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## FINAL CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	C-USA						All Games					
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts	Opp
%HOUSTON	4-1	.800	3-0	1-1	171	124	7-5	.583	4-2	3-3*	361	341
%SOUTHERN MISS	4-1	.800	2-0	2-1	141	108	8-3	.727	4-0	4-3	285	247
CINCINNATI	2-3	.400	1-1	1-2	88	100	6-5	.545	4-2	2-3	229	212
LOUISVILLE	2-3	.400	1-2	1-1	57	102	5-6	.455	2-3	3-3	182	205
MEMPHIS	2-3	.400	2-0	0-3	65	92	4-7	.364	3-3	1-4	141	219
TULANE	1-4	.200	0-3	1-1	109	105	2-9	.182	1-5	1-4	213	268

%co-regular season champions

\* includes neutral loss at St. Jude Liberty Bowl

### CONFERENCE USA AWARDS

#### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ANTOWAIN SMITH RB HOUSTON

#### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

TYRUS McCLOUD LB LOUISVILLE

#### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JEFF LIGGON KR TULANE

#### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

KETRIC SANFORD RB/KR HOUSTON

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

KIM HELTON HOUSTON

### ST. JUDE LIBERTY BOWL

(#22) Syracuse 30 Houston 17

Houston Offensive Player of the Game  
Antowain Smith, Sr., Running Back

Houston Defensive Player of the Game  
Delmonico Montgomery, Sr., Cornerback

# 1996 CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL



## East Carolina Joins C-USA

East Carolina will join Conference USA as a football-playing member only, beginning with the 1997 season. The Pirates, located in Greenville, N.C., have competed in football as an independent since 1977 and are a member of the Colonial Athletic Association in all other sports. In 1995, ECU was the champion of the Liberty Bowl Alliance and defeated Stanford, 19-13, in the Liberty Bowl, its third bowl trip in five years. East Carolina finished the 1996 season with an 8-3 record. The Pirates finished 27th in the final Associated Press poll and 30th in the final CNN/USA Today Coaches poll.

### East Carolina's 1996 Results:

Sept. 7	EAST TENNESSEE ST.	W, 45-21
Sept. 14	at West Virginia	L, 9-10
Sept. 21	at South Carolina	W, 23-7
Sept. 28	CENTRAL FLORIDA	W, 28-7
Oct. 10	SOUTHERN MISS	L, 7-28
Oct. 19	at Miami (Fla.)	W, 31-6
Nov. 2	ARKANSAS STATE	W, 34-16
Nov. 9	at Virginia Tech	L, 14-35
Nov. 16	OHIO	W, 55-35
Nov. 23	at Memphis	W, 20-10
Nov. 30	*vs. North Carolina State	W, 50-29

\* at Ericsson Stadium (Charlotte, N.C.)



## C-USA adds UAB in 1999

UAB will join Conference USA as a football-playing member, beginning with the 1999 season. A charter member of C-USA in all other sports, the Blazers finished their first season of Division I-A football with a 5-6 record while playing schools such as Auburn, Cincinnati, Maryland and Vanderbilt.

### UAB's 1996 Results:

Aug. 31	at Auburn	L, 0-29
Sept. 7	at Maryland	L, 15-39
Sept. 14	ARKANSAS STATE	W, 42-17
Sept. 21	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 24-17
Oct. 5	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W, 24-0
Oct. 19	SW LOUISIANA	W, 39-29
Oct. 26	at Louisiana Tech	L, 31-35
Nov. 2	at Vanderbilt	L, 15-31
Nov. 9	CENTRAL FLORIDA	L, 13-35
Nov. 16	CINCINNATI	L, 14-34
Nov. 21	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W, 45-13



## Liberty Bowl

Conference USA has entered into an agreement with the St. Jude Liberty Bowl to send its champion to the Memphis-based game, beginning with the 1996 season. C-USA's opponent

will be the fourth selection from the Big East Conference. This year's game featured C-USA Co-Champion Houston and Big East Co-Champion Syracuse, with the Orangemen winning 30-17.

## Players of the Week

Here's a look at Conference USA's Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for the 1996 season:

### OFFENSE

S2	Jerald Sowell	RB	Tulane
S9	Chad Plummer	QB	Cincinnati
S16	Antowain Smith	RB	Houston
S23	Chris Redman	QB	Louisville
S30	Daryl Royal	FB	Cincinnati
O7	Antowain Smith	RB	Houston
O14	Lee Roberts	QB	Southern Miss
O21	Chad Plummer	QB	Cincinnati
O28	Robert Cooper	RB	Cincinnati
N4	Sherrod Gideon	WR	Southern Miss
N11	Antowain Smith	RB	Houston
N18	Chuck Clements	QB	Houston
N25	Jerald Sowell	RB	Tulane

### DEFENSE

S2	Cedric Walthaw	DE	Southern Miss
S9	Phillip Curry	LB	Cincinnati
S16	Richard Hogans	LB	Memphis
S23	Tony Williams	DT	Memphis
S30	Jeff Posey	DE	Southern Miss
O7	Louis Hampton	DE	Houston
	Keith Spann	DB	Memphis
O14	Patrick Surtain	DB	Southern Miss
O21	Richard Hogans	LB	Memphis
	Marchant Kenney	LB	Southern Miss
O28	Derrick Singleton	LB	Tulane
N4	Leland Taylor	DT	Louisville
N11	Tony Williams	DT	Memphis
N18	Houston Defense		
N25	Chris Hewitt	S	Cincinnati

### SPECIAL TEAMS

S2	Tony Esters	LB	Louisville
S9	Jeremy Borseth	P	Louisville
S16	Kendrick Lee	PR	Southern Miss
S23	Drew Pairamore	P	Memphis
S30	Eric Richards	K	Cincinnati
O7	Ted Lane	K	Memphis
O14	David Akers	K	Louisville
O21	Steve Smith	P	Cincinnati
O28	Jeff Liggon	KR	Tulane
N4	Sebastian Villarreal	K	Houston
N11	Kevin Cobb	KR	Memphis
N18	Eric Richards	K	Cincinnati
N25	Robert Tate	PR	Cincinnati

## Polling Place

Southern Miss received votes in the final Associated Press poll (ranking 28th) and the final CNN/USA Today Coaches poll (ranking 32nd). Here are both of the polls:

### Associated Press

- 1 — Florida
- 2 — Ohio State
- 3 — Florida State
- 4 — Arizona State
- 5 — Brigham Young
- 6 — Nebraska
- 7 — Penn State
- 8 — Colorado
- 9 — Tennessee
- 10 — North Carolina
- 11 — Alabama
- 12 — Louisiana State
- 13 — Virginia Tech
- 14 — Miami (Fla.)
- 15 — Northwestern
- 16 — Washington
- 17 — Kansas State
- 18 — Iowa
- 19 — Notre Dame
- 20 — Michigan
- 21 — Wyoming
- 22 — Texas
- 23 — Auburn
- 24 — Army
- 25 — West Virginia

### CNN/USA Today

- 1 — Florida
- 2 — Ohio State
- 3 — Florida State
- 4 — Arizona State
- 5 — Brigham Young
- 6 — Nebraska
- 7 — Penn State
- 8 — Colorado
- 9 — Tennessee
- 10 — North Carolina
- 11 — Alabama
- 12 — Virginia Tech
- 13 — Louisiana State
- 14 — Miami (Fla.)
- 15 — Washington
- 16 — Northwestern
- 17 — Kansas State
- 18 — Iowa
- 19 — Syracuse
- 20 — Michigan
- 21 — Notre Dame
- 22 — Wyoming
- 23 — Texas
- 24 — Army
- 25 — Auburn

### OTHERS

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| — EAST CAROLINA | — OTHERS        |
| — SOUTHERN MISS | — EAST CAROLINA |
|                 | — SOUTHERN MISS |

## Postseason All-Stars

Here's a look at the C-USA players that have or will participate in post season all-star games:

### BLUE-GRAY GAME

Chris Hewitt, FS, Cincinnati  
 Marvin Thomas, DT, Memphis  
 Ken Newton, C, Memphis  
 Daryl Terrell, OL, Southern Miss  
 Jerald Sowell, FB, Tulane

### SENIOR BOWL

Robert Tate, WR/KR, Cincinnati  
 Antowain Smith, RB, Houston  
 Marcus Spriggs, OT, Houston  
 Tyrus McCloud, LB, Louisville  
 Marvin Thomas, DT, Memphis  
 Johnny Lomoro, K, Southern Miss  
 Jerald Sowell, FB, Tulane

### EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME

Daryl Terrell, OL, Southern Miss  
 Sam Madison, CB, Louisville  
 Tyrus McCloud, LB, Louisville

Additionally, Southern Miss head coach Jeff Bower and USM Defensive Coordinator John Thompson will coach the defense at the Senior Bowl, while Louisville head coach Ron Cooper will be an assistant coach at the East-West Shrine Game.

# 1996 CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL

## NCAA Leaders

Here's a look at C-USA's 1996 national statistical leaders:

### SCORING

26- HOUSTON	31.3 ppg
26- Antowain Smith, HOU	8.4 ppg

### TOTAL OFFENSE

33- HOUSTON	405.2 ypg
32- Chuck Clements, HOU	212.2 ypg

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

28- Chuck Clements, HOU	132.6
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### PASSING OFFENSE

40- HOUSTON	224.0 ypg
43- LOUISVILLE	220.7 ypg

### RUSHING

17- Antowain Smith, HOU	112.7 ypg
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### RUSHING OFFENSE

32- CINCINNATI	181.4 ypg
33- HOUSTON	181.2 ypg

### ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

36- Eric Booth, USM	135.6 ypg
40- Antowain Smith, HOU	132.3 ypg
43- Ketric Sanford, HOU	130.1 ypg

### RECEPTIONS PER GAME

42- Damion Johnson, HOU	4.73
49- Charles West, HOU	4.64

### TOTAL DEFENSE

4- LOUISVILLE	235.8 ypg
13- CINCINNATI	278.3 ypg
46- SOUTHERN MISS	349.2 ypg

### SCORING DEFENSE

23- LOUISVILLE	18.6 ppg
26- CINCINNATI	19.3 ppg
30- MEMPHIS	19.9 ppg
46- SOUTHERN MISS	22.5 ppg

### RUSHING DEFENSE

4- LOUISVILLE	81.1 ypg
8- SOUTHERN MISS	97.2 ypg
25- CINCINNATI	121.3 ypg
45- MEMPHIS	146.5 ypg

### PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

13- LOUISVILLE	96.73
14- CINCINNATI	96.77

### TURNOVER MARGIN

2- SOUTHERN MISS	+1.27
25- MEMPHIS	+0.64
30- TULANE	+0.45

### INTERCEPTIONS

5- Sam Madison, LOU	(6) 0.55 pg
5- Patrick Surtain, USM	(6) 0.55 pg
5- Delmonico Montgomery, HOU	(6) 0.55 pg
14- Keith Spann, MEM	(5) 0.45 pg
37- Jamal Alexander, USM	(4) 0.36 pg

### NET PUNTING

25- CINCINNATI	38.4
48- TULANE	36.2
44- Steve Smith, CIN	41.1
50- Jeremy Borseth, LOU	40.6

### PUNT RETURNS

8- SOUTHERN MISS	14.1
30- HOUSTON	11.4
48- CINCINNATI	9.9
13- Charles West, HOU	13.1
15- Kendrick Lee, USM	12.9
44- Robert Tate, CIN	9.7

### KICKOFF RETURNS

7- SOUTHERN MISS	24.4
13- TULANE	23.8
33- HOUSTON	21.9
38- CINCINNATI	21.5
4- Eric Booth, USM	29.3
16- Jeff Ligon, MEM	26.2
30- Ketric Sanford, HOU	23.7

### FIELD GOALS

21- Eric Richards, CIN	(13) 1.18 pg
28- Ted Lane, MEM	(12) 1.09 pg
28- Brad Palazzo, TUL	(12) 1.09 pg
41- Sebastian Villareal, HOU	(11) 1.00 pg

## Passers Beware

Three Conference USA players finished the 1996 season ranked in the nation's top five in interceptions. Houston's Delmonico Montgomery, Louisville's Sam Madison and Southern Miss' Patrick Surtain each intercepted six passes in 11 games (0.55 per game) to tie for fifth in interceptions per game in Division I-A. Two other C-USA players, Keith Spann of Memphis (14th) and Jamaal Alexander of Southern Miss (42nd), are ranked in the top 50 in the nation in INT's.



## Two named to Associated Press All-American team

A pair of C-USA players were named to the Associated Press All-America Third Team. Senior cornerback Sam Madison and senior linebacker Tyrus McCloud were both selected from the University of Louisville.

## Football News announces All-Americans

Three Conference USA players have been honored by *Football News* as All-American selections. Senior cornerback Sam Madison of Louisville was chosen as a first team All-American, while Cardinal senior linebacker Tyrus McCloud was named to the second team. Southern Miss junior linebacker Marchant Kenney was selected to the third team.

## Non-Conference

Here's a look at how Conference USA teams has fared against other conferences:

Atlantic Coast	0-3
Big East	1-4
Big 12	1-2
Big Ten	1-1
Big West	1-0
Mid-American	1-0
Pacific-10	0-1
Southeastern	4-4
Western Athletic	1-1
Independents	6-4
Division I-AA	1-0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17-20</b>

## Fax On Demand

Conference USA produces a weekly football release each Monday. It will be available via fax on demand. The access number is (201) 585-5404. The C-USA release is document #1130. A directory for each school's weekly release (including notes, stats and results) is listed below:

C-USA	1130
Cincinnati	1330
Houston	1530
Louisville	1630
Memphis	1830
Southern Miss	2230
Tulane	2330

# 1996 CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL



## CINCINNATI

Cincinnati closed the 1996 season with a 35-13 win over Northeast Louisiana that secured the Bearcats second straight winning season and third in the last four years. It marks the first time since 1981-82 that UC has posted back-to-back winning records and the 1996 senior class became the first since 1978 to leave with a winning career record....In the season finale, the Bearcat defense allowed Northeast Louisiana - 19 yards on 29 rushing attempts, the third lowest total in UC history....Senior **ROBERT TATE** finished his career as UC's all-time leader in punt returns (73), while ranking second in punt return yards (637) and kickoff return yards (1,093), third in kickoff return average (26.7) and fifth in total kickoff returns (41)....Junior kicker **ERIC RICHARDS** finished the season 26-for-26 on extra points and extended his school record for consecutive PAT's to 49....Junior defensive tackle **JOHN KOBALKA** and senior punter **STEVE SMITH** were each named to the 1996 GTE Academic All-District team.



## HOUSTON

Houston made its first bowl appearance since 1988, appearing in the 38th annual St. Jude Liberty Bowl, falling to No. 22 Syracuse, 30-17....The Cougars were co-champions of Conference USA with a 4-1 league mark. Their 7-5 overall record ties them with No. 5 Brigham Young (a team that played two more games than UH) and No. 4 Arizona State for the largest improvement in Division I-A this season (five games)....Senior running back **ANTOWAIN SMITH** was named C-USA's Offensive Player of the Year after leading the league in rushing (1,239 yards), all-purpose yards (1,455) and touchdowns (15)....Senior quarterback **CHUCK CLEMENTS** led C-USA in total offense (212.2 yards per game), pass attempts (354), pass completions (223) passing yards (2,417) and touchdown passes (21)....Running back **KETRIC SANFORD**, the C-USA Freshman of the Year, ranked third in the league in rushing yards (747), touchdowns (7) and kickoff return average (23.7)....Senior cornerback **DELMONICO MONTGOMERY** ranked fifth in the nation in interceptions with six, the most for a UH player since Jerry Parks picked off eight passes in 1990. With 104 tackles this season, junior linebacker **MIKE PARKER** went over the 300-mark in career tackles (310).



## LOUISVILLE

Senior cornerback **SAM MADISON** and senior linebacker **TYRUS McCLOUD** have both been named as All-Americans. Madison was a first team choice and McCloud a second team choice by Football News. Associated Press named both to their third team. Madison set a U of L record for career interceptions (16, including six this season) and pass break-ups (44). McCloud led Conference USA with 143 tackles and finished his career in fourth place on the all-time tackle list at Louisville with 392, despite playing just three seasons. Quarterback **CHRIS REDMAN** finished his freshman season completing 144-of-272 passes for 1,773 yards and eight touchdowns. Freshman **IBN GREEN** capped off a strong debut campaign with 47 receptions for 535 yards and a team-leading five touchdowns. The 47 catches is the ninth-best in U of L history and the most ever by a freshman.



## MEMPHIS

Memphis head coach **RIP SCHERER** has been given a contract extension that will keep him as the head coach of the Tigers the 2001 season....Sophomore wide receiver **RICHE FLOYD** had at least one reception in every game this season. He finished 1996 with 43 receptions for 600 yards. Senior defensive back **KEITH SPANN** had two interceptions in the season finale against East Carolina, both coming in the end zone to stop Pirate scoring drives. He finished the season with five interceptions and his career with 11 INT's, third on Memphis' all-time list. Those two interceptions gave the Memphis defense at least one forced turnover in 36 of its last 37 games, including 13 in a row....The Tiger defense allowed 17 points or less in seven games this season....Memphis averaged 35,752 fans at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in 1996, including a stadium record crowd of 65,885 that watched the win over Tennessee on Nov. 9. This was the Tigers highest average attendance since 1992.



## SOUTHERN MISS

Southern Miss finished the regular season as co-champions of Conference USA with a 4-1 league mark and finished 8-3 overall. The eight wins are the most by a Southern Miss team since the 1990 squad went to the All-American Bowl with an 8-3 mark. The three teams that the Golden Eagles lost to (Alabama, Houston and Florida State) are a combined 27-7 and all three will play in bowl games. Sophomore quarterback **LEE ROBERTS**, who took over as USM's starting quarterback at East Carolina on Oct. 10, threw 12 touchdowns in six starts. Freshman wide receiver **SHERROD GIDEON** finished the regular season with 33 catches for 500 yards....Junior defensive back **PATRICK SURTAIN** is ranked fourth in the nation with six interceptions....The Golden Eagles recorded a conference-leading 18 interceptions and forced 34 total turnovers....USM had three players ranked in the top in six in the conference in tackles: junior linebacker **MARCHANT KENNEY** (132), junior linebacker **LYTREL POLLARD** (110) and sophomore defensive back **PERRY PHENIX** (101).



## TULANE

Tulane named **TOMMY BOWDEN** as its new head coach on December 11. Bowden is a 20-year veteran of college coaching, including the last six seasons as the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at Auburn. He spent the last four seasons working with his brother Terry....Senior fullback **JERALD SOWELL** fell just short of 2,000 yards in his Green Wave career, finishing with 1,953. Senior **JEFF LIGGON** was named the Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Year after finishing the season with 27 returns for 707 yards and a touchdown. He leaves Tulane as the all-time NCAA leader in kickoff returns (123) as well as return yardage (2,922)....Sophomore kicker **BRAD PALAZZO** was successful on a league-leading 80 percent (12-of-15) of his field goal attempts in 1996....For the second straight season, the Wave significantly reduced its total number of turnovers. After leading the nation in turnovers in 1994 with 43, TU reduced that total to 23 last year and this season had the fewest turnovers in C-USA with 14.

# 1996 C-USA FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Quarterback-	Chuck Clements, Sr., Houston
Running Back-	Eric Booth, Jr., Southern Miss
Running Back-	Antowain Smith, Sr., Houston
Offensive Lineman-	Cyril Brockmeier, Jr., Tulane
Offensive Lineman-	Leroy DeWitt, Sr., Southern Miss
Offensive Lineman-	Jason Fabini, Jr., Cincinnati
Offensive Lineman-	Ben Fricke, Jr., Houston
Offensive Lineman-	Marcus Spriggs, Sr., Houston
Tight End-	Cory Geason, So., Tulane
Wide Receiver-	Damion Johnson, Sr., Houston
Wide Receiver-	Kendrick Lee, Sr., Southern Miss

### DEFENSE

Defensive Lineman-	Darius Felder, Sr., Cincinnati
Defensive Lineman-	Jeff Posey, Sr., Southern Miss
Defensive Lineman-	Carl Powell, Sr., Louisville
Defensive Lineman-	Cedric Walthaw, Sr., Southern Miss
Linebacker-	Richard Hogans, Jr., Memphis
Linebacker-	Marchant Kenney, Sr., Southern Miss
Linebacker-	Tyrus McCloud, Sr., Louisville
Defensive Back-	Sam Games, Sr., Cincinnati
Defensive Back-	Sam Madison, Sr., Louisville
Defensive Back-	Delmonico Montgomery, Sr., Houston
Defensive Back-	Patrick Surtain, Jr., Southern Miss

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker-	Eric Richards, Jr., Cincinnati
Punter-	Steve Smith, Sr., Cincinnati
Return Specialist-	Eric Booth, Jr., Southern Miss

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Quarterback-	Lee Roberts, So., Southern Miss
Running Back-	Daryl Royal, Jr., Cincinnati
Running Back-	Ketric Sanford, Fr., Houston
Offensive Lineman-	Will Carlisle, Sr., Tulane
Offensive Lineman-	Jason Dolinski, Jr., Cincinnati
Offensive Lineman-	Steve Misetic, Sr., Louisville
Offensive Lineman-	Darryl Terrell, Sr., Southern Miss
Offensive Lineman-	Brian Uhl, So., Cincinnati
Tight End-	Terry Hardy, Jr., Southern Miss
Wide Receiver-	Miguel Montano, Jr., Louisville
Wide Receiver-	Charles West, Sr., Houston

### DEFENSE

Defensive Lineman-	Kendrick Gholston, Jr., Louisville
Defensive Lineman-	Joel Locker, Sr., Tulane
Defensive Lineman-	Leland Taylor, Sr., Louisville
Defensive Lineman-	Tony Williams, Sr., Memphis
Linebacker-	Phillip Curry, Jr., Cincinnati
Linebacker-	Brad Jackson, So., Cincinnati
Linebacker-	Derrick Singleton, Jr., Tulane
Defensive Back-	Rico Clark, Sr., Louisville
Defensive Back-	Chris Hewitt, Sr., Cincinnati
Defensive Back-	Perry Phenix, Jr., Southern Miss
Defensive Back-	Keith Spann, Sr., Memphis

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker-	Ted Lane, Sr., Memphis
Punter-	Jeremy Borseth, So., Louisville
Return Specialist-	Jeff Ligon, Sr., Tulane

# 1996 C-USA FOOTBALL ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

## OFFENSE

Quarterback-	Chris Redman, Louisville
Running Back-	Robert Cooper, Cincinnati
Running Back-	Ketric Sanford, Houston
Offensive Lineman-	Ken Biggs, Cincinnati
Offensive Lineman-	Shederick Blackmon, Southern Miss
Offensive Lineman-	Anthony Byrd, Louisville
Offensive Lineman-	Tavares Middlebrooks, Memphis
Offensive Lineman-	Truett Novosad, Houston
Tight End-	Scott Regimbald, Houston
Wide Receiver-	Damien Dodson, Memphis
Wide Receiver-	Sherrod Gideon, Southern Miss

## DEFENSE

Defensive Lineman-	Mike Gantous, Louisville
Defensive Lineman-	Derrick Kennedy, Louisville
Defensive Lineman-	Mike Knepper, Houston
Defensive Lineman-	Adalius Thomas, Southern Miss
Linebacker-	Micah Malone, Houston
Linebacker-	Caspor Stiles, Memphis
Linebacker-	Derrick Perry, Tulane
Defensive Back-	Courtney Dinkins, Louisville
Defensive Back-	Kevin Dukes, Tulane
Defensive Back-	William Fields, Houston
Defensive Back-	Mike McKenzie, Memphis

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter-	Jamie Purser, Southern Miss
Return Specialist-	Ketric Sanford, Houston

Conference USA 1996 Individual Stats Through games of Nov 23, 1996

RUSHING	Team	Cl	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	11	202	1239	6.1	14	112.6
ROYAL, Daryl...	CIN	JR	11	167	853	5.1	3	77.5
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	10	160	699	4.4	7	69.9
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	11	146	747	5.1	7	67.9
DARTEZ, J.....	TUL	SO	10	138	583	4.2	3	58.3
RILEY, Teofilo.	MEM	FR	10	145	572	3.9	3	57.2
COOPER, Robert.	CIN		9	114	511	4.5	3	56.8
SOWELL, Jerald.	TUL	SR	11	154	595	3.9	4	54.1
SHAW, Harold...	USM	JR	11	178	491	2.8	8	44.6
FLOYD, Otis....	LOU	SO	9	94	316	3.4	1	35.1

INTERCEPTIONS	Team	Cl	G	Int	Yds	TD	Int/G
MONTGOMERY, Del	HOU	SR	10	6	87	0	0.60
MADISON, Sam...	LOU	SR	11	6	50	1	0.55
SURTAIN, Pat...	USM	JR	11	6	77	0	0.55
SPANN, Keith...	MEM	SR	11	5	113	0	0.45
ALEXANDER, Jam.	USM	JR	11	4	117	1	0.36
PHENIX, Perry..	USM	SO	11	3	10	0	0.27
SEYMOUR, Nicky.	USM	SR	11	3	39	0	0.27
MCKENZIE, Mike.	MEM	FR	11	3	4	0	0.27
HEWITT, Chris..	CIN	SR	10	2	52	0	0.20
RICE-LOCKET, T.	LOU	JR	11	2	21	0	0.18

PASS EFFICIENCY	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
ROBERTS, Lee...	USM	SO	10	142	86	7	60.6	1296	12	155.3
CLEMENTS, Chuck	HOU	SR	11	354	223	13	63.0	2417	21	132.6
PLUMMER, Chad..	CIN	SO	11	198	102	8	51.5	1327	7	111.4
REDMAN, Chris..	LOU	FR	10	272	144	9	52.9	1773	8	110.8
KING, Shaun....	TUL	SO	11	273	132	7	48.4	1574	8	101.3
PAYNE, Jason...	LOU	SR	10	112	61	7	54.5	625	3	97.7
ANDERSON, Qadry	MEM	SR	11	287	141	11	49.1	1557	6	93.9
WINDSOR, Chris.	USM	SR	10	12	4	2	33.3	52	0	36.4

PUNT RETURNS	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
WEST, Charles..	HOU	SR	11	18	236	1	13.1
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	11	22	284	0	12.9
TATE, Robert...	CIN	SR	11	26	252	0	9.7
FRANKLIN, D....	TUL	SR	10	14	107	0	7.6
CLARK, Rico....	LOU	SR	11	32	238	0	7.4
CARR, Chancy...	MEM	JR	11	23	117	0	5.1

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
CLEMENTS, Chuck	HOU	SR	11	-83	2417	380	2334	212.2
REDMAN, Chris..	LOU	FR	10	-148	1773	309	1625	162.5
ANDERSON, Qadry	MEM	SR	11	121	1557	416	1678	152.5
KING, Shaun....	TUL	SO	11	16	1574	316	1590	144.5
PLUMMER, Chad..	CIN	SO	11	251	1327	298	1578	143.5
ROBERTS, Lee...	USM	SO	10	-156	1296	182	1140	114.0
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	11	1239	0	202	1239	112.6
ROYAL, Daryl...	CIN	JR	11	853	0	167	853	77.5
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	10	699	40	162	739	73.9
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	11	747	47	147	794	72.2

KICKOFF RETURNS	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	10	12	352	0	29.3
LIGGON, Jeff...	TUL	SR	11	27	707	1	26.2
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	11	25	593	0	23.7
COBB, Kevin....	MEM	JR	11	12	273	1	22.8
CLARK, Rico....	LOU	SR	11	11	227	0	20.6
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	10	18	356	0	19.8
DODSON, Damien.	MEM	FR	10	19	362	0	19.1
TATE, Robert...	CIN	SR	11	11	202	0	18.4

INTERCEPTIONS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Rec/G
JOHNSON, Damion	HOU	SR	11	52	708	5	13.6	4.73
WEST, Charles..	HOU	SR	11	51	511	3	10.0	4.64
MONTANO, Miguel	LOU	JR	11	48	602	1	12.5	4.36
GREEN, Ibn....	LOU	FR	11	47	535	5	11.4	4.27
FLOYD, Richie..	MEM	SO	11	43	600	1	14.0	3.91
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	11	33	669	7	20.3	3.00
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	11	33	500	1	15.2	3.00
BATES, Robert..	LOU	JR	10	29	344	2	11.9	2.90
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	10	26	292	4	11.2	2.60
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	11	28	201	1	7.2	2.55

PUNTING	Team	Cl	G	Punt	Yds	Avg
SMITH, Steve...	CIN	SR	11	68	2795	41.1
BORSETH, Jeremy	LOU	SO	11	69	2800	40.6
HILL, Brad.....	TUL	JR	11	67	2699	40.3
SAUCEDA, I.....	HOU	SO	10	47	1873	39.9
PAIRAMORE, Drew	MEM	JR	11	73	2817	38.6
PALAZZO, Brad..	TUL	SO	11	2	62	31.0
SHANNON, Karr..	USM	JR	10	1	17	17.0

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Yds/G
JOHNSON, Damion	HOU	SR	11	52	708	5	13.6	64.4
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	11	33	669	7	20.3	60.8
MONTANO, Miguel	LOU	JR	11	48	602	1	12.5	54.7
FLOYD, Richie..	MEM	SO	11	43	600	1	14.0	54.5
GREEN, Ibn....	LOU	FR	11	47	535	5	11.4	48.6
WEST, Charles..	HOU	SR	11	51	511	3	10.0	46.5
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	11	33	500	1	15.2	45.5
LADD, Anthony..	CIN	SR	10	21	409	3	19.5	40.9
BATES, Robert..	LOU	JR	10	29	344	2	11.9	34.4
SOWELL, Jerald.	TUL	SR	11	25	352	1	14.1	32.0

FIELD GOALS	Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
LANE, Ted.....	MEM	SR	10	12	18	66.7	1.20
RICHARDS, Eric.	CIN	JR	11	13	21	61.9	1.18
PALAZZO, Brad..	TUL	SO	11	12	15	80.0	1.09
VILLARREAL, S..	HOU	JR	10	9	12	75.0	0.90
LOMORO, Johnny.	USM	SR	11	9	13	69.2	0.82
AKERS, David...	LOU	SR	11	7	16	43.8	0.64
KEITH, Jimmy...	MEM	JR	10	0	1	0.0	0.00

ALL PURPOSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	11	1239	201	0	15	1455	132.3
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	11	747	91	0	593	1431	130.1
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	10	699	169	0	352	1220	122.0
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	11	21	669	284	90	1064	96.7
LIGGON, Jeff...	TUL	SR	11	0	348	0	707	1055	95.9
ROYAL, Daryl...	CIN	JR	11	853	184	0	13	1050	95.5
SOWELL, Jerald.	TUL	SR	11	595	352	0	0	947	86.1
RILEY, Teofilo.	MEM	FR	10	572	157	0	0	729	72.9
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	11	-3	500	0	252	749	68.1
WEST, Charles..	HOU	SR	11	0	511	236	0	747	67.9

SCORING	Team	Cl	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	11	15	2	0	92	8.4
VILLARREAL, S..	HOU	JR	10	0	35	9	62	6.2
RICHARDS, Eric.	CIN	JR	11	0	25	13	64	5.8
LOMORO, Johnny.	USM	SR	11	0	32	9	59	5.4
PALAZZO, Brad..	TUL	SO	11	0	21	12	57	5.2
SHAW, Harold...	USM	JR	11	9	2	0	56	5.1
LANE, Ted.....	MEM	SR	10	0	12	12	48	4.8
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	10	8	0	0	48	4.8
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	11	8	0	0	48	4.4

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**TACKLES**

Player	Team	Cl	G	UT	AT	Total	Sacks
McCLOUD, Tyrus.	LOU	SR	11	93	50	143	3
KENNEY, Marchan	USM	JR	11	100	37	137	3
HOGANS, Richard.	MEM	SR	11	81	50	131	1
CURRY, Phillip.	CIN	JR	10	55	57	112	3
POLLARD, Lytrel	USM	JR	11	57	53	110	5
JACKSON, Brad..	CIN	JR	11	57	45	102	4
PHENIX, Perry..	USM	SO	11	57	43	100	0
WILLIAMS, Brian	TUL		11	61	39	100	1
WILLIAMS, Tony.	MEM	SR	11	70	28	98	5
PARKER, Mike...	HOU	JR	10	54	44	98	2
FREEMAN, Elijah	TUL		11	73	23	96	0
RICE-LOCKET, T.	LOU	JR	11	56	33	89	6
SPANN, Keith...	MEM	SR	11	62	23	85	0
CHAMPION, Hassa	CIN	SO	10	44	41	85	4
POWELL, Carl...	LOU	SR	11	44	40	84	11

ALL PURPOSE (Min. 100.0 yards per game)

Player	Team	Cl	RUSHING			PASSING		PUNT		RET		KICK	RET	Net	Avg/G
			G	Att	Yds	Rec	Yds	No	Yds	No	Yds				
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	11	202	1239	28	201	0	0	1	15	1455	132.3		
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	11	146	747	10	91	0	0	25	593	1431	130.1		
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	10	160	699	13	169	0	0	12	352	1220	122.0		

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**NET PUNTING**

Team	Punts	Yards	Avg.	Punt Ret.	Yds.	Net Avg.
Cincinnati	71	2900	40.8	171		38.4
Tulane	71	2779	39.1	207		36.2
Louisville	71	2800	39.4	250		35.9
Southern Miss	73	2897	39.7	361		34.7
Memphis	74	2817	38.1	306		33.9
Houston	54	2188	40.5	372		33.6

**KICKOFF COVERAGE**

Team	Drives	Opp. Start	Fumbles Recovered
Memphis	37	Own 23.8	0
Louisville	36	Own 24.5	0
Houston	65	Own 25.1	0
Tulane	51	Own 26.7	1
Southern Miss	56	Own 27.5	0
Cincinnati	46	Own 30.4	2

**OPPONENTS NET PUNTING**

Team.	Punts	Yards	Avg.	Punt Ret.	Yds.	Net Avg.
Southern Miss	58	2319	40.0	339		34.1
Louisville	91	3466	38.1	352		34.2
Memphis	57	2181	38.3	165		38.4
Cincinnati	75	3020	40.3	315		36.1
Houston	63	2629	41.7	263		37.6
Tulane	52	2275	43.8	137		41.1

**FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE**

Team	FGA	FGM	Pct.
Tulane	15	12	.800
Houston	15	11	.733
Southern Miss	13	9	.692
Memphis	19	12	.631
Cincinnati	21	13	.619
Louisville	16	7	.437

**KICKOFF RETURN**

Team	Drives	Avg. Start	Fumbles Lost
Cincinnati	45	Own 29.7	0
Southern Miss	48	Own 28.9	0
Houston	59	Own 27.6	0
Memphis	50	Own 27.5	0
Tulane	48	Own 25.5	0
Louisville	42	Own 25.0	1

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RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Cincinnati.....	11	521	1995	3.8	16	181.4
Houston.....	11	397	1993	5.0	21	181.2
Tulane.....	11	409	1398	3.4	10	127.1
Memphis.....	11	405	1130	2.8	7	102.7
Southern Miss.....	11	470	1120	2.4	21	101.8
Louisville.....	11	397	1040	2.6	9	94.5

PASS OFFENSE	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Houston.....	11	356	224	13	62.9	2464	6.9	22	224.0
Louisville.....	11	388	207	17	53.4	2428	6.3	11	220.7
Southern Miss.....	11	280	144	15	51.4	2057	7.3	13	187.0
Tulane.....	11	308	150	8	48.7	1786	5.8	10	162.4
Memphis.....	11	313	153	12	48.9	1682	5.4	7	152.9
Cincinnati.....	11	224	112	8	50.0	1556	6.9	10	141.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G
Houston.....	11	1993	2464	753	4457	5.9	43	405.2
Cincinnati.....	11	1995	1556	745	3551	4.8	26	322.8
Louisville.....	11	1040	2428	785	3468	4.4	20	315.3
Tulane.....	11	1398	1786	717	3184	4.4	20	289.5
Southern Miss.....	11	1120	2057	750	3177	4.2	34	288.8
Memphis.....	11	1130	1682	718	2812	3.9	14	255.6

PUNTING	G	Punts	Avg	Ret	Yds	Yds/P
Cincinnati.....	11	71	40.8	34	171	38.4
Tulane.....	11	71	39.1	26	207	36.2
Louisville.....	11	72	38.9	19	233	35.7
Southern Miss.....	11	74	39.4	36	361	34.5
Memphis.....	11	74	38.1	30	306	33.9
Houston.....	11	54	40.5	27	372	33.6

PUNT RETURNS	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Southern Miss.....	11	23	322	1	14.0
Houston.....	11	23	263	1	11.4
Cincinnati.....	11	32	316	1	9.9
Louisville.....	11	46	363	1	7.9
Memphis.....	11	25	165	0	6.6
Tulane.....	11	23	137	0	6.0

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Southern Miss.....	11	30	759	0	25.3
Tulane.....	11	38	905	2	23.8
Houston.....	11	50	1094	0	21.9
Cincinnati.....	11	35	731	0	20.9
Memphis.....	11	38	722	1	19.0
Louisville.....	11	29	533	0	18.4

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Houston.....	11	45	37	2	0	11	0	344	31.3
Southern Miss.....	11	37	32	1	0	9	2	287	26.1
Cincinnati.....	11	27	26	0	0	13	0	227	20.6
Tulane.....	11	25	21	3	0	12	0	213	19.4
Louisville.....	11	23	18	1	0	7	0	179	16.3
Memphis.....	11	15	13	0	0	12	2	143	13.0

RUSHING DEFENSE	G	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
Louisville.....	11	437	892	2.0	9	81.1
Southern Miss.....	11	384	1104	2.9	12	100.4
Cincinnati.....	11	448	1334	3.0	12	121.3
Memphis.....	11	477	1611	3.4	12	146.5
Houston.....	11	450	1860	4.1	19	169.1
Tulane.....	11	536	2202	4.1	20	200.2

PASS DEF EFFICIENCY	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Effic
Louisville.....	11	328	158	10	48.2	1702	11	96.7
Cincinnati.....	11	311	131	9	42.1	1727	13	96.8
Southern Miss.....	11	390	220	18	56.4	2772	17	121.3
Memphis.....	11	315	182	14	57.8	2360	12	124.4
Houston.....	11	330	176	11	53.3	2480	21	130.8
Tulane.....	11	262	158	9	60.3	1955	12	131.2

TOTAL DEFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plys	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Louisville.....	11	892	1702	765	2594	3.4	20	235.8
Cincinnati.....	11	1334	1727	759	3061	4.0	25	278.3
Southern Miss.....	11	1104	2772	774	3876	5.0	29	352.4
Memphis.....	11	1611	2360	792	3971	5.0	24	361.0
Tulane.....	11	2202	1955	798	4157	5.2	32	377.9
Houston.....	11	1860	2480	780	4340	5.6	40	394.5

SCORING DEFENSE	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Louisville.....	11	25	25	0	0	10	0	205	18.6
Cincinnati.....	11	26	19	2	0	11	0	212	19.3
Memphis.....	11	26	21	0	0	14	0	219	19.9
Southern Miss.....	11	33	32	0	0	5	1	247	22.5
Tulane.....	11	34	34	0	0	10	0	268	24.4
Houston.....	11	40	39	1	0	8	0	305	27.7

TURNOVER MARGIN	G	--Gained--				---Lost---			
		Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	Mar	Per/G
Southern Miss.....	11	16	18	34	5	15	20	+14	1.27
Memphis.....	11	14	14	28	9	12	21	+7	0.64
Tulane.....	11	10	9	19	6	8	14	+5	0.45
Houston.....	11	6	11	17	6	13	19	-2	-0.18
Cincinnati.....	11	6	9	15	11	8	19	-4	-0.36
Louisville.....	11	8	10	18	18	17	35	-17	-1.55

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	36	ROYAL, Daryl, Cincinnati vs Miami University (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Rushing.....	282	ROYAL, Daryl, Cincinnati vs Miami University (Sep 28, 1996)
TD Rushes.....	5	SMITH, Antowain, Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
Long Rush.....	96	SMITH, Antowain, HOUSTON at Pittsburgh (Sep 14, 1996)
Pass attempts.....	63	REDMAN, Chris, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Pass completions....	35	REDMAN, Chris, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Passing.....	400	REDMAN, Chris, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
TD Passes.....	4	CLEMENTS, Chuck, HOUSTON at Pittsburgh (Sep 14, 1996) CLEMENTS, Chuck, Houston Cougars vs Memphis Tigers (Oct 12, 1996)
Long Pass.....	82	ANDERSON, Qadry, Memphis Tigers at Houston Cougars (Oct 12, 1996)
Receptions.....	14	MONTANO, Miguel, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Receiving.....	260	LEE, Kendrick, S Miss Golden Eagles at Houston Cougars (Nov 9, 1996)
TD Receptions.....	3	LEE, Kendrick, S Miss Golden Eagles at Houston Cougars (Nov 9, 1996)
Long Reception.....	82	RILEY, Teofilo, Memphis Tigers at Houston Cougars (Oct 12, 1996)
Field Goals.....	3	RICHARDS, Eric, Cincinnati vs Miami University (Sep 28, 1996) RICHARDS, Eric, Cincinnati at MEMPHIS TIGERS (Oct 5, 1996) VILLARREAL, S., Houston Cougars vs USC Trojans (Sep 21, 1996) AKERS, David, Louisville at Tulane (Oct 12, 1996) LANE, Ted, Memphis at USL Ragin' Cajuns (Oct 26, 1996) LOMORO, Johnny, Southern Miss at Georgia (Aug 31, 1996)
Long Field Goal.....	49	AKERS, David, Louisville vs Northern Illinois (Oct 19, 1996)
Punts.....	12	SMITH, Steve, Cincinnati at Louisville (Oct 26, 1996)
Punting Avg.....	52.7	BORSETH, Jeremy, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Long Punt.....	76	BORSETH, Jeremy, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Long Punt Return....	87	WEST, Charles, Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
Long Kickoff Return.	98	LIGGON, Jeff, Tulane vs Southern Miss (Oct 26, 1996)
Long Int. Return....	76	SPANN, Keith, MEMPHIS TIGERS vs Tennessee (Nov 9, 1996)
Tackles.....	21	McCLOUD, Tyrus, Louisville at Kentucky (Aug 31, 1996)
Sacks.....	4	POWELL, Carl, Louisville vs Memphis (Nov 02, 1996)
Interceptions.....	2	HEWITT, Chris, Cincinnati at Louisville (Oct 26, 1996) MCKENZIE, Mike, Memphis at USL Ragin' Cajuns (Oct 26, 1996) SPANN, Keith, MEMPHIS TIGERS vs East Carolina (Nov 23, 1996) SURTAIN, Pat, Southern Miss at East Carolina (Oct 10, 1996) SINGLETON, D., Tulane vs Southern Miss (Oct 26, 1996)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	82	Cincinnati vs Miami University (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Rushing.....	405	Cincinnati vs Miami University (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Per Rush.....	7.3	HOUSTON at Pittsburgh (Sep 14, 1996)
TD Rushes.....	7	Southern Miss vs Southwestern La. (Sep 21, 1996)
Pass attempts.....	63	Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Pass completions....	35	Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Passing.....	400	Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Per Pass.....	14.3	Southern Miss at East Carolina (Oct 10, 1996)
TD Passes.....	4	HOUSTON at Pittsburgh (Sep 14, 1996) Houston Cougars vs Memphis Tigers (Oct 12, 1996)
Total Plays.....	99	Cincinnati vs Miami University (Sep 28, 1996)
Total Offense.....	577	Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
Yards Per Play.....	8.4	Houston Cougars vs Memphis Tigers (Oct 12, 1996)
Points.....	56	Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
Sacks By.....	11	Louisville vs Memphis (Nov 02, 1996)
First Downs.....	28	Houston Cougars vs Sam Houston State (Aug 31, 1996)
Penalties.....	15	Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
Penalty Yards.....	184	HOUSTON at SW Louisiana (Oct 05, 1996)
Turnovers.....	6	Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Interceptions By....	4	Cincinnati at Louisville (Oct 26, 1996)
Attendance.....	65885	MEMPHIS TIGERS vs Tennessee (Nov 9, 1996)

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RUSHING	Team	Cl	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	5	92	577	6.3	6	115.4
DARTEZ, J.....	TUL	SO	4	73	292	4.0	1	73.0
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	5	74	317	4.3	5	63.4
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	4	75	252	3.4	3	63.0
RILEY, Teofilo.	MEM	FR	5	68	262	3.9	2	52.4
SOWELL, Jerald.	TUL	SR	5	61	247	4.0	2	49.4
SHAW, Harold...	USM	JR	5	90	238	2.6	3	47.6
ROYAL, Daryl...	CIN	JR	5	60	237	4.0	0	47.4
FLOYD, Otis....	LOU	SO	4	36	124	3.4	0	31.0
SMITH, Landon..	CIN	JR	5	32	141	4.4	3	28.2

INTERCEPTIONS	Team	Cl	G	Int	Yds	TD	Int/G
SINGLETON, D...	TUL	SO	4	3	62	1	0.75
MONTGOMERY, Del	HOU	SR	4	3	30	0	0.75
SURTAIN, Pat...	USM	JR	5	3	18	0	0.60
TRENT, Jermaine	CIN	SR	4	2	30	0	0.50
ALEXANDER, Jam.	USM	JR	5	2	50	1	0.40
SPANN, Keith...	MEM	SR	5	2	37	0	0.40
GARNES, Sam....	CIN	SR	5	2	24	0	0.40
MADISON, Sam...	LOU	SR	5	2	0	0	0.40
HEWITT, Chris..	CIN	SR	5	2	52	0	0.40
HAWKINS, Artrell	CIN	JR	4	1	0	0	0.25

PASS EFFICIENCY	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
ROBERTS, Lee...	USM	SO	5	99	60	6	60.6	959	9	159.9
CLEMENTS, Chuck	HOU	SR	5	151	98	5	64.9	1199	10	146.8
ANDERSON, Qadry	MEM	SR	5	150	77	3	51.3	922	5	110.0
KING, Shaun....	TUL	SO	5	125	58	2	46.4	762	4	105.0
REDMAN, Chris..	LOU	FR	5	170	86	7	50.6	971	3	96.2
PLUMMER, Chad..	CIN	SO	5	98	54	7	55.1	519	2	92.0
PAYNE, Jason...	LOU	SR	4	14	5	2	35.7	83	1	80.5

PUNT RETURNS	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
WEST, Charles..	HOU	SR	5	8	149	1	18.6
TATE, Robert...	CIN	SR	5	7	90	0	12.9
CLARK, Rico....	LOU	SR	5	18	182	0	10.1
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	5	5	43	0	8.6
FRANKLIN, D....	TUL	SR	4	7	57	0	8.1
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	4	4	25	0	6.3
CARR, Chancy...	MEM	JR	5	10	57	0	5.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
CLEMENTS, Chuck	HOU	SR	5	-37	1199	167	1162	232.4
ANDERSON, Qadry	MEM	SR	5	75	922	216	997	199.4
REDMAN, Chris..	LOU	FR	5	-99	971	190	872	174.4
ROBERTS, Lee...	USM	SO	5	-154	959	129	805	161.0
KING, Shaun....	TUL	SO	5	40	762	148	802	160.4
PLUMMER, Chad..	CIN	SO	5	126	519	147	645	129.0
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	5	577	0	92	577	115.4
DARTEZ, J.....	TUL	SO	4	292	0	73	292	73.0
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	5	317	47	75	364	72.8
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	4	252	0	75	252	63.0

KICKOFF RETURNS	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
LIGGON, Jeff...	TUL	SR	5	13	398	1	30.6
HEWITT, Chris..	CIN	SR	5	5	146	0	29.2
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	5	6	158	0	26.3
CLARK, Rico....	LOU	SR	5	6	135	0	22.5
DODSON, Damien.	MEM	FR	5	10	215	0	21.5
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	4	8	149	0	18.6
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	5	11	201	0	18.3
TATE, Robert...	CIN	SR	5	5	66	0	13.2

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Rec/G
MONTANO, Miguel	LOU	JR	5	30	382	1	12.7	6.00
JOHNSON, Damion	HOU	SR	5	25	396	2	15.8	5.00
FLOYD, Richie..	MEM	SO	5	23	341	1	14.8	4.60
WEST, Charles..	HOU	SR	5	23	212	1	9.2	4.60
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	5	21	466	6	22.2	4.20
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	5	18	229	0	12.7	3.60
GREEN, Ibn....	LOU	FR	5	17	214	3	12.6	3.40
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	4	13	156	1	12.0	3.25
BATES, Robert..	LOU	JR	4	13	131	0	10.1	3.25
TATE, Robert...	CIN	SR	5	14	128	1	9.1	2.80

PUNTING	Team	Cl	G	Punt	Yds	Avg
SMITH, Steve...	CIN	SR	5	33	1376	41.7
HILL, Brad.....	TUL	JR	5	33	1372	41.6
BORSETH, Jeremy	LOU	SO	5	32	1284	40.1
SAUCEDA, I.....	HOU	SO	4	19	751	39.5
PAIRAMORE, Drew	MEM	JR	5	32	1220	38.1
PALAZZO, Brad..	TUL	SO	5	1	22	22.0
SHANNON, Karr..	USM	JR	5	1	17	17.0

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Yds/G
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	5	21	466	6	22.2	93.2
JOHNSON, Damion	HOU	SR	5	25	396	2	15.8	79.2
MONTANO, Miguel	LOU	JR	5	30	382	1	12.7	76.4
FLOYD, Richie..	MEM	SO	5	23	341	1	14.8	68.2
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	5	18	229	0	12.7	45.8
GREEN, Ibn....	LOU	FR	5	17	214	3	12.6	42.8
WEST, Charles..	HOU	SR	5	23	212	1	9.2	42.4
LIGGON, Jeff...	TUL	SR	5	13	202	2	15.5	40.4
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	4	13	156	1	12.0	39.0
SOWELL, Jerald.	TUL	SR	5	12	181	0	15.1	36.2

FIELD GOALS	Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
RICHARDS, Eric.	CIN	JR	5	6	7	85.7	1.20
PALAZZO, Brad..	TUL	SO	5	6	8	75.0	1.20
LANE, Ted.....	MEM	SR	5	6	8	75.0	1.20
LOMORO, Johnny.	USM	SR	5	3	4	75.0	0.60
AKERS, David...	LOU	SR	5	3	8	37.5	0.60
VILLARREAL, S..	HOU	JR	4	2	2	100.0	0.50

ALL PURPOSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	5	577	99	0	15	691	138.2
LIGGON, Jeff...	TUL	SR	5	0	202	0	398	600	120.0
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	5	0	466	43	77	586	117.2
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	5	317	31	0	201	549	109.8
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	4	252	126	0	36	414	103.5
SOWELL, Jerald.	TUL	SR	5	247	181	0	0	428	85.6
JOHNSON, Damion	HOU	SR	5	0	396	0	0	396	79.2
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	4	-14	156	25	149	316	79.0
RILEY, Teofilo.	MEM	FR	5	262	131	0	0	393	78.6
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	5	0	229	0	158	387	77.4

SCORING	Team	Cl	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	5	7	0	0	42	8.4
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	5	6	0	0	36	7.2
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	5	6	0	0	36	7.2
PALAZZO, Brad..	TUL	SO	5	0	13	6	31	6.2
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	4	4	0	0	24	6.0
VILLARREAL, S..	HOU	JR	4	0	17	2	23	5.8
RICHARDS, Eric.	CIN	JR	5	0	10	6	28	5.6
LOMORO, Johnny.	USM	SR	5	0	18	3	27	5.4
LANE, Ted.....	MEM	SR	5	0	5	6	23	4.6

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KICK RETURNS (Min. 1.0 per game and 17 yds/return)

Player	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg	Long
LIGGON, Jeff...	TUL	SR	5	13	398	1	30.6	98
HEWITT, Chris..	CIN	SR	5	5	146	0	29.2	60
GIDEON, Sherrod	USM	FR	5	6	158	0	26.3	41
CLARK, Rico....	LOU	SR	5	6	135	0	22.5	36
DODSON, Damien.	MEM	FR	5	10	215	0	21.5	43
WHEELER, Robbie	HOU	SO	4	8	149	0	18.6	31
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	5	11	201	0	18.3	28

TACKLES

Player	Team	Cl	G	UT	AT	Total	Sacks
KENNEY, Marchan	USM	JR	5	51	18	69	0
CURRY, Phillip.	CIN	JR	5	28	33	61	2
HOGANS, Richard.	MEM	SR	5	37	24	61	1
McCLOUD, Tyrus.	LOU	SR	5	37	23	60	1
SPANN, Keith...	MEM	SR	5	42	15	57	0
JACKSON, Brad..	CIN	JR	5	30	20	50	2
POLLARD, Lytrel	USM	JR	5	25	23	48	2
PHENIX, Perry..	USM	SO	5	29	17	46	0
FREEMAN, Elijah	TUL		5	32	13	45	0
WILLIAMS, Brian	TUL		5	25	19	44	1
RICE-LOCKET, T.	LOU	JR	5	23	20	43	0
WILLIAMS, Tony.	MEM	SR	5	32	8	40	2
SURTAIN, Pat...	USM	JR	5	33	7	40	0
SLAUGHTER, T.J.	USM	SO	5	21	18	39	1
ESTERS, Tony...	LOU	SO	5	29	10	39	1

ALL PURPOSE (Min. 100.0 yards per game)

Player	Team	Cl	G	RUSHING		PASSING		PUNT	RET		KICK	RET	Net	Avg/G
				Att	Yds	Rec	Yds		No	Yds				
SMITH, Antowain	HOU	SR	5	92	577	10	99	0	0	1	15	691	138.2	
LIGGON, Jeff...	TUL	SR	5	0	0	13	202	0	0	13	398	600	120.0	
LEE, Kendrick..	USM	SR	5	0	0	21	466	5	43	3	77	586	117.2	
SANFORD, Ketric	HOU	FR	5	74	317	2	31	0	0	11	201	549	109.8	
BOOTH, Eric....	USM	JR	4	75	252	8	126	0	0	1	36	414	103.5	

Conference USA 1996 Team Stats Through games of Nov 23, 1996 (Conference games)

RUSHING OFFENSE							SCORING OFFENSE										
G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G		G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg		
Houston.....	5	201	925	4.6	11	185.0	Houston.....	5	23	19	1	0	4	0	171	34	
Cincinnati.....	5	219	697	3.2	6	139.4	Southern Miss.....	5	19	18	0	0	3	0	141	28	
Tulane.....	5	197	639	3.2	5	127.8	Tulane.....	5	13	13	0	0	6	0	109	21.8	
Memphis.....	5	181	550	3.0	2	110.0	Cincinnati.....	5	10	10	0	0	6	0	88	17.6	
Southern Miss.....	5	227	397	1.7	7	79.4	Memphis.....	5	7	5	0	0	6	0	65	13.0	
Louisville.....	5	165	380	2.3	3	76.0	Louisville.....	5	7	6	0	0	3	0	57	11.4	
PASS OFFENSE							RUSHING DEFENSE										
G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G	G	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yds/G			
Houston.....	5	152	99	5	65.1	1246	8.2	11	249.2	Louisville.....	5	213	465	2.2	6	93.0	
Southern Miss.....	5	129	74	8	57.4	1115	8.6	9	223.0	Southern Miss.....	5	162	479	3.0	6	95.8	
Louisville.....	5	184	91	9	49.5	1054	5.7	4	210.8	Cincinnati.....	5	201	588	2.9	4	117.6	
Memphis.....	5	153	79	3	51.6	947	6.2	5	189.4	Tulane.....	5	203	647	3.2	6	129.4	
Tulane.....	5	141	66	3	46.8	832	5.9	4	166.4	Houston.....	5	193	659	3.4	7	131.8	
Cincinnati.....	5	108	58	7	53.7	671	6.2	4	134.2	Memphis.....	5	218	750	3.4	5	150.0	
TOTAL OFFENSE							PASS DEF EFFICIENCY										
G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Effic		
Houston.....	5	925	1246	353	2171	6.2	22	434.2	Cincinnati.....	5	142	63	8	44.4	777	8	97.7
Southern Miss.....	5	397	1115	356	1512	4.2	16	302.4	Louisville.....	5	142	73	3	51.4	723	4	99.2
Memphis.....	5	550	947	334	1497	4.5	7	299.4	Southern Miss.....	5	163	91	9	55.8	1123	5	112.8
Tulane.....	5	639	832	338	1471	4.4	9	294.2	Houston.....	5	145	71	5	49.0	1021	9	121.7
Louisville.....	5	380	1054	349	1434	4.1	7	286.8	Tulane.....	5	153	96	5	62.7	1226	5	134.3
Cincinnati.....	5	697	671	327	1368	4.2	10	273.6	Memphis.....	5	122	73	5	59.8	995	6	136.4
PUNTING							TOTAL DEFENSE										
G	Punts	Avg	Ret	Yds	Yds/P		G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G			
Cincinnati.....	5	34	40.8	16	72	38.7	Louisville.....	5	465	723	355	1188	3.3	10	237.6		
Houston.....	5	26	41.0	12	97	37.3	Cincinnati.....	5	588	777	343	1365	4.0	12	273.0		
Louisville.....	5	34	37.8	4	62	35.9	Southern Miss.....	5	479	1123	325	1602	4.9	11	320.4		
Memphis.....	5	32	38.1	9	85	35.5	Houston.....	5	659	1021	338	1680	5.0	16	336.0		
Tulane.....	5	35	39.8	14	155	35.4	Memphis.....	5	750	995	340	1745	5.1	11	349.0		
Southern Miss.....	5	34	38.7	17	225	32.1	Tulane.....	5	647	1226	356	1873	5.3	11	374.6		
PUNT RETURNS						SCORING DEFENSE											
G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg		G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg			
Houston.....	5	12	174	1	14.5	Memphis.....	5	11	8	0	0	6	0	92	18.4		
Southern Miss.....	5	6	81	1	13.5	Cincinnati.....	5	13	8	1	0	4	0	100	20.0		
Cincinnati.....	5	9	101	0	11.2	Louisville.....	5	12	12	0	0	6	0	102	20.4		
Louisville.....	5	23	211	0	9.2	Tulane.....	5	12	12	0	0	7	0	105	21.0		
Memphis.....	5	11	68	0	6.2	Southern Miss.....	5	15	15	0	0	1	0	108	21.6		
Tulane.....	5	11	61	0	5.5	Houston.....	5	16	16	0	0	4	0	124	24.8		
KICKOFF RETURNS						TURNOVER MARGIN											
G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg		--Gained--   --Lost--											
Tulane.....	5	17	476	2	28.0	G	Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	Mar	Per/G			
Southern Miss.....	5	11	280	0	25.5	Southern Miss.....	5	10	9	19	1	8	9	+10	2.00		
Louisville.....	5	17	338	0	19.9	Tulane.....	5	5	5	10	1	3	4	+6	1.20		
Houston.....	5	22	417	0	19.0	Memphis.....	5	3	5	8	1	3	4	+4	0.80		
Memphis.....	5	17	298	0	17.5	Houston.....	5	1	5	6	4	5	9	-3	-0.60		
Cincinnati.....	5	16	258	0	16.1	Cincinnati.....	5	1	8	9	8	7	15	-6	-1.20		
						Louisville.....	5	2	3	5	7	9	16	-11	-2.20		

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	32	SHAW, Harold, Southern Miss vs Cincinnati (Nov 02, 1996)
Yards Rushing.....	231	SMITH, Antowain, Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
TD Rushes.....	5	SMITH, Antowain, Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
Long Rush.....	59	BOOTH, Eric, Southern Miss at Louisville (Sep 28, 1996)
Pass attempts.....	63	REDMAN, Chris, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Pass completions....	35	REDMAN, Chris, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Passing.....	400	REDMAN, Chris, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
TD Passes.....	4	CLEMENTS, Chuck, Houston Cougars vs Memphis Tigers (Oct 12, 1996)
Long Pass.....	82	ANDERSON, Qadry, Memphis Tigers at Houston Cougars (Oct 12, 1996)
Receptions.....	14	MONTANO, Miguel, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Yards Receiving.....	260	LEE, Kendrick, S Miss Golden Eagles at Houston Cougars (Nov 9, 1996)
TD Receptions.....	3	LEE, Kendrick, S Miss Golden Eagles at Houston Cougars (Nov 9, 1996)
Long Reception.....	82	RILEY, Teofilo, Memphis Tigers at Houston Cougars (Oct 12, 1996)
Field Goals.....	3	RICHARDS, Eric, Cincinnati at MEMPHIS TIGERS (Oct 5, 1996) AKERS, David, Louisville at Tulane (Oct 12, 1996)
Long Field Goal.....	45	LANE, Ted, Memphis Tigers at Houston Cougars (Oct 12, 1996)
Punts.....	12	SMITH, Steve, Cincinnati at Louisville (Oct 26, 1996)
Punting Avg.....	52.7	BORSETH, Jeremy, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Long Punt.....	76	BORSETH, Jeremy, Louisville vs Southern Miss (Sep 28, 1996)
Long Punt Return....	87	WEST, Charles, Houston Cougars vs S Miss Golden Eagles (Nov 9, 1996)
Long Kickoff Return.	98	LIGGON, Jeff, Tulane vs Southern Miss (Oct 26, 1996)
Long Int. Return....	50	ALEXANDER, Jam., Southern Miss at Tulane (Oct 26, 1996)
Tackles.....	19	CURRY, Phillip, Cincinnati at Louisville (Oct 26, 1996) HOGANS, Richard, Memphis at Southern Miss (Oct 19, 1996)
Sacks.....	4	POWELL, Carl, Louisville vs Memphis (Nov 02, 1996)
Interceptions.....	2	HEWITT, Chris, Cincinnati at Louisville (Oct 26, 1996) SINGLETON, D., Tulane vs Southern Miss (Oct 26, 1996)

# 1996 CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL

## CINCINNATI (6-5, 2-3 C-USA)

A30	TULANE	L	14-34	0-1
S7	KENTUCKY	W	24-3	1-1
S14	at (#14) Kansas St.	L	0-35	1-2
S28	MIAMI (OHIO)	W	30-23 (3 ot)	2-2
O5	at Memphis	L	16-18	2-3
O12	BOSTON COLLEGE	L	17-24	2-4
O19	HOUSTON	W	31-20	3-4
O26	at Louisville	W	10-7	4-4
N2	at (#23) Southern Miss	L	17-21	4-5
N16	at UAB	W	34-14	5-5
N23	NE LOUISIANA	W	35-13	6-5

## HOUSTON (7-5, 4-1 C-USA)

A31	*SAM HOUSTON ST.	W	43-25	1-0
S7	at (#17) Louisiana St.	L	34-35	1-1
S14	at Pittsburgh	W	42-35 (OT)	2-1
S21	(#15) Southern Cal	L	9-26	2-2
O5	at Southwestern La.	W	31-24	3-2
O12	MEMPHIS	W	37-20	4-2
O19	at Cincinnati	L	20-31	4-3
O26	(#9) NORTH CAROLINA	L	14-42	4-4
N2	at Tulane	W	20-17	5-4
N9	*(#20) SOUTHERN MISS	W	56-49 (ot)	6-4
N16	LOUISVILLE	W	38-7	7-4
D27	#vs. (#22) Syracuse	L	17-30	7-5

\* game played at Robertson Stadium. All other home games at Astrodome.  
# St. Jude Liberty Bowl (Memphis, Tenn.)

## LOUISVILLE (5-6, 2-3 C-USA)

A31	at Kentucky	W	38-14	1-0
S7	at (#6) Penn State	L	7-24	1-1
S14	BAYLOR	L	13-14	1-2
S21	at Michigan State	W	30-20	2-2
S28	SOUTHERN MISS	L	7-24	2-3
O12	at Tulane	W	23-20	3-3
O19	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	27-3	4-3
O26	CINCINNATI	L	7-10	4-4
N2	MEMPHIS	W	13-10	5-4
N9	at (#8) North Carolina	L	10-28	5-5
N16	at Houston	L	7-38	5-6

## MEMPHIS (4-7, 2-3 C-USA)

A31	(#11) MIAMI (FLA.)	L	7-30	0-1
S7	MISSISSIPPI STATE	L	10-31	0-2
S14	at Missouri	W	19-16	1-2
S21	TULANE	W	17-10	2-2
O5	CINCINNATI	W	18-16	3-2
O12	at Houston	L	20-37	3-3
O19	at Southern Miss	L	0-16	3-4
O26	at SW Louisiana	L	9-13	3-5
N2	at Louisville	L	10-13	3-6
N9	(#6) TENNESSEE	W	21-17	4-6
N23	EAST CAROLINA	L	10-20	4-7

## SOUTHERN MISS (8-3, 4-1 C-USA)

A31	at Georgia	W	11-7	1-0
S7	at (#13) Alabama	L	10-20	1-1
S14	UTAH STATE	W	31-24	2-1
S21	SOUTHWESTERN LA.	W	52-27	3-1
S28	at Louisville	W	24-7	4-1
O10	at East Carolina	W	28-7	5-1
O19	MEMPHIS	W	16-0	6-1
O26	at Tulane	W	31-28	7-1
N2	CINCINNATI	W	21-17	8-1
N9	at Houston	L	49-56 (ot)	8-2
N16	at (#3) Florida State	L	14-54	8-3

## TULANE (2-9, 1-4 C-USA)

A30	at Cincinnati	W	34-14	1-0
S14	RICE	L	14-21	1-1
S21	at Memphis	L	10-17	1-2
O5	TEXAS CHRISTIAN	W	35-7	2-2
O12	LOUISVILLE	L	20-23	2-3
O19	at Army	L	10-34	2-4
O26	(#24) SOUTHERN MISS	L	28-31	2-5
N2	HOUSTON	L	17-20	2-6
N9	(#23) SYRACUSE	L	7-31	2-7
N16	at Navy	L	21-35	2-8
N23	at (#18) Louisiana St.	L	17-35	2-9

Conference games in bold



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**CONFERENCE USA EXPANDS IN FOOTBALL; ARMY TO JOIN LEAGUE IN 1998**

CHICAGO -- The United States Military Academy (Army) will join Conference USA in football and begin competition in 1998, Commissioner Michael Slive announced today at a news conference in West Point, N.Y. Army, which has been playing football for 107 years, will be competing in its first-ever football conference.

"We are pleased and excited to have Army as part of our football league," Slive said. Army has an unbelievable history and reputation in college football. This represents another step in our plan to elevate Conference USA football."

Conference USA, which has 12 charter members and sponsors 18 sports, currently has seven football-playing schools, which include Cincinnati, East Carolina, Houston, Louisville, Memphis, Southern Mississippi and Tulane. East Carolina will play in its first C-USA football campaign this fall. The 1996 season marked the first for C-USA on the Midiron.

"Army is an outstanding addition for Conference USA football. We are a new league and having a quality, storied proven program like Army adds even more credibility and depth to our conference," said Dr. Joseph A. Steger, chair of Conference USA's Board of Directors.

Army is coming off one of its most memorable seasons in recent years. The Cadets finished 10-2 overall and received an invitation to the Poulan Weed Eater Independence Bowl, the Academy's fourth postseason appearance. Army was ranked No. 24 in the final CNN/USA Today Coaches poll and No. 25 in the final Associated Press poll.

Bob Sutton, who has been head coach for six years at Army, earned three Coach of the Year awards this past season, including the prestigious Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year award, which honors the top coach in Division I-A football. Sutton is pleased about the Cadets new affiliation.

"Today in intercollegiate athletics, Division I-A football is drawn by television revenue and the opportunity to play in bowl games. Now all of that is in the hands of the conferences," said Sutton. "We will start to develop natural rivalries and interest in Conference USA that is carried over year to year."

The strong tradition of football at West Point dates back several decades. The Cadets captured three consecutive national championships from 1944-46, and in that same period, produced back-to-back Heisman Trophy winners in Felix "Doc" Blanchard in '45 and Glenn Davis in '46. Pete Dawkins also won the Heisman Trophy while at West Point in 1958.

Conference USA will play six league games in 1997 and 1998 and seven league contests in 1999. The regular season champion will be eligible for an invitation to the St. Jude Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. The addition of Army gives Conference USA eight football playing members in 1998, and with the addition of UAB in 1999, the league will have nine members.

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## ARMY QUICK FACTS

### General Information

LOCATION: West Point, New York  
NICKNAMES: Cadets, Black Knights  
COLORS: Black, Gold, Gray  
FOUNDED: March 16, 1802  
ENROLLMENT: 4,000  
SUPERINTENDENT: Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman  
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Al Vanderbush

### Football Information

HEAD COACH: Bob Sutton (Eastern Michigan '74)  
CAREER RECORD: 34-32-1 (6 years)  
at Army: 34-32-1 (6 years)  
STADIUM (CAPACITY): Michie (39,929)  
1996 RECORD: 10-2  
1996 POSTSEASON: Lost to Auburn 32-29 in Poulan Weed Eater Independence Bowl  
FINAL 1996 RANKING: No. 24 in CNN/USA Today Coaches Poll  
No. 25 in Associated Press Poll  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3 (1944, 1945, 1946)  
BOWL RECORD: 2-2  
BOWL HISTORY:

1996	Poulan Weed Eater Independence Bowl	Auburn 32, Army 29
1988	John Hancock Sun Bowl	Alabama 29, Army 28
1985	Peach Bowl	Army 31, Illinois 29
1984	Cherry Bowl	Army 10, Michigan State 6

HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS: 3 (Felix "Doc" Blanchard 1945; Glenn Davis 1946; Pete Dawkins 1958)

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