

2024 STANDINGS

School (AP/USA)	CUSA LEAGUE PLAY					OVERALL					
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	PF-PA	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	PF-PA
Liberty (RV/RV)	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	89-58	5-0	1.000	4-0	1-0	0-0	165-106
WKU	3-0	1.000	1-0	2-0	124-52	5-2	.714	3-0	2-2	0-0	201-157
Jax State	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	117-37	3-3	.500	2-1	1-2	0-0	236-185
Sam Houston	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	86-63	5-2	.714	2-1	2-1	1-0	205-174
LA Tech	1-2	.333	1-0	0-2	88-71	2-4	.333	2-1	0-3	0-0	153-141
FIU	1-2	.333	1-0	0-2	62-71	2-5	.286	2-1	0-4	0-0	183-201
MTSU	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	56-102	2-5	.286	2-2	0-3	0-0	115-248
NM State	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	81-145	2-5	.286	2-2	0-3	0-0	144-259
UTEP	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	78-134	1-6	.143	1-2	0-4	0-0	126-228
Kennesaw State	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	29-77	0-6	.000	0-3	0-3	0-0	78-194

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

WEEK 8 RESULTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

MTSU 14, Kennesaw State 5
 NM State 33, LA Tech 30 (2OT)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

WKU 31, Sam Houston 14
 UTEP 30, FIU 21

UPCOMING GAMES (ALL TIMES CT)

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.

WEEK 8 AT A GLANCE

TOPS KNOCK OFF SAM HOUSTON ON ROAD

WKU scored 21 unanswered points to put away Sam Houston in a high-leverage game in the CUSA Championship race. Hilltopper quarterback **Caden Veltkamp** strung together another dominant performance, completing 20-29 passes for three touchdowns with no interceptions and running for 27 yards and another score. He spread the ball around with five players logging three receptions. **KD Hutchinson** hauled led the way with 88 yards and a touchdown, and **Elijah Young** recorded 61 yards and a score.

After giving up two chunk-play touchdowns to **Hunter Watson** before the Sam Houston quarterback exited with an injury, the WKU defense locked in and kept the Bearkats off the board the rest of the way. The Tops also forced turnovers on three of Sam Houston's final four possessions with a fumble recovery, a blocked field goal and an interception. Lockdown corners **Up-ton Stout** and **Anthony Johnson Jr.** combined for all three pass breakups, while Stout came up with the interception. On special teams, kicker **Lucas Carneiro** was 4-4 on PATs and drilled a 51-yard field goal, his second make over 50 yards in as many weeks.

WALDEN EARNS FIRST FBS WIN

The Miners snapped a nine-game losing streak and helped Scotty Walden earn his first win at the helm in the Sun City. The UTEP defense limited FIU to 287 yards of total offense, tallied eight tackles for loss and forced four interceptions, which the Miners turned into 10 points. Safety **Lantz Russell** did it all for UTEP with a team-high nine tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a sack and an interception.

Running back **Jevon Jackson** carried the ball 26 times for a season-high 148 yards, including punching it in from a yard out to give the Miners the lead for good. He also hauled in a 22-yard touchdown pass from **Skylar Locklear**, who finished 14-23 for 161 yards. Wide receiver **Kenny Odom** hauled in four passes for 95 of those yards. Kicker **Buzz Flabiano** connected on field goals of 27, 44 and 39 yards - the last of which made it a nine-point game with 2:30 to play.

AGGIES WIN DOUBLE OVERTIME THRILLER

NM State running back **Mike Washington** found the endzone in double overtime to lift the Aggies to their first CUSA win in dramatic fashion. Quarterback **Brandon Nunez** logged a pair of second-half rushing scores, including a game-tying touchdown in the final minutes, and a blocked field goal by NM State helped send it into overtime. Starting quarterback **Parker Awad** finished 11-22 for 155 yards and a touchdown, a 53-yard bomb to **TJ Pride**, who led the team in receiving with four grabs for 69 yards.

Defensively, the Aggie front seven tallied eight tackles for loss, five sacks and limited the Bulldogs to just 2.7 yards per carry on the night. Defensive end **Kale Edwards** racked up four sacks, which is the most by a CUSA player since Nov. 30, 2019. He finished with seven tackles in total and a quarterback hurry.

BLUE RAIDERS CLAIM DEFENSIVE BATTLE

On a night in which MTSU honored CUSA Hall of Fame inductee **Kevin Byard**, it was fitting that both defenses were playing at their best in a low-scoring affair. Neither team allowed more than 300 yards of total offense, and it was a 61-yard punt return for a touchdown by Blue Raider wide receiver **Omari Kelly** that truly made a difference.

MTSU safety **Marvae Myers** was a force in the secondary with an interception and a pass breakup. On the other side, Kennesaw State dominated up front with nine tackles for loss and four sacks. The Owls were led by linebacker **Garland Benyard**, who finished with four TFL and three sacks on the night.

