

2023 STANDINGS

	CUSA LEAGUE PLAY						OVERALL						
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	Pts.	Opp.	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	Pts	Opp.
Liberty	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	92	39	5-0	1.000	3-0	2-0	0-0	181	90
Jax State*	3-0	1.000	1-0	2-0	97	72	5-1	.833	3-0	2-1	0-0	183	105
WKU	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	66	38	4-2	.667	3-0	1-2	0-0	193	174
Louisiana Tech	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	74	62	3-4	.429	2-2	1-2	0-0	190	189
New Mexico State	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	51	50	3-3	.500	1-1	1-2	0-0	183	149
Middle Tennessee	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	40	76	1-5	.167	1-2	0-3	0-0	124	200
UTEP	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	24	41	1-5	.167	1-2	0-3	0-0	97	169
Sam Houston*	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	44	56	0-5	.000	0-2	0-3	0-0	54	121
FIU	0-3	.000	0-1	0-2	40	94	3-3	.500	2-1	1-1	0-0	124	162

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

WEEK 6 RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Jax State 45, MTSU 30
New Mexico State 34, FIU 17

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Liberty 21, Sam Houston 16
WKU 35, LA Tech 28

UPCOMING GAMES (ALL TIMES CT)

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.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, PRESENTED BY BLENDERS EYEWEAR (WEEK 6)

OFFENSE

WR MALACHI CORLEY, WKU

Junior, Orange City, Florida

Corley had a massive night Thursday in a 35-28 win over Louisiana Tech at Joe Aillet Stadium. The junior recorded 207 yards - with 142 yards after the catch - and three touchdowns on eight receptions. Corley's touchdown receptions were 70, 48 and 29 yards, and they helped the Hilltoppers build a 35-7 lead by half-time. He's the third in WKU program history to record a 200-plus yard receiving game, and he's now second in program history in career receptions and third all-time in program history in touchdown receptions. In addition to this honor, Corley was also named the Senior Bowl Co-Offensive Player of the Week and the East-West Shrine Bowl Offensive Breakout Player of the Week.

DEFENSE

DL CHRIS HARDIE, JAX STATE

Redshirt Junior, Vincent, Alabama

Hardie had a monster game for Jax State in its 45-30 win over Middle Tennessee on Wednesday, recording six tackles - five solo - two sacks, 4.5 TFL for a loss of 23 yards, an interception and a quarterback hurry. He tied Jax State's school record for tackles for loss in a game with 4.5, tying Chris Landrum's record set in 2015. The Vincent, Alabama, native helped put the game away in the fourth quarter, when MTSU was in the Jax State redzone, and he intercepted a Nicholas Vattiato pass and returned it 58 yards to set up another Gamecock score.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P MAX MORGAN, LIBERTY

Sophomore, Greenville, South Carolina

Morgan punted a season-high five times in the win over Sam Houston, which matched his career-high for punts in a game. He averaged 42.2 yards per attempt, his third game of the season averaging better than 40-yards per punt. His final attempt of the game was his best, pinning the Bearkats at its own one-yard line, forcing the Bearkats to drive 96 yards that was ultimately stopped at the Liberty three-yard line to preserve the win. Morgan also averaged 61.0 yards per kickoff on four attempts, with one touchback.



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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 7

Eight Conference USA teams are in action in Week 7, as midweek conference matchups continue to take center stage in front of a national television audience with a pair of doubleheaders on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

Louisiana Tech (3-4, 2-1 CUSA) looks to rebound with a road trip to Murfreesboro when they take on Middle Tennessee (1-5, 0-2 CUSA) on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. CT on **CBS Sports Network**. LA Tech had its comeback bid fall just short last week, dropping a home contest 35-28 at home to WKU, while MTSU was beaten 45-30 at home last week by Jax State.

The CUSA schedule continues Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. CT in a battle of league unbeaten, as Liberty (5-0, 3-0 CUSA) travels to battle Jax State (5-1, 3-0 CUSA) on **ESPN**. The Flames took down Sam Houston 21-16 last week at home, while the Gamecocks staged yet another double-digit, second-half comeback win last week again, this time dispatching of Middle Tennessee 45-30 on the road.

Wednesday night's Weekday CUSA action gets started at 6:30 p.m. CT on Vice Night in Miami, as FIU (3-3, 0-3 CUSA) hosts UTEP (1-5, 0-2 CUSA) on **ESPN2**. Both teams are in search of their first league win of the season, as both are coming off disappointing losses. FIU fell 34-17 on the road at New Mexico State last week, while UTEP was on a bye, but lost 24-10 at home to LA Tech on Sept. 29.

The Week 7 CUSA finale kicks off at 8 p.m. CT on **CBS Sports Network** when Sam Houston (0-5, 0-2 CUSA) makes the trip to Las Cruces to take on New Mexico State (3-3, 1-1 CUSA). Sam Houston fell again in heartbreaking fashion last week at Liberty 21-16, coming up just three yards shy of the upset, while New Mexico State took care of FIU 34-17 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 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** has opened his 2023 season by completing 150-246 passes for 1,665 yards with 14 touchdowns and three interceptions, while also carrying 24 times for 71 yards and three additional scores.

He was 19-34 for 297 yards with three touchdowns and one interception in last week's win on the road at Louisiana Tech.

Reed enters Week 7 ranking 11th in passing touchdowns (14), 11th in points responsible for (104), 12th nationally in completions per game (25.00), 14th in points responsible per game (17.3), 15th in passing yards (1,665), 20th in passing yards per game (277.5) and 30th in total offense per game (289.3).

SENSATIONAL SALTER

Liberty **QB Kaidon Salter** has had a tremendous start to his 2023 season for the 5-0 Flames. The sophomore has completed 64-111 passes for 1,176 yards with 12 touchdowns and two interceptions, while also carrying 59 times for 306 yards and six more touchdowns.

He completed 11-19 passes for 257 yards with a touchdown and an interception to go along with 12 carries for 38 yards and another score in the league win at home over Sam Houston, 21-16 last week.

Through Week 6 of the season, Salter leads the nation in passing yards per completion (18.38), ranks third in points responsible for per game (21.6), fourth in yards per pass attempt (10.59), seventh in passing efficiency (178.7), eighth in total points responsible for (108), 17th in passing touchdowns (12), 21st in total offense per game (296.4) and 24th in rushing touchdowns (six).

TACKLING MACHINES

Through Week 6 of the season, CUSA boasts four of the top-13 in the country in tackles per game.

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| 2. Tyrice Knight, LB, UTEP | 12.7 |
| 5. Trevor Williams, Sam Houston | 11.6 |
| 10. Donovan Manuel, LB, FIU | 10.5 |
| 13. Myles Heard, DB, LA Tech | 10.0 |

WHY THE RUSH?

Liberty enters Week 7 ranking second in the country in rushing offense, averaging 255.2 yards per game, trailing just Air Force for the national lead.

Jax State ranks 12th in FBS at 214.7 yards per game and New Mexico State is 26th at 198.3 yards per game.

HOT TAKE(AWAYS)

Liberty enters Week 7 tied as second in the nation (behind just Oklahoma), as the Flames have a total of 11 through its first five games of the season. Liberty's 13 turnovers forced is also eighth-best in the nation.

WKU leads the nation in takeaways with 16 (and also

ranks sixth nationally with eight interceptions), while Jax State is tied for second with 15 (and ranks third nationally in interceptions with 10).

ON THE (TURNOVER) MARGINS

Entering Week 7 Jax State is +1.67 in turnover margin, which ranks third nationally, while Liberty is fourth at +1.40 per game. WKU is fifth at +1.33. The Gamecocks are +10 for the season, while WKU is +8 and Liberty is +7.

PROTECTIVE

Jax State enters Week 7 tied for 16th nationally in turnovers lost, with just five turnovers lost through the first six games of the season. The Gamecocks and Liberty are each tied for ninth nationally with just two interceptions thrown apiece.

RECOVERY IS KEY

WKU is second in the nation in fumble recoveries entering Week 7, with eight. FIU ranks 17th nationally with five.

FLAMES SURVIVE, MOVE TO 5-0

Liberty (5-0, 3-0 CUSA) survived a late push by Sam Houston (0-5, 0-2 CUSA) to hold on to a 21-16 win Thursday night at home to improve to 5-0 on the season and 3-0 in league play. Sam Houston nearly marched 99 yards in the final three minutes to upset the Flames, but stalled at the Liberty three yard line. Liberty **CB Kobe Singleton** came up with two of his three pass breakups on the night in the final sequence, including one on the 4th and goal play to secure the victory. Liberty **QB Kaidon Salter** finished 11-19 for 257 yards with a touchdown and an interception, while also rushing for 38 yards and another touchdown, his sixth on the ground this season. **RB Quinton Cooley** finished with 106 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown in the win and **WR CJ Daniels** hauled in five catches for 157 yards and a score. Sam Houston **QB Keegan Shoemaker** was 27-41 for 255 yards with two touchdowns and also carried seven times for 52 yards in a losing effort.

WKU HOLDS ON, BEATS LA TECH 35-28

WKU (4-2, 2-0 CUSA) held off a furious second half comeback by LA Tech (3-4, 2-1 CUSA) to win 35-28 on the road on Thursday night to close the Week 6 action for CUSA teams. The Hilltoppers raced out to a 35-7 halftime lead thanks largely in part to **WR Malachi Corley's** massive performance. The Florida native hauled in eight catches for 207 yards and three touchdowns in the win. But, LA Tech outscored the Hilltoppers 21-0 in the second half and had the ball with two minutes to go, trailing by just one score. WKU DB Anthony Johnson, Jr.'s late interception sealed it for the #TakeawayTops, who lead the nation with 17 takeaways on the season, following three more on Thursday night. WKU QB Austin Reed completed 19-34 passes for 297 yards and three scores in the victory.

CARDIAC GAMECOCKS SCORE 38 UNANSWERED IN COMEBACK WIN AT MTSU

Jax State (5-1, 3-0 CUSA) trailed 23-7 at the half and promptly scored 38 unanswered in the second half to improve to 5-1 and 3-0 in CUSA play with a 45-30 win at Middle Tennessee (1-5, 0-2 CUSA) on Wednesday night. Defensively, the Gamecocks recorded eight sacks, 14 tackles for loss and forced



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four turnovers in the win. They have now forced 15 turnovers on the season, which moves them into the national lead. **DL Chris Hardie** made his case for National Defensive Player of the Week with six tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, an interception (and subsequent 58-yard return that helped set up a Gamecock touchdown). **S Kolbi Fuqua** also recorded a pair of sacks in the win. Offensively for Jax State, the Gamecocks were led by **QB Zion Webb**, who threw for 186 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions, while also carrying 10 times for 101 yards and a touchdown. **TE Sean Brown** caught five passes for 103 yards and a score as well.

AGGIES SECURE FIRST CUSA WIN, 34-17

New Mexico State (3-3, 1-1 CUSA) picked up its first-ever CUSA win on Wednesday night with a 34-17 victory at home over FIU (3-3, 0-3 CUSA). The Aggies held the Panthers to just three points in the second half, outscoring FIU 20-3. Offensively for the Aggies, **QB Diego Pavia** completed 20-31 passes for 256 yards and three total touchdowns (two passing) and 46 yards rushing. Defensively, **LB Keyshaun Elliott** led the Aggies with nine tackles, a sack, two pass breakups and a forced fumble in the win. New Mexico State finished with six sacks as a team, and intercepted a pair of passes in the win.

NCAA LEADERS (TEAM)

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

3rd Down Conversion Percentage

Liberty 49.2% 17th

3rd Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

Jax State 28.7% 12th
Liberty 30.3% 17th

4th Down Conversion Percentage

New Mexico State 75.0% T-13th

4th Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

Sam Houston 20.0% T-5th
Jax State 33.3% T-14th
Liberty 35.7% T-26th

Blocked Kicks

New Mexico State 1 T-24th
UTEP 1 T-24th
WKU 1 T-24th

Completion Percentage

MTSU 67.7% 25th

Defensive TDs

WKU 2 7th
FIU 1 T-25th
Jax State 1 T-25th
Liberty 1 T-25th
LA Tech 1 T-25th

Fewest Penalties Per Game

New Mexico State 4.83 29th

First Downs (Defense)

Liberty 87 18th

First Downs (Offense)

LA Tech 132 28th

Fumbles Lost

Sam Houston 1 T-8th

Fumbles Recovered

WKU 8 2nd

FIU 5 T-17th
Jax State 5 T-17th

Kickoff Return Defense (yards per return)

Liberty 11.81 2nd
LA Tech 15.40 17th
WKU 15.80 22nd

Net Punting

LA Tech 41.31 30th

Passes Had Intercepted

Jax State 2 T-9th
Liberty 2 T-9th

Passes Intercepted

Liberty 11 2nd
Jax State 10 T-3rd
WKU 8 T-6th

Passing Offense (yards per game)

WKU 287.8 24th

Passing Yards Allowed (per game)

LA Tech 172.7 16th
Sam Houston 193.0 29th

Passing Yards Per Completion

Liberty 18.38 2nd
New Mexico State 16.60 4th
FIU 14.13 20th

Punt Return Defense (yards per attempt)

FIU 1.75 16th
Liberty 2.25 18th
Sam Houston 3.25 T-29th

Red Zone Defense

FIU 72.7% T-21st
New Mexico State 74.1% 30th

Red Zone Offense

WKU 100% 1st
LA Tech 90.5% 30th

Rushing Offense (yards per game)

Liberty 255.2 2nd
Jax State 214.7 12th
New Mexico State 198.3 25th

Sacks Allowed (per game)

WKU 0.50 T-2nd
Liberty 1.00 T-16th
Jax State 1.20 27th

Scoring Defense (points per game)

Liberty 16.8 18th
Jax State 17.5 22nd

Scoring Offense (points per game)

Liberty 36.2 22nd

Tackles for Loss Allowed (per game)

Liberty 3.60 6th
New Mexico State 3.67 8th

Team Passing Efficiency

New Mexico State 175.63 9th
Liberty 174.02 11th

Team Passing Efficiency Defense

Liberty 102.91 9th
LA Tech 112.84 23rd

Team Sacks (per game)

Jax State 3.67 T-6th

Team Tackles for Loss (per game)

Jax State 7.4 T-10th
New Mexico State 6.7 30th

Time of Possession

Liberty 33:02 9th
UTEP 32:23 16th

Total Defense (yards per game)

Liberty 313.6 22nd

Total Offense (yards per game)

Liberty 490.4 11th

Turnover Margin

Jax State +1.67 3rd
Liberty +1.40 4th
WKU +1.33 5th

Turnovers Gained

WKU 16 1st
Jax State 15 T-2nd
Liberty 13 T-8th
FIU 10 T-27th

Turnovers Lost

Jax State 5 T-16th

NCAA LEADERS (INDIVIDUAL)

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

Combined Kick Returns

Smoke Harris, LA Tech 257 25th
Aaron Bedgood, Liberty 240 28th

Completion Percentage

Nicholas Vattiato, MTSU 67.2% 26th

Completions Per Game

Nicholas Vattiato, MTSU 25.67 10th
Austin Reed, WKU 25.00 12th

Field Goal Percentage

Lucas Carneiro, WKU 100.0% T-1st

Forced Fumbles (per game)

Donovan Manuel, FIU 0.67 T-1st
Kendrick Simpkins, WKU 0.60 T-3rd
Jerome Jolly, Jr., Liberty 0.40 T-10th

Fumbles Recovered

JaQues Evans, WKU 2 T-3rd
Jeff Marks, Jax State 2 T-3rd
25 players 1 T-22nd

Interceptions

CJ Christian, FIU 3 T-7th
Brylan Green, Liberty 3 T-7th

Passes Defended (per game)

Willie Roberts, LA Tech 1.4 8th
Brylan Green 1.4 9th

Passing Efficiency

Kaidon Salter, Liberty 178.7 7th
Diego Pavia, NM State 174.4 13th

Passing TDs

Austin Reed, WKU 14 T-11th
Kaidon Salter, Liberty 11 T-17th
Diego Pavia, NM State 11 T-17th

Passing Yards

Austin Reed, WKU 1,665 15th
Nicholas Vattiato, MTSU 1,576 24th

Passing Yards Per Game

Austin Reed, WKU 277.5 20th
Nicholas Vattiato, MTSU 262.7 29th



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Passing Yards Per Completion

Kaidon Salter, Liberty	18.38	1st
Diego Pavia, NM State	16.21	5th
Keyone Jenkins, FIU	14.88	15th

Points Responsible For

Kaidon Salter, Liberty	108	8th
Austin Reed, WKU	104	11th

Points Responsible For Per Game

Kaidon Salter, Liberty	21.6	3rd
Austin Reed, WKU	17.3	14th

Punt Return TDs

Smoke Harris, LA Tech	1	T-1st
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Punt Returns (per return)

Dean Patterson, FIU	11.0	19th
Smoke Harris, LA Tech	10.8	21st

Punting

Blake Ochsendorf, LA Tech	44.9	20th
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Receiving TDs

Malachi Corley, WKU	5	T-20th
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Receiving Yards

Kris Mitchell, FIU	550	11th
Malachi Corley, WKU	538	14th
Smoke Harris, LA Tech	485	30th

Receiving Yards (per game)

Malachi Corley, WKU	107.6	8th
Kris Mitchell, FIU	91.7	18th
CJ Daniels, Liberty	84.0	30th

Receptions Per Game

Malachi Corley, WKU	7.4	9th
Smoke Harris, LA Tech	6.9	15th

Rushing Yards Per Carry

Quinton Cooley, Liberty	6.13	28th
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Rushing TDs

Kaidon Salter, Liberty	6	T-24th
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Rushing Yards

Malik Jackson, Jax State	559	18th
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Rushing Yards

Malik Jackson, Jax State	93.2	25th
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Sacks (per game)

Kendrick Simpkins, WKU	0.90	T-14th
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Solo Tackles (per game)

Tyrice Knight, UTEP	8.8	1st
Trevor Williams, Sam Houston	7.8	2nd
Donovan Manuel, FIU	6.0	T-7th
Sam Brumfield, MTSU	5.3	T-13th
Myles Heard, LA Tech	5.2	T-22nd

Tackles For Loss (per game)

Tyrice Knight, UTEP	1.4	T-19th
Brevin Randle, LA Tech	1.3	T-26th

Total Offense (per game)

Kaidon Salter, Liberty	296.4	21st
Austin Reed, WKU	289.3	30th

Total Tackles (per game)

Tyrice Knight, UTEP	12.7	2nd
Trevor Williams, Sam Houston	11.6	5th
Donovan Manuel, FIU	10.5	10th
Myles Heard, LA Tech	10.0	13th

Yards Per Pass Attempt

Kaidon Salter, Liberty	10.59	4th
Diego Pavia, NM State	10.38	8th
Keyone Jenkins, FIU	8.80	27th

Yards Per Reception

CJ Daniels, Liberty	26.25	2nd
Treon Sibley, Liberty	24.62	3rd
Jonathan Brady, NM State	21.00	18th

AP TOP 25

Rk	Team	Rec.	Conf.	LW
1	Georgia (50)	6-0	SEC	1
2	Michigan (11)	6-0	B10	2
3	Ohio State (1)	5-0	B10	3
4	Florida State (1)	5-0	ACC	5
5	Oklahoma	6-0	B12	12
6	Penn State	5-0	B10	6
7	Washington	5-0	P12	7
8	Oregon	5-0	P12	9
9	Texas	5-1	B12	3
10	USC	6-0	P12	9
11	Alabama	5-1	SEC	11
12	North Carolina	5-0	ACC	14
13	Ole Miss	5-1	SEC	16
14	Louisville	6-0	ACC	25
15	Oregon State	5-1	P12	15
16	Utah	4-1	P12	18
17	Duke	4-1	ACC	19
18	UCLA	4-1	P12	NR
T-19	Tennessee	4-1	SEC	22
T-19	Washington State	5-1	P12	13
21	Notre Dame	5-2	FBS IND.	10
22	LSU	4-2	SEC	23
23	Kansas	5-1	B12	NR
24	Kentucky	5-1	SEC	20
25	Miami (FL)	4-1	ACC	17

Others Receiving Votes: Missouri 69, Air Force 41, Wisconsin 41, Tulane 27, West Virginia 26, Clemson 17, Maryland 9, Iowa 7, James Madison 7, Texas A&M 5.

2023 CUSA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Here's a look at CUSA's players of the week for the 2023 season, as selected by a panel of the league's media members:

Offensive Player of the Week

- A28 - WR Smoke Harris, LA Tech
- S4 - WR Kris Mitchell, FIU
- S11 - RB Kejon Owens, FIU
- S18 - QB Kaidon Salter, Liberty
- S25 - QB Kaidon Salter, Liberty
- O2 - QB Logan Smothers, Jax State
- O9 - WR Malachi Corley, WKU

Defensive Player of the Week

- A28 - S Jeremiah Harris, Jax State
- S4 - LB JaQués Evans, WKU
- S11 - LB Tyrice Knight, UTEP
- S18 - LB Sam Brumfield, MTSU
- S25 - DL Chris Hardie, Jax State
- O2 - LB Bryson Washington, WKU
- O9 - DL Chris Hardie, Jax State

Special Teams Player of the Week

- A28 - P Jack Dawson, Jax State
- S4 - K Lucas Carneiro, WKU
- S11 - K Jacob Barnes, LA Tech
- S18 - K Ethan Albertson, New Mexico State
- S25 - P Jack Dawson, Jax State
- O2 - PR Smoke Harris, LA Tech
- O9 - P Max Morgan, Liberty

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

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

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

1. WKU (18)
 2. Liberty (4)
 3. Middle Tennessee
 4. Louisiana Tech
 5. New Mexico State
 6. UTEP
 7. Jacksonville State
 8. 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



QUICK HITTERS/BROADCAST INFORMATION

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

Butkus Award (Nation's Best LB)

Tyrice Knight, LB, RS Sr., UTEP
JaQues 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
Malachi Corley, WR, Jr., WKU
Wes Dorsey, OL, RS Jr., WKU
JaQues 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
JaQues Evans, LB, Jr., WKU
Austin Reed, QB, RS Sr., WKU

WORKING OVERTIME

Here's a look at CUSA overtime games in 2023 and all-time.

2023 CUSA Overtimes

Jax State 35, Sam Houston 28 (OT) - 9/28/2023

Overtime Records 1996-2023

Teams	All Games	CUSA Games
FIU	7-6	2-2
Jax State*	10-8	1-0
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*	3-8	0-1
UTEP	6-3	5-3
WKU&	13-5	4-2

* - all but one game 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).





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CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION



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.



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

Isleta 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 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	WIJLS	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 (3-3, 0-3 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	at LA Tech (CBSSN)	L, 22-17
S2	MAINE (ESPN+)	W, 14-12
S9	NORTH TEXAS (ESPN+)	W, 46-39
S16	at UCONN (CBSSN)	W, 24-17
S23	LIBERTY (ESPN+)	L, 38-6
O4 (Wed.)	at New Mexico State (CBSSN)	L, 34-17
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 (5-1, 3-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	UTEP (CBSSN)	W, 17-14
S2	EAST TENN. STATE (ESPN+)	W, 49-3
S9	at Coastal Carolina (ESPN+)	L, 30-16
S23	EASTERN MICHIGAN (ESPN+)	W, 21-0
S28 (Th.)	at Sam Houston (ESPNU)W, 35-28 (OT)	
O4 (Wed.)	at MTSU (ESPNU)	W, 45-30
O10 (Tues.)	LIBERTY (ESPNU)	6:30 p.m.
O17 (Tues.)	WKU (ESPNU)	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.

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

LOUISIANA TECH (3-4, 2-1 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	FIU (CBSSN)	W, 22-17
S2	at SMU (ESPNU)	L, 38-14
S9	NORTHWESTERN STATE (ESPN+)	W, 51-21
S16	NORTH TEXAS (ESPN+)	L, 40-37
S23	at Nebraska (Big Ten Net)	L, 28-14
S29 (Fri.)	at UTEP (CBSSN)	W, 24-10
O5 (Th.)	WKU (ESPNU)	L, 35-28
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 (5-0, 3-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	BOWLING GREEN (CBSSN)	W, 34-24
S9	NEW MEXICO STATE (ESPN+) W, 33-17	
S16	at Buffalo (CBSSN)	W, 55-27
S23	at FIU (ESPN+)	W, 38-6
O5 (Th.)	SAM HOUSTON (CBSSN)	W, 21-16
O10 (Tues.)	at Jax State (ESPNU)	6:30 p.m.
O17 (Tues.)	MTSU (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
O24 (Tues.)	at WKU (ESPNU)	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.

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

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (1-5, 0-2 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	at No. 4 Alabama (SEC Net)	L, 56-7
S9	at Missouri (SEC Net+)	L, 23-19
S16	MURRAY STATE (ESPN+)	W, 35-14
S23	COLORADO STATE (ESPN+)	L, 31-23
S28 (Th.)	at WKU (CBSSN)	L, 31-10
O4 (Wed.)	JAX STATE (ESPNU)	L, 45-30
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 (3-3, 1-1 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A26	UMASS (ESPN)	L, 41-30
S2	WESTERN ILLINOIS (ESPN+)	W, 58-21
S9	at Liberty (ESPN+)	L, 33-17
S16	at New Mexico (MWN)	W, 27-17
S23	at Hawai'i (Spectrum PPV)	L, 20-17
O4 (Wed.)	FIU (CBSSN)	W, 34-17
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.

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

UTEP (1-5, 0-2 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)	L, 38-7
S16	at Arizona (Pac-12 Net)	L, 31-10
S23	UNLV (ESPN+)	L, 45-28
S29 (Fri.)	LA TECH (CBSSN)	L, 24-10
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.

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

SAM HOUSTON (0-5, 0-2 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	at BYU (FS1)	L, 14-0
S9	AIR FORCE (CBSSN)*	L, 13-3
S23	at Houston (Big 12 Now)	L, 38-7
S28 (Th.)	JAX STATE (ESPNU)	L, 35-28 (OT)
O5 (Th.)	at Liberty (CBSSN)	L, 21-16
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.

All times CT and along with dates, are subject to change based upon television selections.
* - game to be played at NRG Stadium in Houston

WKU (4-2, 2-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
S2	SOUTH FLORIDA (CBSSN)	W, 41-24
S9	HOUSTON CHRISTIAN (ESPN+)	W, 52-22
S16	at No. 6 Ohio State (FOX)	L, 63-10
S23	at Troy (ESPNU)	L, 27-24
S28 (Th.)	MTSU (CBSSN)	W, 31-10
O5 (Th.)	at LA Tech (ESPNU)	W, 35-28
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

Northwestern 38, UTEP 7

Liberty 33, New Mexico State 17

FIU 46, North Texas 39

Missouri 23, MTSU 19

WKU 52, Houston Christian 22

LA Tech 51, Northwestern State 21

Air Force 13, Sam Houston 3

Coastal Carolina 30, Jax State 16

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Liberty 55, Buffalo 27

FIU 24, UConn 17

No. 6 Ohio State 63, WKU 10

MTSU 35, Murray State 14

North Texas 40, LA Tech 37

New Mexico State 27, New Mexico 17

Arizona 31, UTEP 10

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Troy 27, WKU 24

Nebraska 28, LA Tech 14

Jax State 21, Eastern Michigan 0

Liberty 38, FIU 6

Colorado State 31, MTSU 23

Houston 38, Sam Houston 7

UNLV, 45 UTEP 28

Hawai'i 20, New Mexico State 17

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

WKU 31, MTSU 10

Jax State 35, Sam Houston 28 (OT)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

LA Tech 24, UTEP 10

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Jax State 45, MTSU 30

New Mexico State 34, FIU 17

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Liberty 21, Sam Houston 16

WKU 35, LA Tech 28

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.

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