

2023 STANDINGS

| | CUSA LEAGUE PLAY | | | | | | OVERALL | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| | W-L | Pct. | H | A | Pts. | Opp. | W-L | Pct. | H | A | N | Pts | Opp. |
| Liberty | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 33 | 17 | 3-0 | 1.000 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 122 | 68 |
| Jax State | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 17 | 14 | 2-1 | .667 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 82 | 47 |
| Louisiana Tech | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 22 | 17 | 2-2 | .500 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 124 | 116 |
| WKU | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-0 | - | - | 2-1 | .667 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 103 | 109 |
| Middle Tennessee | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-0 | - | - | 1-2 | .333 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 61 | 93 |
| Sam Houston | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-0 | - | - | 0-2 | .000 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 3 | 27 |
| FIU | 0-1 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 17 | 22 | 3-1 | .750 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 101 | 90 |
| New Mexico State | 0-1 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 17 | 33 | 2-2 | .500 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 74 | 91 |
| UTEP | 0-1 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 14 | 17 | 1-3 | .250 | 1-0 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 49 | 69 |

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

WEEK 3 RESULTS

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

UPCOMING GAMES (ALL TIMES CT)

WKU at Troy (ESPNU) 11 a.m.
 LA Tech at Nebraska (Big Ten Net) 2:30 p.m.
 Eastern Michigan at Jax State (ESPN+) 4 p.m.
Liberty at FIU (ESPN+) 5:30 p.m.
 Colorado State at MTSU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
 Sam Houston at Houston (Big 12 Now) 6 p.m.
 UNLV at UTEP (ESPN+) 8 p.m.
 New Mexico State at Hawai'i (Spectrum) 11 p.m.

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.

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 3)

OFFENSE

QB KAIDON SALTER, LIBERTY

Sophomore, Cedar Hill, Texas

Salter posted his first career 300-yard passing game, completing 16-26 passes for 344 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions in the Flames' 55-27 win at Buffalo. He also added 10 carries for 66 yards and another score in the win at Buffalo. His career-best five passing touchdowns were the most for a Flames quarterback in a game since 2020. Salter has led the Flames to a 3-0 start and was a catalyst for the offense that rolled up 569 yards of total offense and 55 points in the win.

DEFENSE

LB SAM BRUMFIELD, MTSU

RS Junior, Pearl, Mississippi

Brumfield tallied a career-high 13 total tackles, 10 of which were solo, to go along with a sack, 1.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble in Middle Tennessee's 35-14 win at home over Murray State. His previous career-high in tackles was five, set at Missouri the previous week. This also marked the second consecutive game where Brumfield has forced a fumble.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K, ETHAN ALBERTSON, NEW MEXICO STATE

RS Senior, San Diego, California

Albertson connected on field goals of 26 and 47 yards, while also making all three extra points during the Aggies' 27-17 win at rival New Mexico on Saturday. His season-long 47-yarder put New Mexico State ahead by two scores in the third quarter and he moved into a tie for fourth place in program history in made field goals (33).



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 4

All nine Conference USA teams are in action in Week 4, with seven non-conference matchups and one league fixture.

WKU (2-1) opens the day with a non-conference road game at Troy (1-2) on **ESPN** at 11 a.m. CT to kick off the slate for CUSA. The Hilltoppers fell 63-10 at No. 6 Ohio State last week, while Troy lost at home in a conference game to James Madison, 16-14.

LA Tech (2-2) travels to Lincoln to battle Nebraska (1-2) at 2:30 p.m. CT on **Big Ten Network**. The Bulldogs dropped a heartbreaker last week at home to North Texas, 40-37, while the Huskers earned the first win of the Matt Rhule era with a 35-11 win over Northern Illinois.

Jax State (2-1) returns to action following a bye last week when the Gamecocks host MAC foe Eastern Michigan (2-1) at 4 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. Last time out, the Gamecocks fell 30-16 on the road at Coastal Carolina, while Eastern Michigan won a tight one last week 19-17 at home over UMass.

In the lone conference game of the weekend for CUSA teams, Liberty (3-0) flies south to Miami to do battle with FIU (3-1) at 5:30 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. The Flames blew out Buffalo on the road, 55-27, last week, while FIU won its third straight game, defeating UConn 24-17 on the road.

Sam Houston (0-2) makes the short trip to TDECU Stadium when the Bearkats take on Big 12 foe Houston (1-2) at 6 p.m. CT on **Big 12 Now**. Sam Houston was off last week, and fell 13-3 to Air Force two weeks ago, while Houston was beaten 36-13 by TCU at home last week.

Middle Tennessee (1-2) has its second straight home game when the Blue Raiders welcome in Colorado State (0-2) Saturday night at 6 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. MTSU picked up its first win of the 2023 season last week with a 35-14 win over Murray State at home, while Colorado State impressed in defeat, falling 43-35 at No. 18 Colorado.

UTEP (1-3) returns home to El Paso this week to host UNLV (2-1) at 8 p.m. CT on **ESPN+**. The Miners fell 31-10 at Arizona last week, while the Rebels picked up a win at home against Vanderbilt, 40-37.

In the nightcap for CUSA, New Mexico State (2-2) makes the long journey to Honolulu to take on Hawai'i (1-3) at 11 p.m. CT on **Spectrum Sports PPV**. The Aggies won the 113th Rio Grande Rivalry over New Mexico on the road, 27-17, while Hawai'i was beaten 55-10 at No. 13 Oregon.

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 77-120 passes for 796 yards with seven touchdowns and one interception, while also carrying 14 times for 55 yards and two additional scores.

He was 21-37 for 207 yards with a touchdown and an interception in last week's loss at No. 6 Ohio State.

SALTER KEEPS DOMINATING

Liberty **QB Kaidon Salter** has had a tremendous start to his 2023 season for the 3-0 Flames. The sophomore has completed 42-71 passes for 763 yards with nine touchdowns and no interceptions, while also carrying 38 times for 191 yards and three more touchdowns.

He was named CUSA Offensive Player of the Week and was named to the Manning Award Stars of the Week list for his stellar performance in the 55-27 win at Buffalo, completing 16-26 passes for 344 yards, five passing touchdowns and no interceptions to go along with 10 carries for 66 yards and another score.

Through Week 3 of the season, Salter ranks second nationally in points responsible for per game (24.0) behind only last year's Heisman Trophy winner, Caleb Williams. Salter is also fourth in total points responsible for (72), fourth in passing yards per completion (18.17), eighth in passing touchdowns (9), ninth in passing efficiency (191.3), 10th in yards per pass attempt (10.75) and 15th in total offense per game (318.0).

TACKLING MACHINES

Through Week 3 of the season, CUSA boasts four of the top-nine and five of the top-30 in the country in tackles per game.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| 1. Trevor Williams, Sam Houston | 13.5 |
| 3. Tyrice Knight, LB, UTEP | 13.3 |
| 5. Donovan Manuel, LB, FIU | 12.0 |
| 9. Myles Heard, DB, LA Tech | 11.0 |
| 30. Tyren Dupree, LB, Liberty | 9.3 |

HOT TAKE(AWAYS)

Liberty enters Week 4 as the national leader in interceptions, as the Flames have a total of nine through the first three games of the season.

SALTER LEADS LIBERTY TO 3-0 START

Liberty (3-0) won its first road game under head coach **Jamey Chadwell**, taking care of Buffalo 55-27 on Saturday to improve to 3-0 on the young season. **QB Kaidon Salter** was again the story for the Flames, with yet another standout performance, totaling six touchdowns. The sophomore completed 16-26 passes for 344 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions and also carried 10 times for 66 yards and another score. A pair of Liberty receivers also turned in 100-yard receiving performances, as **CJ Daniels** hauled in four catches for 106 yards and a score, and **Treon Sibley** had three grabs for 106 yards and a touchdown. **WR Elijah Smoot** caught four passes for 99 yards and two scores in the win. Defensively, **LB Tyren Dupree** picked off a pair of passes, the second Flames linebacker to do so in the first three games. Liberty's defense has nine interceptions in three games.

FIU PICKS UP ROAD WIN AT UCONN

FIU (3-1) won its third consecutive game, improving to 3-1, after holding on to a 24-17 road victory at UConn. True freshman **QB Keyone Jenkins** completed 15-27 passes for 284 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions in the win, and is now 3-0 as a starter. **WR Jalen Bracey** led the way for FIU, hauling in five catches for 90 yards and a score. Defensively, **LB Donovan Manuel** recorded a game-high 10 tackles (nine solo) and a pair of tackles for loss in the win. **DB D'Verik Daniel** also chipped in with nine stops and a tackle for loss.

NM STATE KNOCKS OFF RIVAL NEW MEXICO

New Mexico State (2-2) won the 113th edition of the Rio Grande Rivalry 27-17 at New Mexico on Saturday night, thanks largely in part to some explosive plays and a stout defensive performance by the Aggies. **QB Diego Pavia** was 9-14 for 203 yards with two touchdowns and also carried 11 times for 96 yards in the win. Big-play threat **WR Jonathan Brady** caught three passes for 109 yards and both of Pavia's scoring tosses. Defensively, **LB Keyshaun Elliot** recorded a game-high 10 tackles (seven solo) with a pair of TFL and a quarterback hurry in the victory. A 17-point second quarter for the Aggies proved to be the difference, as NM State improved to 2-2 on the young season.

MTSU WINS HOME OPENER 35-14

Middle Tennessee (1-2) picked up its first win of the season following a pair of road SEC tilts to open the season. The Blue Raiders knocked off Murray State 35-14 behind strong offensive efforts by **QB Nick Vattiato** (28-34 for 291 yards and two touchdowns and 41 yards on the ground) and **RB Jaelin Credle** (11 carries for 132 yards and a pair of touchdowns (one rushing and one receiving). Defensively, **LB Sam Brumfield** had a game-high 13 tackles (10 solo), 1.5 TFL, a sack and a forced fumble. MTSU's defense



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forced three turnovers in the win, and the offense rolled up 508 yards (8.5 yards per play).

LA TECH COMEBACK FALLS JUST SHORT

Louisiana Tech (2-2) trailed by 17 points with six-and-a-half minutes to play against North Texas, and mounted a furious comeback effort to tie things at 37-37 with 1:04 to go. Ultimately, the comeback fell just short, as the Mean Green kicked a game-winning 31-yard field goal with three seconds on the clock. Offensively for the Bulldogs **RB Tyre Shelton** carried 16 times for 152 yards and a touchdown, while **WR Smoke Harris** hauled in four catches for 77 yards and two scores (including a 36-yard score that tied it up late). Backup **QB Jack Turner** came on in relief of an injured Hank Bachmeier and completed 9-14 passes for 145 yards and a touchdown. **DBs Myles Heard** and **Cecil Singleton** recorded 14 and 11 tackles, respectfully.

NCAA LEADERS (TEAM)

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

3rd Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

Jax State 30.0% 19th

4th Down Conversion Percentage (Defense)

Jax State 25.0% T-15th
Sam Houston 25.0% T-15th
MTSU 33.3% 24th

Blocked Kicks

New Mexico State 1 T-11th
UTEP 1 T-11th

Completion Percentage

MTSU 70.5% 24th

Defensive TDs

WKU 2 1st
FIU 1 T-13th
Liberty 1 T-13th
LA Tech 1 T-13th

Fewest Penalties

Sam Houston 9 T-6th

Fewest Penalties Per Game

Sam Houston 4.50 T-26th

Fewest Penalty Yards

Sam Houston 72 7th

Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game

Sam Houston 36.0 22nd

First Downs (Defense)

Sam Houston 30 1st

First Downs (Offense)

LA Tech 83 11th
New Mexico State 80 17th
UTEP 78 22nd

Fumbles Lost

Sam Houston 0 1st
Jax State 1 T-24th
MTSU 1 T-24th

Fumbles Recovered

WKU 4 4th
FIU 3 T-12th
Jax State 3 T-12th
MTSU 3 T-12th

Kickoff Return Defense (yards per return)

LA Tech 10.00 5th
Liberty 11.09 8th

Net Punting (yards per attempt)

New Mexico State 42.30 24th

Passes Had Intercepted

Jax State 0 T-1st
Liberty 0 T-1st

Passes Intercepted

Liberty 9 1st
Jax State 4 T-25th
LA Tech 4 T-25th
WKU 4 T-25th

Passing Offense (yards per game)

WKU 286.0 29th

Passing Yards Allowed (per game)

Sam Houston 79.5 1st
LA Tech 176.0 28th

Passing Yards Per Completion

Liberty 18.17 5th
New Mexico State 17.84 6th
FIU 15.84 11th

Punt Return Defense (yards per attempt)

FIU 0.00 8th

Red Zone Defense

FIU 61.5% 16th

Red Zone Offense

WKU 100% 1st

Rushing Offense (yards per game)

Liberty 240.3 7th
Jax State 210.3 21st
New Mexico State 206.8 24th

Sacks Allowed (per game)

WKU 0.67 12th
Liberty 1.00 20th

Scoring Defense (points per game)

Sam Houston 13.5 22nd

Scoring Offense (points per game)

Liberty 40.1 17th

Tackles for Loss Allowed (per game)

New Mexico State 3.25 8th
Liberty 4.00 20th

Team Passing Efficiency

Liberty 183.50 12th
New Mexico State 182.36 13th

Team Passing Efficiency Defense

Sam Houston 95.43 13th
Liberty 96.93 14th

Team Tackles for Loss (per game)

FIU 7.0 24th

Time of Possession

Liberty 33.08 16th
UTEP 32.49 18th

Total Defense (yards per game)

Sam Houston 257.5 12th

Total Offense (yards per game)

Liberty 494.7 18th

Turnover Margin

Liberty +2.67 1st
Jax State +2.00 4th

WKU +1.33 16th

Turnovers Gained

Liberty 10 1st
WKU 8 6th
Jax State 7 11th
FIU 6 26th

Turnovers Lost

Jax State 1 3rd
Liberty 2 11th

NCAA LEADERS (INDIVIDUAL)

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

Completion Percentage

Nicholas Vattiato, MTSU 69.6% 28th

Completions Per Game

Austin Reed, WKU 25.67 8th
Nicholas Vattiato, MTSU 23.67 17th

Field Goal Percentage

Lucas Carneiro, WKU 100.0% 1st
Ethan Albertson, NM State 83.3% 28th

Field Goals Per Game

Jacob Barnes, LA Tech 1.75 15th
Lucas Carneiro, WKU 1.33 T-25th
Alen Karajic, Jax State 1.33 T-25th

Forced Fumbles (per game)

Donovan Manuel, FIU 0.75 1st
Sam Brumfield, MTSU 0.67 T-2nd
Curley Young, Jr., Jax State 0.67 T-2nd
Kavian Gaither, Sam Houston 0.50 T-19th
Issiah Nixon, Sam Houston 0.50 T-19th
Jamal Potts, FIU 0.50 T-19th
11 players 0.33 T-25th

Fumbles Recovered

JaQues Evans, WKU 2 T-1st
Jeff Marks, Jax State 2 T-1st
14 players 1 T-12th

Interceptions

Jerome Jolly, Jr., Liberty 2 T-8th
Brylan Green, Liberty 2 T-8th
Tyren Dupree, Liberty 2 T-8th

Kickoff Returns (yards per return)

Aaron Bedgood, Liberty 24.4 23rd

Passes Defended (per game)

Brian Blades, FIU 1.7 8th
Anthony Johnson, Jr., WKU 1.3 T-23rd
Brylan Green, Liberty 1.3 T-23rd
Jerome Jolly, Jr., Liberty 1.3 T-23rd

Passing Efficiency

Kaidon Salter, Liberty 191.3 9th
Diego Pavia, NM State 181.1 14th

Passing TDs

Kaidon Salter, Liberty 9 8th
Diego Pavia, NM State 8 14th
Austin Reed, WKU 7 28th

Passing Yards

Diego Pavia, NM State 918 11th
Keyone Jenkins, FIU 867 21st

Passing Yards Per Game

Keyone Jenkins, FIU 289.0 17th



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Passing Yards Per Completion

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|-----|
| Kaidon Salter, Liberty | 18.17 | 4th |
| Keyone Jenkins, FIU | 17.34 | 5th |
| Diego Pavia, NM State | 17.32 | 6th |

Points Responsible For

| | | |
|------------------------|----|------|
| Kaidon Salter, Liberty | 72 | 4th |
| Austin Reed, WKU | 54 | 22nd |

Points Responsible For Per Game

| | | |
|------------------------|------|------|
| Kaidon Salter, Liberty | 24.0 | 2nd |
| Austin Reed, WKU | 18.0 | 21st |

Punt Returns (per return)

| | | |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Dean Patterson, FIU | 11.4 | 15th |
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Receiving TDs

| | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------|
| Kris Mitchell, FIU | 4 | 6th |
| Jonathan Brady, NM State | 3 | T-18th |
| Smoke Harris, LA Tech | 3 | T-18th |
| Trent Hudson, NM State | 3 | T-18th |

Receiving Yards

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|
| Kris Mitchell, FIU | 370 | 5th |
| Smoke Harris, LA Tech | 288 | 28th |

Receiving Yards (per game)

| | | |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Kris Mitchell, FIU | 92.5 | 25th |
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Receptions Per Game

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|
| Smoke Harris, LA Tech | 6.0 | 29th |
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Rushing Yards Per Carry

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|-----------------------|------|------|
| Shomari Lawrence, FIU | 6.19 | 27th |
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Rushing Yards

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|
| Shomari Lawrence, FIU | 291 | 18th |
| Deion Hankins, UTEP | 189 | 19th |

Solo Tackles (per game)

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Tyrice Knight, UTEP | 8.5 | 3rd |
| Trevor Williams, Sam Houston | 8.0 | 4th |
| Donovan Manuel, FIU | 7.2 | 5th |
| D'Verik Daniel, FIU | 5.8 | 18th |
| Jakobe Thomas, MTSU | 5.7 | 19th |
| Myles Heard, LA Tech | 5.5 | T-24th |
| Kavian Gaither, Sam Houston | 5.5 | T-24th |
| Sam Brumfield, MTSU | 5.3 | 26th |

Tackles For Loss (per game)

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|------|
| Donovan Manuel, FIU | 1.8 | 13th |
|---------------------|-----|------|

Total Offense (per game)

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| Kaidon Salter, Liberty | 318.0 | 15th |
| Keyone Jenkins, FIU | 310.3 | 20th |
| Austin Reed, WKU | 283.7 | 29th |

Total Points Scored

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|------|
| Jacob Barnes, LA Tech | 33 | 12th |
| Ethan Albertson, NM State | 30 | 18th |

Total Tackles (per game)

| | | |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| Trevor Williams, Sam Houston | 13.5 | 1st |
| Tyrice Knight, UTEP | 12.8 | 3rd |
| Donovan Manuel, FIU | 12.0 | 5th |
| Myles Heard, LA Tech | 11.0 | 9th |
| Tyren Dupree, Liberty | 9.3 | 30th |

Total Touchdowns

| | | |
|--------------------|---|------|
| Kris Mitchell, FIU | 4 | 24th |
|--------------------|---|------|

Yards Per Pass Attempt

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| Diego Pavia, NM State | 11.20 | 7th |
| Kaidon Salter, Liberty | 10.75 | 10th |
| Keyone Jenkins, FIU | 9.74 | 17th |

Yards Per Reception

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Jonathan Brady, NM State | 25.20 | T-8th |
| CJ Daniels, Liberty | 25.20 | T-8th |

AP TOP 25

| Rk | Team | Rec. | Conf. | LW |
|----|-------------------|------|----------|----|
| 1 | Georgia (57) | 3-0 | SEC | 1 |
| 2 | Michigan (2) | 3-0 | B10 | 2 |
| 3 | Texas (3) | 3-0 | B12 | 4 |
| 4 | Florida State (1) | 3-0 | ACC | 3 |
| 5 | USC | 3-0 | P12 | 5 |
| 6 | Ohio State | 3-0 | B10 | 6 |
| 7 | Penn State | 3-0 | B10 | 7 |
| 8 | Washington | 3-0 | P12 | 8 |
| 9 | Notre Dame | 4-0 | FBS IND. | 9 |
| 10 | Oregon | 3-0 | P12 | 13 |
| 11 | Utah | 3-0 | P12 | 12 |
| 12 | LSU | 2-1 | SEC | 14 |
| 13 | Alabama | 2-1 | SEC | 10 |
| 14 | Oregon State | 3-0 | P12 | 16 |
| 15 | Ole Miss | 3-0 | SEC | 17 |
| 16 | Oklahoma | 3-0 | B12 | 19 |
| 17 | North Carolina | 3-0 | ACC | 20 |
| 18 | Duke | 3-0 | ACC | 21 |
| 19 | Colorado | 3-0 | P12 | 18 |
| 20 | Miami (FL) | 3-0 | ACC | 22 |
| 21 | Washington State | 3-0 | P12 | 23 |
| 22 | UCLA | 3-0 | P12 | 24 |
| 23 | Tennessee | 2-1 | SEC | 11 |
| 24 | Iowa | 3-0 | B10 | 25 |
| 25 | Florida | 2-1 | SEC | NR |

Others Receiving Votes: Clemson 76, Missouri 72, Kansas State 54, TCU 21, Fresno State 17, Kansas 15, Tulane 13, Kentucky 10, Maryland 4, BYU 3, Wisconsin 2, Syracuse 2, Louisville 1, Auburn 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

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



BROADCAST INFORMATION/CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

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

None

Overtime Records 1996-2023

| 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.





FOOTBALL

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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 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 (3-1, 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+) | W, 46-39 |
| S16 | at UCONN (CBSSN) | W, 24-17 |
| S23 | LIBERTY (ESPN+) | 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.

LIBERTY (3-0, 1-0 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+) | 5:30 p.m. |
| O5 (Th.) | SAM HOUSTON (CBSSN) | 6 p.m. |
| 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. |

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JACKSONVILLE STATE (2-1, 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+) | L, 30-16 |
| S23 | EASTERN MICHIGAN (ESPN+) | 4 p.m. |
| S28 (Th.) | at Sam Houston (ESPNU) | 7 p.m. |
| O4 (Wed.) | at MTSU (ESPNU) | 7 p.m. |
| 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.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (1-2, 0-0 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+) | 6 p.m. |
| S28 (Th.) | at WKU (CBSSN) | 6:30 p.m. |
| O4 (Wed.) | JAX STATE (ESPNU) | 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. |

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

LOUISIANA TECH (2-2, 1-0 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) | 2:30 p.m. |
| S29 (Fri.) | at UTEP (CBSSN) | 8 p.m. |
| O5 (Th.) | WKU (ESPNU) | 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. |

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



TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

NEW MEXICO STATE (2-2, 0-1 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) | 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. |

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

UTEP (1-3, 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) | L, 38-7 |
| S16 | at Arizona (Pac-12 Net) | L, 31-10 |
| S23 | UNLV (ESPN+) | 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. |

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

SAM HOUSTON (0-2, 0-0 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) | 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

WKU (2-1, 0-0 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) | 11 a.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

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

WKU at Troy (ESPNU) 11 a.m.

LA Tech at Nebraska (Big Ten Net) 2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

New Mexico State at Hawai'i (Spectrum) 11 p.m.

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.

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