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STANDINGS

East Division	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts.	Opp.	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	Pts	Opp.
WKU%	7-1	.875	3-1	4-0	6-0	363	184	9-5	.643	4-2	4-3	1-0	619	411
Marshall	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	4-2	247	183	7-6	.538	3-3	4-2	0-1	429	305
Old Dominion	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	4-2	234	202	6-7	.462	4-2	2-4	0-1	359	361
Middle Tennessee	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	3-3	236	206	7-6	.538	4-1	2-5	1-0	388	334
Florida Atlantic	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	2-4	201	223	5-7	.417	4-2	1-5	0-0	305	309
Charlotte	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	2-4	234	326	5-7	.417	4-2	1-5	0-0	326	408
FIU	0-8	.000	0-4	0-4	0-6	112	324	1-11	.083	1-5	0-6	0-0	244	476

% East Division Champions

West Division	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Div.	Pts.	Opp.	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	Pts	Opp.
UTSA^	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	5-1	297	191	12-1	.923	7-0	5-1	0-0	492	307
UAB	6-2	.750	3-1	3-1	4-2	275	161	9-4	.692	3-2	4-2	2-0	385	302
North Texas	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	4-2	226	198	6-6	.500	3-3	3-3	0-0	343	330
UTEP	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	3-3	201	199	7-6	.538	5-1	2-4	0-1	326	328
Rice	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	3-3	186	260	4-8	.333	3-3	1-5	0-0	258	434
Southern Miss	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	1-5	145	254	3-9	.250	1-4	1-5	0-0	199	309
Louisiana Tech	2-6	.250	2-2	0-4	1-5	193	258	3-9	.250	3-3	0-6	0-0	336	408

^ Conference USA Champions

C-USA BOWL RESULTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Bahamas Bowl
Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24
Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
Nassau, Bahamas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl
WKU 59, Appalachian State 38
FAU Stadium
Boca Raton, Florida

PUBG Mobile New Mexico Bowl
Fresno State 31, UTEP 24
University Stadium
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl
UAB 31, No. 13 BYU 28
Independence Stadium
Shreveport, Louisiana

R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl
No. 23 Louisiana 36, Marshall 21
Caesars Superdome
New Orleans, Louisiana

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Myrtle Beach Bowl
Tulsa 30, Old Dominion 17
Brooks Stadium
Conway, South Carolina

UPCOMING C-USA BOWL GAMES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl
(ESPN) 6:30 pm
UTSA (12-1) vs. No. 24 San Diego State (10-2)
Toyota Stadium
Frisco, Texas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Frisco Football Classic Bowl (ESPN) 2:30 pm
North Texas (6-6) vs. Miami (OH) (6-6)
Toyota Stadium
Frisco, Texas

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BOWL SEASON WEEK 2 PREVIEW

With six Conference USA bowl games are already in the books, Week 2 of Bowl Season has two C-USA teams that are set to compete Tuesday (Dec. 21) Thursday (Dec. 23), both in Frisco, Texas. C-USA enters its final two bowl games with a 3-3 record, with a pair of wins over 10-win opponents.

The eight-team representation in 2021 ties for second-most in league history.

TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE FRISCO BOWL - TUES., DEC. 21 - 6:30 PM CT

UTSA (12-1) enters bowl season fresh off the program's first conference championship, travels to Frisco to take on CFP No. 24 San Diego State (11-2) at 6:30 p.m. CT on **ESPN**. The Roadrunners come in at No. 24 in the *Associated Press* Top 25 and No. 25 in the USA Today AFCA Coaches Poll and narrowly missed a spot in the CFP rankings. This will be the first-ever meeting between the two programs.

UTSA has had the best season in the program's short history, boasting one of the nation's best running backs in **Sincere McCormick**, who has 1,479 yards and 15 touchdowns. McCormick is a Second-Team All-American by the Football Writers Association of America and a third-team choice by the *AP*. McCormick is one-third of the Roadrunners' big three and opted out of the game. The other two include **QB Frank Harris** (2,906 yards passing with 25 touchdowns to only five interceptions and 565 yards rushing with six more scores) and **WR Zakhari Franklin** (73 catches for 938 yards and 11 touchdowns). **WRs Joshua Cephus** (69 catches for 793 yards and six touchdowns) and **De'Corian Clark** (46 catches for 683 yards and six scores) have also made a major impact for UTSA offensively. On the defensive side of the ball, **S Rashad Wisdom** paces the Roadrunners with 87 tackles, 4.0 tackles-for-loss with six pass break-ups and a forced fumble, while **LB Clarence Hicks** was unbelievable for UTSA with 16.0 tackles-for-loss and 10.0 sacks with an interception and a forced fumble. UTSA has the second-highest scoring offense in C-USA (37.8 ppg) and only allows 23.6 points per game defensively.

San Diego State fell in the Mountain West Championship Game, 46-13 at home to Utah State. Defense is definitely the Aztecs' calling card, holding opponents to 19.5 points per game and hold opponents to 319.5 yards per game. S Patrick McMorris leads the way for SDSU with 83 tackles, four interceptions, eight pass break-ups and a fumble recovery, while Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year **DE Cameron Thomas** has had a monster year, posting 68 total tackles, 20.5 tackles-for-loss, 11.5 sacks and 19 quarterback hurries. Offensively, **RB Greg Bell** leads the way with 990 yards rushing and eight touchdowns.

FRISCO FOOTBALL CLASSIC - THURS., DEC. 23 - 2:30 PM CT

North Texas (6-6) won its last five games of the season to earn bowl eligibility, including a 45-23 win over then-CFP No. 22 UTSA in Denton to pick up win number six on the season. The Mean Green are set to take on MAC opponent Miami (OH) (6-6) in the newly-minted Frisco Football Classic at 2:30 p.m. CT on **ESPN** on Thursday, Dec. 23, to close out the C-USA bowl season. Thursday's game marks the first meeting between the two programs.

The Mean Green opened the season with a difficult schedule at 1-6 and turned things around in a big way to find themselves in postseason play. UNT made a big-time turnaround on the defensive side of the ball in 2021, holding opponents to 27.5 points per game, compared to 42.8 points per game in 2020. A lot of that credit goes to new defensive coordinator **Phil Bennett**, whom head coach **Seth Littrell** brought in to improve that side of the ball. **LB KD Davis** has led the way for UNT, leading C-USA in total tackles (107) and recorded 12.5 tackles-for-loss with 5.0 sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries. The twin duo of **Gabriel Murphy** (6.0 sacks) and **Grayson Murphy** (7.5 sacks) has been a terror for opposing offensive lines, and have been a big part of the Mean Green's defensive turnaround. Offensively the Mean Green boast the third-ranked rushing attack in the FBS (245.3 ypg), which was led by **RBs DeAndre Torrey** (1,215 yards and 13 touchdowns), **Ikaika Ragsdale** (511 yards and five scores) and **Ayo Adeyi** (479 yards and six touchdowns). **WR Roderic Burns** led the way in the passing attack, hauling in a team-high 54 catches for 715 yards and four scores.

Miami (OH) won two of its last three games to earn a bowl berth, and finished 5-3 in league play. The Redhawks have held opponents to 23.8 points per game. A pair of Redhawks are over the 110-tackle mark in **LB Ivan Pace, Jr.**, (116 tackles, 13.0 tackles-for-loss, 4.0 sacks, an interception and a forced fumble) and **DB Matthew Salopek** (112 tackles with 7.0 tackles-for-loss, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble). **DLs Kameron Butler** (14.0 tackles-for-loss and a team-high 8.0 sacks) and **Ben Kimpler** (11.0 tackles-for-loss and 4.0 sacks) have caused many problems for opposing offenses. Offensively, Miami (OH) is led by **QB Brett Gabbert**, who has thrown for 2,418 yards with 24 touchdowns and only six interceptions and **WR Jack Sorenson**, who has 69 catches for 1,290 yards and 10 scores.

C-USA ALL-AMERICANS

WKU **WR Jerreth Sterns** and UTSA **RB Sincere McCormick** have earned All-American status following their excellent seasons. It marks McCormick's second-straight season on the All-American circuit.

Football Writers Association of America (FWAA)
Second Team
RB: Sincere McCormick, UTSA
WR: Jerreth Sterns, WKU

Associated Press
Second Team
WR: Jerreth Sterns, WKU

Third Team
RB: Sincere McCormick, UTSA

The Athletic
Second Team
WR: Jerreth Sterns, WKU

CBS Sports
Second Team
RB: Sincere McCormick, UTSA

ZAPPE REWRITES FBS RECORD BOOKS

WKU **QB Bailey Zappe** concluded his lone season with the Hilltoppers on a high-note, setting FBS single-season records in passing touchdowns (62) and passing yardage (5,967) after a monster performance in WKU's RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl win over Appalachian State on Saturday. Zappe finished 33-47 for 422 yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions, as the Hilltoppers rolled up 59 points and 638 yards of total offense in the win. Zappe surpassed former LSU QB Joe Burrow's 2019 season with 60 passing touchdowns, which the current Cincinnati Bengal achieved in 15 appearances, while Zappe had 62 in 14 games. Zappe also surpassed former Texas Tech QB B.J. Symons for the passing-yards record, which Symons held since 2003 (5,833).

FBS SINGLE-SEASON PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1.	**Bailey Zappe, WKU, 2021**	**62**
2.	Joe Burrow, LSU, 2019	60
3.	Colt Brennan, Hawai'i, 2006	58
4.	David Klingler, Houston, 1990	54
5.	B.J. Symons, Texas Tech, 2003	52
6.	Dwayne Haskins, Ohio State, 2018	50
	Derek Carr, Fresno State, 2013	50
	Sam Bradford, Oklahoma, 2006	50

FBS SINGLE-SEASON PASSING YARDAGE

1.	**Bailey Zappe, WKU, 2021**	**5,967**
2.	B.J. Symons, Texas Tech, 2003	5,833
3.	Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, 2007	5,705
4.	Joe Burrow, LSU, 2019	5,671
	Case Keenum, Houston, 2009	5,671
6.	Case Keenum, Houston, 2011	5,631
7.	Anthony Gordon, Washington State, 2019	5,579
8.	Colt Brennan, Hawai'i, 2006	5,549
9.	Ty Detmer, BYU, 1990	5,188
10.	David Klingler, Houston, 1990	5,140

Zappe, who leads the nation in passing yards per game (426.2), and has completed 69.2% of his passes (475-686), which is ninth nationally, for 5,967 yards with 62 touchdowns (both lead the FBS) with 11 interceptions. He also has three rushing touchdowns on the season. Zappe surpassed the 365-yard passing mark in 12 of 14 games this year for WKU. Zappe's 65 touchdowns responsible for are 18 more than the next-closest player - Wake Forest's Sam Hartman (who still has his bowl game to play vs. Texas A&M).

Zappe's Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent	Passing Yds	PassingTDs
9/2 vs. UT-Martin	424 (28-35)	7
9/11 at Army	435 (28-40)	3
9/25 vs. Indiana	365 (31-44)	3
10/2 at Michigan State	488 (46-64)	3
10/9 vs. UTSA	523 (38-60)	5
10/16 at Old Dominion	397 (36-54)	5
10/23 at FIU	382 (39-49)	3
10/30 vs. Charlotte	393 (33-45)	4
11/6 vs. Middle Tennessee	281 (29-50)	4
11/13 at Rice	482 (34-42)	5
11/20 vs. Florida Atlantic	470 (39-40)	6
11/27 at Marshall	328 (25-48)	4
12/3 at UTSA	577 (36-59)	4
12/18 vs. App State	422 (33-47)	6

STERNS' SEASON FOR THE AGES

WKU **WR Jerreth Sterns**, like his teammate Bailey Zappe, had an amazing record-breaking season in Bowling Green for the Hilltoppers. Sterns is the FBS leader in several key receiving categories. The former Houston Baptist wideout is the national leader in receiving yards per game (135.9) and leads the FBS in receptions per game (10.7). Sterns has a C-USA and program-record 150 receptions (leads the FBS and is 48 more than the next player) for 1,902 yards (leads the FBS) and 17 touchdowns (leads the FBS) in 14 games in 2021.

Sterns has nine games in 2021 with 10 or more catches, and 10 games with at least 100 yards receiving. Sterns is now the C-USA record-holder for receptions in a single season and in single-season receiving yards, which he accomplished in 14 games.

SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS (C-USA)

150	**Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021 (1,902 yards)**
136	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016 (1,803 yards)
114	Justin Hardy, East Carolina, 2013 (1,284 yards)
111	James Casey, Rice, 2008 (1,329 yards)
110	Tommy Shuler, Marshall, 2012 (1,138 yards)
108	Richie James, Middle Tennessee, 2015 (1,346 yards)
106	Tommy Shuler, Marshall, 2013 (1,165 yards)
105	Richie James, Middle Tennessee, 2016 (1,625 yards)
104	James Cleveland, Houston, 2009 (1,214 yards)
101	Dwayne Harris, East Carolina, 2010 (1,123 yards)
101	Arnold Jackson, Louisville, 1999 (1,209 yards)



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SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS (C-USA)

1,902	**Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021 (150 catches)**
1,803	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016 (136 catches)
1,752	Patrick Edwards, Houston, 2011 (89 catches)
1,730	Taywan Taylor, WKU, 2016 (98 catches)
1,625	Richie James, Middle Tennessee, 2016 (105 catches)
1,535	Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech, 2016 (82 catches)
1,467	Taywan Taylor, WKU, 2015 (86 catches)
1,456	Donnie Avery, Houston, 2007 (91 catches)
1,452	Roddy White, UAB, 2004 (71 catches)
1,391	Michael Thomas, Southern Miss, 2015 (71 catches)

Sterns' 150 receptions rank third in FBS history in a single season, while his 1,902 receiving yards rank fifth in FBS history.

FBS SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS

1.	Zay Jones, East Carolina, 2016	158
2.	Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green, 2009	155
3.	**Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021**	**150**
4.	Manny Hazard, Houston, 1989	142
5.	Jordan White, Western Michigan, 2011	140
	Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech, 1998	140

FBS SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS

1.	Trevor Insley, Nevada, 1999	2,060
2.	Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech, 1998	1,996
3.	Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech, 2007	1,962
4.	Jordan White, Western Michigan, 2011	1,911
5.	**Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021**	**1,902**

Sterns' 135.9 receiving yards per game is also a single-season record for C-USA.

SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME (C-USA)

1.	**Jerreth Sterns, WKU, 2021**	**135.9**
2.	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016	128.8
3.	Patrick Edwards, Houston, 2011	125.1
4.	Richie James, Middle Tennessee, 2016	125.0
5.	Taywan Taylor, WKU, 2016	123.6

AERIAL ASSAULT IN C-USA

Conference USA has been the home of some of the most prolific passing attacks in the FBS throughout the 2021 season. Two C-USA quarterbacks rank in the top-20 nationally in passing yardage per game - WKU's **Bailey Zappe** leads the FBS (426.2) and Marshall's **Grant Wells** is 17th (271.7).

Additionally, three C-USA signal-callers rank inside the top-25 nationally in passing touchdowns - Zappe leads the FBS (62), Charlotte's **Chris Reynolds** 19th (26) and UTSA's **Frank Harris** is 21st (25).

C-USA quarterbacks also rank 1-3-7 nationally in yards per completion - FIU's **Max Bortenschlager** (16.49), UTEP's **Gavin Hardison** (16.25), and UAB's **Dylan Hopkins** (14.67).

C-USA RECEIVERS LIGHTING IT UP

With all the success of the quarterbacks in C-USA, someone has to catch those passes, and in turn, C-USA receivers are all over the national leaderboards. In terms of receiving yards per game, three of the top-25 spots belong to receivers who hail from C-USA programs - WKU's **Jerreth Sterns** leads the way in the league and FBS (135.9), followed by UTEP's **Jacob Cowing**, who is 11th (104.2) and WKU's **Mitchell Tinsley** (100.1) is 14th.

Sterns (17), Tinsley (14) and UTSA **WR Zakhari Franklin** (11), are also inside the top-10 in receiving touchdowns, ranking first, fourth and 12th respectively, while UAB **TE Gerrit Prince** ranks 20th (10).

Big plays are seen all over the field across C-USA, as six pass-catchers rank inside the national top-15 in terms of yards per reception, while a total of seven are inside the top-25 - UAB **WR Trea Shropshire** leads the nation (26.04) while FIU **WR Tyrese Chambers** is second (23.87), UTEP's Cowing is 11th (19.62), Louisiana Tech **WR Bub Means** is 12th (19.55), Marshall **WR Willie Johnson** is 13th (19.53), UAB's Prince is 15th (19.42), and FIU **WR Bryce Singleton** is 25th (18.26).

MIDDLE TENNESSEE KNOCK OFF TOLEDO IN BAHAMAS BOWL

Middle Tennessee (7-6) opened bowl season with an impressive 31-24 win in the Bahamas Bowl over MAC foe Toledo (7-6) on Friday. The Blue Raiders used a 17-0 run in the second half to turn a 17-14 halftime deficit into a 31-17 lead midway through the fourth quarter, and held on to capture Conference USA's first bowl win of 2021.

The Middle Tennessee defense, which entered play having forced an NCAA-best 31 turnovers forced one in the win, but did a wonderful job on Friday limiting the Toledo offensive attack. **LB DQ Thomas** recorded a team-high eight tackles, 1.5 for loss, broke up a pass and had a quarterback hurry in the win for the Blue Raiders. Middle Tennessee held Toledo **QB Dequan Finn** to 18-39 passing for 212 yards, intecepted him once and sacked him twice.

Freshman **QB Nicholas Vattiato** completed 23-35 passes for 270 yards with a pair of touchdowns and no interceptions, while **WR Jarrin Pierce** hauled in four catches for 114 yards and a score, a 59-yard touchdown with 6:24 to go in the final frame. **WR Yusuf Ali** had a team-high nine receptions, including the game's opening touchdown. **QB Mike Diliello** also factored in for the Blue Raiders, and his 17-yard touchdown run on the opening play of the fourth quarter put Middle Tennessee in front 21-17, and the Blue Raiders never looked back.

BLUE RAIDERS WIN FOURTH BOWL TITLE IN PROGRAM HISTORY

Middle Tennessee's 31-24 win on Friday in the Bahamas Bowl was the fourth bowl victory in program history, and first since a 2017 Camellia Bowl win over Arkansas State.

2021 Bahamas Bowl
Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24

2017 Camellia Bowl
Middle Tennessee 35-30
2009 New Orleans Bowl
Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss 32

1964 Grantland Rice Bowl
Middle Tennessee 20, Muskingum 0

ZAPPE'S RECORD-SETTING DAY LEADS WKU TO BOCA RATON BOWL WIN

WKU (9-5) **QB Bailey Zappe** finished his 2021 season as the FBS single-season record-holder in passing yardage (5,963) and passing touchdowns (62), as he led the Hilltoppers to a 59-38 win over Appalachian State (10-4) in the RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl on Saturday. Zappe finished 33-47 for 422 yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions in the win, surpassing former Texas Tech QB B.J. Symons' 2003 season (5,833 yards) and former LSU QB Joe Burrow's 2019 season (60 touchdowns). WKU **WR Jerreth Sterns** caught 13 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns, finishing as the Conference USA single-season record-holder in receptions (150) and receiving yards (1,902), surpassing former Louisiana Tech WR Trent Taylor's 2016 season (136 catches for 1,803 yards). Sterns' 17 touchdowns on the season tied a program record (Taywan Taylor's 2015 and 2016 seasons) and is tied for sixth-most in C-USA single-season history. The Hilltoppers' defense forced four turnovers Saturday, and held Appalachian State to 14 points in the second half.

BLAZERS UPEND NO. 13 BYU BEHIND MCBRIDE'S MONSTER DAY

UAB (9-4) knocked off No. 13 BYU (10-3) 31-28 on Saturday in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl on a rainy afternoon in Shreveport. The Blazers were led by a tremendous performance by **RB DeWayne McBride**, who carried a career-high 28 times for 183 yards and a touchdown. UAB **QB Dylan Hopkins** was incredibly efficient for the Blazers, completing 19-23 passes for 189 yards with three touchdowns and an interception that came off a drop. Defensively, UAB was led by **DL Antonio Moultrie**, who recorded a team-high nine tackles and 4.0 tackles for loss. The win for UAB was the program's second-ever bowl victory (2018 Boca Raton Bowl). UAB finishes with its third season with at least nine wins in its last four (went 6-3 in a COVID-shortened 2020).

UTEP'S THOMPSON SHINES IN NEW MEXICO BOWL DEFEAT

UTEP (7-6) made a late push in the fourth quarter in the PUBG Mobile New Mexico Bowl, but ultimately fell 31-24 to Mountain West foe Fresno State (10-3). **TE Trent Thompson** had a monster performance for the Miners, who were seeking their first bowl since 1967. Thompson hauled in a pair of catches for 52 yards and a pair of touchdowns, the second of which cut the Bulldogs' lead to 26-24 midway through the fourth quarter. Backup **QB Caleb Brownholtz**, typically utilized in the run game, executed a fake flawlessly on a fourth-and-short play. Thompson leaked out and brought in the Brownholtz pass and sprinted 51 yards to the end zone. Defensively, **LB Tyrice Knight** recorded a game-high 15 tackles, while fellow **LB Breon Hayward** finished with 11, including a tackle-for-loss, for a Miners defense who attempted to contain the high-powered Bulldog offense. The Miners close 2021 having taken major strides as a program, winning more games this season (seven) than they had from 2017-20 combined (five) and earning their first bowl appearance since 2014. Head coach Dana Dimel and company have a lot to build off of heading into 2022 and spring ball.



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ALI'S THREE TDS NOT ENOUGH IN NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Marshall (7-6) fell 36-21 to No. 23 Louisiana (13-1) in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on Saturday night, despite a bowl-record performance from **RB Rasheen Ali**. Ali finished with 20 carries for 160 yards (a Thundering Herd bowl record) and three rushing scores. Marshall led 21-16 heading into the fourth quarter, but Louisiana used a 20-0 run in the final quarter, including a pair of late touchdowns to pick up its 13th straight win. The Marshall defense bent but didn't break for the majority of the night, forcing Louisiana into three field goals. Eventually though, QB Levi Lewis was too much, throwing for 270 yards with a touchdown and 74 yards rushing. Herd **DE Owen Porter** finished with six tackles, 4.0 tackles-for-loss and a half sack.

ODU FALLS IN MYRTLE BEACH BOWL

ODU (6-7) opened the 2021 Myrtle Beach Bowl with a bang, as KR LaMareon James took the opening kickoff back 100 yards for the opening touchdown. Tulsa (7-6) then responded and ultimately outscored the Monarchs 30-10 the rest of the way to leave South Carolina with the 30-17 win.

RB Blake Watson carried 14 times for 77 yards and a touchdown, but the Monarchs' offense struggled to get going until the fourth quarter on Monday afternoon. Watson, an honorable mention All-Conference selection by the C-USA head football coaches, finished his impressive 2021 season with 1,112 yards and eight touchdowns on the year.

WR Ali Jennings, also an honorable mention All-Conference selection for the Monarchs, finished with six catches for 74 yards. He concludes his season with 62 catches for 1,066 yards and five scores.

Four ODU defenders recorded 10 or more tackles on Monday - **DB R'Tarriun Johnson** (13), **LB Jordan Henderson** (13) and **S Terry Jones** (12). **LB Jordan Young** finished with 10 stops and 3.0 tackles for loss and a sack.

Old Dominion was one of the better stories of the 2021 college football season, rebounding from a 1-6 start to finish the regular season with five consecutive wins to earn bowl eligibility. ODU did so under head coach **Ricky Rahne**, technically in his second season, though ODU opted not to play in 2020 due to COVID-19. Rahne led the Monarchs to six wins in his first season on the sidelines, more wins than the Monarchs had posted in 2019 (one) and 2018 (four) combined.

C-USA ADDS FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Conference USA announced on Nov. 5 that Jacksonville State University, Liberty University, New Mexico State University and Sam Houston State University will join the league on July 1, 2023.

Those actions were approved unanimously by the league's Board of Directors.

"We are incredibly excited about adding these four new members and feel there is tremendous upside in these moves for our conference," Conference USA Commissioner Judy MacLeod said. "This is a quality mix of established and emerging universities that provides us with a compelling group to continue to build with, focusing on competing for and winning championships well into the future. We have been deliberate in our efforts for the past few weeks to get us to this point and will continue to evaluate and consider our additional options for membership."

NCAA LEADERS (TEAM)

Below is a list of NCAA leaders among Conference USA programs:

3rd Down Conversion Percentage

WKU	46.6%	10th
UTSA	45.2%	22nd

3rd Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

Florida Atlantic	31.8%	6th
UTEP	32.6%	12th

4th Down Conversion Percentage

UTEP	76.0%	5th
UAB	66.7%	17th

4th Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

Louisiana Tech	40.0%	21st

Blocked Kicks

Old Dominion	6	1st
Marshall	4	9th
Middle Tennessee	4	9th
Charlotte	3	21st
Rice	3	21st
UAB	3	21st

Blocked Punts

Old Dominion	4	1st
Middle Tennessee	2	17th
UAB	2	17th

Completion Percentage

WKU	68.8%	7th
Marshall	66.0%	22nd
UTSA	65.3%	25th

Defensive Touchdowns

Middle Tennessee	6	1st
UTSA	5	4th
Southern Miss	4	6th
Louisiana Tech	3	12th
Charlotte	2	23rd
Florida Atlantic	2	23rd
North Texas	2	23rd
Old Dominion	2	23rd
UAB	2	23rd
WKU	2	23rd

Fewest Penalties

UTSA	62	25th

Fewest Penalties Per Game

UTSA	4.77	16th

First Downs (Defense)

Southern Miss	197	8th

First Downs (Offense)

WKU	384	1st
Marshall	302	19th
UTSA	298	24th

Fumbles Lost

North Texas	4	13th

Fumbles Recovered

Middle Tennessee	15	1st
UTSA	13	3rd
Louisiana Tech	12	6th
North Texas	12	6th
Southern Miss	12	6th

Kickoff Returns

UTSA	24.75	23rd

Net Punting

UTSA	42.93	13th

Interceptions (For)

WKU	21	2nd
Middle Tennessee	17	4th
Rice	14	23rd

Interceptions (Thrown)

UTSA	5	13th

Passing Offense

WKU	433.7 ypg	1st
Marshall	294.4 ypg	18th

Passing Yards Per Completion

UTEP	16.39 ypc	3rd
FIU	15.72 ypc	4th
UAB	14.74 ypc	8th

Punt Return Defense

Charlotte	2.75	9th

Punt Returns

Middle Tennessee	15.90	4th
Old Dominion	11.60	20th

Red Zone Defense

Southern Miss	70.3%	5th
Florida Atlantic	71.4%	8th
Marshall	74.4%	17th
UTEP	75.9%	23rd

Red Zone Offense

WKU	90.9%	14th
UTSA	89.8%	20th

Rushing Defense

UAB	111.5 ypg	13th
UTSA	111.5 ypg	14th

Rushing Offense

North Texas	245.5 ypg	3rd

Sacks Allowed

WKU	1.21 per game	11th
North Texas	1.33 per game	15th
Marshall	1.46 per game	22nd
UTEP	1.46 per game	22nd
UTSA	1.46 per game	22nd

Sacks

Marshall	3.08 per game	20th



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QUICK HITTERS

Scoring Offense

WKU	44.2 ppg	2nd
UTSA	37.8 ppg	12th

Team Passing Efficiency

WKU	168.19	5th
UAB	158.49	14th
UTSA	154.13	21st

Team Passing Efficiency Defense

Marshall	117.56	17th
Middle Tennessee	119.59	21st

Total Defense

UAB	328.8 ypg	19th

Total Offense

WKU	535.3 ypg	2nd
Marshall	456.8 ypg	16th

Turnovers Forced

Middle Tennessee	32	1st
WKU	31	2nd
UTSA	25	8th
Southern Miss	23	16th

Turnover Margin

UTSA	+13	3rd
Middle Tennessee	+11	6th
WKU	+11	6th

Turnovers Lost

UTSA	12	21st

NCAA LEADERS (INDIVIDUAL)

Below is a list of NCAA leaders among Conference USA individuals:

All-Purpose

Jerreth Sterns, WKU	142.07 ypg	9th
Rasheen Ali, Marshall	141.54 ypg	10th
Sincere McCormick, UTSA	127.92 ypg	21st

Blocked Kicks

Grayson Cash, UAB	2	2nd
TJ Johnson, Marshall	2	2nd
Dion Novil, North Texas	2	2nd

Combined Kick Returns

Camron Harrell, Southern Miss	662	13th
Beanie Bishop, WKU	658	14th
Shadrick Byrd, Charlotte	616	19th
Jaylin Lane, MTSU	580	24th

Completion Percentage

Bailey Zappe, WKU	69.2%	9th

Completions Per Game

Bailey Zappe, WKU	33.93	2nd
Grant Wells, Marshall	22.69	14th

Passing Efficiency

Bailey Zappe, WKU	168.7	6th
Dylan Hopkins, UAB	166.6	9th

Passing TDs

Bailey Zappe, WKU	62	1st
Chris Reynolds, Charlotte	26	19th
Frank Harris, UTSA	25	21st

Passing Yards

Bailey Zappe, WKU	5,967	1st
Grant Wells, Marshall	3,532	13th
Gavin Hardison, UTEP	3,217	20th

Passing Yards Per Game

Bailey Zappe, WKU	426.2	1st
Grant Wells, Marshall	271.7	17th

Passing Yards Per Completion

Max Bortenschlager, FIU	16.49	1st
Gavin Hardison, UTEP	16.25	3rd
Dylan Hopkins, UAB	14.67	7th

Field Goal Percentage

Ethan Mooney, North Texas	84.6%	18th

Field Goals Per Game

Hunter Duplessis, UTSA	1.77	4th
Brayden Narveson, WKU	1.64	14th
Nick Rice, Old Dominion	1.54	21st

Fumbles Recovered

Ezekiel Barnett, Louisiana Tech	3	3rd
Reed Blankenship, MTSU	3	3rd
Jordan Brown, North Texas	3	3rd
Lorenzo Dantzler, UTSA	3	3rd
Jordan Helm, Florida Atlantic	3	3rd
Santrell Latham, Southern Miss	3	3rd
13 Players	2	21st

Kickoff Returns

LaMareon Jones, Old Dominion	29.4 ypr	10th
Camron Harrell, Southern Miss	25.5 ypr	25th

Kickoff Return Touchdowns

LaMareon Jones, Old Dominion	2	2nd

Points Responsible For

Bailey Zappe, WKU	394	1st
Frank Harris, UTSA	192	18th
Chris Reynolds, Charlotte	182	23rd

Points Responsible For Per Game

Bailey Zappe, WKU	28.1	1st
Chris Reynolds, Charlotte	16.5	18th

Punt Returns

Jaylin Lane, MTSU	15.5 ypr	2nd
Sheldon Jones, UTSA	12.0 ypr	6th
Isiah Page, Old Dominion	10.9 ypr	10th
Smoke Harris, Louisiana Tech	8.9 ypr	18th

Punting

Tommy Heatherly, FIU	46.8	8th
Matt Hayball, Florida Atlantic	45.7	16th
Lucas Dean, UTSA	45.4	19th

Receiving TDs

Jerreth Sterns, WKU	17	1st
Mitchell Tinsley, WKU	14	4th
Zakhari Franklin, UTSA	11	12th
Gerrit Prince, UAB	10	20th

Receiving Yards

Jerreth Sterns, WKU	1,902	1st
Mitchell Tinsely, WKU	1,402	6th
Jacob Cowing, UTEP	1,354	7th

Receiving Yards Per Game

Jerreth Sterns, WKU	135.9	1st
Jacob Cowing, UTEP	104.2	11th
Mitchell Tinsley, WKU	100.1	14th
Tyrese Chambers, FIU	89.5	25th

Receptions Per Game

Jerreth Sterns, WKU	10.7	1st

Rush Yards Per Carry

DeWayne McBride, UAB	6.72	6th
Johnny Ford, Florida Atlantic	6.34	12th

Rushing TDs

Rasheen Ali, Marshall	23	1st
Sincere McCormick, UTSA	15	10th
DeWayne McBride, UAB	13	24th
DeAndre Torrey, North Texas	13	24th

Rushing Yards

Sincere McCormick, UTSA	1,479	5th
Rasheen Ali, Marshall	1,401	9th
DeWayne McBride, UAB	1,371	21th
DeAndre Torrey, North Texas	1,215	20th

Rushing Yards Per Game

Sincere McCormick, UTSA	113.8	7th
Rasheen Ali, Marshall	107.8	10th
DeWayne McBride, UAB	105.5	14th
DeAndre Torrey, North Texas	101.2	20th
Blake Watson, Old Dominion	101.1	21st

Scoring (Points Per Game)

Rasheen Ali, Marshall	11.5 ppg	1st
Brayden Narveson, WKU	10.1 ppg	5th
Hunter Duplessis, UTSA	9.9 ppg	8th

Sacks

Clarence Hicks, UTSA	10.0	17th

Solo Tackles Per Game

Reed Blankenship, MTSU	5.8	8th

Tackles for Loss Per Game

DQ Thomas, MTSU	1.4	8th
Jordan Ferguson, MTSU	1.3	20th
DeAngelo Malone, WKU	1.2	21st

Total Interceptions

Quincy Riley, MTSU	5	2nd
Naeem Smith, Rice	4	11th

Total Offense

Bailey Zappe, WKU	427.4 ypg	1st

Total Points Scored

Rasheen Ali, Marshall	150	1st
Brayden Narveson, WKU	141	2nd
Hunter Duplessis, UTSA	129	5th

Total Tackles Per Game

KD Davis, North Texas	8.9	25th

Total Touchdowns

Rasheen Ali, Marshall	25	1st
Jerreth Sterns, WKU	17	14th
Sincere McCormick, UTSA	15	22nd



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QUICK HITTERS

Yards Per Pass Attempt

Dylan Hopkins, UAB	9.68	5th
Gavin Hardison, UTEP	9.01	14th
Bailey Zappe, WKU	8.69	22nd
Max Bortenschlager, FIU	8.58	25th

Yards Per Reception

Trea Shropshire, UAB	26.04	1st
Tyrese Chambers, FIU	23.87	2nd
Jacob Cowing, UTEP	19.62	11th
Bub Means, Louisiana Tech	19.55	12th
Willie Johnson, Marshall	19.53	13th
Gerrit Prince, UAB	19.42	15th
Bryce Singleton, FIU	18.26	25th

2021 SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

Here's a look at C-USA's non-league FBS opponents by conference during the 2021 season:

ACC: Duke, NC State, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest

American: East Carolina, Houston, Memphis, Navy, SMU (2), Tulane, Tulsa*

Big 12: Texas, Texas Tech

Big Ten: Illinois (2), Indiana, Michigan State

MAC: Buffalo, Central Michigan, Miami (OH)*, Toledo*

Mountain West: Air Force, Boise State, Fresno State*, New Mexico, San Diego State*, UNLV

SEC: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi State, Missouri

Sun Belt: Appalachian State (2)*, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Louisiana*, South Alabama, Texas State, Troy

Independent: Army, BYU*, UConn, Liberty (4), New Mexico State

* - Bowl Opponents

NATIONAL AWARDS

Several C-USA players have been named to official 2021 award semifinalists or finalist lists (as of Dec. 21):

BILETNIKOFF (WIDE RECEIVER) SEMIFINALIST
Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU

DAVEY O'BRIEN (QUARTERBACK) SEMIFINALISTS
Frank Harris, Sr., UTSA
Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

DOAK WALKER (RUNNING BACK) SEMIFINALIST
Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA

MANNELLY (LONG SNAPPER)
Reeves Blankenship, Jr., Louisiana Tech

MANNING (QUARTERBACK) FINALIST
Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

WALTER CAMP (OUTSTANDING PLAYER) SEMIFINALIST
Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD FINALISTS (BEST PLAYER WITH TEXAS TIES)
Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA
Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

EDDIE ROBINSON COACH OF THE YEAR FINALIST
Jeff Traylor, UTSA

PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT COACH OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST
Jeff Traylor, UTSA

AFCA REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR (REGION 4)
Jeff Traylor, UTSA

GEORGE MUNGER COACH OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALIST
Jeff Traylor, UTSA

C-USA POSTSEASON AWARDS

Conference USA postseason awards and the All-Conference/All Freshman Teams are voted on by the league's 14 head football coaches.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
QB Bailey Zappe, GS, WKU

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
RB Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
DE DeAngelo Malone, Sr., WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR
P Tommy Heatherly, Sr., FIU

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
WR Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
WR Elijah Spencer, Fr., Charlotte

COACH OF THE YEAR
Jeff Traylor, UTSA

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE
OFFENSE
QB: Bailey Zappe, Gr., WKU
RB: Sincere McCormick, Jr., UTSA
RB: Rasheen Ali, RS Fr., Marshall
WR: Jerreth Sterns, Jr., WKU
WR: Jacob Cowing, So., UTEP
WR: Zakhari Franklin, Jr., UTSA
TE: Zack Kuntz, RS So., Old Dominion
OL: Alex Mollette, RS Sr., Marshall
OL: Cole Spencer, RS Sr., WKU
OL: Spencer Burford, Sr., UTSA
OL: Colby Ragland, RS Sr., UAB
OL: Mason Brooks, Jr., WKU

DEFENSE
DE: Praise Amaewhule, RS So., UTEP
DT: Elijah Garcia, RS Sr., Rice
DT: Tyree Turner, RS Sr., UAB
DE: DeAngelo Malone, Sr., WKU
LB: KD Davis, Jr., North Texas
LB: Abraham Beauplan, Jr., Marshall
LB: Clarence Hicks, Sr., UTSA
DB: Reed Blankenship, Sr., Middle Tennessee
DB: Rashad Wisdom, Jr., UTSA
DB: Beanie Bishop, RS So., WKU
DB: Quincy Riley, RS Fr., Middle Tennessee

SPECIAL TEAMS
K: Hunter Duplessis, Sr., UTSA
P: Tommy Heatherly, Sr., FIU
LS: Reeves Blankenship, Jr., Louisiana Tech
KR: Camron Harrell, Jr., Southern Miss
PR: Jaylin Lane, Fr., Middle Tennessee

SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE
OFFENSE
QB: Frank Harris, Sr., UTSA
RB: DeWayne McBride, So., UAB
RB: DeAndre Torrey, Sr., North Texas
WR: Mitchell Tinsley, Jr., WKU
WR: Jason Brownlee, Jr., Southern Miss
WR: Tyrese Chambers, So., FIU
TE: Gerrit Prince, RS Sr., UAB
OL: Will Ulmer, RS Sr., Marshall
OL: Quantavious Leslie, Fr., WKU
OL: Ahofitu Maka, Sr., UTSA
OL: Manase Mose, Jr., North Texas
OL: Boe Wilson, Gr., WKU

DEFENSE
DE: Jordan Ferguson, RS Jr., Middle Tennessee
DT: Dion Novil, Sr., North Texas
DT: Jaylon Haynes, Sr., UTSA
DE: Alex Wright, Jr., UAB
LB: Breon Hayward, RS Jr., UTEP
LB: Tyler Grubbs, So., Louisiana Tech
LB: DQ Thomas, Sr., Middle Tennessee
DB: Steven Gilmore, Jr., Marshall
DB: Micah Abraham, So., Marshall
DB: Grayson Cash, RS Jr., UAB
DB: Richard Dames, Sr., FIU

SPECIAL TEAMS
K: Brayden Narveson, RS So., WKU
P: Lucas Dean, Jr., UTSA
LS: Caleb Cantrell, Sr., UTSA
KR: Jayden Harrison, RS So., Marshall
PR: Smoke Harris, Jr., Louisiana Tech

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM
OFFENSE
QB: Nicholas Vattiato, Middle Tennessee
RB: Shadrick Byrd, Charlotte
RB: Ayo Adeyi, North Texas
WR: Bub Means, Louisiana Tech
WR: Elijah Spencer, Charlotte
TE: Dan Dishman, UTSA
OL: Trey Bedosky, UAB
OL: Gabe Blair, North Texas
OL: Santana Saunders, Old Dominion

DEFENSE
DE: Amorie Morrison, Old Dominion
DT: Roderick Brown, North Texas
DT: Brandon Brown, UTSA
DE: Ben Bell, Louisiana Tech
LB: Jason Henderson, Old Dominion
LB: Aidan Siano, Rice
DB: Jordan Dunbar, Rice
DB: Sean Fresch, Rice
DB: Mac McWilliams, UAB
DB: Deidrick Stanley, Middle Tennessee

SPECIAL TEAMS
P: Bailey Rice, Charlotte
KR: Shadrick Byrd, Charlotte
PR: Isiah Paige, Old Dominion
LS: Jake Bowman, WKU

2021 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

C-USA named Players of the Week each Monday during the season. The awards are voted on by a media panel with one representative in each league city.

OFFENSE

A30	Jacob Cowing, WR, UTEP
S6	Chris Reynolds, QB, Charlotte
S13	Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU and N'Kosi Perry, QB,Florida Atlantic
S20	Gerrit Prince, TE, UAB
S27	Chris Reynolds, QB, Charlotte
O4	Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
O11	Frank Harris, QB, UTSA
O18	Jerreth Sterns, WR, WKU
O25	Wiley Green, QB, Rice
N1	Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU
N8	DeWayne McBride, RB, UAB
N15	Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU



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QUICK HITTERS

N22 Frank Harris, QB, UTSA
N29 Ali Jennings III, WR, Old Dominion

DEFENSE
A30 Dy'Vonne Inyang, S, UTEP
S6 Eli Neal, LB, Marshall
S13 BeeJay Williamson, DB, Louisiana Tech
S20 Trumane Bell II, DL, UTSA
S27 Clarence Hicks, LB, UTSA
O4 Reed Blankenship, S, Middle Tennessee
O11 Alex Wright, DE, UAB
O18 Jadrian Taylor, DE, UTEP
O25 Gabe Taylor, S, Rice
N1 DQ Thomas, LB, Middle Tennessee
N8 Beanie Bishop, DB, WKU
N15 Jason Henderson, LB, Old Dominion
N22 Clarence Hicks, LB, UTSA
N29 DeAngelo Malone, DE, WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS
A30 Gavin Baechle, K, UTEP
S6 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
S13 Sheldon Jones, PR, UTSA
S20 Kyle Greenwell, P, UAB
S27 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
O4 Camron Harrell, KR, Southern Miss
O11 Shadrick Byrd, KR, Charlotte
O18 Grayson Cash, S, UAB
O25 Brayden Narveson, K, WKU
N1 Nick Rice, K, Old Dominion
N8 Jayden Harrison, KR, Marshall
N15 R'Tarriun Johnson, KR, Old Dominion
N22 Hunter Duplessis, K, UTSA
N29 Brayden Narveson, K, WKU

REESE'S SENIOR BOWL INVITES
Spencer Burford, OL, UTSA
DeAngelo Malone, DE, WKU
D'Vonte Price, RB, FIU
Tariq Woolen, S, UTSA
Bailey Zappe, QB, WKU

WORKING OVERTIME
Here's a look at C-USA overtime games in 2021 and all-time.

2021 C-USA Overtimes
Texas State 23, FIU 17 (OT) - 9/11/21
Marshall 20, Old Dominion 13 (OT) - 10/9/21
North Texas 30, Rice 24 (OT) - 10/30/21
Charlotte 31, Rice 24 (OT) - 11/6/2021

Overtime Records - 1996-2021

Teams	All Games	C-USA Games
Charlotte	2-3	2-1
FIU	4-6	0-1
Florida Atlantic	2-5	0-1
Louisiana Tech	4-8	2-2
Marshall	8-5	6-4
Middle Tennessee	6-5	4-2
North Texas	3-2	2-0
Old Dominion	1-1	1-1
Rice	6-9	3-5
Southern Miss	5-7	4-7
UAB	4-8	4-4
UTEP	7-5	4-2
UTSA	2-2	1-1
WKU	7-3	3-1

EAST VS. WEST
Here's a look at how the cross-division games have fared since C-USA went to two divisons in 2005:

2021: West 9, East 6
2020: East 6, West 6
2019: East 10, West 5
2018: East 9, West 6
2017: East 9, West 6
2016: East 10, West 7
2015: East 9, West 8
2014: West 9, East 8
2013: West 10, East 5
2012: West 10, East 9
2011: West 11, East 8
2010 East 10, West 9
2009 East 13, West 6
2008 West 10, East 9
2007 East 14, West 5
2006 West 13, East 6
2005 East 12, West 7



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MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Video highlights from all eight Conference USA Football bowl games will be available through Box, a video exchange service. Each school will update 5 minutes of footage per week by late Monday morning for media outlets to download and use. Schools may also post additional footage at times during the week.

Please contact the C-USA media relations department for more information.

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION

Media may contact the Conference USA office by phone (214-774-1300) or e-mail to be included on the league's e-mail lists for releases and information.

Statistics are updated on Sundays, weekly releases on Mondays, and press conference quotes on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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FLAGSHIP RADIO STATIONS

Below is the flagship radio station for each Conference USA football school:

School	Station	Signal	PxP
Charlotte	ESPN Radio AM	730	Matt Swierad
	ESPN Radio FM	97.5	
FIU	TBD		AJ Ricketts
Florida Atlantic	Fox Sports	640	Ken LaVicka
Louisiana Tech	KXKZ-FM	107.5	Malcolm Butler
Marshall	WDGG-FM	93.7	Steve Cotton
Middle Tenn.	WPRT-FM	102.5	Chip Walters
North Texas	KHYI-FM	95.3	Dave Barnett
	KNTU-FM	88.1	
Old Dominion	ESPN Radio	94.1	Ted Alexander
Rice	RiceOwls.com		J.P. Heath
Southern Miss	WXRR-FM	104.5	John Cox
UAB	WJOX-FM	94.5	David Crane
UTEP	ESPN Radio	600	Jon Teicher
UTSA	KTKR-AM	760	Andy Everett
	KBUC-FM	92.5/93.3	(alternate)
WKU	WKLX-FM	100.7	Randy Lee
	WWKU-AM	1450	

C-USA WEBSITES

Here are the official websites for each C-USA school:

Charlotte	www.Charlotte49ers.com
FIU	www.FIUSports.com
Florida Atlantic	www.FAUSports.com
Louisiana Tech	www.LATechSports.com
Marshall	www.HerdZone.com
Middle Tennessee	www.GoBlueRaiders.com
North Texas	www.MeanGreenSports.com
Old Dominion	www.ODUSports.com
Rice	www.RiceOwls.com
Southern Miss	www.SouthernMiss.com
UAB	www.UABSports.com
UTEP	www.UTEPAthletics.com
UTSA	www.GoUTSA.com
WKU	www.WKUSports.com

C-USA TWITTER FEEDS

Here are the Twitter feeds for each C-USA school:

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FIU	@FIUFootball
Florida Atlantic	@FAU_Football
Louisiana Tech	@LATechFB
Marshall	@HerdFB
Middle Tennessee	@MT_FB
North Texas	@MeanGreenFB
Old Dominion	@ODUFootball
Rice	@RiceFootball
Southern Miss	@SouthernMissFB
UAB	@UAB_FB
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WEST DIVISION SCHEDULES/RESULTS

LOUISIANA TECH (3-9, 2-6 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S4	at Mississippi State *(ESPNU)*	L, 35-34
S11	SE LOUISIANA *(ESPN3)*	W 45-42
S18	SMU *(CBSSN)*	L, 39-37
S25	**NORTH TEXAS** *(Stadium)*	**W, 24-17**
O2	at No. 23 NC State *(ACCN Extra)*	L, 34-27
O16	**at UTEP** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 19-3**
O23	**No. 24 UTSA** *(Stadium)*	**L, 45-16**
O30	**at Old Dominion** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 23-20**
N6	**at UAB** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 52-38**
N13	**CHARLOTTE** *(Stadium)*	**W, 42-32**
N19 (Fri.)	**SOUTHERN MISS** (CBSSN)	**L, 35-19**
N27	**at Rice** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 35-31**

All times are Central and subject to change

NORTH TEXAS (6-6, 5-3 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S4	NORTHWESTERN STATE *(ESPN3)*	W, 44-14
S11	at SMU *(ESPN+)*	L, 35-12
S18	**UAB** *(Stadium)*	**L, 40-6**
S25	**at Louisiana Tech** *(Stadium)*	**L, 24-17**
O9	at Missouri *(SEC Network)*	L, 48-35
O15 (Fri.)	**MARSHALL** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 49-21**
O23	LIBERTY *(ESPN+)*	L, 35-26
O30	**at Rice** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 30-24 OT**
N6	**at Southern Miss** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 38-14**
N13	**UTEP** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 20-17**
N20	**at FIU** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 49-7**
N27	**UTSA** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 45-23**
D23 (Thu.)	vs. Miami (OH) (ESPN)^	2:30 PM

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^ - Frisco Football Classic

RICE (4-8, 3-5 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S4	at Arkansas *(ESPN+)*	L, 38-17
S11	HOUSTON *(CBSSN)*	L, 44-7
S18	at Texas *(Longhorn Network)*	L, 58-0
S25	TEXAS SOUTHERN *(ESPN3)*	W, 48-34
O2	**SOUTHERN MISS** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 24-19**
O16	**at UTSA** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 45-0**
O23	**at UAB** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 30-24**
O30	**NORTH TEXAS** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 30-24 OT**
N6	**at Charlotte** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 31-24 OT**
N13	**WKU** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 42-21**
N20	**at UTEP** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 38-28**
N28	**LOUISIANA TECH** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 35-31**

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SOUTHERN MISS (3-9, 2-6 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S3 (Thu.)	at South Alabama *(ESPN+)*	L, 31-7
S11	GRAMBLING STATE *(ESPN3)*	W, 37-0
S18	TROY *(ESPN+)*	L, 21-9
S25	at No. 1 Alabama *(SEC Network)*	L, 63-14
O2	**at Rice** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 24-19**
O9	**UTEP** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 26-13**
O16	**UAB** *(Stadium)*	**L, 34-0**
O30	**at Middle Tennessee** *(ESPN+)*	L, 35-10
N6	**NORTH TEXAS** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 38-14**
N13	**at No. 23 UTSA** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 27-17**
N19 (Fri.)	**at Louisiana Tech** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 35-19**
N27	**FIU** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 37-17**

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UAB (9-4, 6-2 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S1 (Wed.)	JACKSONVILLE STATE* *(ESPN)*	*W, 31-0*
S11	at No. 2 Georgia *(ESPN2)*	L, 56-7
S18	**at North Texas** *(Stadium)*	**W, 40-6**
S25	at Tulane *(ESPN+)*	W, 28-21
O2	LIBERTY *(CBSSN)*	L, 36-12
O9	**FLORIDA ATLANTIC** *(Stadium)*	**W, 31-14**
O16	**at Southern Miss** *(Stadium)*	**W, 34-0**
O23	**RICE** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 30-24**
N6	**LOUISIANA TECH** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 52-38**
N13	**at Marshall** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 21-14**
N20	**at UTSA** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 34-31**
N26	**UTEP** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 42-25**
D18	vs. No. 13 BYU (ABC)^	W, 31-28

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** Game played in Montgomery, AL, at the Cramton Bowl*

UTEP (7-6, 4-4 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A28	at New Mexico State *(Flo Football)*	W, 30-3
S4	BETHUNE-COOKMAN *(ESPN3)*	W, 38-28
S10 (Fri.)	at Boise State *(FS1)*	L, 54-13
S25	NEW MEXICO *(ESPN+)*	W, 20-13
O2	**OLD DOMINION** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 28-21**
O9	**at Southern Miss** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 26-13**
O16	**LOUISIANA TECH** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 19-3**
O30	**at Florida Atlantic** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 28-25**
N6	**No. 16 UTSA** *(ESPN2)*	**L, 44-23**
N13	**at North Texas** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 20-17**
N20	**RICE** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 38-28**
N26	**at UAB** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 42-25**
D18	vs. Fresno State (ESPN)^	L, 31-24

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^ - PBUG Mobile New Mexico Bowl

UTSA (12-1, 7-1 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S4	at Illinois *(Big Ten Network)*	W, 37-30
S11	LAMAR *(ESPN3)*	W 54-0
S18	**MIDDLE TENNESSEE** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 27-13**
S25	at Memphis *(ESPNU)*	W, 31-28
O2	UNLV *(ESPN+)*	W, 24-17
O9	**at WKU** *(Stadium)*	**W, 52-46**
O16	**RICE** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 45-0**
O23	**at Louisiana Tech** *(Stadium)*	**W, 45-16**
N6	**at UTEP** *(ESPN2)*	**W, 44-23**
N13	**SOUTHERN MISS** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 27-17**
N20	**UAB** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 34-31**
N27	**at North Texas** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 45-23**
D3	**WKU (CBSSN)***	**W, 49-41**
D21 (Tue.)	vs. No. 24 San Diego State (ESPN)^	6:30 PM

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** - 2021 Ryan Conference USA Championship Game*
^ - Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl



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EAST DIVISION SCHEDULES/RESULTS

CHARLOTTE (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S3 (Fri.)	DUKE *(CBSSN)*	W, 31-28
S11	Gardner-Webb *(ESPN3)*	W, 38-10
S18	at Georgia State *(ESPN+)*	L, 20-9
S24 (Fri.)	**MIDDLE TENNESSEE** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 42-39**
O2	at Illinois *(Big Ten Network)*	L, 24-14
O8 (Fri.)	**at FIU** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 45-33**
O21 (Thu.)	**FLORIDA ATLANTIC** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 38-9**
O30	**at WKU** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 45-13**
N6	**RICE** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 31-24 OT**
N13	**at Louisiana Tech** *(Stadium)*	**L, 42-32**
N20	**MARSHALL** *(Stadium)*	**L, 49-28**
N27	**at Old Dominion** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 56-34**

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FIU (1-11, 0-8 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2 (Thu.)	LONG ISLAND *(ESPN3)*	W, 48-10
S11	TEXAS STATE *(ESPN+)*	L, 23-17 OT
S18	at Texas Tech *(ESPN+)*	L, 54-21
S25	at Central Michigan *(ESPN+)*	L, 31-27
O2	**at Florida Atlantic** *(Stadium)*	**L, 58-21**
O8 (Fri.)	**CHARLOTTE** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 45-33**
O23	**WKU** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 34-19**
O30	**at Marshall** *(Stadium)*	**L, 38-0**
N6	**OLD DOMINION** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 47-24**
N13	**at Middle Tennessee** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 50-10**
N20	**NORTH TEXAS** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 49-7**
N27	**at Southern Miss** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 37-17**

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FLORIDA ATLANTIC (5-7, 3-5 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S4	at No. 13 Florida *(SEC Network)*	L, 35-14
S11	GEORGIA SOUTHERN *(Stadium)*	W, 38-6
S18	FORDHAM *(ESPN3)*	W, 45-14
S25	at Air Force *(FS2)*	L, 31-7
O2	**FIU** *(Stadium)*	**W, 58-21**
O9	**at UAB** *(Stadium)*	**L, 31-14**
O21 (Thu.)	**at Charlotte** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 38-9**
O30	**UTEP** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 28-25**
N7	**MARSHALL** *(CBSSN/Facebook)*	**L, 28-13**
N13	**at Old Dominion** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 30-16**
N20	**at WKU** *(Stadium)*	**L, 52-17**
N27	**MIDDLE TENNESSEE** *(Stadium)*	**L, 27-17**

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MARSHALL (7-6, 5-3 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S4	at Navy *(CBSSN)*	W, 49-7
S11	NC CENTRAL *(ESPN3)*	W, 44-10
S18	EAST CAROLINA *(CBSSN/Facebook)*	L, 42-38
S23 (Thu.)	at Appalachian State *(ESPN)*	L, 31-30
O2	**at Middle Tennessee***(Stadium)*	**L, 34-28**
O9	**OLD DOMINION** *(Facebook)*	**W, 20-13 OT**
O15 (Fri.)	**at North Texas** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 49-21**
O30	**FIU** *(Stadium)*	**W, 38-0**
N6	**at Florida Atlantic** *(CBSSN/Facebook)*	**W, 28-13**
N13	**UAB** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 21-14**
N20	**at Charlotte** *(Stadium)*	**W, 49-28**
N27	**WKU** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 53-21**
D18	vs. No. 23 Louisiana ^	L, 36-21

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^ - R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (7-6, 4-4 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S4	MONMOUTH *(ESPN3)*	W, 50-15
S11	at No. 19 Virginia Tech *(ACC Net+)*	L, 35-14
S18	**at UTSA** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 27-13**
S24 (Fri.)	**at Charlotte** *(CBSSN)*	**L, 42-39**
O2	**MARSHALL** *(Stadium)*	**W, 34-28**
O9	at Liberty *(ESPN3)*	L, 41-13
O22 (Fri.)	at UCONN *(CBSSN)*	W, 44-13
O30	**SOUTHERN MISS** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 35-10**
N6	**at WKU** *(Stadium)*	**L, 48-21**
N13	**FIU** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 50-10**
N20	**OLD DOMINION** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 24-17**
N27	**at Florida Atlantic** *(Stadium)*	**W, 27-17**
D17 (Fri.)	vs. Toledo (ESPN)^	W, 31-24

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^ - Bahamas Bowl

OLD DOMINION (6-7, 5-3 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S3 (Fri.)	at Wake Forest *(ACC Network)*	L, 42-10
S11	HAMPTON *(ESPN3)*	W, 47-7
S18	at Liberty *(ESPN3)*	L, 45-17
S25	BUFFALO *(ESPN+)*	L, 35-34
O2	**at UTEP** *(ESPN+)*	**L, 28-21**
O9	**at Marshall** *(Facebook)*	**L, 20-13 OT**
O16	**WKU** *(ESPN3)*	**L, 43-20**
O30	**LOUISIANA TECH** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 23-20**
N6	**at FIU** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 47-24**
N13	**FLORIDA ATLANTIC** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 30-16**
N20	**at Middle Tennessee** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 24-17**
N27	**CHARLOTTE** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 56-34**
D20 (Mon.)	vs. Tulsa (ESPN)^	L, 30-17

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^ - Myrtle Beach Bowl

WKU (9-5, 7-1 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2 (Thu.)	UT MARTIN *(ESPN+)*	W, 59-21
S11	at Army *(CBSSN)*	L, 38-35
S25	INDIANA *(CBSSN)*	L, 33-31
O2	at No. 17 Michigan State*(BigTen Net)*	L, 48-31
O9	**UTSA** *(Stadium)*	**L, 52-46**
O16	**at Old Dominion** *(ESPN3)*	**W, 43-20**
O23	**at FIU** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 34-19**
O30	**CHARLOTTE** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 45-13**
N6	**MIDDLE TENNESSEE** *(Stadium)*	**W, 48-21**
N13	**at RICE** *(ESPN+)*	**W, 42-21**
N20	**FLORIDA ATLANTIC** *(Stadium)*	**W, 52-17**
N27	**at Marshall** *(CBSSN)*	**W, 53-21**
D3	**at UTSA (CBSSN)***	**L, 49-41**
D18	vs. Appalachian State (ESPN)^	W, 59-38

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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
UTEP 30, New Mexico State 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
UAB 31, Jacksonville State 0

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
FIU 48, Long Island 10
WKU 59, UT Martin 21

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Charlotte 31, Duke 28
Wake Forest 42, Old Dominion 10

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Arkansas 38, Rice 17
Marshall 49, Navy 7
Mississippi State 35, LA Tech 34
Middle Tennessee 50, Monmouth 15
North Texas 44, Northwestern State 14
No. 13 Florida 35, Florida Atlantic 14
UTSA 37, Illinois 30
South Alabama 31, Southern Miss 7
UTEP 38, Bethune-Cookman 28

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Boise State 54, UTEP 13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Army 38, WKU 35
No. 19 Virginia Tech 35, Middle Tennessee 14
Florida Atlantic 38, Georgia Southern 6
No. 2 Georgia 56, UAB 7
UTSA 54, Lamar 0
Charlotte 38, Gardner-Webb 10
Houston 44, Rice 7
Marshall 44, NC Central 10
Old Dominion 47, Hampton 7
Southern Miss 37, Grambling State 0
Texas State 23, FIU 17 (OT)
SMU 35, North Texas 12
LA Tech 45, SE Louisiana 42

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
SMU 39, LA Tech *37*
UTSA 27, Middle Tennessee 13
Liberty 45, Old Dominion 17
East Carolina 42, Marshall 38
Georgia State 20, Charlotte 9
Troy 21, Southern Miss 9
Texas Tech 54, FIU 21
Florida Atlantic 45, Fordham 14
UAB 40, North Texas 6
Texas 58, Rice 0

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Appalachian State 31, Marshall 30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Charlotte 42, Middle Tennessee 39

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Central Michigan 31, FIU 27
UTSA 31, Memphis 28
Buffalo 35, Old Dominion 34
LA Tech 24, North Texas 17
Rice 48, Texas Southern 34
No. 1 Alabama 63, Southern Miss 14
Air Force 31, Florida Atlantic 7
UAB 28, Tulane 21
Indiana 33, WKU 31
UTEP 20, New Mexico 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
Illinois 24, Charlotte 14
Florida Atlantic 58, FIU 21
UTSA 24, UNLV 17
No. 23 NC State 34, LA Tech 27
Rice 24, Southern Miss 19
Liberty 36, UAB 12
Middle Tennessee 34, Marshall 28
No. 17 Michigan State 48, WKU 31
UTEP 28, Old Dominion 21

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
Charlotte 45, FIU 33

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
Marshall 20, Old Dominion 13 (OT)
UAB 31, Florida Atlantic 14
Liberty 41, Middle Tennessee 13
Missouri 48, North Texas 35
UTEP 26, Southern Miss 13
UTSA 52, WKU 46

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
Marshall 49, North Texas 21

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
UAB 34, Southern Miss 0
WKU 43, Old Dominion 20
UTSA 45, Rice 0
UTEP 19, LA Tech 3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
Florida Atlantic 38, Charlotte 9

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
Middle Tennessee 44, UConn 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
Rice 30, UAB 24
Liberty 35, North Texas 26
No. 24 UTSA 45, LA Tech 16
WKU 34, FIU 19

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
North Texas 30 at Rice 24 (OT)
Marshall 38, FIU 0
Middle Tennessee 35, Southern Miss 10
Old Dominion 23, Louisiana Tech 20
WKU 45, Charlotte 13
Florida Atlantic 28, UTEP 25

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6
UAB 52, Louisiana Tech 38
North Texas 38, Southern Miss 14
WKU 48, Middle Tennessee 21
Charlotte 31, Rice 24 (OT)
Marshall 28, Florida Atlantic 13
Old Dominion 47, FIU 24
No. 16 UTSA 44, UTEP 23

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
WKU 42, Rice 21
Middle Tennessee 50, FIU 10
UAB 21, Marshall 14
No. 23 UTSA 27, Southern Miss 17
Old Dominion 30, Florida Atlantic 16
LA Tech 42, Charlotte 32
North Texas 20, UTEP 17

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Southern Miss 35, LA Tech 19

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
WKU 52, Florida Atlantic 17
Old Dominion 24, Middle Tennessee 17
No. 22 UTSA 34, UAB 31
Marshall 49, Charlotte 28
UTEP 38, Rice 28
North Texas 49, FIU 7

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
UAB 42, UTEP 25

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Rice 35, LA Tech 31
North Texas 45, No. 22 UTSA 23
Old Dominion 56, Charlotte 34
Southern Miss 37, FIU 17
WKU 53, Marshall 21
Middle Tennessee 27, Florida Atlantic 17

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
Ryan C-USA Championship *(CBSSN)*
UTSA 49, WKU 41

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
Bahamas Bowl
Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl
WKU 59, Appalachian State 38
PUBG Mobile New Mexico Bowl
Fresno State 31, UTEP 24
Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl
UAB 31, No. 13 BYU 28
R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl
No. 23 Louisiana 36, Marshall 21

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
Myrtle Beach Bowl
Tulsa 30, Old Dominion 17

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl (ESPN) 6:30 pm
UTSA vs. No. 24 San Diego State

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
Frisco Football Classic (ESPN) 2:30 pm
North Texas vs. Miami (OH)

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