



FOOTBALL

2023 Football Media Release (September 5, 2023)

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2023 STANDINGS

CUSA LEAGUE PLAY

	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts.	Opp.	OVERALL	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	Pts	Opp.
Jax State	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	17	14	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	66	17
Louisiana Tech	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	22	17	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	36	55
Liberty	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	34	24
WKU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	41	24
New Mexico State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	1-1	.500	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	30	41
Middle Tennessee	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	7	56
Sam Houston	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	14
FIU	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	17	22	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	31	34
UTEP	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	14	17	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	42	31

* Jax State and Sam Houston are ineligible for the 2023 CUSA Championship Game and bowl games due to their transition from FCS

WEEK 1 RESULTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SMU 38, LA Tech 14
Liberty 34, Bowling Green 24
Jax State 49, East Tennessee State 3
WKU 41, South Florida 24
FIU 14, Maine 12
No. 4 Alabama 56, MTSU 7
UTEP 28, Incarnate Word 14
New Mexico State 58, Western Illinois 21
BYU 14, Sam Houston 0

UPCOMING GAMES (ALL TIMES CT)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

UTEP at Northwestern (Big Ten Net) 2:30 p.m.
New Mexico State at Liberty (ESPN+) 5 p.m.
North Texas at FIU (ESPN+) 5:30 p.m.
Jax State at Coastal Carolina (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Northwestern State at LA Tech (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
MTSU at Missouri (SEC Net+) 6 p.m.
Houston Christian at WKU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Air Force at Sam Houston (CBSSN) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Liberty at Buffalo (CBSSN) 11 a.m.
FIU at UCONN (CBSSN) 2:30 p.m.
WKU at No. 5 Ohio State (Fox) 3 p.m.
North Texas at LA Tech (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Murray State at MTSU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
New Mexico State at New Mexico (MWN) 7 p.m.
UTEP at Arizona (Pac-12 Net) 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Eastern Michigan at Jax State (ESPN Platforms) 4 p.m.
Liberty at FIU (ESPN Platforms) 5:30 p.m.
Colorado State at MTSU (ESPN Platforms) 6 p.m.
Sam Houston at Houston (Big 12 Now) 6 p.m.
WKU at Troy 6 p.m.
UNLV at UTEP (ESPN Platforms) 8 p.m.
New Mexico State at Hawai'i 11 p.m.
LA Tech at Nebraska TBD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

MTSU at WKU (CBSSN) 6:30 p.m.
Jax State at Sam Houston (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

LA Tech at UTEP (CBSSN) 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Jax State at MTSU (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

FIU at New Mexico State (CBSSN) 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Sam Houston at Liberty (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

WKU at LA Tech (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

Conference games in bold.

All times are listed in CT

All dates are subject to change based upon television selections.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, PRESENTED BY BLENDERS EYEWEAR (WEEK 1)

OFFENSE

WR KRIS MITCHELL, FIU

RS Junior, Jacksonville, Florida

Mitchell finished with 201 yards on nine receptions in FIU's win over Maine, which tied for the most receiving yards in a single game in FIU program history (Tyrese Chambers did so against Charlotte on 10/8/21 and T.Y. Hilton did so at Louisville on 9/9/11). Mitchell's 62-yard touchdown catch against Maine was the longest of his career, and his two scoring grabs tied a single-game career best mark. The Jacksonville, Florida, native's nine catches were the most he has had in a single game thus far in his career.

DEFENSE

LB JAKUES EVANS, WKU

Junior, Dublin, Georgia

Evans helped the Hilltoppers close out a 41-24 season-opening win over South Florida on Saturday by stripping the USF quarterback, recovering the ball and returning it 27 yards for a touchdown. The Conference USA Preseason Defensive Player of the Year finished with seven tackles - which was tied for the game high - and also had a sack and pass breakup. WKU held USF to just 10 points over the final three quarters, including a single touchdown in the second half.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K, LUCAS CARNEIRO, WKU

RS Freshman, Cornelius, North Carolina

In his first game at the college level, Carneiro, a red-shirt freshman, made both field goals he attempted and was a perfect 5-5 on extra points. His field goals were from 41 and 42 yards, respectively, and helped the Hilltoppers overcome an early double-digit deficit in Saturday's 41-24 season-opening win over South Florida.





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QUICK HITTERS

CUSA ADDS FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Conference USA enters 2023 with a new composition, having added four new members - Jacksonville State, Liberty, New Mexico State and Sam Houston.

The quartet brings the 2023 membership to nine teams, joining FIU, Louisiana Tech, Middle Tennessee, UTEP and WKU.

Kennesaw State will join CUSA on July 1, 2024.

A LOOK AT WEEK 2

For the second straight week, all nine Conference USA teams are in action in Week 2. The week features seven non-conference matchups and one conference tilt.

UTEP (1-1, 0-1 CUSA) travels to Evanston, Illinois, to take on Northwestern (0-1) in the first game of the week involving a CUSA team. The Miners and Wildcats kick off at 2:30 p.m. CT on **Big Ten Network**. UTEP enters play after a 28-14 win at home last week against Incarnate Word, while Northwestern opened the season with a 24-7 loss to Rutgers in interim head coach David Braun's debut.

New Mexico State (1-1, 0-0 CUSA) travels to Lynchburg to take on Liberty (1-0, 0-0 CUSA) in the first-ever CUSA contest for both teams, at 5 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. **Jerry Kill**'s Aggies bounced back with a dominant 58-21 win over Western Illinois at home last week and look to duplicate their performance at Liberty from 2022...a 49-14 win. Liberty knocked off Bowling Green last week in the Flames' season opener, 34-24, in **Jamey Chadwell**'s first win as Liberty head coach and the 100th of his coaching career.

FIU (1-1, 0-1 CUSA) hosts a former conference mate in North Texas (0-1) on Saturday night at 5:30 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. The Panthers picked up their first win of the season last week with a 14-12 win at home over Maine in true freshman **QB Keyone Jenkins**' first career start. North Texas opened the Eric Morris era with a disappointing 58-21 loss at home last week to Cal.

Jax State (2-0, 1-0 CUSA) looks to continue its hot start when it travels to Coastal Carolina (0-1) in Myrtle Beach at 6 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. The Gamecocks scored 49 unanswered points to knock off East Tennessee State 49-3 last week at home. This week they take their first road trip of the season to take on the Chanticleers, who fell 27-13 last week at UCLA in head coach Tim Beck's debut.

LA Tech (1-1, 1-0 CUSA) looks to rebound this week when they host FCS foe Northwestern State (0-1) at 6 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. The Bulldogs fell 38-14 at SMU last week, while the Demons dropped their opener 38-13 at Louisiana.

Middle Tennessee (0-1) takes on its second consecutive SEC foe this week, when the Blue Raiders travel to battle Missouri (1-0) at 6 p.m. CT on **SEC Network+**. MTSU lost 56-7 last week at No. 4 Alabama, while the Tigers opened the 2023 season with a 35-10 win over South Dakota at home.

WKU (1-0) looks to open the year with back-to-back wins when the Hilltoppers welcome Houston Chris-

tian (1-0) to Bowling Green at 6 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. WKU knocked off AAC foe South Florida 41-24 last week in the season opener, while Houston Christian defeated Arkansas Baptist 66-0 in the Huskies' opener.

The final game involving a CUSA team kicks off at 7 p.m. CT on **CBS Sports Network** as Sam Houston (0-1) takes on Air Force (1-0) at NRG Stadium in Houston. The Bearkats hung with BYU last week on the road, falling 14-0 to the Cougars in Provo, while Air Force beat Robert Morris 42-7 last week at home.

2023 ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE

Conference USA's nine-team configuration in 2023 allows for a true round robin schedule format to decide the participants of the CUSA Championship game on Friday, Dec. 1.

NEW FACES IN CUSA

With four new teams set to debut in Conference USA in 2023, that means the league has four new head coaches: **Rich Rodriguez** is in year two at Jacksonville State, **Jamey Chadwell** is in the first year of his tenure at Liberty, **Jerry Kill** is in his second year at New Mexico State and **K.C. Keeler** is in his 10th season at Sam Houston

2023 MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Conference USA's new television deal with partners CBS Sports Network and ESPN, features a new mid-week scheduling model for beginning this fall. 19 CUSA games will take place on weeknights throughout the month of October, enhancing linear exposure for the league and its programs.

REED ALL ABOUT IT!

WKU **QB Austin Reed** returns for the 2023 season as the nation's leading returning passer. He led the country in 2022 in passing yardage (4,746) and finished his first season in Bowling Green by completing 389-of-603 for 4,746 yards with 40 touchdowns to just 11 interceptions. He also chipped in on the ground, carrying 91 times for 224 yards and eight more touchdowns.

Reed opened his 2023 season by completing 29-50 passes for 336 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions, while also carrying three times for 27 yards and another score.

CHADWELL ERA AT LIBERTY OPENS WITH WIN

Liberty (1-0) opened its CUSA era with a 34-24 win at home over MAC foe Bowling Green (0-1). It marked new head coach **Jamey Chadwell**'s first win with the Flames and the 100th of his career. Liberty's defense recorded five interceptions, including a pair by **LB Jerome Jolly, Jr.** Redshirt sophomore **QB Kaidon Salter** was dynamic for the Flames, throwing for 143 yards and two scores with no interceptions, and also ran for 82 yards in the win. Sophomore **DL Chris Boti** finished with 2.5 TFL and 1.5 sacks in the win.

JAX STATE COASTS TO 2-0, WIN 49-3

Jax State (2-0, 1-0 CUSA) improved to 2-0 with a comfortable 49-3 home win over FCS foe East Tennessee State (0-1). The Gamecocks ran for 237

yards, including a strong performance by **RB Malik Jackson**, who carried 12 times for 100 yards and a touchdown. **QB Logan Smothers** finished 13-17 for 127 yards with a touchdown and no interceptions in his first career start to go along with 14 carries for 40 yards and two more scores in the win. Defensively, Jax State forced four turnovers, giving them seven on the young season already. They also recorded three sacks in the win.

REED, EVANS LEAD WKU TO 41-24 WIN

WKU (1-0) opened its 2023 season with a 41-24 win over AAC foe South Florida (0-1). CUSA Preseason Offensive Player of the Year **QB Austin Reed** led the way for the Hilltoppers, completing 29-50 passes for 336 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions and also carried three times for 27 yards and another score. Defensively, CUSA Preseason Defensive Player of the Year **LB JaQués "Donut" Evans** finished with seven stops, and a highlight reel sack, forced fumble, fumble recovery and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown to put an exclamation mark on the victory.

JENKINS LEADS FIU TO FIRST WIN OF 2023

FIU (1-1, 0-1 CUSA) picked up its first win of the 2023 season, holding off Maine (0-1) 14-12 in Miami on Saturday night. True freshman **QB Keyone Jenkins** completed 15-30 passes for 290 yards and two touchdowns in the win, his first career start. His favorite target was **WR Kris Mitchell**, who hauled in nine passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, **LB Donovan Manuel** recorded a game-high 14 tackles, and a pair of tackles for loss in the win.

HANKINS PACES MINERS TO WIN OVER UIW

UTEP (1-1, 0-1 CUSA) knocked off Incarnate Word (0-1) 28-14 in El Paso on Saturday night to even its record. **RB Deion Hankins** carried 24 times for 174 yards in the win for the Miners, and **QB Gavin Hardison** threw a pair of touchdown passes. **LB Tyrice Knight** had a game-high 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack. The Miners held UIW scoreless in the second half, and outgained the Cardinals 423-308.

AGGIES BOUNCE BACK WITH DOMINANT WIN

New Mexico State (1-1) bounced back at home Saturday night with a comfortable 58-21 win over Western Illinois (0-1). The Aggies rolled up 650 yards of total offense, and were led by **QB Diego Pavia**, who completed 16-20 passes for 317 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. **RB Star Thomas** paced a productive running game (277 rushing yards), carrying 12 times for 96 yards and a pair of scores, while **WR Jonathan Brady** hauled in four catches for 102 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, **DL Nikhil Webb-Walker** had 1.5 sacks and a quarterback hurry in the win.

SAM HOUSTON MAKES CUSA DEBUT AT BYU

Sam Houston (0-1) kept it close in Provo against BYU (1-0), falling 14-0 on the road in its FBS and CUSA debut. The Bearkats defense held the Cougars to 25 yards of total offense and just 14 points, but couldn't get things going offensively.





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QUICK HITTERS/BROADCAST INFORMATION/CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

AP TOP 25

Rk	Team	Rec.	Conf.	LW
1	Georgia (58)	1-0	SEC	1
2	Michigan (2)	1-0	B10	2
3	Alabama	1-0	SEC	4
4	Florida State (3)	1-0	ACC	8
5	Ohio State	1-0	B10	3
6	USC	2-0	P12	6
7	Penn State	1-0	B10	7
8	Washington	1-0	P12	10
9	Tennessee	1-0	SEC	12
10	Notre Dame	2-0	FBS IND.	13
11	Texas	1-0	B12	11
12	Utah	1-0	P12	14
13	Oregon	1-0	P12	15
14	LSU	0-1	SEC	5
15	Kansas State	1-0	B12	16
16	Oregon State	1-0	P12	18
17	North Carolina	1-0	ACC	21
18	Oklahoma	1-0	B12	20
19	Wisconsin	1-0	B10	19
20	Ole Miss	1-0	SEC	22
21	Duke	1-0	ACC	NR
22	Colorado	1-0	P12	NR
23	Texas A&M	1-0	SEC	23
24	Tulane	1-0	AAC	24
25	Clemson	0-1	ACC	9

Others Receiving Votes: Iowa 73, UCLA 55, Arkansas 28, TCU 27, Kentucky 15, Pittsburgh 8, Mississippi State 5, Miami 4, NC State 4, Auburn 3, Troy 3, Fresno State 3, Minnesota 3, Wyoming 3, Iowa State 2, Texas State 2, Texas Tech 1, Louisville 1, Washington State 1, Illinois 1, Houston 1, UCF 1, James Madison 1.

2023 SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

Here's a look at CUSA's non-league FBS opponents by conference during the 2023 season:

ACC: none

American: North Texas (2), SMU, South Florida

Big 12: BYU, Houston

Big Ten: Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State

MAC: Bowling Green, Buffalo, Eastern Michigan

Mountain West: Air Force, Colorado State, Hawai'i, New Mexico, UNLV

Pac-12: Arizona

SEC: Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Missouri, South Carolina

Sun Belt: Coastal Carolina, Old Dominion, Troy

Independent: UCONN, UMass (2)

PRESEASON AWARDS

(as selected by the league's nine head coaches)

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Austin Reed, RS Sr., QB, WKU

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JaQués Evans, Jr., LB, WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Smoke Harris, RS Sr., KR/PR, Louisiana Tech

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

(as selected by the league's nine head coaches)

OFFENSE

QB Gavin Hardison, RS Sr., UTEP
QB Grayson James, Jr., FIU
QB Diego Pavia, Sr., New Mexico State
QB Austin Reed, RS Sr., WKU
RB Anwar Lewis, RS Jr., Jacksonville State
RB Frank Peasant, Jr., Middle Tennessee
WR Ife Adeyi, Sr., Sam Houston
WR Malachi Corley, Jr., WKU
WR Noah Frith, Sr., Liberty
WR Smoke Harris, RS Sr., Louisiana Tech
TE Sean Brown, RS Jr., Jacksonville State
OL Carson Bruno, RS So., Louisiana Tech
OL X'Zauvea Gadlin, Sr., Liberty
OL Ethan Hagler, Sr., Sam Houston
OL Elijah Klein, RS Sr., UTEP
OL Quantavious Leslie, Jr., WKU
OL Jacob Peace, Sr., FIU
OL Shiyazh Pete, RS So., New Mexico State
OL Keylan Rutledge, So., Middle Tennessee

DEFENSE

DE Praise Amaewhule, RS Sr., UTEP
DE J-Rock Swain, Jr., Jacksonville State
DL Kendy Charles, Sr., Liberty
DL Marley Cook, RS Jr., Middle Tennessee
DL Jordan Guerard, RS So., FIU
DL Deshon Hall, Sr., Louisiana Tech
DL Chris Hardie, RS Jr., Jacksonville State
DL Markel Perry, Gr., Sam Houston
DL Dion Wilson Jr., Jr., New Mexico State
LB JaQués Evans, Jr., WKU
LB Kavian Gaither, Jr., Sam Houston
LB Tyrice Knight, RS Sr., UTEP
LB Donovan Manuel, Sr., FIU
DB Quinton Reese, Sr., Liberty
DB Willie Roberts, Sr., Louisiana Tech
DB Teldrick Ross, RS Sr., Middle Tennessee
DB Andre Seldon, RS So., New Mexico State

SPECIAL TEAMS

K Nick Brown, So., Liberty
K Alen Karajic, Jr., Jacksonville State
K Zeke Rankin, Jr., Middle Tennessee
K/P Jadon Cardell, RS So., Sam Houston
P Tom Ellard, RS So., WKU
P Daton Montiel, RS Jr., FIU
P Joshua Sloan, Jr., UTEP
PR/KR Smoke Harris, RS Sr., Louisiana Tech
KR Jonathan Brady, So., New Mexico State

ACADEMIC PERFORMER

OL Jacob Peace, Sr., FIU
DL Jackson Luttrell, Sr., Jacksonville State
QB Trey Lowe, Sr., Liberty
OL Abraham Delfin, Gr., Louisiana Tech
LB Devyn Curtis, RS So., Middle Tennessee
OL Canaan Yarro, RS Jr., New Mexico State
LB Trevor Williams, Gr., Sam Houston
OL Andrew Meyer, RS Sr., UTEP
OL Vincent Murphy, RS Jr., WKU

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

(as selected by a panel of the league's media)

- WKU (18)
 - Liberty (4)
 - Middle Tennessee
 - Louisiana Tech
 - New Mexico State
 - UTEP
 - Jacksonville State
 - FIU
- Sam Houston
(First place votes in parentheses)

WATCH THIS!

2023 National watch lists are beginning to make their rounds, and include several CUSA standouts.

AFCA Good Works Team (Community Service)

X'Zauvea Gadlin, OL, Sr., Liberty
Richard Kinley, DE, RS Jr., MTSU
JaQués Evans, LB, Jr., WKU

Athlon Preseason All-American

Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU (Fourth Team)

Bednarik Award (Nation's Best Defensive Player)

Tyrice Knight, LB, RS Sr., UTEP
JaQués Evans, LB, Jr., WKU

Biletnikoff Award (Nation's Best Receiver)

Tyrin Smith, WR, Sr., UTEP
Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU

Bronko Nagurski Trophy (Nation's Best Defensive Player)

Kendy Charles, DL, Sr., Liberty
Tra Fluellen, S, Sr., MTSU
Praise Amaewhule, DE, RS Sr., UTEP
Tyrice Knight, LB, RS Sr., UTEP
JaQués Evans, LB, Jr., WKU

Butkus Award (Nation's Best LB)

Tyrice Knight, LB, RS Sr., UTEP
JaQués Evans, LB, Jr., WKU

College Football News Preseason All-American

Teldrick Ross, DB, RS Sr., MTSU (Honorable Mention)
Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU (Honorable Mention)
Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU (Honorable Mention)

Dave Campbell's Texas Football All-Texas Team

Tyrice Knight, LB, RS Sr., UTEP (First Team)
Markel Perry, DL, GS, Sam Houston (Second Team)
Joshua Sloan, P, Jr., UTEP (Second Team)

Davey O'Brien Award (Nation's Best QB)

Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU

Doak Walker Award (Nation's Best RB)

Marquis Crosby, RB, RS So., Louisiana Tech
Frank Peasant, RB, Jr., MTSU
Deion Hankins, RB, RS Jr., UTEP
Davion Ervin-Pointdexter, RB, RS Jr., WKU

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (Offensive Player of the Year with a Texas Connection)

Grayson James, QB, Jr., FIU
X'Zauvea Gadlin, OL, Sr., Liberty
Nate Jones, TE, Jr., Louisiana Tech
Kordell David, WR, RS Jr., New Mexico State
Ife Adeyi, WR, RS Jr., Sam Houston
Deion Hankins, RB, RS Jr., UTEP

East-West Shrine Bowl 1000

Lexington Joseph, RB, Sr., FIU (expected to miss '23)
Donovan Manuel, LB, Sr., FIU
Kolbi Fuqua, S, RS Jr., Jax State
Clay Webb, OL, RS Jr., Jax State
X'Zauvea Gadlin, OL, Sr., Liberty
Kobe Singleton, DB, Jr., Liberty
Hank Bachmeier, QB, Sr., Louisiana Tech
Deshon Hall, DL, Sr., Louisiana Tech
Smoke Harris, WR, RS Sr., Louisiana Tech
Willie Roberts, DB, Sr., Louisiana Tech
Tra Fluellen, S, Sr., MTSU
Teldrick Ross, DB, RS Sr., MTSU
Zaylin Wood, DE, RS Jr., MTSU
Ife Adeyi, WR, RS Jr., Sam Houston
Praise Amaewhule, DE, RS Sr., UTEP
Gavin Hardison, QB, RS Sr., UTEP
Elijah Klein, OL, RS Sr., UTEP
Tyrice Knight, LB, RS Sr., UTEP





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Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU
Wes Dorsey, OL, RS Jr., WKU
JaQuis Evans, LB, Jr., WKU
Quantavious Leslie, OL, Jr., WKU

John Mackey Award (Nation's Best TE)

Josiah Miamen, TE, Jr., FIU
Sean Brown, TE, RS Jr., Jax State

Lombardi Award (Best OL/DL)

Marley Cook, DL, RS Jr., MTSU

Manning Award (Nation's Best QB)

Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU

Maxwell Award (Nation's Most Outstanding Player)

Diego Pavia, QB, Sr., New Mexico State
Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU
Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU

Outland Trophy (Nation's Best Interior Lineman)

Kendy Charles, DL, Sr., Liberty
X'Zauvea Gadlin, OL, Sr., Liberty
Keyland Rutledge, OL, So., MTSU
Quantavious Leslie, OL, Jr., WKU

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award (Nation's Best DB)

Willie Roberts, DB, Sr., Louisiana Tech
Tra Fluellen, S, Sr., MTSU
Teldrick Ross, DB, RS Sr., MTSU
Upton Stout, DB, RS So., WKU

Phil Steele Preseason All-American

Smoke Harris, AP, RS Sr., Louisiana Tech (First Team)
Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU (Fourth Team)

Ray Guy Award (Nation's Best P)

Daton Montie, P, RS Jr., FIU
Joshua Sloan, P, Jr., UTEP

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Clay Webb, OL, RS Jr., OL
X'Zauvea Gadlin, OL, Sr., Liberty
Kobe Singleton, DB, Jr., Liberty
Devonta Lee, WR, RS Jr., Louisiana Tech
Tra Fluellen, S, Sr., MTSU
Trevor Williams, LB, Gr., Sam Houston
Praise Amaewhule, DE, RS Sr., UTEP
Gavin Hardison, QB, RS Sr., UTEP
Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU
Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU

Rimington Trophy (Nation's Best C)

Andrew Meyer, C, Sr., UTEP

Walter Camp Award (Nation's Most Outstanding Player)

Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU

Wuerffel Trophy (Community Service)

Jeremy Passmore, DL, RS Jr., FIU
X'Zauvea Gadlin, OL, Sr., Liberty
Abraham Delfin, OL, Gr., Louisiana Tech
Teldrick Ross, DB, RS Sr., MTSU
Canaan Yarro, OL, RS Jr., New Mexico State
Trevor Williams, LB, Gr., Sam Houston
Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU
JaQuis Evans, LB, Jr., WKU
Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU

WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at CUSA overtime games in 2022 and all-time.

2022 CUSA Overtimes

FIU 38, Bryant 37 (OT) - 9/1/22
No. 24 Houston 37, UTSA 35 (3OT) - 9/3/22
UTSA 41, Army West Point 38 (OT) - 9/10/22
Indiana 33, WKU 30 (OT) - 9/17/22

Rice 42, Louisiana Tech 41 (OT) - 10/22/22
FIU 42, Louisiana Tech 34 (2OT) - 10/28/22
UTSA 44, UAB 38 (2OT) - 11/5/22
WKU 32, Florida Atlantic 31 (OT) - 11/26/22

Overtime Records 1996-2022

Teams	All Games	CUSA Games
FIU	7-6	2-2
Jax State*	9-8	0-0
Liberty^	8-9	0-0
Louisiana Tech	4-10	2-4
Middle Tennessee	6-6	4-2
New Mexico State	2-5	0-0
Sam Houston*	3-7	0-0
UTEP	6-3	5-3
WKU&	13-5	4-2

* - all as an FCS program

^ - Liberty is 2-1 in OT games since its move to FBS

& - WKU is 8-4 since its move to FBS

CUSA BROADCAST INFORMATION

Conference USA has announced its initial broadcast schedule for the 2023 football season. The current confirmed schedule features games to air nationally by the league's primary partners and every CUSA football game is expected to be available on traditional linear television or streaming via ESPN+.

CUSA games will be available this fall via CBS Sports Network and ESPN Platforms. The majority of these exposures will take place on Saturday, with select Thursday and Friday night telecasts also being featured in addition to the new midweek scheduling model for the month of October.

Some non-conference CUSA games will also be made available as part of other conferences television agreements. Those games will continue to be added to the schedule this fall as part of those agreements.

The 2023 CUSA Championship game, slated for Friday, December 1, will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Additional Conference USA football broadcast exposures will be released as soon as they are finalized. Please note that all dates and times are subject to change.

ABOUT CBS SPORTS NETWORK

CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour home of CBS Sports, is available through all major cable, satellite and telco distributors as well as via OTT streaming service providers YouTube TV, fuboTV, DirecTV and Hulu. Additionally, a live CBS Sports Network stream is available through CBSSports.com and the CBS Sports App with select providers. For more information, including a full programming schedule, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com

ABOUT ESPN AND ESPN+

ESPN, Inc. is the leading multinational, multimedia sports entertainment brand featuring the broadest portfolio of multimedia sports assets. Based in Bristol, Conn., ESPN launched on September 7, 1979, and is 80 percent owned by ABC, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company. Hearst holds a 20 percent interest.

ESPN+ is the industry-leading sports streaming service that offers fans in the U.S. thousands of live sports events, original programming not available on ESPN's linear TV or digital networks and exclusive

editorial content from dozens of ESPN writers and reporters. Launched in April 2018, ESPN+ has grown to more than 24.3 million subscribers. Fans sign up to ESPN+ for just \$9.99 a month (or \$99.99 per year) at ESPN.com, ESPNplus.com or on the ESPN App (mobile and connected devices).



2023 CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Conference USA will host its 19th annual football championship game in 2023.

The event, slated for Friday, December 1, will be televised by CBS Sports Network. The team with the highest league winning percentage will serve as host site for the game.

The title game will feature the top two finishers in the league's regular season. Eleven different schools have hosted the first 18 championship games.

Year Champion (CUSA Record)

2022	UTSA (8-0)
2021	UTSA (7-1)
2020	UAB (3-1)
2019	Florida Atlantic (7-1)
2018	UAB (7-1)
2017	Florida Atlantic (8-0)
2016	WKU (7-1)
2015	WKU (8-0)
2014	Marshall (7-1)
2013	Rice (7-1)
2012	Tulsa (7-1)
2011	Southern Miss (7-1)
2010	UCF (7-1)
2009	East Carolina (6-2)
2008	East Carolina (6-2)
2007	UCF (7-1)
2006	Houston (7-1)
2005	Tulsa (6-2)

CUSA TIEBREAKER

Home field for the CUSA Championship Game will be awarded to the team that posts the highest regular season winning percentage against conference opposition. The first tiebreaker is the winner of a head-to-head match-up. Additional tiebreakers are in place in the event of a tie of three or more teams.





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CONFERENCE USA BOWL PARTNERS

CUSA BOWL SYNOPSIS

Conference USA is in year four the league's six-year cycle of the bowl lineup, concluding with the 2025 season. The conference is guaranteed seven bowl appearances in each year of the cycle and will have associations with up to 16 different bowls.

As part of the new bowl cycle, CUSA will annually send teams to the Bahamas Bowl against a Mid-American Conference opponent, and to the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, against a Sun Belt Conference school. The league has participated in all eight Bahamas Bowls and has placed a team in the New Orleans Bowl 18 times in its first 22 years.

The league continues its relationship with the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. CUSA is guaranteed to send a team to the Shreveport, Louisiana-based bowl in 2025, while holding a secondary agreement with the bowl in the other years of the cycle.

CUSA also continues its long-standing relationship with the easypost Hawai'i Bowl. The league is set to participate in the Honolulu-based game in 2024.

The conference's remaining guaranteed selections in the cycle (either four or five per season) will include the 68 Ventures Bowl (Mobile, Alabama) or from among 11 games which are owned and operated by ESPN Events. A backup opportunity also exists for the Quick Lane Bowl after ESPN and/or Independence Bowl slots have been filled.

Guaranteed selections each season:

Hometown Lenders Bahamas Bowl

(Nassau, Bahamas)
www.bahamasbowl.com

R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl

(New Orleans, Louisiana)
www.neworleansbowl.org

Guaranteed selections selected seasons:

Easypost Hawai'i Bowl

(Honolulu, Hawai'i) - 2024
www.thehawaiibowl.com

Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl

(Shreveport, Louisiana) - 2025
www.radiance technologies independence bowl.com

Remaining selections (4-5 per season) from this group:

Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl

(Fort Worth, Texas)
www.armedforcesbowl.com

TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl

(Birmingham, Alabama)
ticketsmarterbirminghambowl.com

Roofclaim.com Boca Raton Bowl

(Boca Raton, Florida)
thebocaratonbowl.com

Camellia Bowl

(Montgomery, Alabama)
camelliabowl.com

Cure Bowl

(Orlando, Florida)
curebowl.com

Wasabi Fenway Bowl

(Boston, Massachusetts)
mlb.com/redsox/fenway-bowl

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl

(Dallas, Texas)
firstresponderbowl.com

Scooter Coffee Frisco Bowl

(Frisco, Texas)
thefriscobowl.com

Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl

(Tampa, Florida)
gasparillabowl.com

68 Ventures Bowl

(Mobile, Alabama)
68venturesbowl.com

Myrtle Beach Bowl

(Myrtle Beach, South Carolina)
myrtlebeachbowlgame.com

New Mexico Bowl

(Albuquerque, New Mexico)
newmexicobowl.com

There is no set selection order among C-USA's bowl partners.

CUSA and the College Football Playoff

As a member of the College Football Playoff, Conference USA will be a part of one of the CFP bowls if it produces the highest rated champion from among the American Athletic, CUSA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt Conferences.

The Playoff

During the 2014-15 season, college football entered a new era when postseason playoffs began. The format is simple: top four teams, two semifinals played in bowl games, and a national championship game played in a different city each year. Each semifinal will be played during the New Year's holiday with the national championship game in prime time on a Monday night at least a week later.

The Selection Committee

A selection committee will choose the four teams for the playoff based on their performance during the regular season, including, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, championships won, and other factors. The teams will be seeded so that No. 1 will play No. 4 in one semifinal and No. 2 will meet No. 3 in the other, with the two winners advancing to the national championship game.

The Rotation

The semifinals rotate among six different bowls, extending the experience to more fans. In the years when the bowls are not hosting semifinals, the bowls will feature eight other teams in four compelling matchups.

For the 2023-24 season, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (Dec. 29), Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl (Dec. 30), the Capital One Orange Bowl (Dec. 30) and VRBO Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 1), will host its regular bowl games, while the Rose Bowl (Jan. 1) and Allstate Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1) will host semifinals. The College Football Championship will be held on Monday, Jan. 8 in Houston, Texas.





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MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Video highlights from all nine Conference USA Football teams will be available this season 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 CUSA media relations department for more information.

COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The only scheduled CUSA Coaches teleconference during the 2023 season will be held on Tuesday, November 28, and will feature the head coaches of the two teams participating in the 2023 CUSA Football Championship Game.

Some Conference USA schools will be making their weekly press conferences available to media members via video calls. Please contact each individual school for links and 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.

Please contact Jordan Stepp (jstepp@c-usa.org) or Josh Yonis (jyonis@c-usa.org) in the conference office with requests or questions.

COLLEGE PRESS BOX.COM

collegepressbox.com is the official media website for Division I football. Access and download game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for all FBS schools, conferences, postseason games, awards and the College Football Playoff. For access, please register for an account at collegepressbox.com/register.

FLAGSHIP RADIO STATIONS

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

School	Station	Signal	PxP
FIU	WQBA-AM	1140	AJ Ricketts
Jax State	WJLS	91.9	Mike Parris
Liberty	WRVL-FM	88.3	Alan York
Louisiana Tech			Malcolm Butler
Middle Tenn.	WGNS	100.5, 101.9, 1450 AM	
	WQZQ-FM (Nashville)	93.1	Chip Walters
NM State	KXPZ-FM	91.5	Jack Nixon
Sam Houston	KSAM-FM	101.7	Carlos Zimmerman
UTEP	KLAQ-FM	95.5	
	ESPN Radio	600	Jon Teicher
WKU	WWKU-FM	102.7	Randy Lee

CUSA WEBSITES

Here are the official websites for each CUSA school:

FIU	www.FIUSports.com
Jacksonville State	www.jaxstatesports.com
Liberty	www.libertyflames.com
Louisiana Tech	www.LATechSports.com
Middle Tennessee	www.GoBlueRaiders.com
New Mexico State	www.nmstatesports.com
Sam Houston	www.gobearkats.com
UTEP	www.UTEPathletics.com
WKU	www.WKUSports.com

CUSA X FEEDS

Here are the X feeds for each CUSA school:

FIU	@FIUFootball
Jacksonville State	@JaxStateFB
Liberty	@LibertyFootball
Louisiana Tech	@LATechFB
Middle Tennessee	@MT_FB
New Mexico State	@NMStateFootball
Sam Houston	@BarkatsFB
UTEP	@UTEPFB
WKU	@WKUFootball

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCES

Here are the weekly schedules for each CUSA school: (schedules subject to change on short weeks)

FIU	Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. CT
for midweek games	Fridays at 12:00 p.m. CT
Jax State	Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. CT
Liberty	Tuesdays at 7:10 a.m. CT
Louisiana Tech	Tuesdays at 12 p.m. CT
Middle Tennessee	Mondays at 10:30 a.m. CT
New Mexico State	Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. CT
Sam Houston	Mondays at 2 p.m. CT
UTEP	Mondays at 3:30 p.m. CT
WKU	Mondays at 11 a.m. CT

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TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

FIU (1-1, 0-1 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	at LA Tech (CBSSN)	L, 22-17
S2	MAINE (ESPN+)	W, 14-12
S9	NORTH TEXAS (ESPN+)	5:30 p.m.
S16	at UCONN (CBSSN)	2:30 p.m.
S23	LIBERTY (ESPN Platforms)	5:30 p.m.
O4 (Wed.)	at New Mexico State (CBSSN)	8 p.m.
O11 (Wed.)	UTEP (ESPN2)	6:30 p.m.
O18 (Wed.)	at Sam Houston (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O25 (Wed.)	JAX STATE (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
N11	at MTSU (ESPN Platforms)	2:30 p.m.
N18	at Arkansas	TBD
N25	WKU (ESPN Platforms)	2 p.m.

All times CT and along with dates, are subject to change based upon television selections.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (2-0, 1-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	UTEP (CBSSN)	W, 17-14
S2	EAST TENN. STATE (ESPN+)	W, 49-3
S9	at Coastal Carolina (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S23	EASTERN MICHIGAN (ESPN Platforms)	4 p.m.
S28 (Th.)	at Sam Houston (ESPNNU)	7 p.m.
O4 (Wed.)	at MTSU (ESPNNU)	7 p.m.
O10 (Tues.)	LIBERTY (ESPNNU)	6:30 p.m.
O17 (Tues.)	WKU (ESPNNU)	6:30 p.m.
O25 (Wed.)	at FIU (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
N4	at South Carolina	TBD
N18	LA TECH (ESPN Platforms)	1 p.m.
N25	at New Mexico State (ESPN Platforms)	3 p.m.

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LOUISIANA TECH (1-1, 1-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	FIU (CBSSN)	W, 22-17
S2	at SMU (ESPNNU)	L, 38-14
S9	NORTHWESTERN STATE (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S16	NORTH TEXAS (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S23	at Nebraska	TBD
S29 (Fri.)	at UTEP (CBSSN)	8 p.m.
O5 (Th.)	WKU (ESPNNU)	7 p.m.
O10 (Tues.)	at MTSU (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O24 (Tues.)	NEW MEXICO STATE (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
N4	at Liberty (CBSSN)	5 p.m.
N11	SAM HOUSTON (ESPN Platforms)	2 p.m.
N18	at Jax State (ESPN Platforms)	1 p.m.

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LIBERTY (1-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	BOWLING GREEN (CBSSN)	11 a.m.
S9	NEW MEXICO STATE (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
S16	at Buffalo (CBSSN)	11 a.m.
S23	at FIU (ESPN Platforms)	5:30 p.m.
O5 (Th.)	SAM HOUSTON (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O10 (Tues.)	at Jax State (ESPNNU)	6:30 p.m.
O17 (Tues.)	MTSU (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O24 (Tues.)	at WKU (ESPNNU)	6:30 p.m.
N4	LA TECH (CBSSN)	5 p.m.
N11	OLD DOMINION (ESPN Platforms)	12 p.m.
N18	UMASS (ESPN Platforms)	12 p.m.
N25	at UTEP (CBSSN)	2:30 p.m.

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE (0-1, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	at No. 4 Alabama (SEC Net)	L, 56-7
S9	at Missouri (SEC Net+)	6 p.m.
S16	MURRAY STATE (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S23	COLORADO STATE (ESPN Platforms)	6 p.m.
S28 (Th.)	at WKU (CBSSN)	6:30 p.m.
O4 (Wed.)	JAX STATE (ESPNNU)	7 p.m.
O10 (Tues.)	LA TECH (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O17 (Tues.)	at Liberty (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
N4	at New Mexico State (ESPN Platforms)	5 p.m.
N11	FIU (ESPN Platforms)	2:30 p.m.
N18	UTEP (ESPN Platforms)	1 p.m.
N25	at Sam Houston (ESPN Platforms)	11 a.m.

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NEW MEXICO STATE (1-1, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	UMASS (ESPN)	L, 41-30
S2	WESTERN ILLINOIS (ESPN+)	W, 58-21
S9	at Liberty (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
S16	at New Mexico	7 p.m.
S23	at Hawai'i	11 p.m.
O4 (Wed.)	FIU (CBSSN)	8 p.m.
O11 (Wed.)	SAM HOUSTON (CBSSN)	8 p.m.
O18 (Wed.)	at UTEP (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
O24 (Tues.)	at LA Tech (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
N4	MTSU (ESPN Platforms)	5 p.m.
N11	at WKU (ESPN Platforms)	2:30 p.m.
N18	at Auburn	TBD
N25	JAX STATE (ESPN Platforms)	3 p.m.

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SAM HOUSTON (0-1, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	at BYU (FS1)	L, 14-0
S9	AIR FORCE (CBSSN)*	7 p.m.
S23	at Houston (Big 12 Now)	6 p.m.
S28 (Th.)	JAX STATE (ESPNU)	7 p.m.
O5 (Th.)	at Liberty (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O11 (Wed.)	at New Mexico State (CBSSN)	8 p.m.
O18 (Wed.)	FIU (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O25 (Wed.)	UTEP (ESPN2)	7 p.m.
N4	KENNESAW STATE (ESPN Platforms)	12 p.m.
N11	at LA Tech (ESPN Platforms)	2 p.m.
N18	at WKU (ESPN Platforms)	2:30 p.m.
N25	MTSU (ESPN Platforms)	11 a.m.

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* - game to be played at NRG Stadium in Houston

UTEP (1-1, 0-1 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	at Jax State (CBSSN)	L, 17-14
S2	INCARNATE WORD (ESPN+)	W, 28-14
S9	at Northwestern (Big Ten Net)	2:30 p.m.
S16	at Arizona (Pac-12 Net)	10 p.m.
S23	UNLV (ESPN Platforms)	8 p.m.
S29 (Fri.)	LA TECH (CBSSN)	8 p.m.
O11 (Wed.)	at FIU (ESPN2)	6:30 p.m.
O18 (Wed.)	NEW MEXICO STATE (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
O25 (Wed.)	at Sam Houston (ESPN2)	7 p.m.
N4	WKU (ESPN Platforms)	8 p.m.
N18	at MTSU (ESPN Platforms)	1 p.m.
N25	LIBERTY (CBSSN)	2:30 p.m.

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WKU (1-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	SOUTH FLORIDA (CBSSN)	W, 41-24
S9	HOUSTON CHRISTIAN (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S16	at No. 5 Ohio State (FOX)	3 p.m.
S23	at Troy	6 p.m.
S28 (Th.)	MTSU (CBSSN)	6:30 p.m.
O5 (Th.)	at LA Tech (ESPNU)	7 p.m.
O17 (Tues.)	at Jax State (ESPNU)	6:30 p.m.
O24 (Tues.)	LIBERTY (ESPNU)	6:30 p.m.
N4	at UTEP (ESPN Platforms)	8 p.m.
N11	NEW MEXICO STATE (ESPN Platforms)	2:30 p.m.
N18	SAM HOUSTON (ESPN Platforms)	2:30 p.m.
N25	at FIU (ESPN Platforms)	2 p.m.

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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Jax State 17, UTEP 14

UMass 41, New Mexico State 30

LA Tech 22, FIU 17

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SMU 38, LA Tech 14

Liberty 34, Bowling Green 24

Jax State 49, East Tennessee State 3

WKU 41, South Florida 24

FIU 14, Maine 12

No. 4 Alabama 56, MTSU 7

UTEP 28, Incarnate Word 14

New Mexico State 58, Western Illinois 21

BYU 14, Sam Houston 0

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

UTEP at Northwestern (Big Ten Net) 2:30 p.m.

New Mexico State at Liberty (ESPN+) 5 p.m.

North Texas at FIU (ESPN+) 5:30 p.m.

Jax State at Coastal Carolina (ESPN+) 6 p.m.

Northwestern State at LA Tech (ESPN+) 6 p.m.

MTSU at Missouri (SEC Net+) 6 p.m.

Houston Christian at WKU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.

Air Force at Sam Houston (CBSSN) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Liberty at Buffalo (CBSSN) 11 a.m.

FIU at UCONN (CBSSN) 2:30 p.m.

WKU at No. 5 Ohio State (Fox) 3 p.m.

North Texas at LA Tech (ESPN+) 6 p.m.

Murray State at MTSU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.

New Mexico State at New Mexico (MWN) 7 p.m.

UTEP at Arizona (Pac-12 Net) 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Eastern Michigan at Jax State (ESPN Platforms) 4 p.m.

Liberty at FIU (ESPN Platforms) 5:30 p.m.

Colorado State at MTSU (ESPN Platforms) 6 p.m.

Sam Houston at Houston (Big 12 Now) 6 p.m.

WKU at Troy 6 p.m.

UNLV at UTEP (ESPN Platforms) 8 p.m.

New Mexico State at Hawai'i 11 p.m.

LA Tech at Nebraska TBD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

MTSU at WKU (CBSSN) 6:30 p.m.

Jax State at Sam Houston (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

LA Tech at UTEP (CBSSN) 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Jax State at MTSU (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

FIU at New Mexico State (CBSSN) 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Sam Houston at Liberty (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

WKU at LA Tech (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

LA Tech at MTSU (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

Liberty at Jax State (ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

UTEP at FIU (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m.

Sam Houston at New Mexico State (CBSSN) 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

MTSU at Liberty (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

WKU at Jax State (ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

FIU at Sam Houston (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

New Mexico State at UTEP (ESPN2) 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

New Mexico State at LA Tech (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

Liberty at WKU (ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Jax State at FIU (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

UTEP at Sam Houston (ESPN2) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Kennesaw State at Sam Houston (ESPN Platforms) 12 p.m.

LA Tech at Liberty (CBSSN) 5 p.m.

MTSU at New Mexico State (ESPN Platforms) 5 p.m.

WKU at UTEP (ESPN Platforms) 8 p.m.

Jax State at South Carolina TBD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Old Dominion at Liberty (ESPN Platforms) 12 p.m.

Sam Houston at LA Tech (ESPN Platforms) 2 p.m.

FIU at MTSU (ESPN Platforms) 2:30 p.m.

New Mexico State at WKU (ESPN Platforms) 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

UMass at Liberty (ESPN Platforms) 12 p.m.

LA Tech at Jax State (ESPN Platforms) 1 p.m.

UTEP at MTSU (ESPN Platforms) 1 p.m.

Sam Houston at WKU (ESPN Platforms) 2:30 p.m.

FIU at Arkansas TBD

New Mexico State at Auburn TBD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

MTSU at Sam Houston (ESPN Platforms) 11 a.m.

WKU at FIU (ESPN Platforms) 2 p.m.

Jax State at New Mexico State (ESPN Platforms) 3 p.m.

Liberty at UTEP (CBSSN) 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

CUSA Championship (CBSSN) TBD

Conference games in bold.

All times are listed in CT

All dates are subject to change based upon

television selections.

