

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL REPORT 2020 Season • Week 2

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SCHOOL <small>AP/Coaches</small>	AMERICAN						OVERALL							
	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
MEMPHIS <small>rv/rv</small>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	37	24	0-0	1-0	0-0	Won 1
SMU <small>rv/rv</small>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	31	24	0-0	1-0	0-0	Won 1
UCF <small>21/21</small>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 3
CINCINNATI <small>20/22</small>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
EAST CAROLINA	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
HOUSTON	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
USF	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 4
TEMPLE	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
TULANE <small>-/rv</small>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
TULSA	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
NAVY <small>rv/rv</small>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	.000	3	55	0-1	0-0	0-0	Lost 1

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Citadel at USF

Time: 7 p.m.

Series: Tied, 1-1

Last Meeting: Oct. 3, 1998 (USF, 45-6)



Tulane at South Alabama

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Series: South Alabama leads, 1-0

Last Meeting: Sept. 7, 2013 (South Alabama, 41-39)



All times Eastern

THE AMERICAN TODAY

Two American Athletic Conference teams came away with wins in the league's first weekend of the 2020 season.

Memphis made a winner of new head coach Ryan Silverfield in his home debut as the Tigers scored a 37-24 win against Arkansas State at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. QB Brady White led the way with four touchdown passes as part of a 275-yard day, while TE Sean Dykes returned to the lineup after a medical redshirt year to finish with 10 receptions for 137 yards and two TDs. RB Rodrigues Clark rushed for 105 yards and a TD in his first career start.

SMU went on the road for its first win as the Mustangs took a 31-24 decision at Texas State in their season-opener. QB Shane Buechele, who led The American in passing last year, picked up where he left off as the went 26-for-36 for 367 yards and a touchdown. RB TJ McDaniel topped the 100-yard mark against Texas State for the second straight year as he rushed for a game-high 130 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries.

Navy, which had not conducted a full-contact practice in its preseason, was handled by a physical BYU squad Monday as the Midshipmen dropped a 55-3 decision to the Cougars at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Navy was limited to 149 yards and seven first downs and uncharacteristically had possession for only 22:40.

Three games that were originally scheduled for Sept. 12 were either postponed or rescheduled, leaving only two contests on this week's docket.

USF will begin its season Saturday as first-year head coach Jeff Scott and the Bulls welcome The Citadel to Raymond James Stadium (7 p.m. ET, ESPN+). Scott, who previously served as co-offensive coordinator at Clemson, is expecting as many as three quarterbacks to see action in the early part of the season as returning starter Jordan McCloud is challenged by Cade Fortin, a transfer from North Carolina who saw action as a starter in 2018, and Noah Johnson, who was the 2018 SWAC Offensive Player of the Year at Alcorn State.

Tulane, which begins its season Saturday night at South Alabama (7:30 p.m., ESPN2), also will rely on a new starter behind center as Keon Howard is expected to make his first start in a Green Wave uniform. Howard saw limited action for Tulane last season, but made nine career starts at Southern Miss before transferring.

Looking ahead to Week 3, nine of the 11 American Athletic Conference teams will be in action, while intraconference play begins with two key league games (Houston at Memphis Sept. 18, Navy at Tulane Sept. 19).

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

It's A Start

The American Athletic Conference has two teams ranked in the Associated Press and USA Today preseason polls for the first time in the eight-year history of the conference.

The Power 6 Is Real

Four American Athletic Conference teams (No. 17 Memphis, No. 20 Navy, No. 21 Cincinnati, No. 24 UCF) were ranked in the top 25 of both the Associated Press and the Amway Coaches' polls to close the 2019 season.

Only the Big Ten (six) and SEC (five) had more ranked teams than The American. The four top-25 teams for The American were more than the Big 12 (three), Pac-12 (two) and ACC (one) among others.

Rank And File

The American has had at least three teams ranked in the final polls in two of the last three seasons.

Conference Calls

The American Athletic Conference ranked fourth among the 10 FBS conferences in nonconference winning percentage in 2019.

Nonconference Winning Percentage (All Games)

Conference	W	L	Pct.
SEC	50	16	.758
Big Ten	38	13	.745
Big 12	25	11	.694
American	38	17	.691
Pac-12	28	15	.651
ACC	39	26	.600
Sun Belt	25	20	.556
Mountain West	35	21	.554
Conference USA	27	37	.422
MAC	21	34	.382

Nonconference Winning Percentage (FBS Opponents)

Conference	W	L	Pct.
Big Ten	34	13	.723
SEC	35	16	.686
Pac-12	20	12	.625
American	28	17	.622
Big 12	16	11	.593
Mountain West	23	21	.522
ACC	25	25	.500
Sun Belt	15	20	.429
Conference USA	15	36	.294
MAC	10	34	.227

Pow6rful Stuff

The American has registered 42 nonconference victories against other Power 6 opponents (including Notre Dame) since the start of the 2015 season, the first year of The American's current membership.

2019 Wins Against Power 6 Opponents

Cincinnati 24, UCLA 14
Memphis 15, Ole Miss 10
Temple 20, Maryland 17
UCF 45, Stanford 27
SMU 41, TCU 38
Temple 24, Georgia Tech 2
Navy 20, Kansas State 17
Cincinnati 38, Boston College 6

Bullies

American Athletic Conference teams were a combined 36-9 (.800) in 2019 against unranked opponents in nonconference games.

A League Of Our Own

American Athletic Conference teams were a combined 30-2 (.938) against opponents from outside the power conferences/Notre Dame this season.

Conference Call

American Athletic Conference teams went 8-1 against Conference USA in 2019. The American was 4-0 against the Sun Belt, 3-0 against the Mountain West and 1-1 against the MAC. Teams from The American were 4-1 against FBS independents in 2019.

Home Is Where The Wins Are

UCF has won 21 straight home games, trailing only Clemson (22) for the nation's longest home winning streak. Cincinnati has won 13 straight at home, which is seventh.

Happy New Year

American Athletic Conference teams have played in a New Year's Six bowl five times in the conference's first seven seasons. The American is 3-2 in New Year's Six games since the 2013 season.

Double Digits

Memphis won 12 games for the first time in program history in 2019. Cincinnati has registered back-to-back 11-win seasons. Navy matched its program record with 11 wins in 2019. SMU registered its first 10-win season since 1984. UCF has turned in three consecutive 10-win seasons.

Bowling League

The American had seven bowl-eligible teams in 2019 (UCF, Cincinnati, Memphis, Navy, SMU, Temple and Tulane). The American has had at least seven teams in bowl games in each year of the league's 12-team alignment, which began in 2015.

Behind Center

Nine of The American's 11 teams return their regular starting quarterback from the 2019 season.

2020 Returning Starting Quarterbacks

Dillon Gabriel, UCF
Desmond Ridder, Cincinnati
Holton Ahlers, East Carolina
Clayton Tune, Houston
Brady White, Memphis
Jordan McCloud, USF
Shane Buechele, SMU
Anthony Russo, Temple
Zach Smith, Tulsa

Welcome Aboard

The American welcomes two new head coaches for the 2020 season. Ryan Silverfield was promoted to head coach at Memphis after serving as deputy head coach and offensive line coach last season. Jeff Scott is in his first year at USF after serving as co-offensive coordinator at Clemson.

SportsCenter Is Next

Thanks in part to The American's new 12-year media rights extension with ESPN, the conference already has nine games slated for ESPN in the 2020 season. By comparison, The American had 10 games on the primary ESPN channel in the 2019 campaign.

Long Division

After playing five years as a 12-team, two-division conference, The American will feature 11 teams in a single-division format for the 2020 season. Each team is scheduled to play eight conference games this season. The top two teams in the final regular season standings will play in the 2020 American Athletic Conference Football Championship, which will take place either Dec. 5, 12 or 19 at the home stadium of the first-place team.

Polling Place

Six of the 11 American Athletic Conference teams received votes in the 2020 USA Today preseason coaches' poll.

Well Rounded

East Carolina and Houston are the only two American Athletic Conference teams that return their leading rusher, passer, receiver and tackler from last season.

Leadership

Tulsa offensive tackle Chris Paul is the chair of the American Athletic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and is one of 32 student-athletes nationally on the NCAA SAAC, which reports directly to the NCAA Division I Council. Paul is the first football player from The American to be named to the national SAAC.

2020 COLLEGE FOOTBALL RULES CHANGES

Players Numbering

No more than two squad members may be assigned or wear the same jersey number. There were no limits to duplicate numbers in previous seasons. With the recognized popularity of the single-digit numbers, the digit "0" is added as a legal number. Any number to be preceded by "0" such as "07" or "00" remains illegal.

Targeting - Disqualified Player

There were no changes to the targeting rule from an on-field officiating perspective and the rule continues to serve the game well and is changing player behavior in terms of use of the helmet. The change for 2020 is that now a player disqualified for targeting will be declared ineligible for further participation in the game, but the player may remain in the team area.

All other disqualifying fouls such as fighting, two unsportsmanlike conduct fouls, flagrant personal fouls, etc. will be reclassified as fouls requiring ejection. Players ejected will be required to leave the playing enclosure and must remain out of view of the field of play under team supervision.

Pregame Warmup /Officials' Jurisdiction

The Rules Committee address issues of unsportsmanlike behavior in the pregame and took steps to clean this action up. The officials' jurisdiction will now begin at 90 minutes before kickoff (previously 60 minutes). Additionally, when any squad member enters the playing enclosure prior to the game, the head coach or an assistant coach from that team must be present on the field. Furthermore, when any squad member is present within the playing enclosure after the officials' jurisdiction, they must be wearing their jersey or have their numeral readily visible. Players without their numeral readily visible must leave the playing enclosure.

Defensive Linemen on Scrimmage Kick Plays

To further enhance the protection of the snapper on scrimmage kicks, if the offense is in a scrimmage kick formation at the snap, any defensive player within one yard of the line of scrimmage must be aligned completely outside the frame of the body of the snapper at the snap. This change paired with the current rule that does not allow the defense to initiate contact with the snapper until one second has elapsed on these type plays will further protect the snapper on kick downs.

Instant Replay/Clock Adjustment and Review Time

If the clock expires at the end of a half, and replay determines that there was time remaining on the clock, and the clock would start on the referee's signal after review, there must be at least three seconds remaining when the ball should have been declared dead to restore time to the clock. With two seconds or one second remaining on the clock, the half is over. This change will not impact situations when the clock is stopped and will remain stopped until the snap such as incomplete passes and runners out of bounds. In addition, the expectation is that the instant replay official will not exceed two minutes to complete any review. The exception is if the review has end-of-game impact or has multiple aspects as a part of the review, it should be completed efficiently but will have no stated time limit.

Other Changes:

- A second jersey meeting all requirements of the jersey rule worn concurrently is allowed.
- The penalty for a team not complying with the jersey rule (i.e., legal and contrasting numbers or a colored jersey in violation of the rule) will be a 15-yard penalty after the kickoff of each half and the loss of a timeout in each quarter that illegal jerseys are worn.
- Defensive team substitution infractions will now be treated as a live ball foul.
- All fouls that have an option to carry over to the succeeding kickoff will also contain an option to carry over to the succeeding spot in extra periods.

TALKING POINTS

UCF 0-0, 0-0 American



@UCF_Football

Next: Sept. 18 at Georgia Tech

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	540.5	1st
Total Defense	346.1	2nd
Scoring Offense	43.4	2nd
Scoring Defense	23.0	3rd

- UCF has gone 22-4 in Josh Heupel's two seasons as head coach.
- UCF's has registered three consecutive seasons with at least 10 victories. The Knights are 35-4 since the start of the 2017 season.
- QB Dillon Gabriel passed for 3,653 yards and 29 touchdowns as a true freshman. Gabriel led all NCAA FBS freshmen in passing yards and was third among first-year players in touchdown passes.
- UCF has scored a rushing touchdown and had a touchdown reception in 39 consecutive games – the longest such streak in the nation.
- The Knights have won 21 straight games at the Bounce House.

ECU 0-0, 0-0 American



@ECUPiratesFB

Next: Sept. 26 vs. UCF

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	430.2	6th
Total Defense	469.3	12th
Scoring Offense	26.8	9th
Scoring Defense	33.7	11th

- QB Holton Ahlers finished the 2019 season with 3,387 passing yards, good for fourth on ECU's single-season chart.
- Ahlers threw for 1,715 yards and 14 touchdowns in the Pirates' final four games of the season. He was named to the preseason watch list for the 2020 Manning Award.
- K Jake Verity set ECU's single-season and career records for field goals made in 2019. Verity had 24 field goals last year and has 60 in his career, the most among active NCAA FBS players entering the 2020 season.
- The Pirates had three players finish with at least 50 receptions and 600 receiving yards. WR Tyler Sneed had a team-high 66 receptions, while WR C.J. Johnson, an FWAA Freshman All-America, had 908 receiving yards.

MEMPHIS 1-0, 0-0 American



@TigersAthletics

Last: Defeated Arkansas State, 37-24
Next: Sept. 18 vs. Houston (ESPN)

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	487.4	3rd
Total Defense	383.5	6th
Scoring Offense	40.4	3rd
Scoring Defense	26.4	5th

- Ryan Silverfield earned his first career head coaching win with the victory against Arkansas State.
- TE Sean Dykes who played in only four games before taking a medical redshirt in 2019, had career highs with 10 catches, 137 receiving yards and two touchdown receptions in the win against Arkansas State.
- RB Rodrigues Clark rushed for 105 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries in his first career start.
- QB Brady White threw for 275 yards and four touchdowns against the Red Wolves.
- Memphis held Arkansas State to 125 rushing yards, improving to 24-1 since 2016 when the opponent rushes for 150 yards or fewer.

CINCINNATI 0-0, 0-0 American



@BearcatsFB

Next: Sept. 19 vs. Austin Peay

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	390.3	10th
Total Defense	363.8	3rd
Scoring Offense	29.6	7th
Scoring Defense	20.6	1st

- Cincinnati enters the 2020 season with a 13-game home winning streak. Cincinnati has not lost at home since a Nov. 10, 2017, setback to Temple.
- Cincinnati has turned in back-to-back 11-win seasons after the Bearcats topped Boston College in the 2019 TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl.
- Cincinnati won The American's East Division title and played in the conference championship game for the first time last season.
- S Ahmad Gardner was chosen as an FWAA Freshman All-America selection.
- The Bearcats led The American in scoring defense (20.6 ppg) and defensive interceptions (16).

HOUSTON 0-0, 0-0 American



@UHCougarFB

Next: Sept. 18 at Memphis

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	391.5	9th
Total Defense	467.5	11th
Scoring Offense	39.3	6th
Scoring Defense	34.0	11th

- QB Clayton Tune started seven games and threw for 1,533 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2019. Tune threw for 393 yards and a career-high four touchdowns in the 2019 season finale against Navy.
- Houston faced six top-25 opponents in 2019.
- LB Grant Stuard ranked third in The American in tackles (8.1 per game).
- WR Marquez Stevenson ranked fourth in The American in all-purpose yards (122.4 ypg) in 2019. Stevenson had 52 catches for 907 yards and nine touchdowns last season.
- Houston is one of two American Athletic Conference teams (East Carolina) that returns its leading rusher, passer, receiver and tackler from the 2019 season.

NAVY 0-1, 0-0 American



@NavyAthletics

Next: Lost to BYU, 55-3
Next: Sept. 19 at Tulane

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	455.8	4th
Total Defense	314.2	1st
Scoring Offense	37.2	4th
Scoring Defense	22.3	2nd

- Navy fell to 11-2 in home openers under head coach Ken Niumatalolo with the season-opening loss to BYU.
- The Midshipmen were held to three points and 149 yards of offense against the Cougars. The total offense figure was Navy's lowest since a 144-yard day against San Jose State Sept. 29, 2012.
- After BYU won the opening toss and deferred, Navy received the opening kickoff of a game for the first time since the 2018 season. Navy kicked off to begin all 13 games last season.
- LB Diego Fagot registered a career-high 13 tackles with 2.0 tackles for loss against BYU.
- QB Dalen Morris made his first career start against BYU before yielding to QB Perry Olsen for the second half.

TALKING POINTS

USF 0-0, 0-0 American



@USFFootball

Next: Sept. 12 vs. The Citadel

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	330.9	12th
Total Defense	398.1	8th
Scoring Offense	20.8	11th
Scoring Defense	28.9	7th

- Jeff Scott, the former co-offensive coordinator at Clemson, will make his head coaching debut when the Bulls open the season against The Citadel.
- USF had at least one takeaway in each of the first 11 games of the 2019 season before the Bulls went without a forced turnover against UCF.
- P Trent Schneider, a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-America selection, set school records with a 46.0 punting average and 3,266 yards.
- USF's 2020 schedule includes six games against teams that won 10 or more games in 2019 and five against teams that finished the 2019 season nationally ranked.
- Following the season-opener against The Citadel, USF will face three consecutive teams that won 11 games last year, all on the road (Notre Dame, Florida Atlantic, Cincinnati).

SMU 1-0, 0-0 American



@SMU_Football

Next: Won at Texas State, 31-24

Next: Sept. 19 at North Texas

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	489.8	2nd
Total Defense	446.1	9th
Scoring Offense	41.8	2nd
Scoring Defense	33.4	9th

- QB Shane Buechele, who ranked sixth nationally and led The American with 302.2 passing yards per game in 2019, threw for 367 yards and a touchdown in the season-opening win at Texas State.
- RB TJ McDaniel rushed for 130 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries against the Bobcats, turning in his second career 100-yard game - both against Texas State.
- SMU has won six consecutive regular-season nonconference games.
- Buechele has eight career 300-passing-yard games - six at SMU and two at Texas.
- Freshman RB Ulysees Bentley IV rushed for 52 yards and the first two touchdowns of his career against Texas State.

TEMPLE 0-0, 0-0 American



@Temple_FB

Next: Oct. 10 at Navy

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	402.0	8th
Total Defense	364.8	3rd
Scoring Offense	27.4	8th
Scoring Defense	23.5	4th

- Temple closed the 2019 regular season by winning three of its last four games.
- Temple had a 100-yard receiver in five consecutive games to close the regular season, marking a program first.
- WR Jaden Blue set Temple's single-season records for receptions (95) and receiving yards (1,067). Blue became the Owls' first 1,000-yard receiver in program history.
- RB Re'Mahn Davis ranked seventh in The American - and second among freshman - in rushing last season at 78.0 yards per game.
- Seven players from the 2019 squad were either drafted or signed by NFL teams.
- Temple has played in a bowl game in five consecutive seasons.

TULANE 0-0, 0-0 American



@GreenWaveFB

Next: Sept. 12 at South Alabama

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	449.3	5th
Total Defense	379.7	5th
Scoring Offense	33.1	5th
Scoring Defense	26.3	5th

- Tulane won bowl games in back-to-back seasons for the first time in program history following the 2019 victory against Southern Miss in the Armed Forces Bowl.
- Tulane has rushed for at least 100 yards in 53 consecutive games, dating to the end of the 2015 season.
- Tulane had at least 200 rushing yards in 10 of its 13 games in 2019.
- Tulane won seven games for the second consecutive season, marking the first time since 1997-98 that the Green Wave had back-to-back seven-win campaigns.
- The Green Wave has 14 starters back for the 2020 season.

TULSA 0-0, 0-0 American



@TulsaFootball

Next: Sept. 19 at Oklahoma State

American Ranks (2019)

Total Offense	422.6	7th
Total Defense	394.8	7th
Scoring Offense	26.4	10th
Scoring Defense	31.3	8th

- RB Shamari Brooks ended the 2019 season with 1,046 rushing yards, becoming the 21st player in school history to surpass 1,000 yards in a season.
- Brooks and RB Corey Taylor II have combined for 4,200 career rushing yards and 44 career rushing touchdowns.
- QB Zach Smith ranked fifth in The American in passing (3,279 yards) and had five games with at least 300 passing yards in 2019.
- LB Zaven Collins, who earned second team all-conference honors in 2019, has registered 182 career tackles in only two seasons.
- The Golden Hurricane loses seven defensive starters from last season. Tulsa has nine of its 11 offensive starters back in 2020.

WEEK 2 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 • 7 P.M. • ESPN+



THE CITADEL at USF



Raymond James Stadium (65,857/Natural Grass)
Tampa, Florida

Television ESPN+

Lincoln Rose and Stan Rount

Radio
WHNZ-AM 1250 (USF flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between USF and The Citadel ... The schools split a pair of meetings in the 1997 and 1998 seasons, when USF competed at the NCAA FCS level ... The Citadel took a 10-7 decision in Charleston in 1997, while USF was a 45-6 winner in Tampa in 1998.

THE CITADEL O-O, O-O Southern

Head Coach
Brent Thompson (Norwich '98)
26-20, fifth season

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Notes

The Citadel plays the first game in its four-game fall season, which pits the Bulldogs against three NCAA FBS opponents ... The Bulldogs will visit Clemson (Sept. 19) and Army (Oct. 10) and will take on Eastern Kentucky at home (Sept. 26) ... The Citadel went 6-6 overall and 4-4 in the Southern Conference last season ... The Bulldogs, who run the triple option, have 10 returning offensive starters ... QB Brandon Rainey made 11 starts last season and rushed for 900 yards and 17 touchdowns while completing 62 of 122 passes for 1,114 yards and 13 TDs ... Rainey's 30 total touchdowns set a program record ... WR Raleigh Webb had team highs with 30 receptions, 617 receiving yards and 10 touchdown catches ... RB Clay Harris finished 2019 with 699 rushing yards and two TDs ... LB Willie Eubanks III led the defense with 112 tackles.

USF O-O, O-O American

Head Coach
Jeff Scott (Clemson '03)
0-0, first season

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Notes

Jeff Scott makes his head coaching debut as the former Clemson co-offensive coordinator begins his first year on the USF sideline ... Scott finds 16 returning starters from last year's team ... USF has had a quarterback battle in preseason camp as QB Jordan McCloud, who made 10 starts last season, is competing with QB Cade Fortin, who started two games for North Carolina in 2018, and QB Noah Johnson, who was the 2018 SWAC Offensive Player of the Year at Alcorn State ... USF's strength on defense lies in the secondary, with four returning starters, including all-conference CB KJ Sails ... USF's schedule includes six games against teams that won at least 10 games in 2019, including three straight on the road against 11-win teams, beginning with next week's game at No. 10 Notre Dame.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 • 7:30 P.M. • ESPN2



TULANE at SOUTH ALABAMA



Hancock Whitney Stadium (25,450/FieldTurf)
Mobile, Alabama

Television ESPN2

Mike Couzens, Dustin Fox and Lauren Sisler

Radio
WMTI-FM 106.1 (Tulane flagship)
SiriusXM 974

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the second meeting between Tulane and South Alabama ... The only previous matchup was a 41-39 win for the Jaguars in the 2013 season, South Alabama's second year at the NCAA FBS level ... This year's game will be the first at South Alabama's new Hancock Whitney Stadium.

-/rv TULANE O-O, O-O American

Head Coach
Willie Fritz (Pittsburg State '83)
23-27, fifth season at Tulane
177-96, 24th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Tulane made program history last season, capping a 7-6 season with a 30-13 win against Southern Miss in the Armed Forces Bowl, giving Tulane bowl wins in back-to-back years for the first time ... The Green Wave returns 14 starters, but will have to replace its starting quarterback and its top two receivers from 2019 ... QB Keon Howard was named as the Opening Day starter ... Howard, a transfer from Southern Miss, completed 13 of 18 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns without an interception in limited action at Tulane last year ... RB Corey Dauphine (575 yards, 7 TDs) and RB Amare Jones (371 yards, 4 TDs) lead a deep group of running backs ... Tulane returns all three starters from a solid defensive line, as well as DE/LB Patrick Johnson, a two-time all-conference pick.

SOUTH ALABAMA 1-O, O-O Sun Belt

Head Coach
Steve Campbell (Troy '88)
6-19, third season at South Alabama
65-42, 10th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

South Alabama was impressive in its season-opener as the Jaguars took a 32-21 win at Southern Miss ... The Jaguars reeled off 526 yards of offense as South Alabama finished with two 100-yard receivers ... WR Jalen Tolbert, who was chosen as the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week, led the way with six catches for 169 yards and two touchdowns, while WR Jalen Wayne had six catches for 101 yards ... South Alabama was 7-of-12 on third down and 2-of-2 on fourth down against the Golden Eagles ... The Jaguars went 2-10 in 2019, but closed the season with a win against Arkansas State to bring a two-game winning streak into the game against Tulane, the first of five consecutive home dates.

NATIONAL POLLS

Associated Press Poll				Amway Coaches' Poll				American Preseason Media Poll	
Presason Poll				Preseason Poll				School (First-Place Votes) ..Points	
School	Record	Pts		School	Record	Pts			
1. Clemson (38)	0-0	1,520		1. Clemson (38)	0-0	1,589		1. UCF (10).....	204
2. Ohio State (21)	0-0	1,504		2. Ohio State (17)	0-0	1,555		2. Cincinnati (7)	201
3. Alabama (2)	0-0	1,422		3. Alabama (4)	0-0	1,495		3. Memphis (2).....	192
4. Georgia	0-0	1,270		4. Georgia	0-0	1,345		4. SMU.....	146
5. Oklahoma	0-0	1,269		5. LSU	0-0	1,330		5. Navy (1).....	125
6. LSU (1)	0-0	1,186		6. Oklahoma	0-0	1,315		6. Tulane	118
7. Penn State	0-0	1,147		7. Penn State	0-0	1,199		7. Houston	114
8. Florida	0-0	1,125		8. Florida	0-0	1,176		8. Temple	88
9. Oregon	0-0	1,119		9. Oregon	0-0	1,164		9. Tulsa	49
10. Notre Dame	0-0	995		10. Notre Dame	0-0	1,012		10. East Carolina	42
11. Auburn	0-0	852		11. Auburn	0-0	898		11. USF	41
12. Wisconsin	0-0	840		12. Wisconsin	0-0	887			
13. Texas A&M	0-0	764		13. Texas A&M	0-0	807			
14. Texas	0-0	703		14. Texas	0-0	703			
15. Oklahoma State	0-0	672		15. Michigan	0-0	687			
16. Michigan	0-0	611		16. Oklahoma State	0-0	524			
17. USC	0-0	534		17. USC	0-0	521			
18. North Carolina	0-0	496		18. Minnesota	0-0	494			
19. Minnesota	0-0	451		19. North Carolina	0-0	415			
20. Cincinnati	0-0	234		20. Utah	0-0	241			
21. UCF	0-0	229		21. UCF	0-0	232			
22. Utah	0-0	211		22. Cincinnati	0-0	229			
23. Iowa State	0-0	199		23. Iowa	0-0	204			
24. Iowa	0-0	134		24. Virginia Tech	0-0	143			
25. Tennessee	0-0	133		25. Iowa State	0-0	135			

Receiving votes: Memphis 86, Virginia Tech 85, Boise State 68, Arizona State 66, Miami (Fla.) 42, Louisville 32, Appalachian State 26, Washington 21, Kentucky 20, Indiana 19, Baylor 15, California 11, TCU 9, Virginia 7, Navy 6, Florida State 6, SMU 3, Mississippi State 3, Air Force 3, Northwestern 1, UAB 1

Receiving votes: Boise State 111, Tennessee 111, Arizona State 88, Kentucky 73, Memphis 71, Baylor 66, Washington 65, Louisville 62, Miami (Fla.) 58, Appalachian State 31, Navy 17, Virginia 13, Air Force 12, Mississippi State 9, TCU 7, Washington State 6, California 5, Tulane 5, SMU 3, Louisiana 3, Nebraska 3, Stanford 2, Indiana 1, Pittsburgh 1, Duke 1, Kansas State 1

WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Below is a weekly look at each American Athletic Conference team's spot in the Associated Press and Amway Coaches polls in 2020. Rankings are listed as AP/Coaches.

	UCF	Cincinnati	East Carolina	Houston	Memphis	Navy	USF	SMU	Temple	Tulane	Tulsa
Preseason	20/22	21/21	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	rv/rv	-/-	rv/rv	-/-	-/rv	-/-
Sept. 14											
Sept. 21											
Sept. 28											
Oct. 5											
Oct. 12											
Oct. 19											
Oct. 26											
Nov. 2											
Nov. 9											
Nov. 16											
Nov. 23											
Nov. 30											
Dec. 7											
Final											

THE 2020 SEASON

2020 TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2020	Career
Shamari Brooks, Tulsa, Sr.		12
Corey Taylor II, Tulsa, Sr.		6
Greg McCrae, UCF, Sr.		5
Mulbah Car, Houston, Sr.		4
Desmond Ridder, Cincinnati, Jr.		3
Johnny Ford, USF, Jr.		3
Re'Mahn Davis, Temple, So.		3
TJ McDaniel, SMU, So.	1	2
Otis Anderson, UCF, Sr.		2
Charles McClelland, Cincinnati, Jr.		2
Gerrid Doaks, Cincinnati, Sr.		2
Tavion Thomas, Cincinnati, Jr.		2
Darius Pinnix Jr., East Carolina, Sr.		2
Kyle Porter, Houston, Sr.		2
Jamale Carothers, Navy, Sr.		2
Cory Dauphine, Tulane, Sr.		2
Rodrigues Clark, Memphis, So.	1	1
Darriel Mack Jr., UCF, Jr.		1
McKenzie Milton, UCF, Sr.		1
Holton Ahlers, East Carolina, Jr.		1
Trace Christian, East Carolina, Jr.		1
Demetrius Mauney, East Carolina, So.		1
Clayton Tune, Houston, Jr.		1
Kelan Walker, Houston, Jr.		1
Kylan Watkins, Memphis, Jr.		1
Kelley Joiner, USF, So.		1
Nelson Smith, Navy, Sr.		1

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2020	Career
McKenzie Milton, UCF, Sr.		12
Shane Buechele, SMU, Sr.	1	8
Holton Ahlers, East Carolina, Jr.		8
Brady White, Memphis, Sr.		8
Zach Smith, Tulsa, Sr.		6
Dillon Gabriel, UCF, So.		4
Anthony Russo, Temple, Sr.		3
Clayton Tune, Houston, Jr.		2
Desmond Ridder, Cincinnati, Jr.		2
Darriel Mack Jr., UCF, Jr.		1
William Brown, SMU, Jr.		1

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2020	Career
Damonte Coxie, Memphis, Sr.		11
Marquez Stevenson, Houston, Sr.		8
Reggie Roberson Jr., SMU, Sr.		7
Jadan Blue, Temple, Jr.		5
Keylon Stokes, Tulsa, Sr.		5
C.J. Johnson, East Carolina, So.		4
Branden Mack, Temple, Sr.		4
Tre Nixon, UCF, Jr.		4
Randall St. Felix, USF, Jr.		4
Tyler Snead, East Carolina, Jr.		3
Rashee Rice, SMU, So.	1	2
Blake Proehl, East Carolina, Jr.		2
Sam Crawford Jr., Tulsa, Jr.		2
CJ Williams, Navy, Sr.		2
Jeremy Singleton, Houston, Jr.		2
Sean Dykes, Memphis, Sr.	1	1
Alec Pierce, Cincinnati, Jr.		1
Johnny Ford, USF, Jr.		1
Kylen Granson, SMU, Sr.		1
Branden Mack, Temple, Sr.		1
Amare Jones, Tulane, Jr.		1
Stephon Hudson, Tulane, Sr.		1
Bryson Smith, Houston, Jr.		1
Tyler Page, SMU, Sr.		1

THE RECORD BOOK

The American's single-game records (Sept. 7, 2020):

Most Rushing Yards

1. Malcolm Perry, Navy vs. Army (12/14/19)	304
2. Jordan Cronkrite, USF at Massachusetts (10/6/18)	302
3. Malcolm Perry, Navy vs. SMU (11/11/17)	282

Most Rushing Touchdowns

1. Ryquell Armstead, Temple at Houston (11/10/18)	6
2. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. ECU (9/19/15)	5
James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	5
Zach Abey, Navy vs. Virginia (12/28/17)	5
Kevin Mensah, UConn at Massachusetts (10/26/19)	5
Jamale Carothers, Navy at Houston (11/30/19)	5

Longest Rush

1. Adrian Killins, UCF vs. Memphis (9/30/17)	96 yds
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Most Passing Yards

1. Hayden Moore, Cincinnati vs. Memphis (9/24/15)	557
2. Garrett Gilbert, SMU vs. Temple (10/26/13)	538
3. Holton Ahlers, East Carolina vs. Cincinnati (11/1/19)	535

Most Pass Completions

1. Gardner Minshew, East Carolina at Houston (11/4/17)	52
2. Greg Ward Jr., Houston at Memphis (11/25/16)	47
3. Garrett Gilbert, SMU, vs. Rutgers (10/5/13)	45

Most Touchdown Passes

1. Paxton Lynch Memphis vs. SMU (11/28/15)	7
Riley Ferguson, Memphis at UConn (10/6/17)	7
3. Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati vs. Toledo (9/12/14)	6
Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. Bowling Green (9/24/16)	6
Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. UCLA (9/16/17)	6
Shane Buechele, SMU vs. Temple (10/19/19)	6
Holton Ahlers, East Carolina at SMU (11/9/19)	6

Most Receiving Yards

1. C.J. Johnson, East Carolina vs. Cincinnati (11/2/19)	283
2. Trevon Brown, East Carolina vs. Cincinnati (11/18/17)	270
3. Keyarris Garrett, Tulsa vs. Memphis (10/24/15)	268

Most Receptions

1. Zay Jones, East Carolina at South Carolina (9/7/16)	22
2. Zay Jones, East Carolina vs. UConn (10/29/16)	19
Tyler Snead, East Carolina at SMU (11/9/19)	19

Most Touchdown Receptions

1. Courtland Sutton, SMU vs. North Texas (9/9/17)	4
Anthony Miller, Memphis at UConn (10/6/17)	4

Longest Reception

1. Marquez Stevenson, Houston vs. SMU (10/24/19)	96 yds
2. Three players	95 yds

Most Points

1. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. East Carolina (9/19/15)	30
James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	30

Most Field Goals

1. Riley Patterson, Memphis vs. Penn State (12/28/19)	6
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Longest Field Goal

1. Jake Elliott, Memphis vs. USF (11/17/03)	56 yds
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Longest Punt Return

1. Otis Anderson, UCF at Pitt (9/21/19)	87 yds
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Longest Kickoff Return

1. Eight times, most recent	
Tyler Snead, East Carolina vs. USF (10/26/19)	100 yds

Most All-Purpose Yards

1. Antonio Gibson, Memphis vs. SMU (11/2/19)	386
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Most Tackles

1. Tyler Matakevich, Temple at Idaho (9/28/13)	24
2. Austin Robinson, Houston at Navy (10/20/18)	21
3. Michael Mudoh, Tulsa vs. Florida Atlantic (9/5/15)	20
Domenic Spencer, UCF at Tulsa (11/7/15)	20
D'Juan Hines, Houston at Tulsa (10/14/17)	20

Most Tackles For Loss

1. Quincy Roche, Temple vs. Tulane (11/16/19)	6.0
2. Montese Overton, East Carolina at SMU (10/3/15)	5.0
Haason Reddick, Temple at Memphis (10/6/16)	5.0
Bryce Huff, Memphis at Tulane (9/28/18)	5.0
Ed Oliver, Houston at East Carolina (10/13/18)	5.0

Most Sacks

1. Montese Overton, East Carolina at SMU (10/3/15)	4.0
Justin Lawler, SMU vs. UConn (9/30/17)	4.0

THE 2020 SEASON

AWARD WINNERS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23
Nov. 30

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23
Nov. 30

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23
Nov. 30

ACTIVE CAREER WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

8 – McKenzie Milton (QB, UCF)

2– Jake Verity (K, ECU); Jamale Carothers (FB, Navy); Shane Buechele (QB, SMU); Thomas Bennett (P, Tulsa)

1 – Dillon Gabriel (QB, UCF); Darrick Forrest (S, Cincinnati); Ja'Von Hicks (S, Cincinnati); Desmond Ridder (QB, Cincinnati); Cole Smith (K, Cincinnati); James Smith (P, Cincinnati); Jarell White (LB, Cincinnati); James Wiggins (S, Cincinnati); Holton Ahlers (QB, ECU); Tyler Snead (WR, ECU); Dalton Witherspoon (K, Houston); T.J. Carter (DB, Memphis); Riley Patterson (K, Memphis); Gabriel Rogers (DB, Memphis); Brady White (QB, Memphis); Adam Williams (P, Memphis); Pop Williams (WR, Memphis); Terrence Horne Jr. (WR, USF); Coby Weiss (K, USF); Reggie Roberson Jr. (WR, SMU); Will Mobley (K, Temple); Merek Glover (K, Tulane)

2020 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Team	OFFENSE			DEFENSE			KR	PR	Int.	Sacks	TFL	T/O
	Rush	Pass	Total Score	Rush	Pass	Total Score						
UCF												
Cincinnati												
East Carolina												
Houston												
Memphis												
Navy												
USF												
SMU												
Temple												
Tulane												
Tulsa												

updated when all 11 teams have played

AGAINST THE CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC COAST (0-0)

UCF at Georgia Tech (9/19)
USF at Notre Dame (9/19)

BIG 12 (0-0)

Tulsa at Oklahoma State (9/19)

CONFERENCE USA (0-0)

SMU at North Texas (9/19)
Memphis at UTSA (9/25)
USF at Florida Atlantic (9/26)
Tulane at Southern Miss (9/26)
North Texas at Houston (9/26)

MOUNTAIN WEST (0-0)

Navy at Air Force (10/3)

OHIO VALLEY (0-0)

Austin Peay at Cincinnati (9/19)

SOUTHERN (0-0)

The Citadel at USF (9/12)

SOUTHLAND (0-0)

Stephen F. Austin at SMU (9/26)

SUN BELT (2-0)

SMU 31, Texas State 24 (9/5)
Memphis 37, Arkansas State 24 (9/5)
Tulane at South Alabama (9/12)
Tulsa at Arkansas State (9/26)
East Carolina at Georgia State (10/3)

INDEPENDENTS (0-1)

BYU 55, Navy 3 (9/7)
Army at Cincinnati (9/26)
BYU at Houston (10/16)
Army at Tulane (11/14)

TOTAL NONCONFERENCE RECORDS

All Games2-1
FBS Opponents2-1
FCS Opponents.....0-0
AP Top 250-0
USA Today Top 25.....0-0
Bowl Games0-0

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

The College Football Playoff (CFP) is a big success. Fans, including many who are new to the sport, enjoy it. The first College Football Playoff semifinals and national championship were the three most-viewed programs in cable television history.

Every Game Counts

The playoff preserves the excitement and significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

Four Teams

The selection committee ranks the teams based on the members' evaluation of the teams' performance on the field, using conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and comparison of results against common opponents to decide among teams that are comparable.

Two Games, One Goal

The kickoff of the new year belongs to college football, with two semifinal games rotating annually among the Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl. The two teams winning the playoff semifinals compete for the College Football Playoff National Championship. That game is in a different city each year, always on a Monday night.

Universal Access

Every FBS team has equal access to the College Football Playoff based on its performance. No team automatically qualifies.

Governance

University presidents and chancellors from all 10 FBS conferences and Notre Dame serve on the CFP Board of Managers and govern the administrative operations, with commissioners (the Management Committee) managing the event. A small staff in the playoff office in Irving, Texas, carries out the detailed responsibilities.

Selection Committee

A talented group of high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, college administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee. Members of the committee are: Gary Barta (chair), Paola Boivin, Tom Burman, Joe Castiglione, Rick George, Ken Hatfield, Ronnie Lott, Terry Mohajir, Ray Odierno, R.C. Sillocum, Todd Stansbury, Scott Stricklin and John Urschel.

Selection Committee Responsibilities

- Rank the top 25 teams and assign the top four to semifinal sites.
- Assign teams to New Year's bowls
- Create competitive matchups
- Attempt to avoid rematches of regular-season games and repeat appearances
- Consider geography

Participants In New Year's Bowls

Both participants in the Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls are contracted outside the playoff arrangement (Big Ten and Pac-12 to Rose Bowl; SEC and Big 12 to Sugar Bowl; ACC to Orange Bowl against the highest ranked available team from the SEC, Big Ten and Notre Dame). If a conference champion qualifies for the playoff, then the bowl will choose a replacement from that conference. When those bowls host the semifinals and their contracted conference champions do not qualify, then the displaced champion(s) will play in one of the other New Year's bowls.

When not hosting semifinals, the Cotton, Fiesta and Peach Bowls will welcome displaced conference champions and the top-ranked champion from a non-contract conference. The highest-ranked available teams will fill any other berths. The selection committee will make the pairings.

2020-21 College Football Playoff Schedule

SEMIFINAL

Rose Bowl Game

presented by Northwestern Mutual

January 1, 2021

ESPN

Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, Calif.

SEMIFINAL

Allstate Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2021

ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

December 30, 2020

ESPN

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl

January 1, 2021

ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

Capital One Orange Bowl

January 2, 2021

ESPN

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.

PlayStation Fiesta Bowl

January 2, 2021

ESPN

University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 11, 2021

8 p.m. ET, ESPN

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.



**COLLEGE FOOTBALL
PLAYOFF**

BOWL PARTNERSHIPS

The American Bowl Lineup

American Athletic Conference teams are guaranteed at least seven bowl appearances annually as part of the conference's new postseason lineup, which begins with the 2020 season and is in place through 2025..

The American, as it has done three times in the first five years of the current bowl cycle, will continue to send its champion to a New Year's Six bowl if that team finishes higher than the champions of four other conferences in the final College Football Playoff rankings. American Athletic Conference teams are also eligible for the College Football Playoff if they are among the top four teams in the final CFP rankings.

As part of the new bowl cycle, The American will annually send teams to the Military Bowl presented by Northrop Grumman against an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent, the Fenway Bowl in Boston, also against an ACC team, and a third annual spot which will alternate between the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl and the SoFi Hawaii Bowl.

Additionally, The American will annually have four appearances in a group of eight bowls. The American has extended its existing partnerships with the TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl, the Gasparilla Bowl, the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl, the Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl and the Cure Bowl.

New to The American's lineup are the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl and the Myrtle Beach Bowl.



Annual Appearances (2020-25)



2020, 2022, 2024



2021, 2023, 2025



Four Selections Annually From



THE AMERICAN ON TELEVISION

The American and ESPN reached agreement on a 12-year media rights extension that begins with the 2020-21 academic year.

With the new agreement, The American will have a stronger and more extensive presence on ESPN's primary TV networks - ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU. The Conference will also be a valuable part of ESPN+, ESPN's industry-leading direct-to-consumer sports streaming service.

In football, a minimum of 40 regular-season telecasts per season will be televised on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU, including at least 20 across ABC, ESPN and ESPN2, which represents increased annual exposure across those ESPN networks. The American Championship game will be televised each year on ABC or ESPN.

Beyond select Navy football games, all conference controlled football games from The American will air on an ESPN network or ESPN+.

2020 NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES

ABC

Sat., Sept. 19	Navy at Tulane *	Noon
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ESPN

Sat., Sept. 5	SMU at Texas State	4:30 p.m.
	Arkansas State at Memphis	8 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 7	BYU at Navy	8 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 18	Houston at Memphis *	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 19	Austin Peay at Cincinnati	Noon
	UCF at Georgia Tech	3:30 p.m.
Thu., Oct. 8	Tulane at Houston *	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 23	Tulsa at USF *	7:30 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 5	SMU at Temple *	7:30 p.m.

ESPN2

Sat., Sept. 12	Tulane at South Alabama	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 16	SMU at Tulane *	7:30 p.m.

ESPN Network TBD

Fri., Oct. 30	East Carolina at Tulsa *	TBD
Sat., Nov. 14	Memphis at Navy *	TBD
Fri., Nov. 27	Memphis at Tulane *	TBD
	UCF at USF *	TBD

ESPN+

Sat., Sept. 12	The Citadel at USF	7 p.m.
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CBS

Sat., Dec. 12	Navy vs. Army	3 p.m.
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CBS Sports Network

Sat., Sept. 19	SMU at North Texas	6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 25	Memphis at UTSA	8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 26	USF at Florida Atlantic	6 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 10	Temple at Navy *	6 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 24	Houston at Navy *	TBD
Sat., Nov. 7	Tulsa at Navy *	TBD

USA

Sat., Sept. 19	USF at Notre Dame	2:30 p.m.
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FS1

Fri., Sept. 11	SMU at TCU	9 p.m.
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Stadium

Sat., Sept. 26	Tulane at Southern Miss	7 p.m.
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All times Eastern and subject to change.

* American Athletic Conference game



MEDIA SERVICES

TheAmerican.org

The official website of the American Athletic Conference features up-to-date information on all facets of the league and serves as the central point of distribution for live video and statistics of conference games.



CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for American Athletic Conference football and the media home for information on every Division I team and conference. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, photos and more for the conference and each of its 11 member schools throughout the season.

Social Media

Fans and media members are invited to follow the latest American Athletic Conference football news through social media. The American Twitter feed may be accessed @American_FB and the conference's official Facebook page is available @AmericanConf. The American's Instagram handle is @American_Conf.



Media Hub

The American Athletic Conference maintains a comprehensive online hub designed to assist members of the media in their coverage of The American and its member football programs.

The media hub will be updated daily and will contain links to the most recent media sessions of coaches and student-athletes as they are made available. The hub will also list the weekly media schedule for each American team and will link to media guides and weekly game notes.

American Athletic Conference Media Hub

www.TheAmerican.org/FootballMedia



The American Athletic Conference has partnered with StatBroadcast to provide media members with live, real-time statistics of all conference-controlled football games.

American Athletic Conference Media Stats Central

aac.statbroadcast.com



The American Digital Network is the home of all live and on-demand video coverage of all 22 American Athletic Conference sports. The ADN will provide in-depth coverage of the 2020 American football season.

Weekly Release & Statistics

Media members may access PDF versions of the complete weekly release, including conference and team-by-team statistics, on TheAmerican.org or via CollegePressBox.com. Regular updates of the weekly release will be distributed via e-mail from the conference office. To be included on the distribution list, send an e-mail request to Chuck Sullivan at csullivan@theamerican.org.

Weekly Football Highlights

The American Athletic Conference offers video highlights and clips of selected press conferences on a weekly basis to members of the media.

Website aacvideo.mediashuttle.com

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Annual Awards

The American Athletic Conference will name first and second all-conference teams, players of the year on offense, defense and special teams, rookie of the year and coach of the year. The awards are chosen by a vote of the league's 11 head coaches at the conclusion of the regular season. The American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team is comprised of players who have an overall grade-point average of 3.00 or better over the previous academic year and completed at least two semesters of academic work. The team is announced in July. The American Athletic Conference Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year was established to recognize student-athletes who have achieved success in the classroom and on the field. The winner receives a scholarship which may be applied to graduate or professional studies.

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2020 RESULTS AND SCHEDULES

UCF (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UCF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/19	at Georgia Tech <small>(3:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>													
9/24	at East Carolina * <small>(an ESPN Network)</small>													
10/3	Tulsa *													
10/17	at Memphis *													
10/24	Tulane *													
10/31	at Houston *													
11/14	Temple *													
11/21	Cincinnati *													
11/27	at USF *													

CINCINNATI (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Cin	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/19	Austin Peay <small>(Noon, ESPN)</small>													
9/26	Army													
10/3	USF *													
10/17	at Tulsa *													
10/24	at SMU *													
10/31	Memphis *													
11/7	Houston *													
11/14	East Carolina *													
11/21	at UCF *													
11/28	at Temple *													

EAST CAROLINA (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				ECU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/26	UCF *													
10/3	at Georgia State													
10/10	at USF *													
10/17	Navy *													
10/30	at Tulsa *													
11/7	Tulane *													
11/14	at Cincinnati *													
11/21	at Temple *													
11/28	SMU *													

HOUSTON (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Hou	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/18	at Memphis * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>													
9/26	North Texas													
10/8	Tulane * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>													
10/16	at BYU <small>(an ESPN Network)</small>													
10/24	at Navy * <small>(CBS Sports Network)</small>													
10/31	UCF *													
11/7	at Cincinnati *													
11/14	USF *													
11/21	at SMU *													
11/28	Tulsa *													

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MEMPHIS (1-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Mem	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/5	Arkansas State (8 p.m., ESPN)	W, 37-24	4,537	rv/rv	-/-	227	275	502	26-36-1	1	125	299	424	3
9/18	Houston * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
9/25	at UTSA (8 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/3	at SMU *													
10/17	UCF *													
10/24	Temple *													
10/31	at Cincinnati *													
11/7	USF *													
11/14	at Navy * (an ESPN Network)													
11/27	at Tulane * (an ESPN Network)													

NAVY (0-1, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Navy	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/7	BYU (8 p.m., ESPN)	L, 3-55	-	rv/rv	-/-	119	30	149	4-8-0	1	279	301	580	1
9/19	at Tulane * (Noon, ABC)													
10/3	at Air Force													
10/10	Temple * (6 p.m., CBS Sports Network)													
10/17	at East Carolina *													
10/24	Houston * (CBS Sports Network)													
10/31	at SMU *													
11/7	Tulsa * (CBS Sports Network)													
11/14	Memphis * (an ESPN Network)													
11/21	at USF *													
12/12	vs. Army ¹ (CBS)													

¹ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

USF (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				USF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/12	The Citadel (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/19	at Notre Dame (2:30 p.m., USA)													
9/26	at Florida Atlantic (8 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/3	at Cincinnati *													
10/10	East Carolina *													
10/17	at Temple *													
10/23	Tulsa * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
11/7	at Memphis *													
11/14	at Houston *													
11/21	Navy *													
11/27	UCF * (an ESPN Network)													

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SMU (1-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				SMU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/5	at Texas State <small>(4:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>	W, 31-24	7,500	rv/rv	-/-	177	367	544	26-36-2	3	189	227	416	2
9/19	at North Texas <small>(6 p.m., CBSSN)</small>													
9/26	Stephen F. Austin													
10/3	Memphis *													
10/16	at Tulane * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN2)</small>													
10/24	Cincinnati *													
10/31	Navy *													
11/5	at Temple * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>													
11/14	at Tulsa *													
11/21	Houston *													
11/28	at East Carolina *													

TEMPLE (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Temple	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
10/10	at Navy * <small>(6 p.m., CBS Sports Network)</small>													
10/17	USF *													
10/24	at Memphis *													
10/31	at Tulane * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>													
11/5	SMU *													
11/14	at UCF *													
11/21	East Carolina *													
11/28	Cincinnati *													

TULANE (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulane	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/12	at South Alabama <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN2)</small>													
9/19	Navy * <small>(Noon, ABC)</small>													
9/26	at Southern Miss <small>(7 p.m., Stadium)</small>													
10/8	at Houston * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>													
10/16	SMU * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN2)</small>													
10/24	at UCF *													
10/31	Temple *													
11/7	at East Carolina *													
11/14	Army													
11/21	at Tulsa *													
11/27	Memphis * <small>(an ESPN Network)</small>													

TULSA (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulsa	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/19	at Oklahoma State													
9/26	at Arkansas State													
10/3	at UCF *													
10/17	Cincinnati *													
10/23	at USF * <small>(7:30 p.m., ESPN)</small>													
10/30	East Carolina <small>(an ESPN Network)</small>													
11/7	at Navy * <small>(CBS Sports Network)</small>													
11/14	SMU *													
11/21	Tulane *													
11/28	at Houston *													

2020 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 5

SMU 31, Texas State 24
Memphis 37, Arkansas State 24

Monday, September 7

BYU at Navy 8 p.m. ESPN

Saturday, September 12

The Citadel at USF 7 p.m. ESPN+
Tulane at South Alabama 7:30 p.m. ESPN2

Friday, September 18

Houston at Memphis * 7:30 p.m. ESPN

Saturday, September 19

Austin Peay at Cincinnati Noon ESPN
Navy at Tulane * Noon ABC
USF at Notre Dame 2:30 p.m. USA
UCF at Georgia Tech 3:30 p.m. ESPN
SMU at North Texas 6 p.m. CBSSN
Tulsa at Oklahoma State

Friday, September 25

Memphis at UTSA 8 p.m. CBSSN

Saturday, September 26

USF at Florida Atlantic 6 p.m. CBSSN
Tulane at Southern Miss 7 p.m. Stadium
UCF at East Carolina *
Army at Cincinnati
North Texas at Houston
Stephen F. Austin at SMU
Tulsa at Arkansas State

Saturday, October 3

Tulsa at UCF *
USF at Cincinnati *
East Carolina at Georgia State
Memphis at SMU *
Navy at Air Force

Thursday, October 8

Tulane at Houston * 7:30 p.m. ESPN

Saturday, October 10

Temple at Navy * 6 p.m. CBSSN
East Carolina at USF *

Friday, October 16

SMU at Tulane * 7:30 p.m. ESPN2
BYU at Houston

Saturday, October 17

UCF at Memphis *
Cincinnati at Tulsa *
Navy at East Carolina *
USF at Temple *

Friday, October 23

Tulsa at USF * 7:30 p.m. ESPN

Saturday, October 24

Houston at Navy * CBSSN
Tulane at UCF *
Cincinnati at SMU *
Temple at Memphis *

Friday, October 30

East Carolina at Tulsa * ESPN Network

Saturday, October 31

UCF at Houston *
Memphis at Cincinnati *
Navy at SMU *
Temple at Tulane *

Thursday, November 5

SMU at Temple * 7:30 p.m. ESPN

Saturday, November 7

Tulsa at Navy * CBSSN
Houston at Cincinnati *
Tulane at East Carolina *
USF at Memphis *

Saturday, November 14

Memphis at Navy * an ESPN Network
Temple at UCF *
East Carolina at Cincinnati *
USF at Houston *
SMU at Tulsa *
Army at Tulane

Saturday, November 21

Cincinnati at UCF *
East Carolina at Temple *
Houston at SMU *
Navy at USF *
Tulane at Tulsa *

Friday, November 27

UCF at USF * an ESPN Network
Memphis at Tulane * an ESPN Network

Saturday, November 28

Cincinnati at Temple *
SMU at East Carolina *
Tulsa at Houston *

December 5, 12 or 19

American Athletic Conference Championship ABC or ESPN

Saturday, December 12

Navy vs. Army ¹ CBS

* American Athletic Conference game

¹ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

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