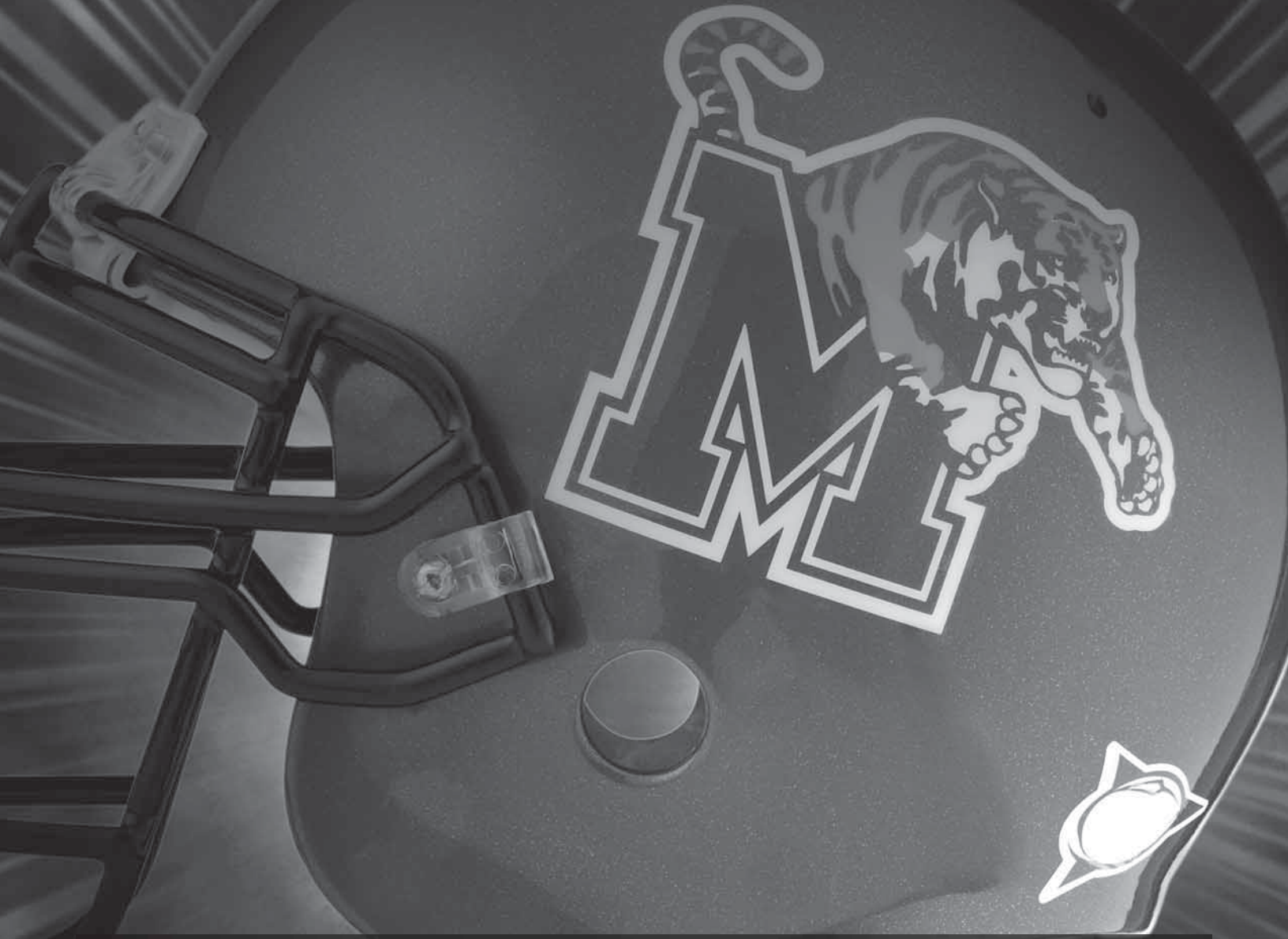


# CONFERENCE USA



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## Team C-USA: Dedicated to Excellence

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

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

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

## SUCCESS ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Conference USA performers have achieved great success in competition, placing the league among the top conferences in the nation.

### Men's Basketball

- Consistently rated as one of the top basketball leagues in the country
- 72 postseason teams (40 NCAA and 32 NIT)
- Strong fan support, drawing more than one million fans each season
- Two Final Four teams
- Five Elite Eight NCAA Tournament teams
- One NIT Champion
- Four NIT semifinalists

### Football

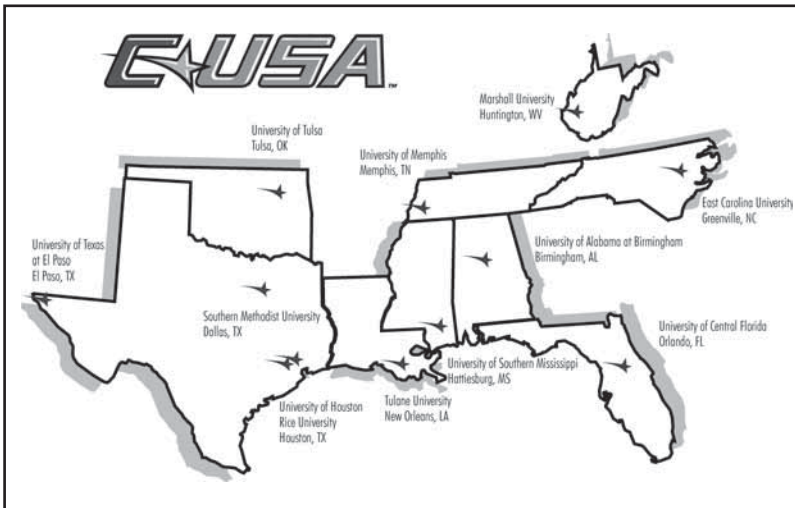
- Rated among the top seven conferences in the nation
- 33 teams have earned bowl bids

- Member of the Bowl Championship Series
- Bowl tie-ins with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl (champion), GMAC Bowl, Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, Fort Worth Bowl, New Orleans Bowl, the Houston Bowl and the Birmingham Bowl

## Women's Basketball

- 42 NCAA Tournament appearances
- 24 WNIT appearances
- One team in the NCAA Sweet 16
- Two WNIT semifinalists
- Strong fan support, ranking among

letes, bolstered by the fact that student-athletes at league schools have a higher graduation rate than the general student population. Among C-USA's 5,000 student-athletes, there are champions off the playing field as well. In 11 years, 89 student-athletes earned national ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honors, while 282 were named All-District. In addition, more than 11,000 student-athletes have been named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll or received the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom.



## C-USA ON TV

C-USA enjoys significant television exposure through its partnerships with ESPN Inc. and College Sports Television Networks (CSTV). The league entered into long-term agreements with both ESPN and CSTV, which, combined, provides C-USA with significant national and regional exposure for football, men's and women's basketball, and all other conference sports. Additionally, the CSTV agreement includes video-on-demand, Internet, broadband, national over-the-air and satellite radio, and wireless

the nation's top 10 conferences in attendance

- Setting league attendance record for three straight seasons

## Baseball

- 39 NCAA appearances
- Three College World Series appearances in 2006, 2005 and 2001
- Eight Super Regional appearances
- Has produced at least four NCAA teams in each of the last six seasons

distribution as well as corporate marketing rights, and Web site production through CSTV Online, a subsidiary of CSTV. The agreement with ESPN extends the conference's current regular season football package to include the broadcast of the conference's Football Championship Game. It also encompasses distribution of men's basketball and women's basketball on ESPN/ESPN2 and both tournament championship games.

## C-USA IN THE COMMUNITY

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

## GOVERNANCE

Along with the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC, Conference USA is one of the seven conferences having significant representation in the NCAA governance structure. The Presidents of the member institutions serve

## SUCCESS OFF THE FIELD

C-USA institutions are among the nation's best C-USA institutions are among the nation's best in academic performance among student-ath-

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**Britton Banowsky**  
Commissioner

as the league's Board of Directors. Dr. Carol Garrison of UAB began her first year as chair of the Board of Directors in 2005-06 and will serve in that capacity again in 2006-07.

**A PROUD HISTORY: A PROMISING FUTURE**

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

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

ing Mike Slive, the league's first commissioner.

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

After celebrating its 10th Anniversary during the 2004-05 season, C-USA began a new chapter in 2005-06 when its current membership came

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



## 2006 C-USA TELEVISION SCHEDULE

ESPN			CSTV NATIONAL		
Sept. 3	Memphis at Mississippi	3:30 p.m. CDT	Aug. 31	UTEP at San Diego State	9:30 p.m. CDT
Oct. 13	Pittsburgh at UCF	7:00 p.m. CST	Sept. 2	East Carolina at Navy	4:30 p.m. CDT
Nov. 5	USM at Memphis	7:00 p.m. CST	Sept. 2	Houston at Rice	8:00 p.m. CDT
Dec. 2	C-USA Championship	TBA	Sept. 9	Texas Tech at UTEP	8:00 p.m. CDT
Dec. 20	GMAC Bowl	7:00 p.m. CST	Sept. 16	South Florida at UCF	1:30 p.m. CDT
Dec. 23	Fort Worth Bowl	7:00 p.m. CST	Sept. 23	Tulsa at Navy	12:30 p.m. CDT
Dec. 31	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Noon CST	Sept. 23	UTEP at New Mexico	4:00 p.m. CDT
<b>ESPN 2</b>			Sept. 23	OSU at Houston	8:00 p.m. CDT
Sept. 16	Texas at Rice	5:00 p.m. CDT	Sept. 30	SMU at Tulane	8:00 p.m. CDT
Sept. 26	Southern Miss at UCF	6:30 p.m. CDT	Oct. 7	Virginia at East Carolina	5:00 p.m. CDT
Oct. 3	Southern Miss at Tulsa	6:30 p.m. CDT	Oct. 14	UAB at Rice	5:00 p.m. CDT
Oct. 4	UCF at Marshall	6:30 p.m. CDT	Oct. 21	Tulsa at Memphis	7:00 p.m. CDT
Oct. 27	UTEP at Tulsa	7:00 p.m. CST	Oct. 28	ECU at Southern Miss	7:00 p.m. CDT
Oct. 31	UAB at SMU	6:30 p.m. CDT	Nov. 4	Tulane at Marshall	7:00 p.m. CDT
Nov. 10	UTEP at UAB	7:00 p.m. CST	Nov. 11	UCF at Memphis	7:00 p.m. CDT
Dec. 22	New Orleans Bowl	7:00 p.m. CDT	Nov. 18	UAB at Southern Miss	7:00 p.m. CDT
Dec. 23	Birmingham Bowl	Noon CDT	Nov. 25	Game TBA	6:30 p.m. CDT
<b>ESPN OR ESPN 2</b>			<b>TBS</b>		
Sept. 23	West Virginia at ECU	TBA	Sept. 2	UAB at Oklahoma	6:00 p.m. CDT
Sept. 30	Tennessee at Memphis	TBA	<b>FOX SPORTS NET</b>		
<b>ESPN/ESPN 2/ESPN CLASSIC</b>			Sept. 16	Marshall at Kansas State	11:30 a.m. CDT
Sept. 30	Rice at Army	TBA			

## 2006 C-USA COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

Stephen F. Austin at Tulsa  
UTEP at San Diego State

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

East Carolina at Navy  
Houston at Rice  
Marshall at West Virginia  
SMU at Texas Tech  
Southern Miss at Florida  
UAB at Oklahoma  
Villanova at UCF

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Memphis at Mississippi

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

East Carolina at UAB  
Tulane at Houston  
Hofstra at Marshall  
Chattanooga at Memphis  
Rice at UCLA  
SMU at North Texas  
Southeastern La. at Southern Miss  
Tulsa at BYU  
UCF at Florida  
Texas Tech at UTEP

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Memphis at East Carolina  
Grambling at Houston  
Marshall at Kansas State  
Texas at Rice  
Sam Houston State at SMU  
North Carolina State at Southern Miss  
Tulane at Mississippi State

North Texas at Tulsa  
UAB at Georgia  
USF at UCF

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

West Virginia at East Carolina  
Oklahoma State at Houston  
Marshall at Tennessee  
Rice at Florida State  
Arkansas State at SMU  
Tulane at LSU  
Tulsa at Navy  
Mississippi State at UAB  
UTEP at New Mexico

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

Southern Miss at UCF

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Houston at Miami (Fla.)  
Tennessee at Memphis  
Rice at Army  
SMU at Tulane  
Troy State at UAB  
New Mexico State at UTEP

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

Southern Miss at Tulsa

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

UCF at Marshall

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Virginia at East Carolina  
Louisiana-Lafayette at Houston  
Memphis at UAB  
Rice at Tulane

SMU at UTEP

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Pittsburgh at UCF

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

Tulsa at East Carolina  
Houston at Southern Miss  
Marshall at SMU  
Arkansas State at Memphis  
UAB at Rice  
Tulane at UTEP

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

SMU at East Carolina  
UTEP at Houston  
Marshall at UAB  
Southern Miss at Virginia Tech  
Tulsa at Memphis  
Rice at UCF  
Tulane at Auburn

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

UTEP at Tulsa

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

East Carolina at Southern Miss  
UCF at Houston  
Memphis at Marshall  
Army at Tulane

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

UAB at SMU

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

East Carolina at UCF  
Tulsa at Houston

Tulane at Marshall  
Rice at UTEP

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Southern Miss at Memphis

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

UTEP at UAB

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Marshall at East Carolina  
Houston at SMU  
UCF at Memphis  
Rice at Tulsa  
Southern Miss at Tulane

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

East Carolina at Rice  
Houston at Memphis  
UTEP at Marshall  
Tulsa at SMU  
UAB at Southern Miss  
UCF at Tulane

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

Tulane at Tulsa

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

East Carolina at North Carolina State  
Marshall at Southern Miss  
Memphis at UTEP  
SMU at Rice  
UAB at UCF

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

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## AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL

C-USA is entering the 11th year with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. This year's match-up will feature a C-USA team against a team from the Southeastern Conference. The SEC last sent a team to the Liberty Bowl in 1992. The bowl is college football's seventh-oldest bowl.

The 48th annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl Game will be played on Friday, December 29 at 3:30 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN.



### AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL

December 29 - 3:30 PM CST  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Stadium: Liberty Bowl Memorial  
Capacity: 62,380  
Network: ESPN  
Opponent: SEC Selection  
Executive Director: Steve Ehrhart  
President: Calvin Anderson  
Associate Executive Director: Harold Graeter  
Telephone: 901-795-7700  
Web site: [www.libertybowl.org](http://www.libertybowl.org)

## GMAC Bowl

C-USA will send a league team to Mobile, Ala., for the eighth consecutive year to represent the conference in the annual GMAC Bowl. The opponent will come from the Mid-America Conference or the Western Athletic Conference.

The 8th annual GMAC Bowl Game will be played on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN.



### GMAC BOWL

December 20 - 7:00 PM CST  
Mobile, Ala.  
Stadium: Ladd-Peebles Stadium  
Capacity: 42,000  
Network: ESPN  
Opponent: Mid-American Conference/Western Athletic Conference  
Chief Executive Officer: Mike Gottfried  
President: Jerry Silverstein  
Executive Officer: Frank Modarelli  
Media Relations Director: Kelley Wright  
Telephone: 251-635-0011  
Web site: [www.gmacbowl.com](http://www.gmacbowl.com)

## SHERATON HAWAII'I BOWL

C-USA will send a league team to Honolulu, Hawaii, if the Pac-10 is unable to supply a sixth bowl-eligible team and C-USA does qualify a sixth bowl-eligible team. The annual Sheraton Hawaii'i Bowl will feature an opponent from the Western Athletic Confer

The 5th annual Sheraton Hawaii'i Bowl Game will be played on Sunday, December 24 at 3:00 p.m. HST, and will be carried live on ESPN.



### SHERATON HAWAII BOWL

December 24 - 3:00 PM HST  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Stadium: Aloha Stadium  
Capacity: 50,000  
Network: ESPN  
Opponent: Western Athletic Conference  
Executive Director: Jim Donovan  
Multi-Media Director: Dave Maitlin  
Telephone: 808-983-1124  
Web site: [www.sheratonhawaiiibowl.com](http://www.sheratonhawaiiibowl.com)

## WYNDHAM NEW ORLEANS BOWL

C-USA will be a part of the sixth annual Wyndham New Orleans Bowl and will send a representative of the conference to the Louisiana Superdome for the December contest. For the sixth year in a row the opponent will come from the Sun Belt Conference.

The 6th annual Wyndham New Orleans Bowl Game will be played on Friday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN2.



### WYNDHAM NEW ORLEANS BOWL

December 22 - 7:00 PM CST  
New Orleans, La.  
Stadium: Louisiana Superdome  
Capacity: 69,767  
Network: ESPN2  
Opponent: Sun Belt Conference Champion  
President/CEO: Jay Cicero  
Executive Director: Billy Ferrante  
Media Relations Director: Sam Joffray  
Telephone: 504-525-5678  
Web site: [www.neworleansbowl.org](http://www.neworleansbowl.org)

## PLAINSCAPITAL FORT WORTH BOWL

For the fourth consecutive year, C-USA will send a representative to compete in the PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl. The opponent for this year's game will come from the Mountain West Conference.

The 4th annual Fort Worth Bowl will be played on Saturday, December 23 at 7 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN.



### PLAINSCAPITAL FORT WORTH BOWL

December 23 - 7:00 PM CST  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
Stadium: Amon G. Carter Stadium  
Capacity: 44,008  
Network: ESPN  
Opponent: Mountain West Conference  
Executive Director: Tom Starr  
Media Relations Director: Tim Simmons  
Telephone: 303-678-8484  
Web site: [WWW.fwbowl.com](http://WWW.fwbowl.com)

## BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Conference USA has reached a four-year agreement with the Birmingham Bowl to provide a team for its annual game beginning with the inaugural 2006 contest. The C-USA representative will play an opponent from the Big East Conference at historic Legion Field, the home of UAB football.

The inaugural Birmingham Bowl will be played on Saturday, December 23 at 11 a.m., and will be carried live on ESPN2.

### BIRMINGHAM BOWL

December 23 - 11:00 AM CST  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Stadium: Legion Field  
Capacity: 73,000  
Network: ESPN2  
Opponent: Big East Selection  
Executive Director: TBA  
Media Relations Director: TBA  
Telephone: TBA  
Web site: TBA