



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 post-graduate 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.

Volleyball

- 27 NCAA appearances
- Three Sweet 16 appearances

SUCCESS OFF THE FIELD

C-USA institutions are among the nation's best in academic performance among student-athletes, bolstered by the fact that student-athletes at league schools have a higher graduation rate than the general student population. Among C-USA's 5,000 student-athletes, there are champions off the playing field as well. In 11 years, 92 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 distribution as well as corporate marketing rights, and website production through CSTV Online, a subsidiary of CSTV. The agreement with ESPN extends the conference's current regular season football package to include the broadcast of the conference's Football Championship Game. It also encompasses distribution of men's basketball and women's basketball on ESPN/ESPN2 and both tournament championship games.

C-USA IN THE COMMUNITY

The conference's footprint is concentrated with 12 members in nine states and a combined area population of nearly 17 million. More than 1.1 million living alumni represent C-USA schools

across the nation. With a renewed commitment to community involvement, the conference has begun development of several initiatives to maintain strong ties in C-USA cities, as well as with fans and alumni across the country. C-USA schools also place a priority on giving back to their communities through volunteer service with local and national organizations.

GOVERNANCE

Along with the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC, Conference USA is one of the seven conferences having significant representation in the NCAA governance structure. The Presidents of the member institutions serve as the league's Board of Directors. 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, succeeding Mike Slive, the league's first commissioner.

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

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

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

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2005 CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS

(FINAL)



ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

First Team

****Kelly-Anne Billingsy, Marshall**
 Pam Ferris, East Carolina
##Jaci Gonzalez, Houston
 Olaya Pazo, Rice
 Kariny Ritter, Houston
 Kari Stacy, UTEP
++Katie Stein, Marshall
****Player of the Year**
++Setter of the Year
##Defensive Specialist of the Year

Second Team

Natalie Peters, SMU
 Sara Radosevic, Tulane
 Nickie Sanlin, Marshall
 Becca Sartori, Houston
 Julia Silva, Tulsa
 Kassiana Urnau, Tulsa
 Eryn Wills, Tulsa

Third Team

vana Bozic, UAB
 Stephanie Cahill, Marshall
 Kelly Dickson, Tulane
 Heidi Krug, East Carolina
 Tessa Kuykendall, Rice
 Brooke Peugh, UTEP
 Erica Wilson, East Carolina

All-Freshman Team

Ivana Bozic, UAB
 Justine Farmer, Houston
 Natalie Peters, SMU
 Brooke Peugh, UTEP
 Sara Radosevic, Tulane
 Luna Rebrovic, Tulane
^^Freshman of the Year

Defensive Player of the Year

Jaci Gonzalez, Houston

Coach of the Year

Mitch Jacobs, Marshall

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

***Kelly-Anne Billingsy, Marshall**
 Jaci Gonzalez, Houston
 Sara Radosevic, Tulane
 Kariny Ritter, Houston
 Nickie Sanlin, Marshall
 Brittany Stowers, UTEP
***Tournament MVP**

	Conference			Overall							
	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	H	A	N
x, y-Marshall	15	1	.934	8-0	7-1	26	6	.813	9-0	9-6	8-0
Houston	10	4	.714	6-1	4-3	18	12	.600	10-4	6-5	2-3
Tulsa	10	5	.667	7-0	3-5	23	8	.742	14-1	5-6	4-1
UTEP	10	6	.625	7-1	3-5	21	10	.677	8-2	6-7	7-1
East Carolina	9	6	.600	5-2	4-4	20	11	.645	6-3	9-6	5-2
Rice	8	7	.533	4-4	4-3	17	12	.586	8-6	7-4	2-2
SMU	8	7	.533	6-2	2-5	13	16	.448	9-3	2-8	2-5
Memphis	7	7	.500	5-2	2-5	16	16	.500	10-2	3-9	3-5
UCF	6	10	.375	2-5	4-5	9	18	.333	2-8	5-8	2-2
UAB	5	10	.333	3-4	2-6	14	13	.519	10-5	3-7	1-1
Tulane	2	13	.133	1-7	1-6	5	16	.238	2-9	2-6	1-1
Southern Miss	0	14	.000	0-7	0-7	6	19	.240	1-8	3-8	2-3

x- C-USA Regular Season Champions

y- C-USA Tournament Champions

2005 C-USA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Sunday, November 20 (Championship):

Match 11 - (1) Marshall def. (2) Houston..... 3-2 (30-26, 25-30, 30-28, 28-30, 15-8)

Saturday, November 19 (Semifinals)

Match 9 - (1) Marshall def. (4) UTEP..... 3-2 (23-30, 21-30, 30-24, 30-28, 15-6)

Match 10 - (2) Houston def. (11) Tulane..... 3-0 (30-20, 30-22, 30-27)

Friday, November 18 (Quarterfinals)

Match 5 - (1) Marshall def. UCF..... 3-2 (24-30, 23-30, 30-25, 30-23, 15-10)

Match 6 - (4) UTEP def. East Carolina..... 3-0 (30-25, 31-29, 30-25)

Match 7 - Tulane def. (3) Tulsa..... 3-2 (26-30, 30-25, 21-30, 30-23, 15-13)

Match 8 - (2) Houston def. SMU..... 3-1 (30-19, 17-30, 30-25, 30-13)

Thursday, November 17

Match 1 - (9) UCF def. (8) Memphis..... 3-1 (22-30, 30-24, 30-24, 31-24)

Match 2 - (5) East Carolina def. (12) Southern Miss..... 3-0 (30-21, 32-30, 30-27)

Match 3 - (11) Tulane def. (6) Rice..... 3-2 (31-33, 30-23, 30-27, 18-30, 15-13)

Match 4 - (7) SMU def. (10) UAB..... 3-2 (27-30, 30-28, 30-26, 30-21)

2005 PLAYERS/SETTERS OF THE WEEK

Here is a look at C-USA's Player(s)/Setter(s) of the Week for the 2005 season:

Aug. 29	P- Kariny Ritter (Houston)	Oct. 10	P- Kariny Ritter (Houston)
	S- Julia Silva (Tulsa)		S- Kristina Hoban (Rice)
Sept. 6	P- Olaya Pazo (Rice)	Oct. 17	P- Kelly-Anne Billingsy (Marshall)
	S- Laura Côté (Memphis)		P- Kariny Ritter (Houston)
Sept. 12	P- Ivana Bozic (UAB)		S- Katie Stein (Marshall)
	S- Julia Silva (Tulsa)	Oct. 24	P- Kari Stacy (UTEP)
Sept. 19	P- Kari Stacy (UTEP)		S- Julia Silva (Tulsa)
	P- Olaya Pazo (Rice)	Oct. 31	P- Kelly-Anne Billingsy, Marshall
	S- Heidi Krug (East Carolina)		S- Jennifer Hohl, Houston
Sept. 26	P- Kelly-Anne Billingsy (Marshall)		S- Kristina Hoban, Rice
	S- Katie Stein (Marshall)	Nov. 7	P- Kari Stacy (UTEP)
Oct. 3	P- Brooke Peugh (UTEP)		S- Julia Silva (Tulsa)
	S- Laura Côté (Memphis)	Nov. 14	P- Brooke Peugh (UTEP)
			S- Kristina Hoban (Rice)



HITTING PERCENTAGE

Team	G	Kills	Errs	Total	Pct
1. MARSHALL.....	110	1814	666	4159	.276
2. ECU.....	113	1795	661	4411	.257
3. TULSA.....	112	1780	679	4742	.232
4. HOUSTON.....	113	1782	706	4841	.222
5. UAB.....	101	1543	658	4027	.220
6. MEMPHIS.....	123	1836	816	4688	.218
7. RICE.....	113	1776	773	4629	.217
8. UTEP.....	111	1683	696	4629	.213
9. UCF.....	103	1373	595	3894	.200
10. SOUTHERN MISS.....	90	1188	589	3342	.179
11. TULANE.....	74	1097	543	3109	.178
12. SMU.....	107	1498	699	4507	.177

OPPONENT HITTING PCT.

Team	G	Kills	Errs	Total	Pct
1. MARSHALL.....	110	1328	692	4049	.157
2. TULSA.....	112	1612	761	4614	.184
3. UAB.....	101	1366	661	3777	.187
4. UTEP.....	111	1626	756	4505	.193
5. MEMPHIS.....	123	1673	745	4643	.200
6. RICE.....	113	1563	679	4412	.200
7. SMU.....	107	1631	699	4572	.204
8. HOUSTON.....	113	1787	737	4920	.213
9. ECU.....	113	1770	734	4606	.225
10. UCF.....	103	1572	667	4011	.226
11. TULANE.....	74	1190	457	3127	.234
12. SOUTHERN MISS.....	90	1422	586	3466	.241

ASSISTS

Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. MARSHALL.....	110	1675	15.23
2. HOUSTON.....	113	1639	14.50
3. TULSA.....	112	1619	14.46
4. RICE.....	113	1630	14.42
5. EAST CAROLINA.....	113	1626	14.39
6. UAB.....	101	1438	14.24
7. TULANE.....	74	1027	13.88
8. MEMPHIS.....	123	1662	13.51
9. UTEP.....	111	1496	13.48
10. SMU.....	107	1390	12.99
11. UCF.....	103	1227	11.91
12. SOUTHERN MISS.....	90	1069	11.88

KILLS

Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. MARSHALL.....	110	1814	16.49
2. TULSA.....	112	1780	15.89
3. EAST CAROLINA.....	113	1795	15.88
4. HOUSTON.....	113	1782	15.77
5. RICE.....	113	1776	15.72
6. UAB.....	101	1543	15.28
7. UTEP.....	111	1683	15.16
8. MEMPHIS.....	123	1836	14.93
9. TULANE.....	74	1097	14.82
10. SMU.....	107	1498	14.00
11. UCF.....	103	1373	13.33
12. SOUTHERN MISS.....	90	1188	13.20

BLOCKS

Team	G	Solo	Asst	Total	Avg/G
1. SMU.....	107	77	379	266.5	2.49
2. MARSHALL.....	110	83	365	265.5	2.41
3. UCF.....	103	47	391	242.5	2.35
4. TULSA.....	112	73	360	253.0	2.26
5. HOUSTON.....	113	62	383	253.5	2.24
6. UTEP.....	111	48	389	242.5	2.18
7. SOUTHERN MISS.....	90	43	307	196.5	2.18
8. MEMPHIS.....	123	62	413	268.5	2.18
9. RICE.....	113	43	395	240.5	2.13
10. TULANE.....	74	34	234	151.0	2.04
11. EAST CAROLINA.....	113	58	332	224.0	1.98
12. UAB.....	101	34	313	190.5	1.89

SERVICE ACES

Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. UAB.....	101	210	2.08
2. UTEP.....	111	226	2.04
3. MARSHALL.....	110	221	2.01
4. MEMPHIS.....	123	231	1.88
5. TULSA.....	112	210	1.88
6. UCF.....	103	176	1.71
7. TULANE.....	74	126	1.70
8. RICE.....	113	176	1.56
9. ECU.....	113	167	1.48
10. SOUTHERN MISS.....	90	132	1.47
11. SMU.....	107	155	1.45
12. HOUSTON.....	113	137	1.21

DIGS

Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. HOUSTON.....	113	2082	18.42
2. SMU.....	107	1966	18.37
3. TULANE.....	74	1270	17.16
4. TULSA.....	112	1919	17.13
5. RICE.....	113	1879	16.63
6. UTEP.....	111	1818	16.38
7. ECU.....	113	1810	16.02
8. MARSHALL.....	110	1716	15.60
9. MEMPHIS.....	123	1861	15.13
10. UAB.....	101	1498	14.83
11. UCF.....	103	1460	14.17
12. SOUTHERN MISS.....	90	1248	13.87

Individual Leaders

HITTING PERCENTAGE

Player, Team	Cl	G	Kills	Errs	Total	Pct
1. SANLIN, Nickie, MAR.....	SR	99	245	68	495	.358
2. BILLINGY, Kelly-Anne, MAR.....	SO	99	552	156	1151	.344
3. SILVA, Julia, TLS.....	SO	109	166	36	391	.332
4. WILSON, Erica, ECU.....	SR	107	318	90	693	.329
5. DUBENION, Mignon, ECU.....	SO	83	223	62	495	.325
6. HOBAN, Kristina, RICE.....	SR	113	211	52	491	.324
7. PEUGH, Brooke, UTEP.....	FR	108	336	101	757	.310
8. DENT, Casey, UAB.....	FR	101	222	69	504	.304
9. SARTORI, Becca, HOU.....	JR	113	390	122	886	.302
10. SIMS, Amber, MAR.....	SR	105	291	103	631	.298

KILLS

Player, Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. BILLINGY, Kelly-Anne, MAR.....	SO	99	552	5.58
2. RADOSEVIC, Sara, TLN.....	FR	74	388	5.24
3. RITTER, Kariny, HOU.....	SR	105	493	4.70
4. STACY, Kari, UTEP.....	SR	111	513	4.62
5. PAZO, Olaya, RICE.....	SR	108	499	4.62
6. BOZIC, Ivana, UAB.....	FR	101	449	4.45
7. FERRIS, Pam, ECU.....	SR	113	455	4.03
8. FARMER, Justine, HOU.....	FR	112	415	3.71
9. GIUBILATO, Rachel, SMU.....	SO	107	396	3.70
10. URNAU, Kassiana, TLS.....	SO	105	374	3.56

ASSISTS (Minimum 5.00 per game)

Player, Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. STEIN, Katie, MAR.....	SR	106	1460	13.77
2. KRUG, Heidi, ECU.....	JR	113	1510	13.36
3. STEFANOV, Nevena, UAB.....	FR	101	1257	12.45
4. REBROVIC, Luna, TLN.....	FR	74	910	12.30
5. SILVA, Julia, TLS.....	SO	109	1339	12.28
6. CÔTÉ, Laura, MEM.....	FR	123	1451	11.80
7. HOBAN, Kristina, RICE.....	SR	113	1319	11.67
8. HOHL, Jennifer, HOU.....	SR	113	1283	11.35
9. SERRALTA, Ednali, USM.....	JR	75	798	10.64
10. HILL, Madison, SMU.....	SO	62	658	10.61

SERVICE ACES

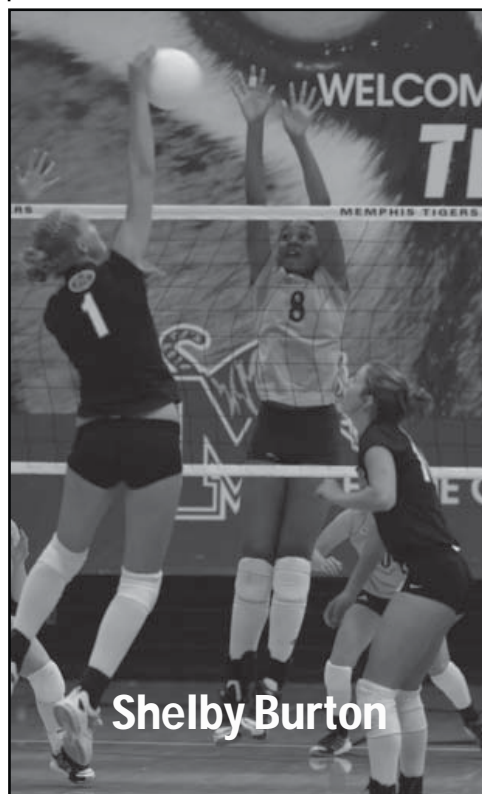
Player, Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. BOZIC, Ivana, UAB.....	FR	101	64	0.63
2. STEIN, Katie, MAR.....	SR	106	58	0.55
3. HEPPERT, Jenny, UCF.....	FR	76	40	0.53
4. CAHILL, Stephanie, MAR.....	SO	107	53	0.50
5. RADOSEVIC, Sara, TLN.....	FR	74	36	0.49
6. CLAYTON, Christen, MEM.....	JR	123	50	0.41
7. NANCE, Melissa, MEM.....	JR	115	46	0.40
SWIFT, Jaymie, UTEP.....	SR	110	44	0.40
9. FERRIS, Pam, ECU.....	SR	113	45	0.40
10. STACY, Kari, UTEP.....	SR	111	43	0.39

BLOCKS

Player, Team	Cl	G	Solo	Asst	Total	Avg/G
1. PETERS, Natalie, SMU.....	FR	107	34	117	151.0	1.41
2. BOATWRIGHT, Lauren, TLN.....	FR	71	17	75	92.0	1.30
3. KUYKENDALL, Tessa, RICE.....	JR	113	23	114	137.0	1.21
4. MITCHELL, Jana, UCF.....	JR	101	17	100	117.0	1.16
5. SIMS, Amber, MAR.....	SR	105	19	99	118.0	1.12
6. BURTON, Shelby, MEM.....	SO	100	18	90	108.0	1.08
7. COOPER, Shaniquwa, UAB.....	SO	101	9	98	107.0	1.06
8. HEPPERT, Jenny, UCF.....	FR	76	13	66	79.0	1.04
9. PEUGH, Brooke, UTEP.....	FR	108	12	100	112.0	1.04
10. NEIDERWORDER, S, UCF.....	SO	96	6	93	99.0	1.03

DIGS (Minimum 1.00 per game)

Player, Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. GONZALEZ, Jaci, HOU.....	SR	113	691	6.12
2. DICKSON, Kelli, TLN.....	SR	74	410	5.54
3. EVANCO, Jennette, SMU.....	JR	107	523	4.89
4. STOWERS, Brittany, UTEP.....	FR	111	540	4.86
5. WILLS, Evyn, TLS.....	SR	110	531	4.83
6. MONROE, Trish, ECU.....	FR	107	443	4.14
7. ARIAS, Maggie, MAR.....	SO	107	435	4.07
8. GIUBILATO, Rachel, SMU.....	SO	107	422	3.94
9. CLAYTON, Christen, MEM.....	JR	123	466	3.79
10. NELLANS, Nancy, MEM.....	SR	123	447	3.63



Shelby Burton

