10 seasons. It was the No. 8 ranked conference in 2015.
- C-USA has placed at least four teams in the NCAA Championship nine times in the past 14 years, producing five teams on two occasions. The league placed three teams in the 2015 NCAA Field.
- Rice made its 21st consecutive NCAA Regional appearance in 2015, the fourth-longest active streak in the nation.
- Rice spent the entire 2015 season nationally ranked and was joined in nearly all of the regular season rankings by Florida Atlantic. Both schools were in the final top 25.
- Six C-USA teams ranked in the top 85 of the final 2015 RPI rankings.
- Six Conference USA teams won at least one game against a nationally ranked opponent during the 2015 season.
- C-USA teams posted a total of 15 wins over nationally ranked, non-conference opponents during the 2015 season, including six against top 10 foes.
- Old Dominion defeated then-No. 1 and eventual national champion Virginia, 14-5, on March 11, marking the second year in a row that the Monarchs posted a win over the nation's top-ranked team. It was the 10th time in league history that a C-USA school has defeated the nation's top-ranked team.
- C-USA played 25 of the teams ranked among the top 50 in the final NCAA RPI rankings, posting wins vs. 17. C-USA teams defeated: No. 2 Miami, Fla. (Florida Atlantic), No. 11 Virginia (Old Dominion), No. 13 Louisville (WKU), No. 18 Houston (Rice), No. 19 Coastal Carolina (WKU), No. 22 NC State (Coastal Carolina), No. 28 Iowa (Middle Tennessee), No. 32 Louisiana-Lafayette (UTSA), No. 34 South Florida (FIU, Florida Atlantic), No. 36 East Carolina (FIU), No. 39 Mississippi (Southern Miss, UAB), No. 43 Oral Roberts (Louisiana Tech), No. 44 Ohio State (Florida Atlantic, UAB), No. 45 Alabama (Southern Miss), No. 46 UC Irvine (UTSA), No. 47 North Florida (Florida Atlantic) and No. 50 Tulane (Southern Miss).
- Five different Conference USA players were honored as 2015 All-Americans, including Florida Atlantic junior OF Brandon Sanger, Florida Atlantic senior 3B Ricky Santiago, Rice senior DH John Clay Reeves, Southern Miss senior RHP James McMahon and UTSA junior 2B Jesse Baker.
- Four C-USA players earned 2015 Freshman All-American honors, including Old Dominion SS Zach Rutherford, Rice OF Ryan Chandler, Southern Miss 2B Taylor Braley and UTSA OF Trent Bowles.
- Conference USA had three players that earned National Player of the Week honors in 2015: Southern Miss 1B Tim Lynch, Southern Miss RHP James McMahon and UAB C Esteban Tresgallo.
- Eight 2015 players and seven 2015 teams ranked among the top 10 national leaders in the final 2015 NCAA statistics.
- Conference USA had 36 players chosen in the June Major League Baseball Draft, including 10 picks in the first 10 rounds. Ten C-USA schools had at least one player selected.
- The league had 29 games televised nationally or regionally in 2015.
- 11 players from current C-USA schools appeared on the 2015 opening day rosters of Major League Baseball teams.

