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2012 BASEBALL STANDINGS

(Preseason)

	C-USA			All Games							
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	L-10	Streak
East Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Houston	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Marshall	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Memphis	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Rice	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Southern Miss	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Tulane	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
UAB	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
UCF	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

UPCOMING GAMES

Fri., February 17

UW Milwaukee at East Carolina..... 2:00p
NC State Tournament (Raleigh, N.C.)
 Marshall at NC State..... 2:00p
 UAB at (16) Clemson..... 3:00p
 Nicholls State at (29) Southern Miss..... 4:00p
 FIU at (6) Rice..... 4:30p
 SIU-Edwardsville at Memphis..... 5:00p
 Long Island at (21) UCF..... 5:30p
 Delaware at Houston..... 6:30p
 Siena at Tulane..... 6:30p

Sat., February 18

NC State Tournament (Raleigh, N.C.)
 Marshall vs. Canisius..... 11:00a
 Marshall vs. Bryant..... 2:30p
 UAB at (16) Clemson..... Noon
 UW Milwaukee at East Carolina..... 1:00p
 Siena at Tulane (DH)..... 1:00p
 Delaware at Houston..... 2:00p
 SIU-Edwardsville at Memphis..... 2:00p
 FIU at (6) Rice..... 2:00p
 Nicholls State at (29) Southern Miss..... 2:00p
 Long Island at (21) UCF..... 3:00p

Sun., February 19

NC State Tournament (Raleigh, N.C.)
 Marshall vs. Monmouth..... 9:00a
 UW Milwaukee at East Carolina..... 11:00a
 FIU at (6) Rice..... Noon
 Siena at Tulane..... Noon
 UAB at (16) Clemson..... Noon
 Long Island at (21) UCF..... Noon
 Delaware at Houston..... 1:00p
 SIU-Edwardsville at Memphis..... 1:00p
 Nicholls State at (29) Southern Miss..... 1:00p

Tue., February 21

Tulane at Louisiana-Monroe..... Noon
 New Mexico State at (6) Rice..... 4:30p
 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Houston..... 6:30p

Wed., February 22

East Carolina at Old Dominion..... 2:00p
 Austin Peay at Memphis..... 4:00p
 UAB at Alabama State..... 4:00p
 New Mexico State at (6) Rice..... 4:30p
 (29) Southern Miss at Louisiana-Monroe..... 6:00p
 (21) UCF at (1) Florida..... 6:00p

Fri., February 24

Marshall at Charleston Southern..... 1:00p
 Ball State at UAB..... 3:00p
Keith LeClair Classic (Greenville, N.C.)
 Purdue at East Carolina..... 4:00p
 Kennesaw State at Memphis..... 4:00p
 Boston College at (21) UCF..... 5:30p
 Troy at (29) Southern Miss..... 6:00p
 Texas State at Houston..... 6:30p
 Dallas Baptist at (6) Rice..... 6:30p
 Indiana at Tulane..... 6:30p

Sat., February 25

Marshall at Charleston Southern (DH)..... 10:30a
Keith LeClair Classic (Greenville, N.C.)
 Western Carolina at East Carolina..... 2:00p
 Texas State at Houston..... 2:00p
 Kennesaw State at Memphis..... 2:00p
 Dallas Baptist at (6) Rice..... 2:00p
 Troy at (29) Southern Miss..... 2:00p
 Indiana at Tulane..... 2:00p
 Ball State at UAB..... 2:00p
 Boston College at (21) UCF..... 3:00p

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Conference USA will name a Hitter of the Week and a Pitcher of the Week each Monday during the season. The award is selected by the Conference USA office. The first weekly awards will be announced on Monday, February 20.

C-USA ON THE WEB

For information on Conference USA Baseball and the league's other 19 sports, visit the league's official website at:

www.ConferenceUSA.com.

C-USA ON FACEBOOK

By becoming a fan of Conference USA on Facebook, followers of C-USA teams will have the opportunity to receive score updates, event recaps and notices, video features, photos, special announcements, news on promotions and special ticket offers and much more. The Facebook page is available by searching for "Conference USA" under "Pages" on the site.

C-USA ON TWITTER

Twitter, one of the fastest growing phenomena on the internet, provides fans a means to receive a steady flow of information on all facets of Conference USA athletics through instant messaging. Follow us: @ConferenceUSA1

C-USA NOTEBOOK

EAST CAROLINA

ECU welcomes back 22 letterwinners (14 positional, 8 pitchers) from its 2011 NCAA Regional team including 8-of-9 positional starters and its DH....Senior **Zach Wright**, a two-time Johnny Bench Award Watch List member and 2011 MLB draft pick (sixth round) of the Philadelphia Phillies, returns behind the plate. Last year, he earned second team All-C-USA honors after batting .272 with 13 home runs, 39 RBI and 15 doubles....Sophomore DH/1B **Chase McDonald** has garnered preseason recognition being tabbed as the 40th-best player in college baseball by College Baseball Daily. A year ago he batted .314 (59-for-188) with four home runs, 31 RBI and 11 doubles. Over the summer he was named Coastal Plain League Offensive Player of the Year after he led the league in batting (.403), RBI (51), slugging percentage (.663) and on-base percentage (.469)...Second team All C-USA selection and 2011 Sunday starter **Kevin Brandt** (LHP) leads a young, but talented pitching staff heading into 2012. Brandt posted a 7-3 ledger with a 2.26 ERA during his junior campaign. The southpaw logged 91.2 innings allowing 33 runs (23 earned) on 78 hits with 63 strikeouts and 27 walks. Joining Brandt in the weekend rotation will be juniors **Tyler Joyner** (LHP) and **Jharel Cotton** (RHP), while sophomore **Austin Chrismon** (RHP) and true freshman **Deshorn Lake** (RHP) will compete for possible weekend duty and midweek starts.

HOUSTON

In his first season as head coach at Houston, **Todd Whitting** had the Cougars within one run of an NCAA appearance. He led the young Cougars to the championship game of the C-USA Tournament before falling to Rice in extra innings. Among the highlights of his first season were victories over No. 5 Texas A&M, No. 11 TCU and Mississippi along with series victories over C-USA co-regular season champion Southern Miss and MAC champion Kent State....Just as they were in 2011, the Houston baseball team will be a young squad in 2012. Houston welcomes 20 newcomers to the squad, 13 high school signees and seven junior college transfers, with just 14 returning letterwinners....Junior shortstop **Chase Jensen** and sophomore OF **Landon Appling** return to lead the Cougar offense. Jensen posted a .320 batting average in 2011 to lead all returners, while Appling stole 22 bases last season including 12 straight, the ninth-longest streak in school history. Jensen, who added 12 doubles and drove in 45 runs, was chosen to the preseason All-C-USA team....Senior LHP **Jordan Lewis** emerged as the ace of the Cougar pitching staff during the second half of last season. He finished 5-3 with a 3.75 ERA and 55 strikeouts in 81.2 innings pitched. Lewis pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits with 10 strikeouts against ECU on April 22 to earn C-USA Pitcher of the Week honors and followed that up with a complete game shutout win against UCF.

MARSHALL

Marshall welcomes back 20 letterwinners, along with 18 newcomers. Among the returnees are 13 starters either in the field or on the mound....Senior C **Thor Meeks** enters 2012 needing four homers to enter Marshall's list of top 10 career home run hitters. He launched nine round-trippers in each of his first two seasons with the Herd, and then belted five more in his junior year. Meeks averages a homer every 19.7 at bats for his career. Last season, he was second on the team in doubles with 12....Junior CF **Isaac Ballou** started all 51 games last season, hitting .283 and leading the team in stolen bases (18-for-23) and triples (seven). He scored 40 times and batted in 29 runs. Ballou is already ranked second on the school's career list for triples and ninth in stolen bases....Senior LHP **Mike Mason** was drafted in the 23rd round of last June's MLB Draft, but chose to return to school. He made 13 starts last season, going 3-3 with a 4.83 ERA. In 78.1 innings pitched, he struck out 65 batters and walked 36. Mason needs 43 K's in his senior season to become just the fifth Herd player to reach 200 career strikeouts.

MEMPHIS

The Tigers finished 12-12 in conference play for the second straight season in 2011. With a 30-27 overall record, Memphis posted its first winning season since the 2007 team played in the NCAA Regionals....Tigers will play 18 games against 2011 NCAA Tournament qualifiers in 2012. Eight of those games will be at FedExPark....Of the 12 pitchers returning to the staff, they've combined for 481.1 innings pitched (54 games). Junior RHP **Dan Langfield** has the most experience on the staff with 124.1 innings pitched. Memphis pitching has recorded 400 or more strikeouts in each of the last two seasons. Langfield led the team with 94 K's in 2011, including 16 at Kennesaw State on Feb. 25....Senior 3B **Jacob Wilson** earned a spot on the preseason All-Conference USA team after hitting 14 doubles and placing second on the team in home runs (six) and second in Conference USA in RBI (51). He also proved effective on the basepaths, swiping 11 bases in 14 attempts.

RICE

At 42-21, the Owls won 40 or more games for the 16th straight year. Rice won a share of the regular season Conference USA Championship and the C-USA Tournament title to earn a conference title (regular season or tournament) for the 16th consecutive season....Rice returns 22 lettermen to the roster in 2012, including eight returning starters in the field and a host of veteran pitchers led by sophomore RHP **Austin Kubitz**, a preseason All-American who was the 2011 C-USA Freshman of the Year. The Friday night starter for the Owls, Kubitz was 6-5 last season and ranked among the C-USA leaders in ERA (2.34), innings (100.0) and strikeouts (102)...Junior **Michael Ratterree** was named to Collegiate Baseball's preseason All-America squad as a second team

outfielder, his new position on the team after starting 58 games at second base last season. He led the team (and finished third in C-USA) in both RBI (53) and total bases (125), while sharing the team lead in hitting (.327) and home runs (6). In addition to having at least one base hit in 30-of-32 games from April 3 until the end of the year, Ratterree hit .421 (48-of-114) with 25 runs scored over the team's final 25 games.

SOUTHERN MISS

The Golden Eagles come off one of their most successful campaigns that saw the squad win 39 games, reach its ninth consecutive NCAA Regional and 12th overall. The team was co-regular season champions of Conference USA and Scott Berry was the league's Coach of the Year, finishing his second year in the program....The program will look to replace a wealth of talent from last year's team, including the reigning Pitcher of the Year **Todd McInnis**. The Golden Eagles will have to replace their entire starting rotation, a closer and five position player starters. The Golden Eagles, though, enjoyed a stellar recruiting class last season, including a No. 3 ranking by Baseball America and No. 13 by Collegiate Baseball....Sophomore C **Jared Bales** was named a Freshman All-American by several outlets last season. He played in 41 games, batting .281 with nine doubles, two homers and 20 RBI. Defensively, Bales threw out 12 of 21 potential base stealers and posted a .984 fielding percentage, making just four errors behind the plate. He did not commit an error over his final 11 games which spanned 50 fielding chances....Junior OF **Kameron Brunty** is a preseason All-Conference USA selection. He has batted over .300 all three seasons at Southern Miss, including a .301 mark last season. Brunty added eight doubles, six triples (second in C-USA), five homers and 34 RBI.

TULANE

The NCBWA honored senior C **Jeremy Schaffer** as a third team selection on its preseason All-American team and he was named to the C-USA Coaches preseason All-C-USA squad. Schaffer is the Green Wave's top returning hitter, leading the team in 12 offensive categories, including batting average (.338), hits (71), runs scored (45), RBI's (37) and total bases (116). He led Conference USA in doubles (23) last season and enters the season with the top on-base percentage in the conference, while ranking second among returning C-USA players in average and walks....Tulane will have to replace two big pieces on the mound this season after losing starter **Conrad Flynn** and closer **Nick Pepitone**. Flynn started on Friday night for three straight years, while Pepitone ended his career with the second-most saves in Conference USA history. Redshirt-freshman RHP **Randy LeBlanc** and RHP newcomer **Tyler Mapes** will look to fill Flynn's former role, while RHP **Alex Facundus**, a 2011 Freshman All-American, and junior RHP **Tucker Oakley** are in line for the closer role....Tulane will get an instant boost to their pitching staff when the 2012 season opens, with LeBlanc and sophomore RHP **Kyle McKenzie** each returning after injury cut their 2011 campaign short. LeBlanc made three starts to open his career, but an injury at Ole Miss on March 6 sidelined the rookie for the remainder of 2011. The second starting pitcher to suffer an injury, McKenzie fell victim to the injury bug in a start at Southern Miss on March 26.

UAB

UAB posted its third consecutive winning season with a 29-28 overall record in 2011. Among the highlights of the season was a win over in-state rival Alabama and three victories over Conference USA Champion Rice....Junior RHP **Dillon Napoleon** became the first Blazer to win a major individual award in C-USA, as he garnered Newcomer of the Year recognition in 2011. He ranked seventh in the league in ERA (2.87), posting a 5-3 record in 13 starts. Napoleon struck out 56 batters and walked 27 in 84.2 innings pitched, nothing one complete game. He was also named as a preseason All-Conference USA selection for this season....Senior 3B **Patrick Palmeiro**, the son of former MLB all-star Rafael Palmeiro, returns as the Blazers top power threat, clubbing a team-best 25 extra-base hits (16 doubles, 1 triple, 8 homers) along with 43 RBI in 2011....Senior IF **Keith DePew** was one of the most sure-handed players in C-USA a season ago at second base, committing only three errors in 272 total chances for a .989 fielding percentage overall and did not commit a miscue in 24 conference games.

UCF

Compiling a 39-23 record and school-best 12-12 mark in Conference USA in 2011, the Knights return seven position players that logged at least 150 at-bats. As a club, UCF ranked among the nation's top 25 in batting (.307), slugging (.463), scoring (6.9 runs per game) and doubles (138, No. 8 in the country)...Junior 1B/UT **D.J. Hicks** is the preseason C-USA Player of the Year and became the first UCF player to be named a preseason All-American when the NCBWA named him to their third team preseason squad. Last year, the slugger smashed 14 home runs, 11 doubles and drove in 66 RBI to go along with his impressive .351 batting average. On the mound in 2011, Hicks appeared in 12 games and amassed a 2-1 record while striking out 14 batters in 12.1 innings....Junior SS **Darnell Sweeney** and junior OF **Ronnie Richardson** were each named to the preseason All-C-USA team. Sweeney swiped 12 bases and had 17 doubles, three triples, a homer, 45 RBI and 43 runs scored. Richardson started all 62 games in center field and hit .312 with 12 doubles, four triples, two homers, 34 RBI and a team-high 59 runs. He walked 36 times, was hit by a pitch on 19 occasions, had a .440 on-base percentage and was 15-for-20 in stolen bases....Junior RHP **Joe Rogers** had nine saves last season, the second-highest single-season total in UCF history and the most among returning players in C-USA. He was 4-2 with a 4.79 ERA and 38 strikeouts with just 10 walks in 41.1 innings pitched.

THE POLLS

Baseball America (Preseason)

1. Florida (53-19)
2. Stanford (35-22)
3. South Carolina (55-14)
4. Arkansas (40-22)
5. Arizona (39-21)
6. **Rice (42-21)**
7. Texas A&M (49-19)
8. LSU (36-20)
9. North Carolina (51-16)
10. Vanderbilt (54-12)
11. Georgia (33-32)
12. Georgia Tech (42-21)
13. Texas (49-19)
14. UCLA (35-24)
15. TCU (43-19)
16. Clemson (43-20)
17. Arizona State (43-18)
18. Miami (Fla.) (38-23)
19. Oklahoma (41-19)
20. Florida State (46-19)
21. **UCF (39-23)**
22. Mississippi (30-25)
23. Oregon State (41-19)
24. Louisville (32-29)
25. Cal State Fullerton (41-17)

Collegiate Baseball (Preseason)

1. Florida (53-19)
2. South Carolina (55-14)
3. Stanford (35-22)
4. North Carolina (51-16)
5. Texas (49-19)
6. Texas A&M (49-19)
7. **Rice (42-21)**
8. Arkansas (40-22)
9. Georgia Tech (42-21)
10. TCU (43-19)
11. St. John's (36-22)
12. LSU (36-20)
13. Florida State (46-19)
14. Miami (Fla.) (38-23)
15. Louisville (32-29)
16. Oklahoma (41-19)
17. Arizona State (43-18)
18. Georgia (33-32)
19. UCLA (35-24)
20. Arizona (39-21)
21. Cal State Fullerton (41-17)
22. California (38-23)
23. Vanderbilt (54-12)
24. Oregon State (41-19)
25. Clemson (43-20)
26. Stetson (43-20)
27. Oregon (33-26-1)
28. Baylor (31-28)
29. UC Irvine (43-18)
30. **Southern Miss (39-19)**

ARV:

36. **UCF (39-23)**
- East Carolina (41-21)
- Houston (27-32)
- Tulane (31-26)

Sports Weekly (Preseason)

1. Florida (53-19)
2. South Carolina (55-14)
3. Stanford (35-22)
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13. Miami (Fla.) (38-23)
14. LSU (36-20)
15. Oklahoma (41-19)
16. Cal State Fullerton (41-17)
17. Virginia (56-12)
18. UCLA (35-24)
19. Oregon State (41-19)
20. Arizona (39-21)
21. St. John's (36-22)
22. California (38-23)
23. Clemson (43-20)
24. Louisville (32-29)
25. Georgia (33-32)

ARV:

- Southern Miss (39-19)**
- East Carolina (41-21)**
- UCF (39-23)**

NCBWA (Preseason)

1. Florida (53-19)
2. South Carolina (55-14)
3. North Carolina (51-16)
4. Stanford (35-22)
5. Texas A&M (49-19)
6. Arkansas (40-22)
7. Texas (49-19)
8. **Rice (42-21)**
9. Georgia Tech (42-21)
10. Florida State (46-19)
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15. Arizona State (43-18)
16. Miami (Fla.) (38-23)
17. Clemson (43-20)
18. Arizona (39-21)
19. Cal State Fullerton (41-17)
20. UCLA (35-24)
21. Georgia (33-32)
22. Oregon State (41-19)
23. Virginia (56-12)
24. UC Irvine (43-18)
25. Louisville (32-29)
26. California (38-23)
27. St. John's (36-22)
28. **UCF (39-23)**
29. **Southern Miss (39-19)**
30. Mississippi (30-25)

ARV:

- East Carolina (41-21)**
- Tulane (32-24)**

2011 PRESEASON

ALL-AMERICANS

Here's a look at the Conference USA players that have received preseason All-American recognition:

BASEBALL AMERICA

Third Team

UT J.T. Chargois, Rice

COLLEGE BASEBALL INSIDER

First Team

SP Austin Kubitz, Rice

Second Team

UT D.J. Hicks, UCF

LOUISVILLE SLUGGER/

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

Second Team

OF Michael Ratterree, Rice

Third Team

P Austin Kubitz, Rice

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BASEBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION

Third Team

C Jeremy Schaffer, Tulane

UT D.J. Hicks, UCF

SP Austin Kubitz, Rice

PERFECT GAME USA

Second Team

P Austin Kubitz, Rice

Third Team

UT J.T. Chargois, Rice

STOPPER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

RP Joe Rogers, UCF

TOP PROSPECTS

In its preseason preview issue, Baseball America listed the top players in each class. Here's a look at the C-USA players that made the list:

FRESHMEN – 2- Connor Barwin, SS, Southern Miss; 17 – Mason Robbins, OF/LHP, Southern Miss; 44 – Eric Skoglund, LHP, UCF; 48 – Jordan Stephens, RHP, Rice; 49 – Alex Massey, RHP, Tulane.

SOPHOMORES – 7 – Austin Kubitz, RHP, Rice; 12 – John Simms, RHP, Rice; 30 – Randy LeBlanc, RHP, Tulane.

JUNIORS – 19 – J.T. Chargois, RHP, Rice.

SENIORS – 27 – Zach Wright, C, East Carolina; 23 – Matthew Reckling, RHP, Rice.

C-USA PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Conference USA announced its 2012 preseason baseball awards, as chosen by the league's nine head coaches. UCF junior utility player **D.J. Hicks** was chosen as the preseason Player of the Year, while Rice sophomore left-hander **Austin Kubitz** was named the preseason Pitcher of the Year. Rice was chosen to win the league's championship. The Owls have won either the regular season or tournament championship in each of its first six years as a member of C-USA.

Hicks was a third team NCBWA All-American, a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy and a second team All-Conference USA selection in 2011. As a redshirt sophomore last season, he led C-USA in RBI (66) and topped the Knights in batting (.351), placing fifth in the conference. Hicks ranked second in the conference in slugging percentage (.583), second on UCF in home runs (14) and walks (35), while adding 11 doubles and scoring 42 runs. He earned NCBWA National Hitter of the Week honors April 26 and had a pair of hitting streaks of 10 games or longer last season.

Kubitz headlined an outstanding group of freshmen at Rice, earning the league's Freshman of the Year honor last season after ranking fourth in the conference in earned run average at 2.34. The first team All-Conference selection made 15 starts, posting a 6-5 record with one complete game and two shutouts. In 100.0 innings pitched, Kubitz recorded a league-high 102 strikeouts and walked only 24 batters. The Colleyville, Texas native was the only player in C-USA to be named Pitcher of the Week twice last season.

Rice had a league-high four selections, while East Carolina and UCF each had three selections. Houston, Memphis, Southern Miss, Tulane and UAB each had one representative on the team.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. Rice (8)
2. UCF (1)
3. East Carolina
4. Southern Miss
5. Houston
6. Tulane
7. Memphis
8. UAB
9. Marshall

(first place votes in parentheses)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

D.J. Hicks, UCF (Junior, Designated Hitter/Pitcher)

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Austin Kubitz, Rice (Sophomore, Right-hander)

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

P	Kevin Brandt	Sr.	East Carolina
P	Austin Kubitz	So.	Rice
P	Dillon Napoleon	Sr.	UAB
RP	Tyler Duffey	Jr.	Rice
C	Jeremy Schaffer	Sr.	Tulane
C	Zach Wright	Sr.	East Carolina
IF	Chase Jensen	Jr.	Houston
IF	Darnell Sweeney	Jr.	UCF
IF	Corey Thompson	Sr.	East Carolina
IF	Jacob Wilson	Sr.	Memphis
OF	Kameron Brunty	Sr.	Southern Miss
OF	Jeremy Rathjen	Jr.	Rice
OF	Michael Ratterree	Jr.	Rice
OF	Ronnie Richardson	Jr.	UCF
DH/UT	D.J. Hicks	Jr.	UCF

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Here's a summary of Conference USA's record versus other conferences in non-conference competition in 2012:

Conference	Record	Conference	Record
America East	0-0	Missouri Valley	0-0
Atlantic Coast	0-0	Mountain West	0-0
Atlantic Sun	0-0	Northeast	0-0
Atlantic 10	0-0	Ohio Valley	0-0
Big East	0-0	Patriot	0-0
Big South	0-0	Pac-12	0-0
Big Ten	0-0	SEC	0-0
Big 12	0-0	Southern	0-0
Big West	0-0	Southland	0-0
Colonial	0-0	SWAC	0-0
Great West	0-0	Summit	0-0
Horizon	0-0	Sun Belt	0-0
Ivy	0-0	West Coast	0-0
Metro Atlantic	0-0	WAC	0-0
Mid-American	0-0	Independents	0-0
Mid-Eastern	0-0	Non-Division I	0-0
		TOTAL	0-0 (.000)

NON-CONFERENCE RECORDS

Here's the record of each C-USA school in non-conference action this season:

Team	W-L	Team	W-L
East Carolina	0-0	Southern Miss	0-0
Houston	0-0	Tulane	0-0
Marshall	0-0	UAB	0-0
Memphis	0-0	UCF	0-0
Rice	0-0		
		TOTAL	0-0

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

Here's a look at each team's record at their home fields in 2012:

Team	W-L	Team	W-L
East Carolina	0-0	Southern Miss	0-0
Houston	0-0	Tulane	0-0
Marshall	0-0	UAB	0-0
Memphis	0-0	UCF	0-0
Rice	0-0		
		TOTAL	0-0
		NON-CONFERENCE TOTAL	0-0

CLOSE CALLS

Here's a look at the records of each Conference USA school in one-run games during the 2012 season:

Team	W-L	Team	W-L
East Carolina	0-0	Southern Miss	0-0
Houston	0-0	Tulane	0-0
Marshall	0-0	UAB	0-0
Memphis	0-0	UCF	0-0
Rice	0-0		
		TOTAL	0-0
		NON-CONFERENCE TOTAL	0-0

C-USA OPENING WEEKEND SLATE

Seven of the nine Conference USA schools open the 2012 season at home this weekend. Only Marshall (participating in the NC State Tournament) and UAB (playing a three-game series at No. 16 Clemson), open the season on the road.

2012 RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Category	Player, Team (2011 C-USA Rank)	
Batting.....	D.J. Hicks, UCF (4)	.351
Slugging Pct.....	D.J. Hicks, UCF(2)	.583
On-Base Pct.	Jeremy Schaffer, TLN (4)	.447
Runs Scored.....	Ronnie Richardson, UCF (1)	59
Hits.....	Michael Ratterree, RICE (3)	85
Doubles.....	Jeremy Schaffer, TLN (1)	23
Triples.....	Isaac Ballou, MAR (1)	7
Home Runs.....	D.J. Hicks, UCF (2)	14
RBI.....	D.J. Hicks, UCF (1)	66
Total Bases.....	D.J. Hicks, UCF (2)	133
Walks.....	T.J. Rich, MEM (4)	39
.....	Jeremy Schaffer, TLN (4)	39
Hit by Pitch.....	Landon Appling, HOU (1)	21
Stolen Bases.....	Landon Appling, HOU (2)	22
.....	Travis Shreve, UCF (2)	22
ERA.....	Kevin Brandt, ECU (3)	2.26
Innings Pitched.....	Austin Kubitzka, RICE (3)	100.0
Strikeouts.....	Austin Kubitzka, RICE (1)	102
Wins.....	Tyler Duffey, RICE (3)	8
.....	Alex Facundus, TLN (3)	8
Saves.....	Joe Rogers, UCF (3)	9
Appearances.....	Tyler Duffey, RICE (3)	29
Starts.....	Matthew Reckling, RICE (1)	16

2012 C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2012 Conference USA Baseball Championship will be held May 23-27 in Pearl, Miss. The eight-team tournament will be held at Trustmark Park, the home of the Mississippi Braves, class AA affiliate of the Atlanta Braves in suburban Jackson, Miss. This will be the second straight year that the C-USA Baseball Championship will be held at the neutral site.

Trustmark Park, which opened April 18, 2005, has capacity for nearly 7,500 fans. There are 5,500 chair-back seats in the reserved seating areas. The grass berm beyond the outfield walls has room for an additional 2,000 general admission customers.

C-USA Championship Format

The 2012 Conference USA Championship will feature the top eight teams in regular-season league play. Those six will be split into two four-team pools (or pods), with the winner of each pod playing in a single championship game. Teams will be assigned pods based on seed, which will be determined by the order of finish in regular-season conference play.

Each team will be guaranteed to play three games. Teams in each pod will play two teams in its pod and one team outside its pod. The team with the best composite record in each pod will advance to the championship game. Two-way ties in a pod will be broken by head-to-head play. In case of a three-way tie, the highest seed will advance.

Game times are 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the championship game slated for 1 p.m. on Sunday. The championship game will be nationally-televised by CBS College Sports.

Makeup of the Pods and Schedule of Play.

<u>Pod 1 (Seeds 1, 4, 5, and 8)</u>		<u>Pod 2 (Seeds 2, 3, 6, and 7)</u>	
Seed 1 vs. 4, 5 and 8	Seed 2 vs. 3, 6 and 7		
Seed 4 vs. 1, 5 and 8	Seed 3 vs. 2, 6 and 7		
Seed 5 vs. 1, 4 and 8	Seed 6 vs. 2, 3 and 7		
Seed 8 vs. 1, 4 and 5	Seed 7 vs. 2, 3 and 6		



WINNINGEST TEAMS SINCE 1999

(Since the beginning of the 1999 season, the start of the 64-team NCAA field era)

Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Rice	13	635	221	0	.742
2. Florida State	13	651	227	1	.741
3. Oral Roberts	13	561	224	0	.714
4. Texas	13	614	247	1	.723
5. Coastal Carolina	13	573	234	0	.710
6. North Carolina	13	589	246	1	.705
7. Cal St. Fullerton	13	579	244	0	.703
8. Arizona State	13	531	224	1	.703
9. South Carolina	13	612	261	0	.701
10. Miami (Fla.)	13	565	246	3	.696
11. Wichita State	13	598	276	0	.684
12. Georgia Tech	13	551	255	1	.683
13. LSU	13	558	276	5	.668
14. Clemson	13	556	288	1	.663
15. Nebraska	13	527	268	2	.662
16. Tulane	13	532	275	2	.659
17. Stanford	13	527	274	2	.658
18. East Carolina	13	519	271	2	.657
19. Notre Dame	13	511	271	5	.652
20. Coll of Charleston	13	487	279	0	.636
21. Florida	13	517	300	2	.632
22. TCU	13	498	290	0	.632
23. Southern Miss	13	503	296	0	.629
24. Alabama	13	508	300	0	.629
25. Virginia	13	498	294	2	.628

WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES BY PERCENTAGE

(Minimum five years as a Division I head coach; includes record at four-year colleges only.)

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Mike Fox, North Carolina	28	1,128	387	5	.744
2. Mike Martin, Florida State	32	1,673	577	4	.743
3. Brian O'Connor, Virginia	8	372	130	1	.741
4. Gene Stephenson, Wichita State	34	1,763	622	3	.739
5. Wayne Graham, Rice	20	912	361	0	.716
6. Brad Hill, Kansas State	17	684	284	3	.706
7. Jim Morris, Miami (Fla.)	30	1,318	565	4	.700
8. Rob Walton, Oral Roberts	8	329	142	0	.699
9. Ray Tanner, South Carolina	24	1,084	469	3	.698
10. Augie Garrido, Texas	43	1,817	825	9	.687
11. Jim Schlossnagle, TCU	10	425	200	0	.680
12. Gary Gilmore, Coastal Carolina	22	903	426	2	.679
13. Danny Hall, Georgia Tech	24	987	466	1	.679
14. Dave Serrano, Cal St. Fullerton	7	289	139	1	.675
15. Rick Jones, Tulane	23	910	443	2	.672
16. Dan McDonnell, Louisville	5	217	106	0	.672
17. Sunny Golloway, Oklahoma	15	596	291	0	.672
18. Dave Van Horn, Arkansas	18	730	369	0	.664
19. Ed Servais, Creighton	16	481	248	1	.660
20. Mark Marquess, Stanford	35	1,422	741	7	.657
21. Bobby Pierce, Troy	16	601	314	0	.657
22. George Horton, Oregon	14	577	304	2	.655
23. Brian Shoop, UAB	22	838	446	1	.653
24. Scott Stricklin, Kent State	7	267	145	0	.648
25. Rob Childress, Texas A&M	6	246	135	2	.645

PSEUDO-RPI REPORT

As a league, Conference USA was ranked No. 5 among the nation's conferences in 2011. Seven of the league's nine schools ranked among the top 77, including four in the top 27. Here's a look at where each C-USA school was ranked in the final 2011 Pseudo-RPI's ratings (published by Boyd Nation (www.boydsworld.com)):

12.	Rice
22.	UCF
24.	Southern Miss
27.	East Carolina
62.	Houston
74.	UAB
77.	Tulane
117.	Memphis
194.	Marshall

SPRING MLB ROSTERS FEATURE 31 C-USA PLAYERS

A total of 29 players from Conference USA schools appear on the 40-man rosters of Major League Baseball teams, with three other veterans who played in 2011 currently listed as free agents. Seven of C-USA's nine baseball schools are represented, with players appearing on 16 different big league teams. Here's a look at all of the C-USA players on spring training MLB rosters.

Player	Pos.	MLB Team	C-USA School
Chad Tracy	IF	Washington Nationals	East Carolina
Michael Bourn	OF	Atlanta Braves	Houston
Jesse Crain	RHP	Chicago White Sox	Houston
Rob Johnson	C	San Diego Padres	Houston
Donnie Joseph	LHP	Cincinnati Reds	Houston
Brad Lincoln	RHP	Pittsburgh Pirates	Houston
Garrett Mock	RHP	Toronto Blue Jays	Houston
Chris Snyder	C	Houston Astros	Houston
Jarrett Grube	RHP	Seattle Mariners	Memphis
Dan Uggla	2B	Atlanta Braves	Memphis
David Aardsma	RHP	Free Agent	Rice
Lance Berkman	OF	St. Louis Cardinals	Rice
Tim Lincecum	LHP	New York Mets	Rice
Josh Rodriguez	3B	Pittsburgh Pirates	Rice
Philip Humber	RHP	Chicago White Sox	Rice
Danny Lehmann	C	Minnesota Twins	Rice
Paul Janish	SS	Cincinnati Reds	Rice
Jeff Niemann	RHP	Tampa Bay Rays	Rice
Lance Pendleton	RHP	Houston Astros	Rice
Anthony Rendon	3B	Washington Nationals	Rice
Joe Savery	LHP	Philadelphia Phillies	Rice
Craig Stansberry	SS	Free Agent	Rice
Jarrett Hoffpauir	3B	Washington Nationals	Southern Miss
Brian Bogusevic	OF	Houston Astros	Tulane
Brad Emaus	2B	Boston Red Sox	Tulane
Brandon Gomes	RHP	Tampa Bay Rays	Tulane
Mark Hamilton	1B	St. Louis Cardinals	Tulane
Tommy Manzella	SS	Arizona Diamondbacks	Tulane
Micah Owings	RHP	San Diego Padres	Tulane
Drew Butera	C	Minnesota Twins	UCF
Matt Fox	P	Seattle Mariners	UCF

2011 ATTENDANCE

Four Conference USA schools ranked among the Top 25 Division I schools in home attendance during the 2011 season. Here's a look at where they were ranked:

Rank	School	Dates	Total	Avg. Att.
14.	Rice	35	124,000	3,542
15.	Southern Miss	26	90,884	3,495
22.	East Carolina	34	99,516	2,926
25.	Tulane	35	96,577	2,759

PEAK PERFORMERS

Throughout the 2012 season, we'll track some of the top individual performances around Conference USA:

MULTIPLE HOME RUNS IN A GAME

COMPLETE GAMES

10 OR MORE STRIKEOUTS

BIG PRODUCTION

Here's a look at the games in which a C-USA team has scored 15 or more runs this season:

TITLE HOLDERS

Rice won at least a share of its fifth regular season Conference USA title in the last six years in 2011, while Southern Miss captured a share of its first regular season C-USA crown since 2003. Rice won its fourth tournament title in six years as a member of the league. Here's a look at C-USA's regular season and tournament champions:

Year	Regular Season	Tournament
2011	Rice/Southern Miss	Rice
2010	Rice	Southern Miss
2009	East Carolina	Rice
2008	Rice	Houston
2007	Rice	Rice
2006	Rice	Rice
2005	Tulane	TCU/Tulane*
2004	East Carolina	TCU
2003	Southern Miss	Southern Miss
2002	Houston	East Carolina
2001	Tulane	Tulane
2000	Houston	Houston
1999	Houston	Tulane
1998	Tulane	Tulane
1997	Tulane	Houston
1996	USF	Tulane

*declared co-champions after championship game was cancelled due to weather

NCAA APPEARANCES

Seven of C-USA's nine schools have made an NCAA appearance in the last five years, including four that played in last year's field. Rice has made five College World Series since 2002, Tulane reached the CWS in 2001 and 2005 and Southern Miss played in Omaha in 2009.

School	App.	Last
East Carolina	25	2011
Houston	18	2008
Marshall	2	1978
Memphis	5	2007
Rice	17	2011
Southern Miss	12	2011
Tulane	19	2008
UAB	1	1991
UCF	10	2011

C-USA VS. RANKED FOES

In the 2011 season, seven different league teams defeated a ranked non-conference opponent. East Carolina, Houston, Rice, Southern Miss, Tulane, UAB and UCF each defeated at least one ranked opponent. Those teams combined to total 22 ranked non-league wins on the year.

Here's a look at the 2012 wins over ranked non-conference opponents:

2012 RANKED WINS

C-USA ON TV

Conference USA baseball games are scheduled to be televised nationally by Fox Sports and CBS Sports Network, as well as regionally by CSS and Cox Sports Television. Below is a list of games that have been confirmed, as of Feb. 15:

CBS SPORTS NETWORK

Sunday, May 27..... C-USA Championship Game 1:00p CT

COMCAST SPORTS (CSS)

#Wed., March 7 Florida State at UCF 5:30p CT
Tue., March 13 Arizona at Rice 6:00p CT
%Wed., March 14 Miami (Fla.) at UCF 5:30p CT
*Wed., March 14 Arizona at Rice 6:00p CT
*Tue., March 20 Texas A&M at Houston..... 6:00p CT
Sat., March 24 Houston at Southern Miss 6:00p CT
Tue., April 10 Texas State at Rice 6:00p CT
Sun., May 6 Houston at Rice 1:00p CT
Tue., May 8 Stephen F. Austin at Rice..... 6:00p CT

#will air tape delayed

**will air in Houston area only*

%will air on Comcast Southeast only

FOX SPORTS NET

Sun., Mar. 25 East Carolina at UCF..... 12:00p CT
Sun., April 1 Southern Miss at Rice 1:00p CT
Sat., April 21 Memphis at Southern Miss..... 12:00p CT
Sat., May 5 Houston at Rice 1:30p CT

FOX COLLEGE SPORTS

Fri., May 4 Houston at Rice 6:30p CT

SPORTS SOUTH

Wednesday, May 9 Tennessee at Memphis 6:30p CT

FOX SPORTS FLORIDA

Wed., February 22 UCF at Florida 6:00p CT

COX SPORTS TELEVISION (LOUISIANA)

Tue., March 6 LSU at Tulane..... 6:30p CT

LONGHORN NETWORK

Friday, March 2 Rice vs. Texas 7:00p CT

ESPN 3

Friday, March 2 Tennessee vs. Houston..... 3:30p CT
Saturday, March 3 Arkansas vs. Houston..... 12:00p CT
Saturday, March 3 Rice vs. Texas Tech 7:00p CT
Sunday, March 4 Houston vs. Texas Tech..... 2:30p CT
Sunday, March 4 Rice vs. Tennessee 6:00p CT

NOTING C-USA UMPIRES

At least one C-USA umpire has been assigned to the College World Series each year since 1999. Last year, the conference was represented in Omaha by Mike Conlin and Jim Garman.

C-USA umpires in the 2011 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship included: John Bennett, Dave Buck, Anthony Carilli, Mike Conlin, Chris Coskey, Perry Costello, Jeff Doy, Jim Garman, Scott Graham, Marc Lewis, Dale Luker, Terrance Mobley, Mike Morris, Gus Rodriguez, David Rogers, Darrin Sealey, Greg Street, David Wiley, Doug Williams--accounting for 20% of all assignments.

CONSECUTIVE NCAA APPEARANCES

Rice made its 17th consecutive trip to the NCAA Championship this season, the fourth-longest active streak in Division I. Southern Miss has made nine straight NCAA trips, the 10th-longest active streak. Here is a look at the longest active streaks:

39	Miami (Fla.)
34	Florida State
20	Cal State Fullerton
17	RICE
13	Texas
12	Arizona State
12	South Carolina
10	Arkansas
10	North Carolina
9	SOUTHERN MISS

HITTERS & PITCHERS OF THE WEEK

Conference USA will name a Hitter of the Week and a Pitcher of the Week each week during the season. The award was selected by the conference office and announced on Mondays. Here are this year's winners:

HITTER OF THE WEEK

Feb. 20 TBA

PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Feb. 20 TBA

NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

A total of 65 athletes have earned National Player of the Week honors during the league's first 16 seasons. Here's a look at this season's winners:

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL/LOUISVILLE SLUGGER

NCBWA

CONFERENCE USA BASEBALL SCHOOLS

The nine schools that currently comprise Conference USA Baseball have enjoyed a great deal of success. Here are some of their accomplishments:

*12 College World Series Appearances

*2003 National Champions – Rice

*At least one College World Series team in five of the last seven seasons.

*108 NCAA Appearances in Baseball (69 since 1995)

*Top 5 ranked conference each year since 2006

*Six National Players of the Year since 1995

*Seven National Freshmen of the Year since 1995

*125 players have been All-Americans since 1995

*Schools have combined to win 40 or more games 57 times in the last 14 years

*Has had a team ranked No. 1 in the nation in four of the last eight regular seasons

C-USA 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conference USA was the No. 5 ranked baseball conference in 2011, trailing only the SEC, ACC, Big 12 and Pac-10.
- C-USA placed four teams in the 2011 NCAA Championship, the eighth time in 10 years that the league has produced at least four bids.
- Rice made its 17th consecutive NCAA Regional appearance, the fourth-longest active streak in the nation. Southern Miss earned an NCAA Regional bid for the ninth straight year, the 10th-longest current streak. East Carolina played in an NCAA Regional for the 11th time in 13 years and UCF made its 10th all-time NCAA appearance.
- Three teams (East Carolina, Rice and Southern Miss) finished the season nationally-ranked in at least one of the four major polls.
- Four schools (East Carolina, Rice, Southern Miss and UCF) finished the season ranked in the top 27 of the final RPI rankings. Seven of the league's nine schools ranked in the top 77.
- Seven of the nine Conference USA teams won at least one game against a nationally-ranked, non-conference opponent.
- C-USA teams posted a total of 22 wins over nationally-ranked, non-conference opponents during the regular season, including eight against top 10 foes.
- Among the NCAA top 50 RPI teams that C-USA defeated in 2011 were: No. 2 Florida (UCF), No. 3 Virginia (East Carolina), No. 6 Florida State (UCF), No. 9 Texas A&M (Houston, Rice), No. 14 Stanford (Rice), No. 19 Stetson (UCF), No. 20 TCU (Houston), No. 32 Alabama (UAB, UCF), No. 33 Florida International (Rice), No. 37 Connecticut (Southern Miss), No. 39 Kent State (Houston), No. 40 Texas State (Rice), No. 41 Mississippi (Memphis, Southern Miss, Tulane), No. 47 Elon (East Carolina) and No. 50 Troy (UAB)
- Five different Conference USA players were honored as All-Americans, including Memphis junior SS **Chad Zurcher** and Rice junior DH **Anthony Rendon**, who each were on nearly every All-American team. Rice senior LHP **Tony Cingrani**, Southern Miss senior RHP **Todd McInnis** and UCF sophomore DH **D.J. Hicks** were also named to All-American squads.
- Three C-USA players earned Freshman All-American honors, including Rice RHP **Austin Kubitz**, Southern Miss C **Jared Bales** and Tulane RHP **Alex Facundus**.
- Conference USA had a pair of players that earned National Player of the Week honors: Rice freshman RHP **John Simms** and UCF sophomore DH **D.J. Hicks**.
- Ten C-USA players were named to the 2011 Capital One Academic All-District teams, while Memphis SS **Chad Zurcher** and Southern Miss OF **Marc Bourgeois** were both named Academic All-Americans, marking the 11th time in 14 years that C-USA has produced at least one Baseball Academic All-American.
- Four Conference USA schools ranked among the top 25 nationally in average home attendance. All four averaged at least 2,759 fans per game and two other schools topped the 1,100 mark in average home attendance.
- Eleven players and eight teams ranked among the top 10 national leaders in the final 2011 NCAA statistics.
- Conference USA had 38 players chosen in the June Major League Baseball Draft, the-highest total in league history. Eight of the nine C-USA schools had at least one player selected.
- Fourteen players from C-USA schools appeared on the 2011 opening day rosters of Major League Baseball teams, with two more players being called up in the first half of the season.

C-USA RADIO OUTLETS

East Carolina.....	WNCT-AM (1070)
Houston.....	UHCougars.com
Marshall.....	WMUL-AM (88.1)
.....	WRVC-AM (930)
Memphis.....	WUMR-FM (91.7)
Rice.....	RiceOwls.com
Southern Miss.....	WHXB-FM (96.5)
Tulane.....	WIST-AM (690)
UAB.....	WJOX-AM (690)
UCF.....	WQTM-AM (740)

C-USA WEB SITES

East Carolina.....	www.ecupirates.com
Houston.....	www.uhcougars.com
Marshall.....	www.herdzone.com
Memphis.....	www.gotigersgo.com
Rice.....	www.riceowls.com
Southern Miss.....	www.southernmiss.com
Tulane.....	www.tulanegreenwave.com
UAB.....	www.uabsports.com
UCF.....	www.ucfathletics.com

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C-USA ON THE WEB

For all of the latest information on Conference USA baseball and the league's other 19 sports, please visit www.ConferenceUSA.com.

C-USA ON FACEBOOK

By becoming a fan of Conference USA on Facebook, followers of C-USA teams will have the opportunity to receive score updates, event recaps and notices, video features, photos, special announcements, news on promotions and special ticket offers and much more. The Facebook page is available by searching for "Conference USA" under "Pages" on the site.

C-USA ON TWITTER

Twitter, one of the fastest growing phenomena on the internet, provides fans a means to receive a steady flow of information on all facets of Conference USA athletics through instant messaging. Follow us: @Conference USA1

C-USA AUDIO UPDATES

Conference USA produces a daily audio update entitled "Today in Conference USA" that focuses on baseball as well as all C-USA sports. The league also hosts selected podcasts with head baseball coaches and other baseball-related personnel during the season. Bill Hazen serves as the host and producer of these programs. Both of these shows are available for download on C-USA's podcast channel: <http://conferenceusa.cstv.com/podcasts/c-usa-podcasts.html>

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	MILWAUKEE	3:00p	
18	MILWAUKEE	2:00p	
19	MILWAUKEE	Noon	
22	at Old Dominion	3:00p	
24-26	<i>KEITH LECLAIR CLASSIC</i>		
24	PURDUE	5:00p	
25	WESTERN CAROLINA	3:00p	
26	MARYLAND	2:00p	

MARCH

2	STONY BROOK	5:00p	
3	STONY BROOK	2:00p	
4	STONY BROOK	1:00p	
7	at Troy	7:00p	
9-11	<i>at Alabama Tournament (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)</i>		
9	at Alabama	7:05p	
10	vs. Oral Roberts	1:00p	
11	vs. Louisville	11:00a	
13	VCU	5:00p	
16	PENN STATE	6:00p	
17	PENN STATE	2:00p	
18	PENN STATE	1:00p	
20	NC STATE	6:00p	
21	at High Point	6:00p	
23	at UCF	6:30p	
24	at UCF	4:00p	
25	at UCF	1:00p	
28	at NC State	6:00p	
30	UAB	6:00p	
31	UAB	2:00p	

APRIL

1	UAB	10:30a	
3	at UNC Wilmington	6:30p	
5	HOUSTON	6:00p	
6	HOUSTON	6:00p	
7	HOUSTON	10:00a	
10	at Elon	6:00p	
11	vs. Old Dominion	6:00p	
13	at Memphis	7:30p	
14	at Memphis	3:00p	
15	at Memphis	1:00p	
17	UNC WILMINGTON	6:00p	
18	WILLIAM & MARY	6:00p	
20	at Rice	7:30p	
21	at Rice	3:00p	
22	at Rice	12:00p	
25	at North Carolina	6:00p	
27	TULANE	6:00p	
28	TULANE	2:00p	
29	TULANE	11:30a	

MAY

4	MARSHALL	6:00p	
5	MARSHALL	2:00p	
6	MARSHALL	1:00p	
8	ELON	6:00p	
9	NORTH CAROLINA	6:00p	
11	at Southern Miss	7:00p	
12	at Southern Miss	3:00p	
13	at Southern Miss	11:00a	
15	HIGH POINT	6:00p	
18	at VMI	1:00p	
19	at VCU	2:00p	
23-27	<i>at C-USA Championship (Pearl, Miss.)</i>		

HOME GAMES IN CAPS. Conference games in bold. All times Eastern.

HOUSTON COUGARS**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	DELAWARE	6:30p	
18	DELAWARE	2:00p	
19	DELAWARE	1:00p	
21	TEXAS A&M-C. CHRISTI	6:30p	
24	TEXAS STATE	6:30p	
25	TEXAS STATE	2:00p	
26	TEXAS STATE	1:00p	
28	RICE	6:30p	

MARCH

2-4	<i>at Houston College Classic (Houston, Texas)</i>		
4	vs. Tennessee	3:30p	
5	vs. Arkansas	Noon	
6	vs. Texas Tech	2:30p	
6	at Louisiana-Lafayette	6:00p	
9	at Mississippi	6:00p	
10	at Mississippi	6:30p	
11	at Mississippi	1:00p	
13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	6:30p	
16	at Oklahoma State	6:30p	
17	at Oklahoma State	2:00p	
18	at Oklahoma State	1:00p	
20	TEXAS A&M	6:30p	
21	WASHINGTON	6:30p	
23	at Southern Miss	6:30p	
24	at Southern Miss	6:00p	
25	at Southern Miss	1:00p	
27	BAYLOR	6:30p	
30	UCF	6:30p	
31	UCF	6:30p	

APRIL

1	UCF	1:00p	
3	McNEESE STATE	6:30p	
5	at East Carolina	5:00p	
6	at East Carolina	5:00p	
7	at East Carolina	9:00a	
10	LAMAR	6:30p	
13	at Texas Tech	6:30p	
14	at Texas Tech	5:00p	
15	at Texas Tech	1:00p	
17	at Sam Houston State	6:30p	
20	MARSHALL	6:30p	
21	MARSHALL	6:30p	
22	MARSHALL	6:30p	
27	at UAB	6:30p	
28	at UAB	6:30p	
29	at UAB	6:30p	

MAY

1	UTSA	6:30p	
4	at Rice	6:30p	
5	at Rice	1:30p	
6	at Rice	1:00p	
11	TULANE	6:30p	
12	TULANE	6:30p	
13	TULANE	6:30p	
15	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	6:30p	
17	MEMPHIS	6:30p	
18	MEMPHIS	6:30p	
19	MEMPHIS	1:00p	
23-27	<i>at Conference USA Championship (Pearl, Miss.)</i>		

HOME GAMES IN CAPS. Conference games in bold. All times Central.

MARSHALL HERD**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17-19	<i>at NC State Tournament (Raleigh, N.C.)</i>		
17	at NC State	3:00p	
18	vs. Canisius	Noon	
18	vs. Bryant	3:30p	
19	vs. Monmouth	10:00a	
24	at Charleston Southern	2:00p	
25	at Charleston Southern	11:30a	
25	at Charleston Southern	3:00p	
26	at Charleston Southern	1:30p	

MARCH

2-4	<i>at Wake Forest Invitational (Winston-Salem, N.C.)</i>		
2	vs. Eastern Michigan	Noon	
3	vs. Eastern Michigan	Noon	
3	at Wake Forest	4:00p	
4	at Wake Forest	4:00p	
7	at Kentucky	4:00p	
9	at Gardner-Webb	5:00p	
10	at Gardner-Webb	1:00p	
11	at Gardner-Webb	2:00p	
13	at Morehead State	3:00p	
16	vs. St. Bonaventure	4:00p	
17	vs. St. Bonaventure	4:00p	
18	vs. St. Bonaventure	2:00p	
20	at Ohio	6:00p	
23	at UAB	7:30p	
24	at UAB	3:00p	
25	at UAB	2:00p	
27	at Eastern Kentucky	3:00p	
30	vs. Liberty (BWW)	7:00p	
31	vs. Liberty (BWW)	3:00p	

APRIL

1	vs. Liberty (BWW)	1:00p	
4	vs. Ohio	3:00p	
6	vs. Memphis	7:05p	
7	vs. Memphis	7:05p	
8	vs. Memphis	1:00p	
10	COPPINS STATE (DH) (BWW)	Noon/3:30p	
13	RICE	2:05p	
14	RICE	2:05p	
15	RICE	2:05p	
17	MOREHEAD STATE	3:00p	
20	at Houston	7:30p	
21	at Houston	7:30p	
22	at Houston	Noon	
25	EASTERN KENTUCKY	3:00p	
27	SOUTHERN MISS	2:05p	
28	SOUTHERN MISS	2:05p	
29	SOUTHERN MISS	10:05a	

MAY

4	at East Carolina	6:00p	
5	at East Carolina	2:00p	
6	at East Carolina	1:00p	
9	at Eastern Kentucky	3:00p	
11	UCF	2:05p	
12	UCF	2:05p	
13	UCF	10:05a	
15	vs. Radford (BWW)	6:00p	
17	at Tulane	6:30p	
18	at Tulane	6:30p	
19	at Tulane	2:00p	
23-27	<i>at Conference USA Championship (Pearl, Miss.)</i>		

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CH- Charleston, W. Va.

BWW- Beckley, W. Va.

MEMPHIS TIGERS**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	5:00p	
18	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	2:00p	
19	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	1:00p	
22	AUSTIN PEAY	4:00p	
24	KENNESAW STATE	4:00p	
25	KENNESAW STATE	2:00p	
26	KENNESAW STATE	1:00p	
28	at Mississippi	3:00p	
29	at Mississippi State	4:00p	

MARCH

2	BRADLEY	6:30p	
3	BRADLEY	2:00p	
4	BRADLEY	1:00p	
6	at Louisiana-Monroe	6:00p	
7	at Louisiana-Monroe	6:00p	
9	at Baylor	6:30p	
10	at Baylor	2:00p	
11	at Baylor	1:00p	
16	SIENA	6:30p	
17	SIENA (DH)	Noon/3p	
20	ARKANSAS STATE	6:30p	
23	RICE	6:30p	
24	RICE	2:00p	
25	RICE	1:00p	
27	at Middle Tennessee	6:00p	
28	at Middle Tennessee	3:00p	
30	TULANE	6:30p	
30	TULANE	2:00p	

APRIL

1	TULANE	1:00p	
4	at Tennessee	5:30p	
6	at Marshall (CH)	6:05p	
7	at Marshall (CH)	6:05p	
8	at Marshall (CH)	Noon	
10	at Arkansas State	6:30p	
11	ALCORN STATE	6:30p	
13	EAST CAROLINA	6:30p	
14	EAST CAROLINA	2:00p	
15	EAST CAROLINA	1:00p	
18	at Murray State	3:00p	
20	at Southern Miss	6:00p	
21	at Southern Miss	2:00p	
22	at Southern Miss	1:00p	
24	MISSISSIPPI (AZ)	6:30p	
27	at UCF	5:00p	
28	at UCF	2:00p	
29	at UCF	Noon	

MAY

4	UAB	6:30p	
5	UAB	3:00p	
6	UAB	1:00p	
9	TENNESSEE	6:30p	
11	at Missouri	6:30p	
12	at Missouri	2:00p	
13	at Missouri	1:00p	
15	UT-MARTIN	6:30p	
17	at Houston	6:30p	
18	at Houston	6:30p	
19	at Houston	1:00p	

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AZ- AutoZone Park, Memphis, Tenn.
J- Jackson, Tenn.
CH- Charleston, W. Va.**RICE OWLS****(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	FIU	4:30p	
18	FIU	2:00p	
19	FIU	Noon	
21	NEW MEXICO STATE	4:30p	
22	NEW MEXICO STATE	4:30p	
24	DALLAS BAPTIST	6:30p	
25	DALLAS BAPTIST	2:00p	
26	DALLAS BAPTIST	1:00p	
28	at Houston	6:30p	

MARCH

2-4	at Houston College Classic (Houston, Texas)		
2	vs. Texas	7:00p	
3	vs. Texas Tech	7:00p	
4	vs. Tennessee	6:00p	
6	vs. Texas State	6:30p	
7	TEXAS A&M-C. CHRISTI	6:30p	
9	at Stanford	7:30p	
10	at Stanford	3:00p	
11	at Stanford	2:00p	
13	ARIZONA	6:00p	
14	ARIZONA	6:30p	
17	GRAMBLING STATE	2:00p	
18	GRAMBLING STATE	1:00p	
20	UTSA	6:30p	
21	LAMAR	6:30p	
23	at Memphis	6:30p	
24	at Memphis	2:00p	
25	at Memphis	1:00p	
27	at Lamar	6:30p	
30	SOUTHERN MISS	6:30p	
31	SOUTHERN MISS	3:30p	

APRIL

1	SOUTHERN MISS	1:00p	
3	SAM HOUSTON STATE	6:30p	
5	at Tulane	6:30p	
6	at Tulane	6:30p	
7	at Tulane	2:00p	
10	TEXAS STATE	2:00p	
13	at Marshall (CH)	1:05p	
14	at Marshall (CH)	1:05p	
15	at Marshall (CH)	9:05a	
17	at Texas A&M	6:35p	
20	EAST CAROLINA	6:30p	
21	EAST CAROLINA	2:00p	
22	EAST CAROLINA	11:00a	

MAY

2	TEXAS SOUTHERN	6:30p	
4	HOUSTON	6:30p	
5	HOUSTON	1:30p	
6	HOUSTON	1:00p	
8	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	6:00p	
11	UAB	6:30p	
12	UAB	2:00p	
13	UAB	1:00p	
15	at Sam Houston State	6:30p	
17	at UCF	5:30p	
18	at UCF	5:30p	
19	at UCF	Noon	

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USM GOLDEN EAGLES**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	NICHOLLS STATE	4:00p	
18	NICHOLLS STATE	2:00p	
19	NICHOLLS STATE	1:00p	
22	at Louisiana-Monroe	6:00p	
24	TROY	6:00p	
25	TROY	2:00p	
26	TROY	1:00p	
28	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	6:00p	
29	ALABAMA	4:00p	

MARCH

2-4	at Auburn Tournament (Auburn, Ala.)		
2	vs. Charleston Southern	2:00p	
3	vs. Purdue	Noon	
4	at Auburn	3:00p	
6	SOUTH ALABAMA	6:00p	
9	at Louisiana-Lafayette	6:00p	
10	at Louisiana-Lafayette	2:00p	
11	at Louisiana-Lafayette	1:00p	
13	at Alabama	6:05p	
16	MURRAY STATE	6:00p	
17	MURRAY STATE	1:00p	
18	MURRAY STATE	1:00p	
20	at Mississippi	6:30p	
23	HOUSTON	6:00p	
24	HOUSTON	6:00p	
25	HOUSTON	1:00p	
27	LOUISIANA-MONROE	6:00p	
30	at Rice	6:30p	
31	at Rice	3:30p	

APRIL

1	at Rice	1:00p	
3	vs. Mississippi (P)	6:30p	
5	ALCORN STATE	6:00p	
6	ALCORN STATE	2:00p	
7	ALCORN STATE	1:00p	
11	vs. LSU (Z)	7:00p	
13	UCF	6:00p	
14	UCF	2:00p	
15	UCF	11:30a	
17	at South Alabama	6:30p	
20	MEMPHIS	6:00p	
21	MEMPHIS	Noon	
22	MEMPHIS	1:00p	
24	vs. Mississippi State (P)	6:30p	
27	at Marshall (CH)	1:05p	
28	at Marshall (CH)	1:05p	
29	at Marshall (CH)	9:05a	

MAY

2	GRAMBLING STATE	6:00p	
4	at Tulane	6:30p	
5	at Tulane	2:00p	
6	at Tulane	1:00p	
11	EAST CAROLINA	6:00p	
12	EAST CAROLINA	2:00p	
13	EAST CAROLINA	11:00a	
17	at UAB	6:30p	
18	at UAB	6:30p	
19	at UAB	1:00p	

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Z - Zephyr Field, Metairie, La.
CH- Charleston, W. Va.

TULANE GREEN WAVE**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	SIENA	6:30p	
18	SIENA (DH)	1:00p	
19	SIENA	Noon	
21	at Louisiana-Monroe	Noon	
24	INDIANA	6:30p	
25	INDIANA	2:00p	
26	INDIANA	1:00p	
28	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	6:30p	

MARCH

2	ALABAMA	6:30p	
3	ALABAMA	2:00p	
4	ALABAMA	1:00p	
6	LSU	6:30p	
9	at Wichita State	3:00p	
10	at Wichita State	2:00p	
11	at Wichita State	1:00p	
13	LOUISIANA-MONROE	1:00p	
16	BROWN	6:30p	
17	BROWN	2:00p	
18	BROWN	11:00a	
20	at Louisiana-Lafayette	6:00p	
23	UMBC	6:30p	
24	UMBC	2:00p	
25	UMBC	1:00p	
27	at Southeastern Louisiana	6:00p	
30	at Memphis	6:30p	
31	at Memphis	2:00p	

APRIL

1	at Memphis	1:00p	
3	ALCORN STATE	6:30p	
5	RICE	6:30p	
6	RICE	6:30p	
7	RICE	1:00p	
10	NICHOLLS STATE	6:30p	
11	ALCORN STATE	6:30p	
13	at UAB	6:30p	
14	at UAB	2:00p	
15	at UAB	1:00p	
17	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	6:30p	
20	UCF	6:30p	
21	UCF	2:00p	
22	UCF	1:00p	
24	NORTHWESTERN STATE	3:00p	
27	at East Carolina	5:00p	
28	at East Carolina	1:00p	
29	at East Carolina	10:30a	

MAY

1	at LSU	6:30p	
4	SOUTHERN MISS	6:30p	
5	SOUTHERN MISS	2:00p	
6	SOUTHERN MISS	1:00p	
8	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	6:30p	
11	at Houston	6:30p	
12	at Houston	2:00p	
13	at Houston	1:00p	
17	MARSHALL	6:30p	
18	MARSHALL	2:00p	
19	MARSHALL	1:00p	
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UAB BLAZERS**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	at (16) Clemson	3:00p	
18	at (16) Clemson	Noon	
19	at (16) Clemson	Noon	
21	at Alabama State	4:00p	
24	BALL STATE	3:00p	
25	BALL STATE	2:00p	
26	BALL STATE	1:00p	
28	at Jacksonville State	3:00p	
29	JACKSONVILLE STATE	3:00p	

MARCH

2	UTAH	3:00p	
3	UTAH	2:00p	
4	UTAH	Noon	
6	at Troy	6:00p	
7	ALABAMA STATE	3:00p	
9	PENN STATE	3:00p	
10	PENN STATE	2:00p	
11	PENN STATE	1:00p	
13	at Kennesaw State	6:00p	
16-18	Coastal Carolina Classic (Conway, S.C.)		
16	vs. Connecticut	11:00a	
17	vs. Michigan	10:00a	
18	at Coastal Carolina	Noon	
21	at Jacksonville State	6:30p	
23	MARSHALL	6:30p	
24	MARSHALL	2:00p	
25	MARSHALL	1:00p	
27	ALABAMA	6:30p	
30	at East Carolina	5:00p	
31	at East Carolina	1:00p	

APRIL

1	at East Carolina	9:30a	
3	TROY	6:30p	
6	at UCF	5:30p	
7	at UCF	3:00p	
8	at UCF	10:00a	
10	at Alabama	6:05p	
13	TULANE	6:30p	
14	TULANE	2:00p	
15	TULANE	1:00p	
17	SAMFORD	6:30p	
18	at Samford	6:30p	
20	GARDNER-WEBB	6:30p	
21	GARDNER-WEBB	2:00p	
22	GARDNER-WEBB	1:00p	
24	KENNESAW STATE	6:30p	
27	HOUSTON	6:30p	
28	HOUSTON	2:00p	
29	HOUSTON	1:00p	

MAY

4	at Memphis	6:30p	
5	at Memphis	2:00p	
6	at Memphis	1:00p	
9	JACKSONVILLE STATE	6:30p	
11	at Rice	6:30p	
12	at Rice	2:00p	
13	at Rice	1:00p	
17	SOUTHERN MISS	6:30p	
18	SOUTHERN MISS	6:30p	
19	SOUTHERN MISS	1:00p	
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UCF KNIGHTS**(0-0, 0-0 C-USA)****Date Opponent Time/Result Record****FEBRUARY**

17	LONG ISLAND	6:30p	
18	LONG ISLAND	4:00p	
19	LONG ISLAND	1:00p	
22	at (1) Florida	7:00p	
24	BOSTON COLLEGE	6:30p	
25	BOSTON COLLEGE	4:00p	
26	BOSTON COLLEGE	1:00p	
28	SOUTH FLORIDA	6:30p	
29	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	6:00p	

MARCH

2	SIENA	6:30p	
3	SIENA	4:00p	
4	SIENA	1:00p	
6	FLORIDA STATE	6:30p	
7	FLORIDA STATE	6:30p	
9	MASSACHUSETTS	6:30p	
10	MASSACHUSETTS	4:00p	
11	MASSACHUSETTS	1:00p	
14	MIAMI (FLA.)	6:30p	
16	HARVARD	6:30p	
17	HARVARD	4:00p	
18	HARVARD	1:00p	
20	at South Florida	7:00p	
23	EAST CAROLINA	6:30p	
24	EAST CAROLINA	4:00p	
25	EAST CAROLINA	1:00p	
27	at Florida Atlantic	6:30p	
30	at Houston	7:30p	
31	at Houston	7:30p	

APRIL

1	at Houston	2:00p	
4	at Miami (Fl.)	6:00p	
6	at UAB	6:30p	
7	at UAB	4:00p	
8	at UAB	1:00p	
10	FLORIDA A&M	6:30p	
11	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	6:30p	
13	at Southern Miss	7:30p	
14	at Southern Miss	3:00p	
15	at Southern Miss	12:30p	
17	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	6:30p	
20	at Tulane	7:30p	
21	at Tulane	3:00p	
22	at Tulane	2:00p	
27	MEMPHIS	6:30p	
28	MEMPHIS	4:00p	
29	MEMPHIS	1:00p	

MAY

2	at Stetson	6:30p	
5	PRESBYTERIAN	6:30p	
6	PRESBYTERIAN	4:00p	
7	PRESBYTERIAN	Noon	
11	at Marshall (CH)	2:05p	
12	at Marshall (CH)	2:05p	
13	at Marshall (CH)	10:00a	
15	STETSON	6:30p	
17	RICE	6:30p	
18	RICE	6:30p	
19	RICE	1:00p	
23-27	at Conference USA Tournament (Pearl, Miss.)		

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