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2024 STANDINGS

	CUSA LEAGUE PLAY						OVERALL						
School (AP/USA)	**W-L**	**Pct.**	**H**	**A**	**Pts.**	**Opp.**	**W-L**	**Pct.**	**H**	**A**	**N**	**Pts**	**Opp.**
FIU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Jax State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Liberty (RV/RV)	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Louisiana Tech	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Middle Tennessee	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
New Mexico State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Sam Houston	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
UTEP	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
WKU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-

* Kennesaw State is ineligible for the 2024 CUSA Championship Game and bowl games due to its transition from FCS

UPCOMING GAMES (ALL TIMES CT)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
Coastal Carolina at Jax State (CBSSN) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
UTEP at [RV] Nebraska (FOX) 2:30 p.m.
FIU at Indiana (Big Ten Network) 2:30 p.m.
Kennesaw State at UTSA (ESPN+) 2:30 p.m.
Campbell at [RV] Liberty (ESPN+) 5 p.m.
WKU at No. 5 Alabama (ESPN) 6 p.m.
Sam Houston at Rice (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at MTSU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Nicholls State at LA Tech (ESPN+) 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at NM State (ESPN+) 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Jax State at Louisville (ESPN+) 2:30 p.m.
MTSU at Ole Miss (SEC Network) 3:15 p.m.
Central Michigan at FIU (ESPN+) 5 p.m.
Sam Houston at UCF (ESPN+) 5:30 p.m.
Louisiana at Kennesaw State (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at WKU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Southern Utah at UTEP (ESPN+) 8 p.m.
Liberty at NM State (ESPN2) 9:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
LA Tech at NC State (ACC Network) 11 a.m.
UTEP at Liberty (ESPN+) 5 p.m.
FIU at Florida Atlantic (ESPN+) 5 p.m.
WKU at MTSU (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Jax State at Eastern Michigan (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Hawai'i at Sam Houston (ESPN+) 6 p.m.
Kennesaw State at San Jose State (truTV) 6 p.m.
NM State at Fresno State (truTV) 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Southern Miss at Jax State 2 p.m.
UTEP at Colorado State (truTV) 4 p.m.
Monmouth at FIU (ESPN+) 5 p.m.
East Carolina at Liberty 5 p.m.
NM State at Sam Houston 6 p.m.
Tulsa at LA Tech 6 p.m.
Duke at MTSU 6 p.m.
Toledo at WKU 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Texas State at Sam Houston 2 p.m.
LA Tech at FIU 5 p.m.
UT-Martin at Kennesaw State (ESPN+) 5 p.m.
New Mexico at NM State 7 p.m.
Liberty at Appalachian State TBD
MTSU at Memphis TBD
WKU at Boston College TBD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Sam Houston at UTEP (CBSSN) 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Jax State at Kennesaw State (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
FIU at Liberty (CBSSN) 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
NM State at Jax State (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
MTSU at LA Tech (CBSSN) 7 p.m.
UTEP at WKU (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
Kennesaw State at MTSU (CBSSN) 7 p.m.
LA Tech at NM State (ESPNU) 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
WKU at Sam Houston (ESPN2) 6 p.m.
FIU at UTEP (CBSSN) 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Sam Houston at FIU (ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.
UTEP at LA Tech (CBSSN) 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Liberty at Kennesaw State (CBSSN) 6 p.m.
MTSU at Jax State (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
NM State at FIU (CBSSN) 6 p.m.
LA Tech at Sam Houston (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
Jax State at Liberty (CBSSN) 6 p.m.
Kennesaw State at WKU (ESPN2) 6:30 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

Conference USA will name an Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Week each Monday during the season. The awards are selected by a panel of media members with one representative in each league city.

The conference office also will produce a weekly football release Mondays during the season. It will be distributed directly to members of the media upon request and available at ConferenceUSA.com.



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QUICK HITTERS/RANKINGS

CUSA ADDS NEW MEMBER

Conference USA enters 2024 with a 10-team composition, having welcomed Kennesaw State to the fold on July 1, 2024.

The Owls follow in the footsteps of four second-year members in Jacksonville State, Liberty, NM State and Sam Houston, along with FIU, LA Tech, MTSU, UTEP and WKU.

Delaware and Missouri State are set to join on July 1, 2025, bringing the roster to 12 institutions.

CUSA COACHING DEBUTS

The league features four new coaches in 2024. First-year member Kennesaw State is led by **Brian Bohannon**, while MTSU's **Derek Mason**, NM State's **Tony Sanchez** and UTEP's **Scotty Walden** are set to fill the shoes of their predecessors.

WEEKDAY CUSA

The 2024 season marks the return of Weekday CUSA after a successful debut of the mid-week scheduling model as part of Conference USA's new television deal with partners CBS Sports Network and ESPN. Eight of last season's weekday games were decided by one possession, setting the stage for plenty of excitement in this year's 18-game schedule.

GUESS WHO'S BACK, BACK AGAIN

CUSA institutions are set to return nearly 50 percent of their starters from 2023, including four schools who return at least 13 of their 22 offensive and defensive starters. Kennesaw State leads the way with 16, followed by defending CUSA champion Liberty with 15. FIU returns 70 total letterwinners and 14 starters, while WKU welcomes back 13 starters.

LEXINGTON & CONQUER

FIU running back Lexington Joseph overcame a knee injury that forced him to sit for the entire 2023 season and is poised to return to glory for the Panthers. In 2022, he led the team in rushing with 536 yards and five TD. Joseph also ranked second in kick return average (21.0) among CUSA athletes with at least 25 returns.

HISTORY MADE

Jax State's debut season in CUSA made plenty of history as the Gamecocks became the first program in NCAA history to win a bowl game in its first season of FBS competition. JSU was just the third team in NCAA history to win at least nine games in its first FBS season and the fifth school to appear in a bowl game in their first season.

MORE THAN ONE TRANSITION

In addition to embarking on year two of its transtiion from FCS to FBS, Kennesaw State will also be entering its second season operating a pistol offense. Following the departure of offensive coordinator Chris Klenakis, the "Godfather of the Pistol Offense," former Kennesaw State quarterback Chandler Burks is taking over as co-offensive coordinator and will be calling plays for the Owls.

RUN IT BACK

Liberty returns its top three rushers from an offense that led the nation in rushing (293.3). Quinton Cooley paced the way with 1,401 yards and 16 touchdowns, while quarterback Kaidon Salter added 1,089 yards and 12 scores. The duo was joined by Billy Lucas, who ran for 597 yards and found the endzone six times in 2023.

MARQUIS EVENT

Week one will mark the return to the field for LA Tech running back Marquis Crosby, who earned Honorable Mention Freshman All-America honors after leading the Bulldogs in rushing as a rookie before missing the entire 2023 season. He rushed for 918 yards and nine touchdowns on 183 carries and eclipsed the century mark in four games, while rushing for multiple touchdowns in three games.

NEW ERA NOW

Not much has remained unchanged within the MTSU football program after Derek Mason took over last December. There's not a single returning staff member throughout the program, and nearly half the list of scholarship athletes consists of new players. Mason has also made additions to the staff with a Chief of Staff and a dedicated Special Teams Coordinator in former MTSU wideout Luke Pascall.

AGGIES SET IN THE TRENCHES

NM State returns all five starters from an offensive line that helped the team finish 14th nationally in rushing yards per game. The group is anchored by tackle Shiyazh Pete, who earned First Team All-CUSA honors last season and appeared on the Outland, Lombardi and Reese's Senior Bowl Watch Lists, and guard Canaan Yarro, a Second Team All-CUSA honoree and member of the Rimington Award Watch List.

KATS READY TO POUNCE

Sam Houston, which won three of the last four games to cap the 2023 season despite a litany of injuries, ended spring ball completely healthy and ready to make waves in year two in CUSA. The Bearkats got down to a seventh running back last season in Adrian Murdaugh - a converted walk-on wide receiver that ran for a 52-yard touchdown against LA Tech.

MINERS ON THE MOVE

Scotty Walden's "Blue Blaze" offense is poised to mirror the fiery energy of UTEP's first-year coach as he plans to get a play in every 12-14 seconds. "Fast, physical and fearless" is just another saying around the Miners' camp as they complete a 180 on the program's offensive philosophy. Other focuses will be on moving receiving tight ends to wideout, emphasizing blocking tight ends and getting the ball out fast and into space.

TURNOVER TOPS

While known for its offensive fireworks, WKU has also developed an explosive defensive identity. The Hilltoppers have created more than 50 turnovers and nine defensive touchdowns in the last two seasons, the most by any FBS school. Lockdown corners Upton Stout and Anthony Johnson Jr., combined for five interceptions last season as the Tops' ranked 15th nationally with 15 picks on the year.

AP TOP 25

Rk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Trend
1	Georgia (46)	0-0	1532	-
2	Ohio State (15)	0-0	1490	-
3	Oregon (1)	0-0	1403	-
4	Texas	0-0	1386	-
5	Alabama	0-0	1260	-
6	Ole Miss	0-0	1189	-
7	Notre Dame	0-0	1122	-
8	Penn State	0-0	1060	-
9	Michigan	0-0	995	-
10	Florida State	0-0	971	-
11	Missouri	0-0	927	-
12	Utah	0-0	887	-
13	LSU	0-0	804	-
14	Clemson	0-0	689	-
15	Tennessee	0-0	629	-
16	Oklahoma	0-0	566	-
17	Oklahoma State	0-0	538	-
18	Kansas State	0-0	526	-
19	Miami	0-0	492	-
20	Texas A&M	0-0	292	-
21	Arizona	0-0	237	-
22	Kansas	0-0	231	-
23	USC	0-0	172	-
24	NC State	0-0	171	-
25	Iowa	0-0	140	-

Others Receiving Votes: Louisville 111, Virginia Tech 77, Boise St. 47, SMU 33, Iowa St. 33, **Liberty 32**, Washington 23, West Virginia 17, Memphis 16, Nebraska 16, Wisconsin 15, UTSA 6, Tulane 5, Appalachian St. 4, Kentucky 3, Auburn 2, Colorado 1.

AFCA COACHES POLL

Rk	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Trend
1	Georgia (46)	0-0	1364	-
2	Ohio State (7)	0-0	1302	-
3	Oregon	0-0	1228	-
4	Texas (1)	0-0	1223	-
5	Alabama	0-0	1077	-
6	Ole Miss	0-0	1019	-
7	Notre Dame	0-0	969	-
8	Michigan (1)	0-0	944	-
9	Penn State	0-0	889	-
10	Florida State	0-0	867	-
11	Missouri	0-0	808	-
12	LSU	0-0	742	-
13	Utah	0-0	665	-
14	Clemson	0-0	657	-
15	Tennessee	0-0	621	-
16	Oklahoma	0-0	609	-
17	Kansas State	0-0	416	-
18	Oklahoma State	0-0	359	-
19	Miami	0-0	292	-
20	Texas A&M	0-0	273	-
21	Arizona	0-0	230	-
22	NC State	0-0	216	-
23	USC	0-0	199	-
24	Kansas	0-0	186	-
25	Iowa	0-0	148	-

Others Receiving Votes: Washington 123, Louisville 95, Virginia Tech 64, SMU 47, Memphis 44, Boise State 30, Auburn 25, West Virginia 22, Wisconsin 17, **Liberty 15**, Iowa State 15, Kentucky 12, Florida 11, South Carolina 10, North Carolina 6, UNLV 5, Maryland 5, Texas Tech 4, UCF 4, UTSA 3, Tulane 2, Appalachian State 2, Texas State 2, Nebraska 2, Colorado 2, Troy 1, Air Force 1, James Madison 1, Miami (OH) 1, Syracuse 1.



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QUICK HITTERS

305 UNIVERSITY 🤝 MR. 305

On Aug. 6, FIU announced a groundbreaking partnership with international superstar and entrepreneur, Pitbull, to rebrand FIU Stadium to Pitbull Stadium. The 10-year agreement marks the first-ever athletics venue with an artist possessing naming rights. The collaboration includes multi-faceted marketing and promotional opportunities between the Miami native and the university, including the use of the venue for festivals and concerts.

JSU FACES TOUGH SLEDDING

The Gamecocks have their work cut out for them to build on last year's nine-win campaign as they are set to face six teams that played in bowl games last year. Five of JSU's opponents had at least eight wins and three foes finished with double-digit victories. The Gamecocks open with three consecutive games against bowl teams that combined to go 24-16 (Coastal Carolina, at Louisville, at Eastern Michigan).

STOKE THE FLAMES

After a spectacular debut season in CUSA that saw Liberty finish the regular season undefeated (13-0), secure a CUSA Championship and appear at No. 23 in the final CFP rankings, the expectations are even higher for the Flames in 2024. With all 10 coaches returning, along with CUSA MVP Kaidon Salter and CUSA Newcomer of the Year Quinton Cooley in the backfield, Liberty is considered a top contender for the G5 spot in the newly expanded playoff.

LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN

MTSU safety Brendon Harris is entering his seventh season of collegiate football, joining the Blue Raiders after previous stops at Vanderbilt and Wake Forest. He reunites with head coach Derek Mason after he was recruited by and played for Mason at Vanderbilt from 2019-21. He tallied 127 tackles, 2.5 TFL and seven PBU in three seasons for the Commodores before transferring to Wake Forest.

RETURNING STARTERS

Here's a look at the returning starters on offense, defense and special teams (including punt and kick returners) for each Conference USA school:

School	OFF	DEF	ST
FIU	8	6	4
Jax State	5	4	3
Kennesaw State	8	8	2
Liberty	7	8	4
LA Tech	3	6	2
MTSU	5	2	2
NM State	6	2	3
Sam Houston	7	4	3
UTEP	2	4	2
WKU	6	7	1

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

Here's a look at the number of lettermen returning and lost and newcomers for each CUSA school:

School	Ret.	Lost	New
FIU	70	29	45
Jax State	32	30	40
Kennesaw State	41	24	48
Liberty	50	38	49
LA Tech	40	26	48
MTSU	37	36	40
NM State	28	39	44
Sam Houston	53	30	42
UTEP	31	36	56
WKU	38	27	49

RETURNING NATIONAL LEADERS

CUSA has several players that are ranked among the top 10 returnees in major statistical categories.

Returning Passing Efficiency Leaders		
3rd	Kaidon Salter, Liberty	176.6
Returning Passing Touchdowns Leaders		
5th	Kaidon Salter, Liberty	32
Returning Passing Yards Per Completion Leaders		
3rd	Kaidon Salter, Liberty	16.25
Returning Points Responsible For Leaders		
3rd	Kaidon Salter, Liberty	264
Returning Points Responsible For Per Game Leaders		
5th	Kaidon Salter, Liberty	18.9
Returning Rush Yards Per Carry Leaders		
8th	Kaidon Salter, Liberty	6.68
Returning Yards Per Pass Attempt Leaders		
4th	Kaidon Salter, Liberty	9.92
Returning Punt Return Touchdowns Leaders		
2nd	Michael Richard, LA Tech	1
Returning Rushing Touchdowns Leaders		
6th	Quinton Cooley, Liberty	16
Returning Rushing Yards Leaders		
7th	Quinton Cooley, Liberty	1,401
Returning Total Interceptions Leaders		
6th	Brylan Green, Liberty	5

PRESEASON AWARDS

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

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
CJ Bazile Jr., DE, Jr., Liberty

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Lucas Carneiro, K, So., WKU

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

(as selected by the league's 10 head coaches)

OFFENSE
QB Keyone Jenkins, FIU
QB Kaidon Salter, Liberty
QB Jack Turner, LA Tech
RB Quinton Cooley, Liberty
RB Monte Watkins, NM State
RB Jevon Jackson, UTEP
RB Elijah Young, WKU
WR Gabe Benyard, Kennesaw State
WR Omari Kelly, MTSU
WR Kordell David, NM State
WR Noah Smith, Sam Houston
TE Sean Brown, Jax State
OL JaDarious Lee, FIU
OL Clay Webb, Jax State
OL Ethan Newman, Kennesaw State
OL Jordan White, Liberty
OL Bert Hale, LA Tech
OL Ethan Ellis, MTSU
OL Canaan Yarro, NM State
OL Ethan Hagler, Sam Houston
OL Otis Pitts, UTEP
OL Quantavious Leslie, WKU

DEFENSE
DL Jeramy Passmore, FIU
DL Darrell Prater, Jax State
DL Pooda Walker, Kennesaw State
DL CJ Bazile, Liberty
DL Jessie Evans, LA Tech
DL Andy Nwaoko, MTSU
DL Buddha Peleti, NM State
DL Jevon Leon, Sam Houston
DL KD Johnson, UTEP
DL Hosea Wheeler, WKU
LB Reggie Peterson, FIU
LB J-Rock Swain, Jax State
LB Kolbe Fields, LA Tech
LB Kavian Gaither, Sam Houston
DB Sidney Porter, Kennesaw State
DB De'Arre McDonald, MTSU
DB AJ Odums, UTEP
DB Upton Stout, WKU

SPECIAL TEAMS
K Colby Sessums, Sam Houston
K Lucas Carneiro, WKU
P Jack Dawson, Jax State
KR Julian Gray, Liberty
KR Demarcus Griffin-Taylor, LA Tech
PR Dean Patterson, FIU
PR Gabe Benyard, Kennesaw State
PR Jordan Smith, NM State
LS Brody Butler, MTSU
LS Angelo Tejada, UTEP

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

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

School (first-place votes)	Total
1. Liberty (18)	197
2. WKU (2)	173
3. Jax State	166
4. MTSU	98
t5. NM State	97
t5. Sam Houston	97
7. LA Tech	88
8. FIU	81
9. UTEP	76
10. Kennesaw State	27



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WATCH THIS!

2024 National watch lists are beginning to make their rounds, and include several CUSA standouts.

AFCA Good Works Team (Community Service)
Zach Zimos, LB, R-Sr., LA Tech
Nicholas Vattiato, QB, R-Jr., MTSU
Allen Ortiz, WR, Sr., NM State
Dalvin Smith, WR, R-Sr., WKU

Athlon Preseason All-American
Clay Webb, OL, R-Sr., Jax State (Second Team)

Bronko Nagurski Trophy (Nation's Best Defensive Player)
CJ Bazile Jr., DE, Jr., Liberty
Brylan Green, S, Sr., Liberty
Maurice Westmoreland, DE, Sr., UTEP

College Football Network Preseason All-America
Clay Webb, OL, R-Sr., Jax State
(First Team, National Offensive Lineman of the Year, National Guard of the Year)
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty (Third Team)
Kavian Gaither, LB, Sr., Sam Houston (Third Team)
Quinton Cooley, RB, Sr., Liberty (Honorable Mention)
Upton Stout, CB, R-Jr., WKU (Honorable Mention)
Dean Patterson, PR, R-Jr., FIU (Honorable Mention)

Comeback Player of the Year
Lexington Joseph, RB, Gr., FIU
Tyson Mobley, WR, R-Jr., Liberty
Marquis Crosby, RB, R-Jr., LA Tech

Dave Campbell's Texas Football All-Texas Team
Jadon Cardell, P, R-Jr., Sam Houston (First Team)
Noah Smith, WR, R-Sr., Sam Houston (Second Team)
AJ Odums, CB, Sr., UTEP (Second Team)

Davey O'Brien Award (Nation's Best QB)
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty
TJ Finley, QB, Jr., WKU

Doak Walker Award (Nation's Best RB)
Quinton Cooley, RB, Sr., Liberty
Marquis Crosby, RB, R-Jr., LA Tech
Elijah Young, RB, Sr., WKU

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (Offensive Player of the Year with a Texas Connection)
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty
Jack Turner, QB, RS-Jr., LA Tech
Kordell David, WR, Sr., NM State
Ife Adeyi, WR, RS-Sr. Sam Houston
Noah Smith, WR, R-Sr., Sam Houston
Trey Goodman, WR, Sr., UTEP

East-West Shrine Bowl 1000
Sean Brown, TE, R-Sr., Jax State
Clay Webb, OL, R-Sr., Jax State
Kaidon Salter, QB, Junior, Liberty
Quinton Cooley, RB, Senior, Liberty
Holden Willis, TE, R-Sr., MTSU
Noah Smith, WR, R-Sr., Sam Houston
Issiah Nixon, LB, Sr., Sam Houston
Maurice Westmoreland, DE, Sr. UTEP
Upton Stout, CB, R-Jr., WKU
Quantavious Leslie, OL, Sr., WKU
Dalvin Smith, WR, R-Sr., WKU
Anthony Johnson Jr., CB, Senior, WKU
Kisean Johnson, WR, Senior, WKU
T.J. Finley, QB, R-Jr., WKU

John Mackey Award (Nation's Best TE)
Sean Brown, TE, R-Sr., Jax State

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (Nation's Best QB)
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty
Nicholas Vattiato, QB, R-Jr., MTSU
TJ Finley, QB, Jr., WKU

Lombardi Award (Best OL/DL/LB)
Clay Webb, OL, R-Sr., Jax State
Jay Hardy, DL, Sr., Liberty
Shiyazh Pete, OL, R-Jr., NM State
Maurice Westmoreland, DE, Sr. UTEP
Hosea Wheeler, DL, R-Jr., WKU

Manning Award (Nation's Best QB)
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty
Nicholas Vattiato, QB, R-Jr., MTSU

Maxwell Award (Nation's Most Outstanding Player)
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty
Quinton Cooley, RB, Sr., Liberty
TJ Finley, QB, Jr., WKU

Outland Trophy (Nation's Best Interior Lineman)
Clay Webb, OL, R-Sr., Jax State
Jordan White, OL, Jr., Liberty
Shiyazh Pete, OL, R-Jr., NM State
Quintavious Leslie, OL, Sr., WKU

Paul Hornung Award (Most Versatile Player)
Julian Gray, WR, Jr., Liberty
Easton Messer, WR, R-So., WKU

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award (Nation's Best DB)
Derek Carter, CB, R-Jr., Jax State
Brylan Green, S, Sr., Liberty
Anthony Johnson Jr., CB, Sr., WKU

Phil Steele Preseason All-American
Clay Webb, OL, R-Sr., Jax State (Third Team)
Julian Gray, KR, Jr., Liberty (Fourth Team)

Ray Guy Award (Nation's Best P)
Daton Montiel, P, R-Sr., FIU
Jack Dawson, P, Sr., Jax State

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty
TJ Finley, QB, Jr., WKU
Holden Willis, WR, RS-Sr., MTSU
Ife Adeyi, WR, RS-Sr. Sam Houston
Josiah Miamen, TE, Sr., FIU
Clay Webb, OL, R-Sr., Jax State
Shiyazh Pete, OL, R-Jr., NM State
Maurice Westmoreland, DE, Sr. UTEP

Rimington Trophy (Nation's Best C)
Jordan White, OL, Jr., Liberty
Canaan Yarro, OL, R-Sr., NM State

Walter Camp Award (Nation's Most Outstanding Player)
Kaidon Salter, QB, Jr., Liberty
TJ Finley, QB, Jr., WKU

Allstate Wuerffel Trophy (Community Service)
Zach Zimos, LB, R-Sr., LA Tech
Nicholas Vattiato, QB, R-Jr., MTSU
Allen Ortiz, WR, Sr., NM State
Dalvin Smith, WR, R-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) - 9/28/23
FIU 33, Sam Houston 27 (2OT) - 10/18/23
Jax State 34, Louisiana 21 (OT) - 12/16/23
WKU 38, Old Dominion 35 (OT) - 12/18/23

Overtime Records 1996-2023

Teams	All Games	CUSA Games
FIU	8-6	3-2
Jax State*	11-8	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%	3-9	0-2
UTEP	6-3	5-3
WKU&	14-5	4-2

* - Jax State is 2-0 in OT games since its move to FBS
^ - Liberty is 2-1 in OT games since its move to FBS
% - SHSU is 0-2 in OT games since its move to FBS
& - WKU is 8-4 in OT games since its move to FBS

2024 CUSA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Conference USA will host its 20th annual football championship game in 2024.

The event, slated for Friday, December 6, 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. Twelve different schools have hosted the first 19 championship games.

Year Champion (CUSA Record)

2023	Liberty (8-0)
2022	UTSA (8-0)
2021	UTSA (7-1)
2020	UAB (3-1)
2019	Florida Atlantic (7-1)
2018	UAB (7-1)
2017	Florida Atlantic (8-0)
2016	WKU (7-1)
2015	WKU (8-0)
2014	Marshall (7-1)
2013	Rice (7-1)
2012	Tulsa (7-1)
2011	Southern Miss (7-1)
2010	UCF (7-1)
2009	East Carolina (6-2)
2008	East Carolina (6-2)
2007	UCF (7-1)
2006	Houston (7-1)
2005	Tulsa (6-2)

CUSA TIEBREAKER

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



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CONFERENCE USA BOWL PARTNERS

CUSA BOWL SYNOPSIS

Conference USA is in year five of 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 19 times in its first 23 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.radiancetechnologiesindependencebowl.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 CUSA's bowl partners.

THE PLAYOFF

The CFP will expand to a 12-team format for the 2024 season. Guaranteed bids will be awarded for the top five conference champions in the CFP rankings, and at-large bids will be given to the seven highest-ranked remaining teams. The four highest-ranked conference champions will receive first-round byes, and the remaining teams will play each other in the first round at the home fields of the better seeds, matched in the standard format of 5-12, 6-11, 7-10 and 8-9. The championship will continue to be held at a separately determined neutral site. First round games will occur in December, quarterfinal games on or around New Year's Day, semifinal games at least one week later, and the championship game one week after the semifinals.

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

A selection committee will choose the 12 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 ROTATION

New Year's Six bowl games will be introduced in the quarterfinal round. The semifinals will be played in bowls on a rotating basis while the nationaly championship host site is determined through bids by prospective host sites.

For the 2024-25 season, the Fiesta Bowl (Dec. 31), Peach Bowl (Jan. 1), Rose Bowl (Jan. 1) and Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1, will host quarterfinal games, while the Orange Bowl (Jan. 9) and Cotton Bowl (Jan. 10) will host semifinals. The College Football Championship will be held on Monday, Jan. 20 in Atlanta, Ga.

CUSA AND THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

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



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MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Video highlights from all 10 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 2024 season will be held on Tuesday, December 3, and will feature the head coaches of the two teams participating in the 2024 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 Josh Yonis (jyonis@conferenceusa.com) or Eric Jones (ejones@conferenceusa.com) in the conference office with requests or questions.

COLLEGEPRESSBOX.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	Panther Online Network		AJ Ricketts
Jax State	WJLS	91.9	Mike Parris
Kennesaw State	KSU Owls App		Nolan Alexander
Liberty	WRVL-FM	88.3	Alan York
LA Tech	LA Tech Sports Network		Malcolm Butler
MTSU	WGNS	100.5, 101.9, 1450 AM	
	WQZQ-FM (Nashville)	93.1	Chip Walters
NM State	KXPZ-FM	91.5	Jack Nixon
Sam Houston	Bearkat Sports Network		Carlos Zimmerman
UTEP	KLAQ-FM	95.5	
	ESPN Radio	600	Jon Teicher
WKU	WXLX-FM	100.7	Randy Lee

CUSA WEBSITES

Here are the official websites for each CUSA school:

FIU	www.FIUSports.com
Jax State	www.jaxstatesports.com
Kennesaw State	www.ksuowls.com
Liberty	www.libertyflames.com
LA Tech	www.LATechSports.com
MTSU	www.GoBlueRaiders.com
NM 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
Jax State	@JaxStateFB
Kennesaw State	@KennesawStFB
Liberty	@LibertyFootball
LA Tech	@LATechFB
MTSU	@MT_FB
NM State	@NMStateFootball
Sam Houston	@BearkatsFB
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 Noon CT
Jax State	Various days at 11:30 a.m. CT
Kennesaw State	Mondays at 11:30 a.m. CT
Liberty	Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. CT
LA Tech	Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. CT
MTSU	Mondays at 10:30 a.m. CT
NM State	Mondays at 2 p.m. CT
Sam Houston	Tuesdays at Noon CT
UTEP	Mondays at 2 p.m. CT
WKU	Mondays at 11 a.m. CT

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TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

FIU (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	at Indiana (Big Ten)	2:30 p.m.
S7	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
S14	at Florida Atlantic (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
S21	MONMOUTH (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
S28	**LA TECH (ESPN Platforms)**	**5 p.m.**
O8 (Tue.)	**at Liberty (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
O16 (Wed.)	**at UTEP (CBSSN)**	**8 p.m.**
O22 (Tue.)	**SAM HOUSTON (ESPNU)**	**6:30 p.m.**
O29 (Tue.)	**NM STATE (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
N16	**at Jax State (ESPN Platforms)**	**1 p.m.**
N23	**at Kennsaw State (ESPN Platforms)**	**2 p.m.**
N30	**MTSU (ESPN Platforms)**	**1 p.m.**

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

JAX STATE (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A29 (Thu.)	COASTAL CAROLINA (CBSSN)	7 p.m.
S7	at Louisville	2:30 p.m.
S14	at Eastern Michigan (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S21	SOUTHERN MISS (ESPN Platforms)	2 p.m.
O4 (Fri.)	**at Kennesaw State (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
O9 (Wed.)	**NM STATE (ESPN2)**	**6:30 p.m.**
O23 (Wed.)	**MTSU (ESPN2)**	**6:30 p.m.**
O30 (Wed.)	**at Liberty (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
N9	**at LA Tech (CBSSN)**	**3:30 p.m.**
N16	**FIU (ESPN Platforms)**	**1 p.m.**
N23	**SAM HOUSTON (CBSSN)**	**11 a.m.**
N30	**at WKU (ESPN Platforms)**	**2:30 p.m.**

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KENNESAW STATE (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	at UTSA (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
S7	LOUISIANA (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S14	at San Jose State (truTV)	6 p.m.
S28	UT MARTIN (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
O4 (Fri.)	**JAX STATE (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
O15 (Tue.)	**at MTSU (CBSSN)**	**7 p.m.**
O23 (Wed.)	**LIBERTY (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
O30 (Wed.)	**at WKU (ESPN2)**	**6:30 p.m.**
N9	**at UTEP (ESPN Platforms)**	**3 p.m.**
N16	**SAM HOUSTON (ESPN Platforms)**	**2 p.m.**
N23	**FIU (ESPN Platforms)**	**2 p.m.**
N30	**at LA Tech (ESPN Platforms)**	**3 p.m.**

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LA TECH (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	NICHOLLS (ESPN+)	7 p.m.
S14	at NC State (ACCN)	11 a.m.
S21	TULSA (ESPN Platforms)	6 p.m.
S28	**at FIU (ESPN Platforms)**	**5 p.m.**
O10 (Thu.)	**MTSU (CBSSN)**	**7 p.m.**
O15 (Tue.)	**at NM State (ESPNU)**	**8 p.m.**
O22 (Tue.)	**UTEP (CBSSN)**	**7 p.m.**
O29 (Tue.)	**at Sam Houston (ESPNU)**	**7 p.m.**
N9	**JAX STATE (CBSSN)**	**3:30 p.m.**
N16	**at WKU (CBSSN)**	**11 a.m.**
N23	at Arkansas (SECN+)	TBA
N30	**KENNESAW STATE (ESPN Platforms)**	**3 p.m.**

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LIBERTY (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	CAMPBELL (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
S7	**at NM State (ESPN2)**	**9:15 p.m.**
S14	**UTEP (ESPN Platforms)**	**5 p.m.**
S21	EAST CAROLINA (ESPN Platforms)	5 p.m.
S28	at App State	TBA
O8 (Tue.)	**FIU (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
O23 (Wed.)	**at Kennesaw State (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
O30 (Wed.)	**JAX STATE (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
N9	**at MTSU (CBSSN)**	**Noon**
N16	at UMass	TBA
N23	**WKU (ESPN Platforms)**	**Noon**
N29	**at Sam Houston (CBSSN)**	**2:30 p.m.**

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MTSU (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	TENNESSEE TECH (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S7	at Ole Miss (SECN)	3:15 p.m.
S14	**WKU (ESPN+)**	**6 p.m.**
S21	DUKE (ESPN Platforms)	6 p.m.
S28	at Memphis	TBA
O10 (Thu.)	**at LA Tech (CBSSN)**	**7 p.m.**
O15 (Tue.)	**KENNESAW STATE (CBSSN)**	**7 p.m.**
O23 (Wed.)	**at Jax State (ESPN2)**	**6:30 p.m.**
N2	**at UTEP (CBSSN)**	**2:30 p.m.**
N9	**LIBERTY (CBSSN)**	**Noon**
N23	**NM STATE (ESPN Platforms)**	**1:30 p.m.**
N30	**at FIU (ESPN Platforms)**	**1 p.m.**

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NM STATE (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (ESPN+)	8 p.m.
S7	**LIBERTY (ESPN2)**	**9:15 p.m.**
S14	at Fresno State (truTV)	9:30 p.m.
S21	**at Sam Houston (ESPN Platforms)**	**6 p.m.**
S28	NEW MEXICO (ESPN Platforms)	7 p.m.
O9 (Wed.)	**at Jax State (ESPN2)**	**6:30 p.m.**
O15 (Tue.)	**LA TECH (ESPNU)**	**8 p.m.**
O29 (Tue.)	**at FIU (CBSSN)**	**6 p.m.**
N9	**WKU (ESPN Platforms)**	**5 p.m.**
N16	at Texas A&M (SECN)	6:45 p.m.
N23	**at MTSU (ESPN Platforms)**	**1:30 p.m.**
N30	**UTEP (ESPN Platforms)**	**3 p.m.**

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

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	at Rice (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S7	at UCF (ESPN+)	5:30 p.m.
S14	HAWAII (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S21	**NM STATE (ESPN+)**	**6 p.m.**
S28	Texas State^(ESPN+)	2 p.m.
O3 (Thu.)	**at UTEP (CBSSN)**	**8 p.m.**
O16 (Wed.)	**WKU (ESPN2)**	**6 p.m.**
O22 (Tue.)	**at FIU (ESPNU)**	**6:30 p.m.**
O29 (Tue.)	**LA TECH (ESPNU)**	**7 p.m.**
N16	**at Kennesaw State (ESPN+)**	**2 p.m.**
N23	**at Jax State (CBSSN)**	**11 a.m.**
N29	**LIBERTY (CBSSN)**	**2:30 p.m.**

^ - H-Town Showdown (NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas)
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UTEP (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	at Nebraska (FOX)	2:30 p.m.
S7	SOUTHERN UTAH (ESPN+)	8 p.m.
S14	**at Liberty (ESPN+)**	**5 p.m.**
S21	at Colorado State (truTV)	4 p.m.
O3 (Thu.)	**SAM HOUSTON (CBSSN)**	**8 p.m.**
O10 (Thu.)	**at WKU (ESPNU)**	**7 p.m.**
O16 (Wed.)	**FIU (CBSSN)**	**8 p.m.**
O22 (Tue.)	**at LA Tech (CBSSN)**	**7 p.m.**
N2	**MTSU (CBSSN)**	**2:30 p.m.**
N9	**KENNESAW STATE (ESPN Platforms)**	**3 p.m.**
N23	at Tennessee (SECN+)	Noon
N30	**at NM State (ESPN Platforms)**	**3 p.m.**

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WKU (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME
A31	at Alabama (ESPN)	6 p.m.
S7	EASTERN KENTUCKY (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S14	**at MTSU (ESPN+)**	**6 p.m.**
S21	TOLEDO (ESPN Platforms)	6 p.m.
S28	at Boston College	TBA
O10 (Thu.)	**UTEP (ESPNU)**	**7 p.m.**
O16 (Wed.)	**at Sam Houston (ESPN2)**	**6 p.m.**
O30 (Wed.)	**KENNESAW STATE (ESPN2)**	**6:30 p.m.**
N9	**at NM State (ESPN Platforms)**	**5 p.m.**
N16	**LA TECH (CBSSN)**	**11 a.m.**
N23	**at Liberty (ESPN Platforms)**	**Noon**
N30	**JAX STATE (ESPN Platforms)**	**2:30 p.m.**

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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Coastal Carolina at Jax State (CBSSN)	7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

UTEP at Nebraska (FOX)	2:30 p.m.
FIU at Indiana (Big Ten Network)	2:30 p.m.
Kennesaw State at UTSA (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
Campbell at Liberty (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
WKU at Alabama (ESPN)	6 p.m.
Sam Houston at Rice (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at MTSU (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Nicholls State at LA Tech (ESPN+)	7 p.m.
SE Missouri at NM State (ESPN+)	8 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Jax State at Louisville (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
MTSU at Ole Miss (SEC Network)	3:15 p.m.
Central Michigan at FIU (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
Sam Houston at UCF (ESPN+)	5:30 p.m.
Louisiana at Kennesaw State (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at WKU (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Southern Utah at UTEP (ESPN+)	8 p.m.
Liberty at NM State (ESPN2)	**9:15 p.m.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

LA Tech at NC State (ACC Network)	11 a.m.
UTEP at Liberty (ESPN+)	**5 p.m.**
FIU at Florida Atlantic (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
WKU at MTSU (ESPN+)	**6 p.m.**
Jax State at Eastern Michigan (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Hawai'i at Sam Houston (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Kennesaw State at San Jose State (truTV)	6 p.m.
NM State at Fresno State (truTV)	9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Southern Miss at Jax State	2 p.m.
UTEP at Colorado State (truTV)	4 p.m.
Monmouth at FIU (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
East Carolina at Liberty	5 p.m.
NM State at Sam Houston	**6 p.m.**
Tulsa at LA Tech	6 p.m.
Duke at MTSU	6 p.m.
Toledo at WKU	6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Texas State at Sam Houston	2 p.m.
LA Tech at FIU	**5 p.m.**
UT-Martin at Kennesaw State (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
New Mexico at NM State	7 p.m.
Liberty at Appalachian State	TBD
MTSU at Memphis	TBD
WKU at Boston College	TBD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Sam Houston at UTEP (CBSSN)	**8 p.m.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Jax State at Kennesaw State (CBSSN)	**6 p.m.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

FIU at Liberty (CBSSN)	**6 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

NM State at Jax State (ESPN2)	**6:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

MTSU at LA Tech (CBSSN)	**7 p.m.**
UTEP at WKU (ESPNU)	**7 p.m.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Kennesaw State at MTSU (CBSSN)	**7 p.m.**
LA Tech at NM State (ESPNU)	**8 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

WKU at Sam Houston (ESPN2)	**6 p.m.**
FIU at UTEP (CBSSN)	**8 p.m.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Sam Houston at FIU (ESPNU)	**6:30 p.m.**
UTEP at LA Tech (CBSSN)	**7 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Liberty at Kennesaw State (CBSSN)	**6 p.m.**
MTSU at Jax State (ESPN2)	**6:30 p.m.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

NM State at FIU (CBSSN)	**6 p.m.**
LA Tech at Sam Houston (ESPNU)	**7 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Jax State at Liberty (CBSSN)	**6 p.m.**
Kennesaw State at WKU (ESPN2)	**6:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

MTSU at UTEP (CBSSN)	**2:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Liberty at MTSU (CBSSN)	**12 p.m.**
Kennesaw State at UTEP	**3 p.m.**
Jax State at LA Tech (CBSSN)	**3:30 p.m.**
WKU at NM State	**5 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

LA Tech at WKU (CBSSN)	**11 a.m.**
FIU at Jax State	**1 p.m.**
Sam Houston at Kennesaw State	**2 p.m.**
Liberty at UMass	TBD
NM State at Texas A&M (SECN)	6:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Sam Houston at Jax State (CBSSN)	**11 a.m.**
WKU at Liberty	**Noon**
UTEP at Tennessee (SECN+)	Noon
NM State at MTSU	**1:30 p.m.**
FIU at Kennesaw State	**2 p.m.**
LA Tech at Arkansas (ESPN+)	TBD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Liberty at Sam Houston (CBSSN)	**2:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

MTSU at FIU	**1 p.m.**
Jax State at WKU	**2:30 p.m.**
Kennesaw State at LA Tech	**3 p.m.**
UTEP at NM State	**3 p.m.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

CUSA Championship (CBSSN)	**7 p.m.**

Conference games in bold.

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All times Central.

