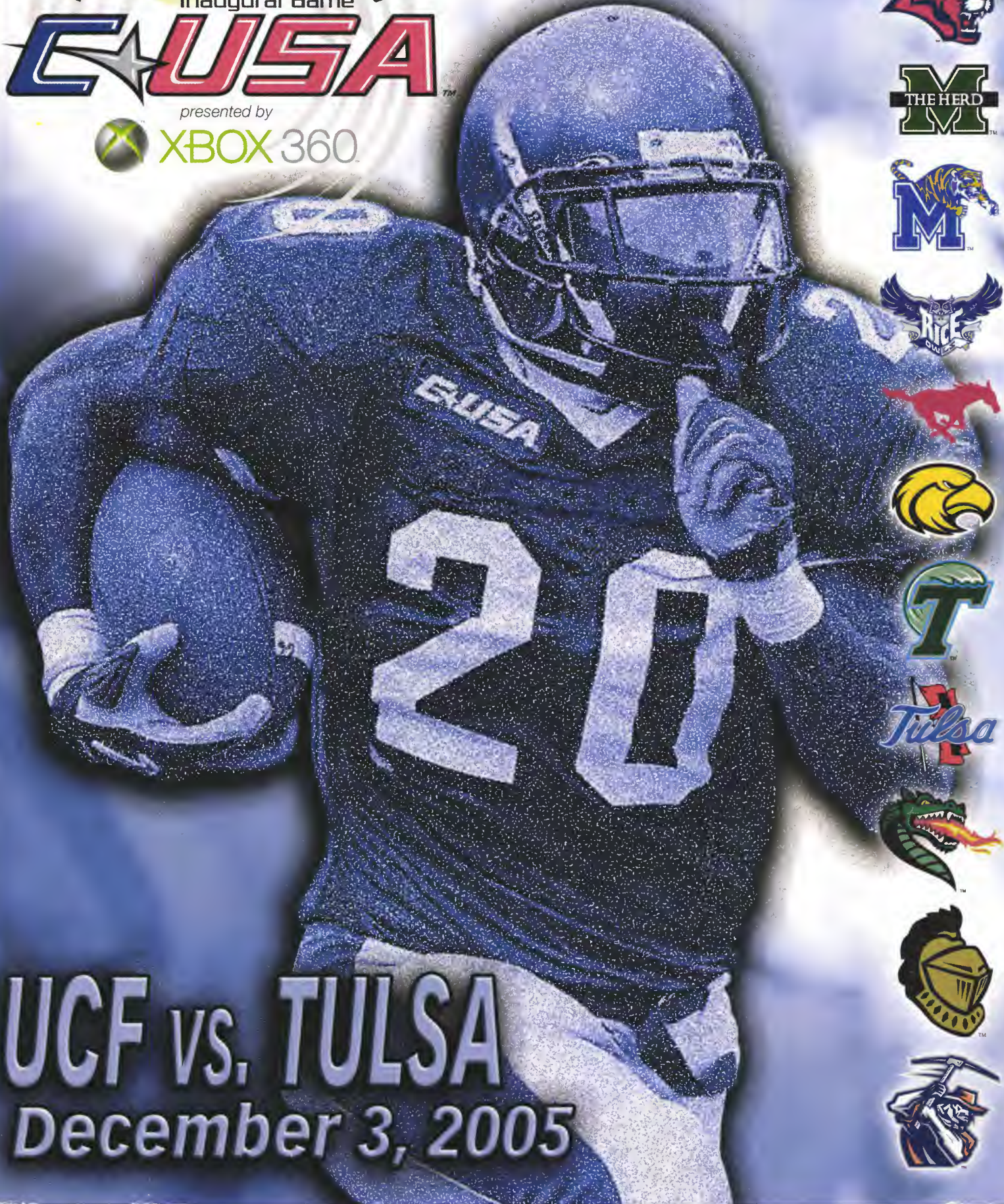
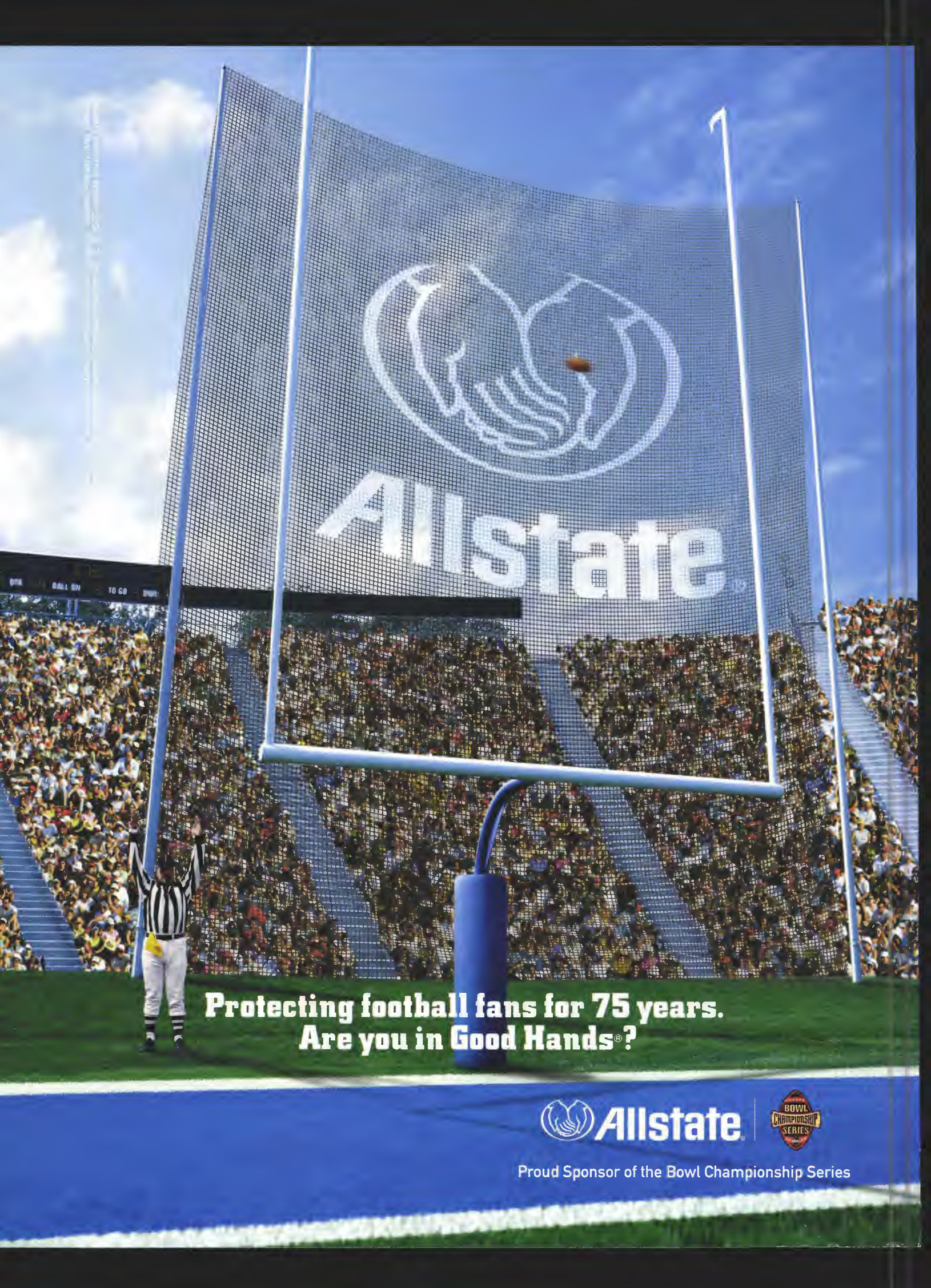


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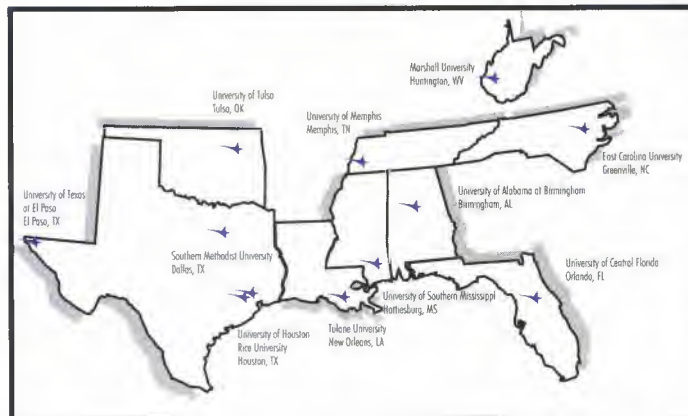
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C-USA Football Highlights

- ✦ Since 1994, six schools have won at least one conference championship, with Marshall winning five MAC championships and Southern Miss winning four C-USA titles.
- ✦ Since 1995, realigned C-USA schools have posted at least one non-conference victory over the following foes: Miami (Fla.), Oklahoma, LSU, Alabama, Kansas State, Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Clemson, Oklahoma State, Syracuse, Pittsburgh and West Virginia.
- ✦ Since 1997, three schools have finished ranked in the Top 25 of the final polls at least one time (Marshall, Southern Miss and Tulane).
- ✦ Realigned C-USA schools have finished ranked in the Top 20 of the final AP poll a total of 49 times since the poll began in 1936.
- ✦ Since the 2000 season, realigned Conference USA schools have a combined 104 national television appearances.
- ✦ The realigned schools in Conference USA produced 83 players that appeared on opening day rosters of NFL teams this past season.
- ✦ 104 All-Time Bowl appearances (30 since 1994).





Dear C-USA Fans and Participants:

Welcome to the inaugural Conference USA Football Championship presented by XBOX.

Today marks another significant milestone in Conference USA history, as we commemorate the first football championship event in league history. After celebrating our 10th Anniversary last year, C-USA began this season featuring a new look and a renewed commitment to excellence and leadership in academics, athletics and community involvement. Our league is made up of 12 outstanding institutions that share an unwavering commitment to athletics and academic excellence.

C-USA championship events are the highlight of every season — an opportunity to enjoy the outstanding talents and abilities of our athletics programs, as well as appreciate the competitive spirit of all of our student-athletes and coaches. Today's game begins a new tradition for Conference USA football. We are proud to host this special event and pleased that you are a part of it. Congratulations to the coaches and players who will take the field today and compete for the inaugural C-USA Football Championship crown.

We would like to extend sincere thanks to our hosts, who along with the championship committee, have worked hard in preparation for this event. The league also appreciates the support from our fans across the country. On behalf of everyone involved with Conference USA, I hope you have a wonderful time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Britton Banowsky".

Britton Banowsky
Commissioner



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C-USA: New Look; Same Commitment to Excellence

GET TO KNOW CONFERENCE USA

We embrace a new era with fresh faces and a renewed commitment to excellence and leadership in athletics, academics and community involvement.

C-USA began a new chapter in 2005-06 after celebrating 10 years of remarkable history. Six nationally prominent universities — Marshall, Rice, SMU, Tulsa, UCF and UTEP — join tradition-rich members — East Carolina, Houston, Memphis, Southern Miss, Tulane and UAB — to form the new look of the league. This combination further enhances our men's and women's programs that are steeped in athletic success and academic prowess.

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

C-USA, along with league administrators and coaches, maintains an unwavering commitment to the academic and athletics excellence of our member institutions.

The league sponsors numerous academic awards, including the Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom. C-USA will also award 12 postgraduate scholarships, along with the Sport Academic Award, Scholar Athletes of the Year and the Institutional Academic Excellence Award.

The membership changes have given C-USA the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the changing face of conference affiliations and have reinforced the league's position in collegiate athletics for years to come.

SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

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

C-USA institutions are among the nation's best in academic performance among student-athletes, bolstered by the fact that student-athletes at league schools have a higher graduation rate than the general student population. In nine years, 78 student-athletes earned national Verizon Academic All-America honors, while 216 were named All-District.

In addition, more than 9,500 student-ath-

letes have been named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll or received the Commissioner's Academic Medal.

C-USA ON TV

C-USA enjoys significant television exposure through its partnerships with ESPN Inc. and College Sports Television Networks (CSTV). The league entered into a long-term agreement with CSTV, which provides C-USA with significant national and regional exposure for football, men's and women's basketball, and all other conference sports.

Additionally, the CSTV agreement includes video-on-demand, Internet, broadband, national over-the-air and satellite radio, and wireless distribution as well as corporate marketing rights, and Web site production through CSTV Online, a subsidiary of CSTV.

The agreement with ESPN extends the conference's current regular season football package to include the broadcast of the conference's Football Championship Game.

C-USA IN THE COMMUNITY

The conference's footprint is concentrated with 12 members in nine states and a combined area population of nearly 17 million.

More than 1.1 million living alumni represent C-USA schools across the nation. With a re-newed commitment to community involvement, the conference has begun development of several initiatives to maintain strong ties in C-USA cities, as well as with fans and alumni across the country.

C-USA schools also place a priority on giving back to their communities through volunteer service with local and national organizations.

A PROUD HISTORY; A PROMISING FUTURE

Conference USA was formed in 1995 and quickly emerged as one of the nation's top conferences. The conference unveiled its name, logo and commissioner on April 24, 1995 in Chicago.

After nine years in Chicago, the league's headquarters relocated to the current office in Irving, Texas. Britton Banowsky was named Commissioner in October 2002, succeeding Mike Slive, the league's first commissioner.

Since its formation, C-USA has established a foundation, an identity and a history that reflects the league's national presence. C-USA celebrated its 10th Anniversary during the 2004-05 season, marking a significant milestone for the league and setting the course for the next decade and beyond.

Excellence in Leadership

C-USA has an outstanding reputation for excellence in competition, academics, NCAA compliance, sportsmanship, student-athlete welfare and overall sports services.

C-USA strives to be the best Division I-A collegiate conference in athletics, academics and community involvement, having established itself with numerous postseason appearances and high graduation rates.

Excellence in a Commitment to the Student-Athlete

Less travel distance between schools means less missed class time for the student-athletes. Student-athletes in C-USA schools have a higher graduation rate than the general student population.

Excellence in Competition

The C-USA football championship game makes its debut in 2005, pitting the top teams from the East and West Divisions against one another for the C-USA crown.

Closer proximity allows more fans to travel to away contests. Developing rivalries will be enriched through membership in the same conference and new rivalries will be established.

Excellence in Community Involvement

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Season-long Storylines Culminate in Inaugural Game

By Russell Anderson

When Conference USA football coaches, administrators and a record number of media gathered in Memphis on Aug. 1 at the league's annual Football Media Day, the atmosphere was rich in optimism and plentiful in storylines. But most walked away with the consensus that the 2005 season would be hard to project.

They were right.

As summer's sizzling days scorched on, student-athletes on 12 campuses began intense preparations for an exciting campaign. But, in the week prior to the season-opening contest between Tulane and Southern Miss, football was relegated secondary as mother nature's fury changed the course of lives throughout the Gulf Coast region. Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts on Aug. 28, forever changing the lives of many.

Tulane had evacuated for Jackson, Miss., taking precious few belongings as they embarked on what they thought would be a week-long road trip. It turned into a season-long journey.

The Southern Miss team stayed in Hattiesburg during the storm, but was forced to move operations to Memphis for 10 days when most of south Mississippi was left without power and water following the hurricane.

While the Golden Eagles found their way back home by Sept. 11, Tulane set out on a three-month long road trip. After Jackson was hit by Hurricane Katrina and the Green Wave spent two nights sleeping on a gym floor with no power or water, it was off to Dallas.

Tulane set up temporary operations out of a Dallas hotel, practicing at a local high school and utilizing facilities at SMU. Within a week, Tulane athletics director Rick Dickson had arranged for the Green Wave football team to enroll in classes at Louisiana Tech and live temporarily in Ruston.

The Sept. 17 game vs. Mississippi State was played in Shreveport, La., beginning a schedule of 11 games in 11 different stadiums. Tulane's six home games were held in Shreveport, Baton Rouge, La., Ruston, Lafayette, La., Mobile, Ala., and Monroe, La.

"I have shared with our coaches that Tulane Athletics has been given a role and a mission," Dickson said. "That is, 'Carry the Torch, Be the Face, Represent the Name of Tulane University.' We have to carry the message, to Tulanians especially, but also to the whole country, that an institution as valuable as a 170-year-old university and a culture as rich and vibrant as ours in New Orleans, will not and cannot be erased by this disaster."

Indeed they have. And their inspiring journey through the 2005 season will be remembered many years in the future.

Back on the football field, the season opened with the nation watching on Sept. 1, as three Conference USA football games were featured on ESPN or ESPN2.

On Sept. 3, the conference's new television partner, CSTV (College Sports Television) aired its first C-USA football game. With a frenzied atmosphere serving as the background, Pirate Nation came away thrilled with the launch of the Skip Holtz era at East Carolina as the purple and gold defeated ACC rival Duke.

The CSTV cameras were in Dallas, Texas, the following Saturday for one of the most exciting football games at SMU in the last two decades. The Mustangs welcomed No. 22-ranked TCU, its cross-Metroplex rival, to Gerald J. Ford Stadium and sent them home in defeat, 21-10.

"This win is what I call a marquee win," SMU head coach Phil Bennett



Jordan Palmer and UTEP are on the verge of back-to-back bowl game appearances, last achieved by the Miners in 1954 and 1955.

said. "These are the types of wins that we need to keep getting."

Victories of any kind had been hard to come by at UCF in recent years. But that has changed in year two of the George O'Leary era. The Golden Knights have become the seventh team in NCAA history to go from being winless one season to bowl-eligible the next season.

At the beginning of the season, O'Leary set a goal of going to a bowl game this season.

"At that time a lot of (eyes) were rolling and looking at me like I had four heads," O'Leary said. "The ones who believed it were the players and the coaches and the people within the circle."

O'Leary is not the first C-USA coach to engineer a quick turn-

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— George O'Leary
UCF Head Coach



Brandon Marshall and the UCF Golden Knights are headed toward the school's first-ever bowl appearance.

around of a program's fortunes. Mike Price was in the same position a year ago.

Price took over a UTEP team that had finished 2-11 in 2003 and molded it into the nation's most-improved squad in 2004, going 8-4 and playing in the Ev1.net Houston Bowl.

That success has continued this season. The Miners are one of the most explosive offensive teams in the country, with quarterback Jordan Palmer, younger brother of 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer, leading the way. And El Pasoans have turned out in record numbers at the Sun Bowl, showing strong support for an exciting UTEP team.

Support and success are nothing new to the folks at Southern Miss. Owners of four Conference USA titles and seven bowl trips since the league began in 1996, the Golden Eagles have continued to be a force in this new configuration of Conference USA.

Southern Miss is known nationally for a strong defense and excellent special teams. That tradition has continued this fall, with big plays creating scoring opportunities and leading to victories for the Golden Eagles.

"Conference USA continues to be one of the toughest leagues to win, year in and year out," Southern Miss head coach Jeff Bower said. "With so many teams that have quality players and outstanding coaching staffs, you need to do the little things right to be successful. We take pride in doing those little things right — taking care of the football, creating turnovers and playing well on special teams — and that has paid off for us this season."

"Our staff and our players know that you have to be well prepared every week in this league, and that's what we continue to strive to do."

Another school that knows a thing or two about winning a conference championship is Marshall. And, although a banner won't be hung this year in Huntington, first-year head coach Mark Snyder has laid the groundwork for the Thundering Herd to charge through C-USA in upcoming seasons.

The addition of Rice has created a unique situation that only the Pac-10 (USC and UCLA) can claim — two conference schools sharing the same city. While the Owls and the Cougars are separated by just five miles on a city map, they have competed in different leagues for the past decade. A strong cross-town rivalry that sizzled in the old Southwest Conference has been renewed in Conference USA and their meeting during the final week of the regular season was the first for city bragging rights in this league.

The 2005 season also has presented tremendous individual stories in C-USA.

UAB senior quarterback Darrell Hackney raised the bar for future Blazer signal-callers. He owns virtually every UAB passing record and guided the Blazers to their first postseason bowl game in 2004. Hackney's success has allowed head coach Watson Brown to begin to achieve the blueprints of success he began building for a fledgling UAB program that joined C-USA in 1999.

Tulsa has enjoyed a successful 2005 campaign and the play of senior tight end Garrett Mills has been a big factor in becoming bowl-eligible for the second time in three years. One of the most productive tight ends in the nation, the versatile Mills has spent time as a deep snapper and even returned kickoffs.

But, no player has received more individual recognition than Memphis running back DeAngelo Williams.

The three-time Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year has lived up to all of the hype. When he plays his final game as a Tiger, he will have left a lasting mark on C-USA and the NCAA. Williams leaves owning nearly every school and conference rushing record and is among the top five on the NCAA's all-time rushing and all-purpose yardage charts.

His powerful play will be the lasting mark on the resurgence of the Memphis program. With Williams leading the way on the ground, the Tigers made back-to-back bowl appearances for the first time in school history and re-energized the fans in Memphis.

"Every player that comes through here and is an offensive threat will be compared to DeAngelo Williams," Memphis head coach Tommy West said. "He didn't just raise the bar for this program, he is the bar."

A season-long list of storylines, great moments and individual achievements culminates today at the inaugural Conference USA Football Championship game.

"Our football championship game represents an opportunity to showcase our division champions in a wonderful setting," C-USA Commissioner Britton Banowsky said. "This marks the advent of a much-anticipated Conference USA event that we will all look forward to each season."

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— Tommy West
 Memphis Head Coach



Conference USA would like to extend a special thank you to all those who responded with tremendous generosity to Southern Miss, Tulane and others affected by Hurricane Katrina.

C-USA would also like to thank those that contributed and will continue to make donations to the C-USA Relief Fund.

The overwhelming support from member schools, the intercollegiate athletics community and people across the country is deeply appreciated.

The league is especially grateful for the hospitality of SMU, Louisiana Tech, Texas A&M and Texas Tech, who have opened their homes and campus facilities to the Tulane staff and student-athletes.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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C-USA Bowl Partners

AutoZone Liberty Bowl

Conference USA's representative has won six of the last eight Liberty Bowl games ... C-USA teams have an all-time record of 9-5 in the game ... Last year's attendance of 58,355 for the Louisville-Boise State matchup marked the seventh consecutive year that attendance topped the 50,000 mark ... The 2004 matchup between No. 7 Louisville and No. 10 Boise State was the only bowl game other than the National Championship game in the Orange Bowl that matched a pair of Top 10 teams against each other ... This year marks



the Liberty Bowl's second year of a five-year agreement with Memphis-based auto parts retailer AutoZone as a title sponsor ... Jim Rout, former Mayor of Shelby County and current President of Jack Morris Auto Glass, has been elected the President of the 2005 AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... This year marks the 47th anniversary of the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, making it college football's seventh-oldest bowl game ... Over the years the Liberty Bowl has seen legendary coaches such as Paul "Bear" Bryant, Lou Holtz, Johnny Majors and Joe Paterno, while outstanding players such as Ernie Davis, Doug Flutie, Bo Jackson, Archie Manning and Randy White have participated.

Quick Facts
Location: Memphis, Tennessee
Date: December 31
Time: Noon CST
Stadium: Liberty Bowl Memorial
Capacity: 62,380
Network: ESPN
Opponent: To be Determined
Executive Director: Steve Ehrhart
President: Jim Rout
Associate Executive Director: Harold Graeter
Director of Business Operations: Jamie Meeks
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Web site: www.libertybowl.org

GMAC Bowl

Some of the brightest offensive stars have displayed their talents in the first six years of the GMAC Bowl ... Incredibly productive quarterbacks like Dave Ragone (Louisville), Stefan LeFors (Louisville) and David Garrard (East Carolina) have squared off against the likes of Ben Roethlisberger (Miami-Ohio) and Byron Leftwich (Marshall) in the game ... Running backs like TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson and DeAngelo Williams of Memphis have raced down the field at Ladd-Peebles Stadium ... Last year, Bowling Green and Memphis engaged in a shootout, with the Falcons downing the Tigers, 52-35 ... East Carolina and Marshall battled in the highest-scoring bowl game in NCAA history in the third annual GMAC Bowl in 2001 ... No. 25 Marshall rallied from a 38-8 halftime deficit to post a 64-61 win in double overtime. The teams combined for 1,141 total yards ... The 2000 game was decided with eight seconds remaining as Jeff Kelly threw a 28-yard TD pass to Kenneth Johnson to give Southern Miss a 28-21 win over TCU ... In the inaugural game in 1999, Tomlinson ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns to lead TCU to a 28-14 win over East Carolina.

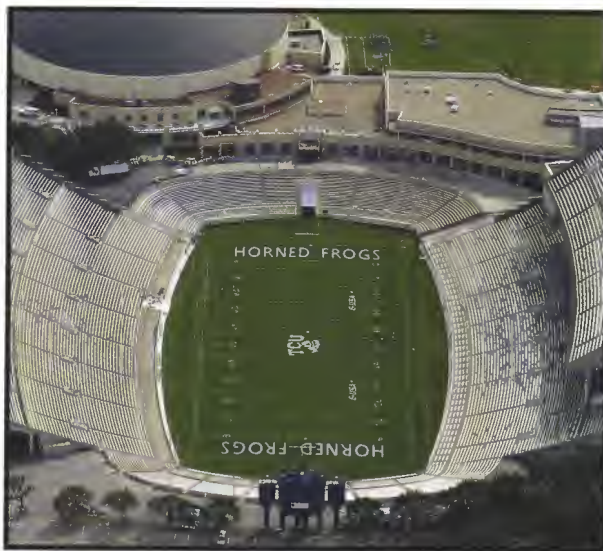


Quick Facts
Location: Mobile, Alabama
Date: December 21
Time: 7 p.m. CST
Stadium: Ladd-Peebles Stadium
Capacity: 42,000
Network: ESPN
Opponent: Mid-American Conference Selection Or Western Athletic Conference Selection
President: Jerry Silverstein
Executive Director: Frank Modarelli
Media Relations Director: Kelley Wright
Web site: www.gmacbowl.com

C-USA Bowl Partners

Fort Worth Bowl

Conference USA is in a multiple-year agreement to provide a team for the annual Fort Worth Bowl ... Last season's game featured a matchup of current and future C-USA members as Cincinnati completed a successful first season under Mark Dantonio with a 32-14 win over Marshall in what proved to be the final game for Thundering Herd head coach Bob Pruett, who retired several weeks after the game ... The inaugural game in 2003 featured a battle of Top 20 teams when No. 19 TCU battled No. 16 Boise State ... The Broncos won the game, 34-31, in one of the highest scoring games of the 2003-2004 bowl season ... This year's game is again scheduled for December 23 and will feature a C-USA team against an opponent from the Big 12 Conference.



Quick Facts

Location: Fort Worth, Texas
Date: December 23
Time: 7 p.m. CST
Stadium: Amon G. Carter Stadium
Capacity: 44,008
Network: ESPN
Opponent: Big 12 Conference Selection
Executive Director: Tom Starr
Sales and Marketing: Brant Ringler
Ticket Operations: Trisha Branch
Media Relations Director: Tim Simmons
Web site: www.fwbowl.com

Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl

In its first three years, the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl has gained a reputation for offensive shootouts ... Each of the last two years it has been the highest scoring bowl game ... Last year, UAB made its first bowl appearance in school history when the Blazers battled home-standing Hawai'i, falling 59-40 ... In 2003, Houston scored on an 81-yard TD reception in the final minute of regulation to send the game to overtime ... Hawai'i eventually prevailed, 54-48, in triple overtime ... In 2002, Tulane represented Conference USA in the inaugural Hawai'i Bowl, upsetting the Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors on their home field, 36-28 ... J.P. Losman ran for a pair of second half touchdowns, but it was the punt return skills of DB Lynaris Elpheage, who had a 60-yard return for a touchdown and a 56-yard return to set up another score that sparked the Green Wave offense.



Quick Facts

Location: Honolulu, Hawai'i
Date: December 24
Time: 3:30 p.m. HST (8:30 p.m. EST)
Stadium: Aloha Stadium
Capacity: 50,000
Network: ESPN
Opponent: Western Athletic Conference Selection
Executive Director: Jim Donovan
Web site: www.sheratonhawaiibowl.com

C-USA Bowl Partners

New Orleans Bowl

For the fifth year in a row, the New Orleans Bowl will kick off the 2005-06 bowl season with a December 20th date for this year's game in Lafayette, La., at Cajun Field ... The change of venue was prompted by hurricane damages to the Louisiana Superdome ... Conference USA participated in the New Orleans Bowl for the third straight year last December ... Southern Miss won the 2004 game, 31-10, over Sun Belt Conference Champion North Texas ... In 2003, Memphis, armed with over 10,000 of its fans, made its first bowl appearance since 1971 ... The Tigers defeated North Texas, 27-17, to cap off their first nine-win season since 1963 ... In 2002, C-USA co-champion Cincinnati battled North Texas, dropping a 24-19 decision to the Mean Green.



Michael Boley closed out his outstanding career at Southern Miss by leading the Golden Eagles to a victory in last year's New Orleans Bowl, earning MVP honors.

Quick Facts	
Location:	New Orleans, La.; Lafayette, La.
Date:	December 20
Time:	7 p.m. CST
Stadiums:	Louisiana Superdome; Cajun Field
Capacity:	69,767/31,000
Network:	ESPN
Opponent:	Sun Belt Conference Champion
President/CEO:	Jay Cicero
Media Relations Director:	Sam Joffray
Operations Director:	Alison Comeaux
Web site:	www.neworleansbowl.org

Bowl Championship Series

History of the BCS

The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) was created in 1998 as a mechanism for providing college football with a guaranteed match up between college football's top two teams in a true national championship game.

Future of the BCS

Beginning in 2006, 10 teams will be placed in the BCS, two of which will play in the Championship Game and the other eight will participate in the four BCS Bowl Games (Fiesta, Orange, Rose and Sugar), separate from the Championship game. The hosting site will rotate among the four Bowls and the Championship Game will be played approximately one week after the BCS Bowl Games are played.

Beginning this year, competitive and performance data will be collected to test the quality of each Division I-A conference for the purpose of automatic qualification. A four-year analysis will be performed to determine which conferences receive BCS qualification beginning with the games following the 2007 season. It is agreed that five conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac 10 and SEC) will retain automatic qualification through its contracted anchor relationships.

C-USA and the BCS

Currently, the champion of Conference USA will be guaranteed a slot in one of the four BCS games should that team be ranked sixth or higher in the final BCS standings and no more than two teams from conferences without an automatic bid meet this criteria. Should more than two teams from this group be ranked in the top six of the standings, the BCS bowl selecting will have its choice of any two from that group. Beginning with the 2006 season, the Conference USA champion (along with the champions of the Mid-American Conference, the Mountain West Conference, the Sun Belt Conference, and the Western Athletic Conference) will have an automatic berth in one of the five bowls if, and only if:

- It is a conference champion; and either:
- It is ranked in the top 12 of the BCS Standings on Bowl Selection Sunday;
- It is ranked in the top 16 of the BCS Standings on Bowl Selection Sunday, and its ranking in the BCS standings is better than that of a champion of a conference that has an annual automatic berth in one of the BCS Bowl Games.



BCS Bowl Schedule	
January 2, 2006	Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, 5 p.m.
January 2, 2006	Nokia Sugar Bowl, 8:30 p.m.
January 3, 2006	FedEx Orange Bowl, 8 p.m.
January 4, 2006	National Championship Rose Bowl, 8 p.m.

University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida, one of the fastest growing metropolitan research universities in the country, is located in Orlando, a dynamic metropolitan region. With a total enrollment of 44,000, UCF is one of the largest universities in the United States.

Through its motto, "Reach for the Stars," UCF encourages students, faculty, staff and alumni to go beyond the ordinary. The accomplishments of this young institution, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2003, are having a significant impact on the communities it serves. International attention is being paid to UCF's world-class programs in areas such as photonics, education, digital media, engineering, computer science, hospitality management, simulation and sports management.

PRIDE IN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2003, two of UCF's many promising students attained national prominence. Tyler Fisher, an English and Spanish double major as well as a student in the Burnett Honors College, became UCF's first Rhodes Scholar. Ericka Dunlap, an advertising and public relations major and the first African-American to be named Miss Florida, was crowned Miss America. From NFL star Daunte Culpepper to NASA space shuttle director Bill Parsons, the list of prominent alumni gets longer with each graduation ceremony.

DEGREES OF DISTINCTION

With more than 1,600 faculty, the university offers 86 bachelor's degrees, 68 masters degrees, three specialist degrees and 24 Ph.D. degrees as well as more than 65 graduate certificate programs. More than 143,000 degrees have been awarded and five separate ceremonies must be held each May to accommodate the large number of graduates.

Providing access to a high-quality education and offering a learning environment that attracts highly qualified students are dual priorities at UCF.

Applications for fall enrollment total nearly 20,000 and out-of-state enrollment is rapidly rising. Freshman SAT scores are approaching 1,200 and the average high school GPA is now 3.9. The retention rate for the freshman class exceeds 80 percent.

Students enrolled in the Burnett Honors College have an average high school GPA of 4.24 on a weighted scale. Additionally, the university attracts more than 30 National Merit Scholars annually.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

In addition to offering classes on the 1,415-acre main campus in Orlando, UCF's regional campuses serve students throughout an 11-county area in central Florida.

UCF's eight colleges include Arts and Sciences, Burnett Honors, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Computer Science, Health and Public Affairs, Optics and Photonics, and the Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

The university's internationally renowned schools, institutes and research centers include the Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers (CREOL); the Institute for Simulation and Training (IST); the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC); the National Center for Forensic Science (NCFS); the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning and Leadership and the new \$10 million Florida Photonics Center of Excellence (FPCE).

ECONOMIC CATALYST

With its theme parks, golf courses and entertainment options, central Florida is known throughout the world as a leading vacation destination.

The new Rosen College of Hospitality Management reflects UCF's



UCF is a dynamic research university located in Orlando, one of the fastest-growing metropolitan regions in the United States.

commitment to training the next generation of leaders for this important industry segment. Housed in a 159,000-square-foot facility — complete with 22 classrooms, working kitchens, computer laboratory, dining room, beverage (beer and wine) laboratory and a 400-seat performance theater and auditorium — the college is located on a 20-acre site in the heart of the region's tourist corridor.

Attracting, and growing, high-tech businesses are also high priorities for UCF. The university's Technology Incubator, recently named one of the top 10 such facilities in the U.S., serves more than 50 technology-based enterprises, which in turn have created approximately 400 jobs with an average annual salary of \$68,000.

Florida's High Tech Corridor, an initiative of UCF, the University of South Florida and Cigent (Agere Systems), stretches from Tampa/St. Petersburg to the Space Coast and is home to more than 158,000 employees working at nearly 6,800 companies.

The Central Florida Research Park adjacent to the university is ranked as one of the top 10 research parks in the nation. Its annual payroll is approximately \$520 million, and it is home to more than 90 companies and 9,000 employees.

FOCUSED RESEARCH

At UCF, research is all about focus and current impact. The university is quickly approaching the \$100 million level in research grants and awards from federal, state and private sources — efforts led by the College of Education and the College of Optics and Photonics. In a recent technology review conducted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, UCF ranked first among all universities in the Southeast in terms of the current impact of its research programs.

Chlorogen, Inc., is just one of the many examples of companies moving research done at UCF out of the laboratory and into the marketplace. Founded on innovations in biotechnology at the university, Chlorogen has attracted significant venture capital funding for work related to the growth of therapeutic drugs in common and prolific plants such as tobacco.



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University of Central Florida

Known around the nation as one of the most innovative defensive coaches in football, George O'Leary is in his second season as head coach at UCF.

O'Leary has reshaped the UCF football program in every facet — from improved academic results to overall team discipline on and off the football field. Despite the on-field struggles of 2004, O'Leary's success this season has laid the ground work for future success.

Prior to UCF, O'Leary served as head coach at Georgia Tech from 1994-2001, serving as interim head coach for the final three games of the 1994 season.

The 2000 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year at Georgia Tech, O'Leary was twice named Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year for the Yellow Jackets in 1998 and 2000.

During his seven-year stint at Georgia Tech, O'Leary guided the Yellow Jackets to a 52-33 (.612) record including five bowl appearances. From 1995-2001, Georgia Tech recorded five winning seasons in six years, including the 1998 ACC co-championship and an appearance in the Toyota Gator Bowl on New Year's Day.

O'Leary's Georgia Tech teams won at least seven games four times during his tenure, including a 10-win season in 1998 and a nine-win campaign in 2000.

Prior to coming to UCF, O'Leary served on the coaching staff of the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL for two seasons. Prior to his departure for UCF, O'Leary served as the defensive coordinator for the Vikings in 2003.

Prior to his stint with the Vikings, O'Leary left Georgia Tech and became the head coach at Notre Dame in December 2001.

O'Leary started his coaching career at the high school level. From 1968-76, he coached at Central Islip (N.Y.) High School (1975-76 as head coach) before taking over as the head coach at Liverpool High School (N.Y.). He posted a 37-8-1 record in five seasons, including a perfect 10-0 season in 1979.



Head coach George O'Leary has led UCF to one of the greatest turn-arounds in college football history.

George Joseph O'Leary was born in Central Islip, N.Y., and attended Central Islip High School. He attended the University of New Hampshire and earned his degree in physical education. George and his wife, Sharon, have two daughters, Chris and Trish, and two sons, Tim and Marty.

UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS 8-3 (7-1 C-USA, East Division Champions)

PASSING LEADER	ATT.-COMP.-INT.	PCT.	YDS.	TD	KICKING LEADER	FGM-ATT.	XPM-ATT.	LONG			
Steven Moffett	312-191-6	61.2	2,434	18	Matt Prater	12-20	23-25	49			
RUSHING LEADERS	ATT.	YDS	AVG.	TD	PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG		
Kevin Smith	205	868	4.2	5	Aaron Horne	45	1,920	42.7	62		
Jason Peters	90	526	5.8	5							
RECEIVING LEADERS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	Conference			Overall			
Mike Walker	64	855	13.4	9	EAST DIVISION	W-L	H	A	W-L	H	A
Brandon Marshall	56	876	15.6	8	UCF	7-1	4-0	3-1	8-3	4-0	4-3
					MEMPHIS	5-3	3-1	2-2	6-5	4-2	2-3
					SOUTHERN MISS	4-3	1-2	3-1	6-5	3-2	3-3
					EAST CAROLINA	4-4	2-2	2-2	5-6	3-2	2-4
					MARSHALL	3-5	2-2	1-3	4-7	3-3	1-4
					UAB	3-5	1-3	2-2	5-6	2-3	3-3
DEFENSIVE LEADERS	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT.							
Jason Venson	70	2.5	0.5	2							
Joe Burnett	50	2.0	0	5							

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Mike Walker



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Brandon Marshall



Wide Receiver

Darcy Johnson



Tight End

Kevin Smith



Tailback

Jason Peters



Fullback

Offense

Josh Sitton



Right Tackle

L.J. Anderson



Right Guard

Cedric Gagne-Marcoux



Center

Kyle Smith



Left Guard

Patrick Brown



Left Tackle

Johnell Neal



Left Cornerback

Paul Carrington



Left End

Frisner Nelson



Defensive Tackle

Keith Shologan



Defensive Tackle

Chris Welsh



Right End

Joe Burnett



Right Cornerback

Defense

Sha'reff Rashad



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James Cook



Sam Linebacker

Ronnell Sandy



Mike Linebacker

Jordan Richards



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December 23, 2005
8:00 p.m. EST ESPN
C-USA vs. Big 12
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December 24, 2005
8:30 p.m. EST ESPN
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Location, Location, Location: Orlando is situated approximately 150 miles from the Florida/Georgia border to the north, 50 miles from the Atlantic Coast and Kennedy Space Center to the east, 75 miles from Tampa and the Gulf Coast to the west and 370 miles from the Florida Keys at the southern tip of the state. UCF's main campus is located 13 miles east of the city of Orlando.

Fun in the Sun: One of the area's biggest attractions is its year-round mild weather. Central Florida's subtropical climate has long been a strong drawing card for tourists and residents alike. At the heart of the "Sunshine State," the area's average annual temperature is a comfortable 72.4 degrees. Average annual rainfall amounts to more than 50 inches, keeping Central Florida lush and green throughout the year.

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(Courtesy of UCF Sports Information)

The Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium



The Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium, the grandfather of the Centroplex facilities, has quite a history. It

was originally constructed in 1936, with seating for 8,900 people. The first annual bowl game was held in 1947, for the benefit of the Elks and was called the Tangerine Bowl Game.

In 1967, the Stadium was expanded to 18,000 seats. In 1974, additional seating was added to bring the capacity to 48,000 seats. In January 1989, the transformation of the Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium into a facility of the '90s began, at the cost of \$38 million, and the seating capacity was increased to 70,000. The stadium includes 38 luxury sky boxes and complete press box facilities. Several improvements were made, including an additional elevator for the disabled; additional seating for the disabled, electrical and phone upgrades, and a state-of-the-art playing field.

Most recently, new escalator systems were installed for easy accessi-

bility to seating. The Florida Citrus Bowl is the home of the annual New Year's Day football classic, The Capital One Bowl and the home field for the University of Central Florida football team. It was also the site of five 1994 World Cup Soccer games and the 1996 Olympic Soccer first and second rounds. The Stadium has been host to "Rock Super-

bowls" featuring such performers as The Rolling Stones, The Who, Genesis, Pink Floyd, Paul McCartney, Guns 'n' Roses, Billy Joel/Elton John and the Eagles.

(Courtesy of UCF Sports Information)



The University of Tulsa

What began as a small boarding school in Muskogee, Indian Territory, has grown to a mid-sized, four-year private liberal arts university located in northeastern Oklahoma.

The University of Tulsa's history began in 1882 in the Presbyterian School for Indian Girls. In 1894, the Presbyterian Church elevated the school's status and chartered it as Henry Kendall College. Successfully courted by Tulsa's businessmen who wanted an institution of higher learning for their burgeoning oil boom city, Kendall College moved to Tulsa in 1907, the year of Oklahoma's statehood. The college became The University of Tulsa in 1921.

Today, The University of Tulsa is divided into a graduate school and four colleges: The Henry Kendall College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, and the College of Law. The University maintains its affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through a covenant expressing the shared ideals of intellectual, moral, and spiritual growth; academic freedom; and community service.

TU's 11-to-1 student-faculty ratio, average class size of 19, and emphasis on individual attention support an educational culture where students are rigorously challenged in highly personalized study. The university's remarkable Tulsa Undergraduate Research Challenge (TURC) has been the proving ground for TU's stellar student-scholars. Founded in 1993, TURC allows undergraduates to take advanced courses and engage in a level of research usually reserved

for graduate students at other universities.

Over the last decade (1995–2005), TU students have received 90 prestigious awards — 36 Goldwater scholarships, 22 National Science Foundation fellowships, eight Truman scholarships, six Department of Defense fellowships, four Fulbrights, four British Marshall awards, five Morris K. Udall scholarships, and five Phi Kappa Phi fellows — a remarkable success for a school TU's size.

TU faculty are noted for their superior teaching and research, and the humanities-based undergraduate curriculum and advanced technological programs are well known throughout academe. (The University of Tulsa is one of six pioneer institutions selected by the National Science Foundation for the Federal Cyber Service Initiative, popularly known as "Cyber Corps.") TU's petroleum engineering program enjoys international renown, as do McFarlin Library's Special Collections in American and Anglo-Irish literature and Native American history and law.

The University of Tulsa was named among the top 100 national doctoral universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2005 edition of its annual "America's Best Colleges" issue. (Tulsa was the only Oklahoma university named in the top 100.)

TU's campus lies two miles east of downtown Tulsa, an attractive, vigorous, southwestern city in a metropolitan area of more than a half million people, set among the hills and lakes of northeastern Oklahoma's "Green Country."



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The University of Tulsa

In his third year as the head football coach at The University of Tulsa, Steve Kragthorpe has Golden Hurricane football headed full steam ahead in a positive direction.

In three years, Kragthorpe has instilled a successful attitude into a program that hadn't had a winning season since 1991. His first career victory against a nationally ranked opponent came when the Hurricane defeated #24 UTEP in the 2004 season finale.

Since his first game as head coach in 2003, Tulsa has scored 30 or more points in 11 of 17 home games, and in those games the Hurricane has averaged 35.6 points.

In 2003, Kragthorpe entered his first season at Tulsa with the task of turning around a football program that had just two victories over the previous two seasons. For year one in the Kragthorpe era, it was mission accomplished.

Kragthorpe led his first Tulsa team to an 8-5 overall record and the school's first bowl game in 12 years. The Golden Hurricane finished in a tie for second in the Western Athletic Conference with a 6-2 record and played in the Humanitarian Bowl.

Kragthorpe's experience around football goes much deeper than the 15 years he has been a coach. His father, Dave, has coached since Steve was a youngster, serving assistant coaching stints at Montana, South Dakota State and BYU. Following 10 years at BYU, the elder Kragthorpe was the head coach at Idaho State for three years (1980-82).

Before coming to Tulsa, Kragthorpe spent the previous two seasons (2001-02) as quarterback coach with the NFL's Buffalo Bills. In 2001 he tutored Rob Johnson and in the 2002 season he coached All-Pro Drew Bledsoe. Kragthorpe also coached Alex Van Pelt in his two years with the Bills.

As a collegiate player, Kragthorpe played quarterback for two seasons at Eastern New Mexico (1983-84) before transferring to West Texas State. He started 11 games as a senior and completed 179-of-



Tulsa head coach Steve Kragthorpe has his Golden Hurricane football team in the inaugural C-USA Championship game in the school's first season in the conference.

344 passes for 1,980 yards and nine TDs.

Kragthorpe earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas State in 1988. He also received his master's degree in business administration, while serving as a graduate assistant coach at Oregon State in 1988 and '89.

Kragthorpe, 40, and his wife, Cynthia, have three sons: Chris, Brad and Nik. His older brother, Kurt, is a sports columnist for the *Salt Lake City Tribune*.

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE											
7-4 (6-2 C-USA, West Division Champions)											
PASSING LEADER	ATT.-COMP.-INT.	PCT.	YDS.	TD	KICKING LEADER	FGM-ATT.	XPM-ATT.	LONG			
Paul Smith	317-196-6	61.8	2,408	17	Brad DeVault	14-17	40-42	52			
RUSHING LEADERS	ATT.	YDS	AVG.	TD	PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG		
Uril Parrish	147	624	4.2	7	Chris Kindred	52	1,960	37.7	67		
Tarrion Adams	66	388	5.9	5							
RECEIVING LEADERS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	WEST DIVISION	Conference			Overall		
Garrett Mills	75	1,031	13.7	8	TULSA	W-L	H	A	W-L	H	A
Ashlan Davis	25	313	12.5	4	UTEP	6-2	3-1	3-1	7-4	3-2	4-2
DEFENSIVE LEADERS	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT.	HOUSTON	5-3	3-1	2-2	8-3	4-1	4-2
Nelson Coleman	96	5.5	3.0	0	SMU	4-3	2-1	2-2	6-5	3-3	3-2
Bobby Blackshire	90	1.0	0	2	TULANE	3-4	2-2	1-2	5-6	3-3	2-3
					RICE	1-6	0-4	1-2	2-9	1-5	1-4
						1-7	1-3	0-4	1-10	1-4	0-6



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Offense

<p>Jeff Perrett</p>  <p>Right Tackle</p>	<p>Jesse Stoneham</p>  <p>Right Guard</p>	<p>Aaron Danenhauer</p>  <p>Center</p>	<p>Jon Hameister-Ries</p>  <p>Left Guard</p>	<p>Mike Mengers</p>  <p>Left Tackle</p>
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<p>Julian McGowan</p>  <p>Cornerback</p>	<p>Bobby Blackshire</p>  <p>Bandit</p>	<p>Robert Latu</p>  <p>Defensive End</p>	<p>Terrel Nemons</p>  <p>Nose Guard</p>	<p>Brandon Lohr</p>  <p>Defensive End</p>	<p>Nick Graham</p>  <p>Cornerback</p>
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Defense

<p>Bobby Klinck</p>  <p>Free Safety</p>	<p>Nick Bunting</p>  <p>Outside Linebacker</p>	<p>Nelson Coleman</p>  <p>Middle Linebacker</p>	<p>Chris Chamberlain</p>  <p>Outside Linebacker</p>	<p>Anthony Germany</p>  <p>Spur</p>
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Special Teams

<p>Brad DeVault</p>  <p>Place-kicker</p>	<p>Chris Kindred</p>  <p>Punter</p>	<p>Drew Lagow</p>  <p>Long Snapper</p>	<p>Landon Keopple</p>  <p>Holder</p>
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Darrell Hackney led UAB to its first-ever bowl appearance in last year's Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl.

EAST CAROLINA (7-5-0)

- 2001 GMAC BOWL
Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 (2ot)
- 2000 galleryfurniture.com BOWL
East Carolina 40, Texas Tech 27
- 1999 MOBILE ALABAMA BOWL
TCU 28, East Carolina 14
- 1995 LIBERTY BOWL
East Carolina 19, Stanford 13
- 1994 LIBERTY BOWL
Illinois 30, East Carolina 0
- 1992 PEACH BOWL
East Carolina 37, NC State 34
- 1978 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
East Carolina 35, Louisiana Tech 13
- 1965 TANGERINE BOWL
East Carolina 31, Maine 0
- 1964 TANGERINE BOWL
East Carolina 14, Massachusetts 13
- 1963 EASTERN BOWL
East Carolina 27, Northeastern 6
- 1954 ELKS BOWL
Morris-Harvey 12, East Carolina 0
- 1952 LIONS BOWL
Clarion College 13, East Carolina 6

HOUSTON (7-7-1)

- 2003 HAWAI'I BOWL
Hawai'i 54, Houston 48 (3ot)
- 1996 LIBERTY BOWL
Syracuse 30, Houston 17
- 1988 ALOHA BOWL
Washington State 24, Houston 22
- 1985 COTTON BOWL
Boston College 45, Houston 28
- 1981 SUN BOWL
Oklahoma 40, Houston 14
- 1980 GARDEN STATE BOWL
Houston 35, Navy 0
- 1980 COTTON BOWL
Houston 17, Nebraska 14
- 1979 COTTON BOWL
Notre Dame 35, Houston 34
- 1977 COTTON BOWL
Houston 30, Maryland 21
- 1974 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Houston 31, NC State 31
- 1973 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Houston 47, Tulane 7
- 1971 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Colorado 29, Houston 17
- 1969 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Houston 36, Auburn 7
- 1962 TANGERINE BOWL
Houston 49, Miami (Ohio) 21
- 1952 SALAD BOWL
Houston 26, Dayton 21

MARSHALL (5-2-0)

- 2004 FORT WORTH BOWL
Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14
- 2002 GMAC BOWL
Marshall 38, Louisville 15
- 2001 GMAC BOWL
Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 (2ot)
- 2000 MOTOR CITY BOWL
Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
- 1999 MOTOR CITY BOWL
Marshall 21, BYU 3
- 1998 MOTOR CITY BOWL
Marshall 48, Louisville 29
- 1997 MOTOR CITY BOWL
Mississippi 34, Marshall 31

MEMPHIS (3-1-0)

- 2004 GMAC BOWL
Bowling Green 52, Memphis 35
- 2003 NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Memphis 27, North Texas 17
- 1971 PASADENA BOWL
Memphis 28, San Jose State 9
- 1956 BURLEY BOWL
Memphis 32, East Tennessee State 12

RICE (4-3-0)

- 1961 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Kansas 33, Rice 7
- 1961 SUGAR BOWL
Mississippi 14, Rice 6
- 1958 COTTON BOWL
Navy 20, Rice 7
- 1954 COTTON BOWL
Rice 28, Alabama 6
- 1950 COTTON BOWL
Rice 27, North Carolina 13
- 1947 ORANGE BOWL
Rice 8, Tennessee 0
- 1938 COTTON BOWL
Rice 28, Colorado 14

SMU (4-5-1)

- 1984 ALOHA BOWL
SMU 27, Notre Dame 20
- 1983 SUN BOWL
Alabama 28, SMU 7
- 1983 COTTON BOWL
SMU 7, Pittsburgh 3
- 1980 HOLIDAY BOWL
BYU 46, SMU 45
- 1968 BLUEBONNET BOWL
SMU 28, Oklahoma 27
- 1966 COTTON BOWL
Georgia 24, SMU 9
- 1963 SUN BOWL
Oregon 21, SMU 14
- 1949 COTTON BOWL
SMU 21, Oregon 13
- 1948 COTTON BOWL
SMU 13, Penn State 13
- 1936 ROSE BOWL
Stanford 7, SMU 0



Postseason History

SOUTHERN MISS (6-9-0)

- 2004 NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10
- 2003 AXA LIBERTY BOWL
Utah 17, Southern Miss 0
- 2002 HOUSTON BOWL
Oklahoma State 33, Southern Miss 23
- 2000 GMAC MOBILE ALABAMA BOWL
Southern Miss 28, TCU 21
- 1999 AXA LIBERTY BOWL
Southern Miss 23, Colorado State 17
- 1998 HUMANITARIAN BOWL
Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35
- 1997 AXA LIBERTY BOWL
Southern Miss 41, Pittsburgh 7
- 1990 ALL-AMERICAN BOWL
NC State 31, Southern Miss 27
- 1988 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
Southern Miss 38, Texas-El Paso 18
- 1981 TANGERINE BOWL
Missouri 19, Southern Miss 17
- 1980 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
Southern Miss 16, McNeese State 14
- 1958 TANGERINE BOWL
East Texas State 10, Southern Miss 9
- 1957 TANGERINE BOWL
West Texas State 20, Southern Miss 13
- 1954 SUN BOWL
Pacific 26, Southern Miss 7
- 1953 SUN BOWL
Texas-El Paso 37, Southern Miss 14

TULANE (4-6-0)

- 2002 HAWAII BOWL
Tulane 36, Hawai'i 28
- 1998 LIBERTY BOWL
Tulane 41, Brigham Young 27
- 1987 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
Washington 24, Tulane 12
- 1980 HALL OF FAME BOWL
Arkansas 34, Tulane 15
- 1979 LIBERTY BOWL
Penn State 9, Tulane 6
- 1973 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Houston 47, Tulane 7
- 1970 LIBERTY BOWL
Tulane 17, Colorado 3

- 1940 SUGAR BOWL
Texas A&M 14, Tulane 13
- 1935 SUGAR BOWL
Tulane 20, Temple 14
- 1932 ROSE BOWL
Southern California 21, Tulane 12

TULSA (4-8-0)

- 2003 HUMANITARIAN BOWL
Georgia Tech 52, Tulsa 10
- 1991 FREEDOM BOWL
Tulsa 28, San Diego State 17
- 1989 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
Oregon 27, Tulsa 24
- 1976 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
McNeese State 20, Tulsa 16
- 1965 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Tennessee 27, Tulsa 6
- 1964 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Tulsa 14, Mississippi 7
- 1953 GATOR BOWL
Florida 14, Tulsa 13
- 1946 OIL BOWL
Georgia 20, Tulsa 6
- 1945 ORANGE BOWL
Tulsa 26, Georgia Tech 12
- 1944 SUGAR BOWL
Georgia Tech 20, Tulsa 18
- 1943 SUGAR BOWL
Tennessee 14, Tulsa 7
- 1942 SUN BOWL
Tulsa 6, Texas Tech 0



Garrett Mills has been a big factor in Tulsa becoming bowl-eligible for the second time in three seasons.



Danny Wimprine and DeAngelo Williams led Memphis to the 2004 GMAC Bowl, marking the first time in school history that the Tigers have played in back-to-back bowl games.

UAB (0-1-0)

- 2004 HAWAII BOWL
Hawai'i 59, UAB 40

UCF (0-0-0)

No postseason appearances.

UTEP (5-6-0)

- 2004 EVI.NET HOUSTON BOWL
Colorado 33, UTEP 28
- 2000 HUMANITARIAN BOWL
Boise State 38, UTEP 23
- 1988 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
Southern Miss 38, UTEP 18
- 1967 SUN BOWL
Mississippi 14, UTEP 7
- 1965 SUN BOWL
UTEP 13, TCU 12
- 1957 SUN BOWL
George Washington 13, UTEP 0
- 1955 SUN BOWL
UTEP 47, Florida State 20
- 1954 SUN BOWL
UTEP 37, Southern Miss 14
- 1950 SUN BOWL
UTEP 33, Georgetown 20
- 1949 SUN BOWL
West Virginia 21, UTEP 12
- 1937 SUN BOWL
Hardin-Simmons 34, UTEP 6



East Carolina/Houston

East Carolina University

Location: Greenville, N.C.
 Founded: 1907
 Enrollment: 22,766
 Nickname: Pirates
 Colors: Purple and Gold
 Stadium: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (43,000)
 Field Surface: Natural Grass
 Chancellor: Dr. Steve Ballard
 Athletics Director: Terry Holland
 Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. David Dosser
 Senior Woman Administrator: Rosie Thompson
 Head Coach: Skip Holtz

Pirate Great

Jeff Blake

During the 1991 season, quarterback Jeff Blake led the Pirates to a 37-34 Peach Bowl victory over North Carolina State and to a No. 9 national ranking. East Carolina posted an 11-1 record behind its senior signal caller, who passed for 3,085 yards and 28 touchdowns that season. Blake threw for 375 yards in the come-from-behind bowl victory that capped an 11-game win streak and helped him earn second-team All-America honors. Drafted by the New York Jets in 1992, Blake has enjoyed a 13-year NFL career.



Athletics Director
Terry Holland



Head Coach
Skip Holtz



ECU's Aundrae Allison is one of the top wide receivers in the nation.

University of Houston

Location: Houston, Texas
 Founded: 1927
 Enrollment: 30,757
 Nickname: Cougars
 Colors: Scarlet and White
 Stadium: John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium (32,000)
 Field Surface: Natural Grass
 President: Dr. Jay Gogue
 Athletics Director: Dave Maggard
 Faculty Athletics Representative: Richard Scamell
 Senior Woman Administrator: Diane Hall
 Head Coach: Art Briles

Cougar Great

Andre Ware

The 1989 Heisman Trophy winner, Ware was a 2004 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame. Ware was named first-team All-American by four publications in 1989 after leading the Cougars to a 9-2 record and No. 14 national ranking. Ware threw for 4,699 yards and 46 touchdowns during his senior season, which at the time were UH single-season records. He had four games where he passed for more than 400 yards that season and also threw for a career-high seven touchdowns in a victory over Temple. The Detroit Lions made Ware their first-round pick in the 1990 NFL Draft with the No. 7 overall selection.



Athletics Director
Dave Maggard



Head Coach
Art Briles



Quarterback Kevin Kolb leads the high-scoring Cougar offense.



Marshall/Memphis

Marshall University

Location: Huntington, W.Va.
Founded: 1837
Enrollment: 16,326
Nickname: Thundering Herd
Colors: Green and White
Stadium: Joan C. Edwards Stadium (38,019)
Field Surface: Field Turf
President: Dr. Stephen J. Kopp
Athletics Director: Bob Marcum
Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. Robert Bookwalter
Senior Woman Administrator: Beatrice Crane Banford
Head Coach: Mark Snyder



Athletics Director
Bob Marcum



Thundering Herd running back Ahmad Bradshaw leads a strong ground attack.



Head Coach
Mark Snyder

Thundering Herd Great

Randy Moss
 Moss was the school's first-ever Heisman Trophy finalist, finishing fourth in the voting in 1997. A two-time All-American, he broke the NCAA record for touchdown receptions in a season with 25 in 1997 and closed his career with 55 TDs in just 28 games. He also led the Thundering Herd to its first bowl game in 50 years, playing in the Motor City Bowl. A first round draft pick of the Minnesota Vikings, Moss has earned six Pro Bowl invitations and caught passes for more than 9,000 yards and grabbed 90 touchdowns in his first seven NFL seasons.

University of Memphis

Location: Memphis, Tenn.
Founded: 1912
Enrollment: 20,668
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Blue and Gray
Stadium: Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (62,380)
Field Surface: Field Turf
President: Dr. Shirley Raines
Athletics Director: R.C. Johnson
Faculty Athletics Representative: Phillip Kolbe
Senior Woman Administrator: Lynn Parkes
Head Coach: Tommy West



Athletics Director
R.C. Johnson



Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams is in the running for the Heisman trophy.



Head Coach
Tommy West

Tiger Great

Isaac Bruce
 Bruce was the first Tiger to surpass the 1,000-yard receiving plateau in a single-season after hauling in 1,054 yards during the 1993 campaign. That yardage still stands a top the record books at Memphis along with his single-season school-record 74 receptions. A second-round pick by the Los Angeles Rams in the 1994 NFL Draft, Bruce has gone on to earn All-Pro honors and a Super Bowl ring with the St. Louis Rams.



Rice/SMU

Rice University

Location: Houston, Texas
Founded: 1891
Enrollment: 4,785
Nickname: Owls
Colors: Blue and Gray
Stadium: Rice Stadium (70,000)
Field Surface: Astro Turf 12
President: David W. Leebron
Athletics Director: Bobby May
Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. James Castaneda
Senior Woman Administrator: Chris Huston
Head Coach: Ken Hatfield



Athletics Director
Bobby May



Defensive end John Syptak spearheads the Owl defense.



Head Coach
Ken Hatfield

Owl Great

Tommy Kramer

Kramer was a 1984 inductee into the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame. A first-round draft pick by the Minnesota Vikings in 1977, Kramer holds the school records for career (6,197) and single-season (3,317) passing yardage. He finished his career with 37 touchdown passes, which sits second in the school annals. He started seven seasons in the NFL and is first or second on many Vikings passing charts.

Southern Methodist University

Location: Dallas, Texas
Founded: 1911
Enrollment: 10,038
Nicknames: Mustangs
Colors: Red and Blue
Stadium: Gerald J. Ford Stadium (32,000)
Field Surface: A-Turf
President: Dr. R. Gerald Turner
Athletics Director: Jim Copeland
Faculty Athletics Representative: C. Paul Rogers III
Senior Woman Administrator: Koni Overstreet
Head Coach: Phil Bennett



Athletics Director
Jim Copeland



Freshman DeMyron Martin has stepped up for the Mustang backfield.



Head Coach
Phil Bennett

Mustang Great

Doak Walker

Walker became the first junior to ever win the prestigious Heisman Trophy after rushing for 532 yards and eight touchdowns during the 1948 season. Walker ranks 12th on the SMU career list with just under 2,000 yards rushing. Today, collegiate running backs compete each season for the Doak Walker Award, which is given annually to the nation's best running back.



Southern Miss/Tulane

University of Southern Mississippi

Location: Hattiesburg, Miss.
 Founded: 1910
 Enrollment: 15,974
 Nickname: Golden Eagles
 Colors: Black and Gold
 Stadium: M.M. Roberts Stadium (33,000)
 Field Surface: Momentum Turf
 President: Dr. Shelby F. Thames
 Athletics Director: Richard Giannini
 Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. Dennis Phillips
 Senior Woman Administrator: Sonya Varnell
 Head Coach: Jeff Bower



Athletics Director
Richard Giannini



Quarterback Dustin Almond is the veteran leader of the Southern Miss offense.

Golden Eagle Great

Brett Favre

Originally recruited to play safety, Favre concluded his Southern Miss career as the school's all-time leader in passing yardage (7,695) and passing touchdowns (52). As a junior, he led the Golden Eagles to an improbable 30-26 upset of No. 6 Florida State. Favre has gone on to excellence with the NFL's Green Bay Packers, becoming the league's only three-time Most Valuable Player award winner. The former Golden Eagle signal caller directed the Packers to the 1997 Super Bowl title.



Head Coach
Jeff Bower

Tulane University

Location: New Orleans, La.
 Founded: 1834
 Enrollment: 13,214
 Nickname: Green Wave
 Colors: Olive Green and Sky Blue
 Stadium: Louisiana Superdome (64,900)
 Field Surface: Field Turf
 President: Dr. Scott Cowen
 Athletics Director: Rick Dickson
 Faculty Athletics Representative: Gary Roberts
 Senior Woman Administrator: Maria Ochoa
 Head Coach: Chris Scelfo



Athletics Director
Rick Dickson



Linebacker Anthony Cannon recorded more than 100 tackles in each of his four seasons.

Green Wave Great

Shaun King

The leader of Tulane's undefeated 1998 team, King owned nearly all of the Green Wave's passing records upon graduation and still ranks second in passing yardage and touchdowns. During the perfect 1998 season, he set an NCAA record for passing efficiency with a rating of 183.3. The two-time C-USA Offensive Player of the Year quarterbacked the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 1999 NFC Championship game during his rookie season in the NFL.



Head Coach
Chris Scelfo



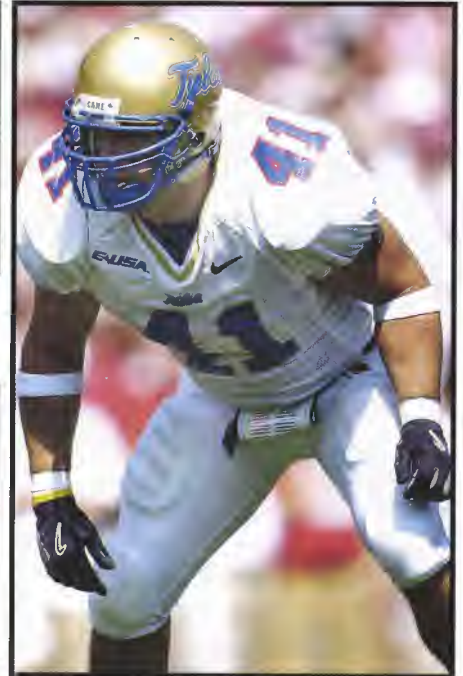
Tulsa/UAB

University of Tulsa

Location: Tulsa, Okla.
Founded: 1894
Enrollment: 4,100
Nickname: Golden Hurricane
Colors: Old Gold, Royal Blue and Crimson
Stadium: Skelly Stadium (35,542)
Field Surface: Field Turf
President: Dr. Steadman Upham
Athletics Director: Bubba Cunningham
Faculty Athletics Representative: Tom Holland
Senior Woman Administrator: Crista Troester
Head Coach: Steve Kragthorpe



Athletics Director
Bubba Cunningham



Linebacker Nick Bunting helps solidify a tough Tulsa defense.



Head Coach
Steve Kragthorpe

Golden Hurricane Great

Steve Largent

Largent earned All-America honors in 1975 after leading the nation in touchdown catches for the second straight season. A two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference selection, Largent averaged 17.5 yards per catch for his career and caught 51 passes for 1,000 yards his senior season. Largent went on to a brilliant NFL career, becoming the first Seattle Seahawk to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Location: Birmingham, Ala.
Founded: 1969
Enrollment: 16,693
Nickname: Blazers
Colors: Forest Green and Old Gold
Stadium: Legion Field (72,000)
Field Surface: Natural Grass
President: Dr. Carol Garrison
Athletics Director: Watson Brown
Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. Johnny Scott
Senior Woman Administrator: Rosalind Ervin
Head Coach: Watson Brown



Athletics Director
and Head Coach
Watson Brown



Quarterback Darrell Hackney directs the high-powered Blazer offense.

Blazer Great

Bryan Thomas

Thomas anchored the 2001 Blazer "Steel Shield" defense that led the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 57.3 yards per game. The New York Jets made Thomas the first Blazer ever taken in the opening round of the NFL Draft, selecting him with the 22nd-overall pick. He is the Blazers' all-time sack leader with 36 and tackles for loss with 56.



UCF/UTEP

University of Central Florida

Location: Orlando, Fla.
 Founded: 1963
 Enrollment: 44,000
 Nickname: Golden Knights
 Colors: Black and Gold
 Stadium: Florida Citrus Bowl (65,438)
 Field Surface: 419 Bermuda Grass
 President: Dr. John C. Hitt
 Athletics Director: Steve Orsini
 Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. William Callarman
 Senior Woman Administrator: Mary Kaufman
 Head Coach: George O'Leary



Athletics Director
Steve Orsini



Quarterback Steven Moffett has led the resurgence of Golden Knight football.

Golden Knight Great

Daunte Culpepper
 Culpepper shined in four seasons for the Golden Knights racking up career records for passing yardage (11,412), completions (889) and touchdowns (84). As a senior, he led UCF to a school-record nine wins as a Division I-A member. Culpepper set the NCAA record for completion percentage that season as he connected on 296 of his 402 attempts (73.6 percent). The Minnesota Vikings selected Culpepper in the first round of the 1999 NFL Draft and he has since started a pair of Pro Bowls.



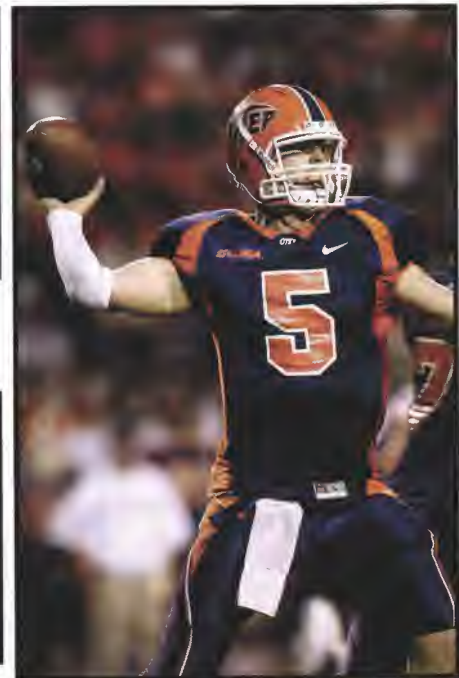
Head Coach
George O'Leary

University of Texas at El Paso

Location: El Paso, Texas
 Founded: 1914
 Enrollment: 18,542
 Nickname: Miners
 Colors: Dark Blue, Orange, Silver Accent
 Stadium: Sun Bowl (51,500)
 Field Surface: Artificial (Astro Play)
 President: Dr. Diana Natalicio
 Athletics Director: Bob Stull
 Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. Trisha Ainsa
 Senior Woman Administrator: Lisa Campos
 Head Coach: Mike Price



Athletics Director
Bob Stull



Jordan Palmer and the UTEP offense are among the best in the nation.

Miner Great

Don Maynard
 Known more for his running skills during his three seasons with UTEP when Maynard amassed 843 yards and nine rushing touchdowns. He went on to have a Hall of Fame career as a receiver in the NFL. The first-ever member of the New York Jets, Maynard played 12 seasons in Gotham City, establishing club records for touchdowns (88), receptions (627), receiving yards (11,732), single-season touchdowns (14) and single-game receiving yards (228).

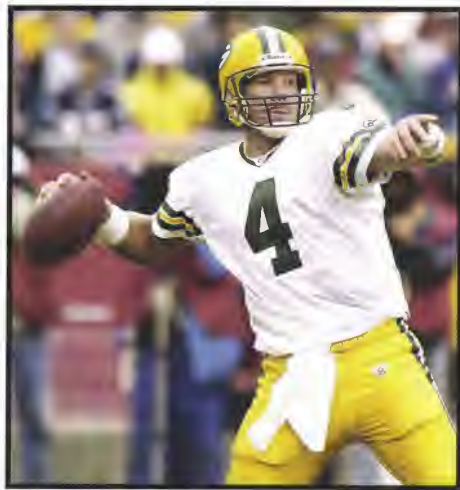


Head Coach
Mike Price



Players in the Pros

(Veteran players on NFL rosters as of September 14, 2005)



Brett Favre



Mike McKenzie



Daunte Culpepper

EAST CAROLINA

Jeff Blake	QB	Chicago Bears
Roderick Coleman	DT	Atlanta Falcons
Terrance Copper	WR	Dallas Cowboys
Damane Duckett	DL	New York Giants
David Garrard	QB	Jacksonville Jaguars
Vonta Leach	FB	Green Bay Packers
Brian Rimpf	OT	Baltimore Ravens

HOUSTON

Rex Hadnot	OG	Miami Dolphins
Phil Hawkins	OG	Baltimore Ravens
Hanik Milligan	FS	San Diego Chargers
Stanford Routt	DB	Oakland Raiders
Antowain Smith	RB	New Orleans Saints

MARSHALL

Troy Brown	WR	New England Patriots
Chris Crocker	FS	Cleveland Browns
Byron Leftwich	QB	Jacksonville Jaguars
Chris Massey	FB	St. Louis Rams
Randy Moss	WR	Oakland Raiders
Chad Pennington	QB	New York Jets
John Wade	C	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Darius Watts	WR	Denver Broncos

MEMPHIS

Idrees Bashir	FS	Carolina Panthers
Marcus Bell	DT	Detroit Lions
Dante Brown	RB	Seattle Seahawks
Isaac Bruce	WR	St. Louis Rams
Robert Douglas	RB	Tennessee Titans
Artis Hicks	OT	Philadelphia Eagles
Reggie Howard	DB	Miami Dolphins
Ken Irvin	CB	Minnesota Vikings
Mike McKenzie	DB	New Orleans Saints
Wade Smith	OT	Miami Dolphins
Eric Taylor	DT	Pittsburgh Steelers
Tony Williams	DT	Jacksonville Jaguars
Jerome Woods	DB	Kansas City Chiefs

RICE

Michael Calahan	DT	St. Louis Rams
Patrick Dendy	DB	Green Bay Packers
Larry Izzo	LB	New England Patriots
N.D. Kalu	DE	Philadelphia Eagles
Terrence Melton	LB	New Orleans Saints
Ryan Pontbriand	C	Cleveland Browns

SMU

Kevin Garrett	CB	St. Louis Rams
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SOUTHERN MISS

Michael Boley	LB	Atlanta Falcons
Greg Brooks	CB	Cincinnati Bengals
Antoine Cash	LB	Atlanta Falcons
Rod Davis	LB	Minnesota Vikings

Brett Favre	QB	Green Bay Packers
Bobby Hamilton	DE	Oakland Raiders
Jeremy Parquet	OT	Kansas City Chiefs
Todd Pinkston	WR	Philadelphia Eagles
Jeff Posey	LB	Buffalo Bills
DeQuincy Scott	DE	San Diego Chargers
T.J. Slaughter	LB	New Orleans Saints
Patrick Surtain	DB	Kansas City Chiefs
Adalius Thomas	DE/LB	Baltimore Ravens
Torri Tucker	OT	Dallas Cowboys
Raymond Walls	CB	Arizona Cardinals
Chris White	C	Green Bay Packers
Chad Williams	FS	Baltimore Ravens

TULANE

J.P. Losman	QB	Buffalo Bills
Mewelde Moore	RB	Minnesota Vikings
Patrick Ramsey	QB	Washington Redskins
Jerald Sowell	FB	New York Jets
Roydell Williams	WR	Tennessee Titans

TULSA

Montiese Culton	WR	Indianapolis Colts
Gus Ferrotte	QB	Miami Dolphins
Sam Rayburn	DT	Philadelphia Eagles
Kevin Shaffer	OT	Atlanta Falcons

UAB

Josh Evans	DT	New York Jets
Otis Leverette	DE	Tennessee Titans
Bryan Thomas	DE	New York Jets
Roddy White	WR	Atlanta Falcons
Zac Woodfin	LB	Green Bay Packers

UCF

Daunte Culpepper	QB	Minnesota Vikings
Travis Fisher	CB	St. Louis Rams
Doug Gabriel	WR	Oakland Raiders
Michael Gaines	TE	Carolina Panthers
Cornell Green	OT	Denver Broncos
Charles Lee	WR	Arizona Cardinals
Asante Samuel	CB	New England Patriots

UTEP

Trey Darilek	OT	Philadelphia Eagles
Paul Smith	FB	Detroit Lions
Brian Young	DT	New Orleans Saints

2005 DRAFTEES

<i>First Round</i>	
Roddy White, WR, UAB, Atlanta Falcons	
<i>Second Round</i>	
Stanford Routt, CB, Houston, Oakland Raiders	
Roydell Williams, WR, Tulane, Tennessee Titans	
<i>Fifth Round</i>	
Michael Boley, LB, Southern Miss, Atlanta Falcons	
<i>Seventh Round</i>	
Eric Taylor, DT, Memphis, Pittsburgh Steelers	
Jeremy Parquet, OT, Southern Miss, Kansas City Chiefs	
Travis Anglin, WR, Memphis, Detroit Lions	



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