

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL REPORT

2018 Season • Week 3

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		AMERICAN						OVERALL							
SCHOOL AP/Coaches		W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
EAST	UCF 18/18	1-0	1.000	56	17	0-0	1-0	2-0	1.000	94	17	1-0	1-0	0-0	Won 15
	CINCINNATI ^{-fr}	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1.000	47	17	0-0	1-0	1-0	Won 3
	USF ^{rv/fr}	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1.000	83	52	2-0	0-0	0-0	Won 3
	ECU	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	.500	64	47	1-1	0-0	0-0	Won 1
	TEMPLE	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-2	.000	46	55	0-2	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	UConn	0-1	.000	17	56	0-1	0-0	0-2	.000	24	118	0-1	0-1	0-0	Lost 7
SCHOOL AP/Coaches		W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
WEST	NAVY	1-0	1.000	22	21	1-0	0-0	1-1	.500	63	80	1-0	0-1	0-0	Won 1
	HOUSTON ^{rv/fr}	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1.000	90	45	1-0	1-0	0-0	Won 2
	TULANE	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	.500	59	40	1-1	0-0	0-0	Won 1
	TULSA	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	.500	59	55	1-0	0-1	0-0	Lost 1
	SMU	0-0	–	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-2	.000	35	88	0-1	0-1	0-0	Lost 3
	MEMPHIS ^{-fr}	0-1	.000	21	22	0-0	0-1	1-1	.500	87	36	1-0	0-1	0-0	Lost 1

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Georgia State at Memphis..... 7 p.m.
Television: ESPN
Series: First meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

UCF at North Carolina..... Noon
Television: ESPNU
Series: First meeting

Rhode Island at UConn..... Noon
Television: SNY/ESPN3
Series: UConn leads, 51-35-8
Last Meeting: Sept. 26, 2009 (UConn, 52-10)

Temple at Maryland Noon
Television: Big Ten Network
Series: Maryland leads, 7-1
Last Meeting: Sept. 8, 2012 (Maryland, 36-27)

Tulane at UAB 1 p.m.
Television: Stadium/Facebook
Series: Tulane leads, 5-4
Last Meeting: Oct. 27, 2012 (Tulane, 55-45)

ECU at Virginia Tech 12:20 p.m.
Television: ACC Network
Series: Virginia Tech leads, 15-7
Last Meeting: Sept. 16, 2017 (Virginia Tech, 64-17)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Lehigh at Navy 3:30 p.m.
Television: CBS Sports Network
Series: Navy leads, 14-6-1
Last Meeting: Sept. 19, 1987 (Lehigh, 24-9)

USF at Illinois 3:30 p.m.
at Soldier Field, Chicago, Ill.
Television: Big Ten Network
Series: USF leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 15, 2017 (USF, 47-23)

SMU at Michigan 3:30 p.m.
Television: Big Ten Network
Series: Michigan leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 28, 1963 (Michigan, 27-16)

Houston at Texas Tech..... 4 p.m.
Television: Fox
Series: Houston leads, 18-12-1
Last Meeting: Sept. 23, 2017 (Texas Tech, 27-24)

Alabama A&M at Cincinnati..... 7 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: Cincinnati leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 5, 2015 (Cincinnati, 52-10)

Arkansas State at Tulsa..... 7 p.m.
Television: CBS Sports Network
Series: Tied, 2-2
Last Meeting: Sept. 20, 2013 (Tulsa, 54-7)

All times Eastern

WEEKLY HONORS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

D'Eriq King • Houston • Jr. • QB • Manvel, Texas
King figured in six touchdowns (four passing, two rushing) in Houston's 45-18 win against Arizona. He was 17 of 34 for 246 yards and added 31 rushing yards on five carries, helping Houston race to a 38-0 lead on its way to the win.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sean Williams • Navy • Sr. • S • Memphis, Tenn.
Williams had a team-high nine tackles and two forced fumbles to lead Navy to a 22-21 win against Memphis. Williams led a Navy defense that forced four Memphis turnovers and kept the Tigers off the scoreboard in the fourth quarter.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Terrence Horne Jr. • USF • Fr. • WR • Miramar, Fla.
Horne became the first player in American Athletic Conference history to have two kickoff returns for touchdowns in a game as he helped USF to a 49-38 win against Georgia Tech. Horne finished with a conference-record 264 yards on five kickoff returns.

HONOR ROLL

Cortez Broughton • Cincinnati • Sr. • DT
Had five tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a pass breakup in a 21-0 win against Miami (Ohio).

Davondre Robinson • ECU • So. • S
Had a team-high nine tackles with two pass breakups in a 41-19 win against North Carolina.

Darrell Henderson • Memphis • Jr. • RB
Rushed for 212 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries, averaging 16.3 yards per attempt, in a 22-21 loss at Navy.

Malcolm Perry • Navy • Jr. • QB
Rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns on 36 carries in a 22-21 win against Memphis.

Blake Barnett • USF • Jr. • QB
Threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 91 yards and two fourth-quarter TDs in a 49-38 win against Georgia Tech.



AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

We're Streaking

UCF's 15-game winning streak is the longest active winning streak nationally and ties for the longest in American Athletic Conference history. Memphis also won 15 straight from Oct. 25, 2014, to Nov. 7, 2015.

Perfection

UCF finished the 2017 season as the nation's only unbeaten team. The Knights, who went 13-0, became the first FBS team to finish a season without a loss since Florida State went 14-0 in 2013.

Powerful Stuff

The American has 30 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.

The Big Stage

UCF's 34-27 win against Auburn in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl improved American Athletic Conference teams to 3-0 all-time in New Year's Six Bowls.

Season	Bowl	Score
2013	Fiesta	UCF 52, Baylor 42
2015	Chick-fil-A Peach	Houston 38, Florida State 24
2017	Chick-fil-A Peach	UCF 34, Auburn 27

The Power Six

The American Athletic Conference ranked sixth among the 10 NCAA FBS conferences in nonconference winning percentage in 2017.

Conference	W-L	Pct.
1. Big Ten	39-11	.780
2. SEC	49-15	.766
3. ACC	43-21	.672
4. Big 12	25-13	.657
5. Pac-12	29-18	.644
6. American	29-22	.569
7. Conference USA	28-36	.438
8. MAC	22-31	.415
9. Mountain West	24-31	.436
10. Sun Belt	17-34	.333

Rank And File

The American Athletic Conference had three teams – UCF, USF and Memphis – ranked in the final Associated Press and coaches' polls of the 2017 season. Among the 10 FBS conferences, only the Big Ten, SEC and ACC had more teams ranked in the final polls.

Conference	Ranked Teams
1. Big Ten	5
SEC	5
3. ACC	4
4. American	3
Big 12	3
Pac-12	3
7. Mountain West	1
Independents	1

Three For Three

The American Athletic Conference, the Big Ten and the Big 12 are the only conferences that have had at least three 10-win teams in each of the last two seasons.

Pac Mentality

American Athletic Conference teams are a combined 4-0 against the Pac-12 since the start of last season.

Perfect 10

The American Athletic Conference has had three 10-win teams in each of the last two seasons. USF, Temple, Tulsa hit double figures in 2016, while UCF, Memphis and USF won at least 10 games each in 2017.

Scoreboard Watching

The American Athletic Conference featured the nation's top two scoring offenses in 2017. UCF led the nation with 48.2 points per game, while Memphis was second at 45.5 ppg.

Line In The Sand

Tulsa held Central Arkansas to 0-for-10 efficiency on third down in Week 1. The Golden Hurricane ranks 11th nationally in opponents' third down conversion percentage (.227).

Road Warriors

Navy will travel 26,496 miles for its eight games away from Annapolis this season, the most mileage for any college football team in the continental United States.

Triskaidekaphobia

Houston has registered two 13-win seasons since 2011, most recently in 2015.

Matters Of Efficiency

Memphis scored touchdowns on its first eight possessions in its 66-14 win against Mercer. UCF scored on eight of its nine possessions that were not ended by the halftime or final gun in its season-opening win at UConn.

The Closers

Houston scored the last 28 points of the game in its 45-27 win against Rice. Tulsa scored the final 14 points of its 38-27 win against Central Arkansas. USF, meanwhile had the last 21 points of its 49-38 win against Georgia Tech.

Separation Of Powers

In the last four regular seasons (2015-18), the American Athletic Conference is a combined 32-10 against teams from Conference USA, the MAC, the Mountain West and the Sun Belt.

Repeat Performances

For the second consecutive season, The American is the only FBS conference to return its players of the year on offense (UCF QB McKenzie Milton), defense (Houston DT Ed Oliver) and special teams (Memphis WR Tony Pollard).

Including Postseason

Including bowl games, The American has had a combined 62 games with more than one million television and streaming viewers since the start of the 2015 season. Cincinnati's win at UCLA in Week 1 was the first such game of the 2018 season.

Welcome Aboard

The American Athletic Conference has two new head coaches for the 2018 season. Josh Heupel, the former offensive coordinator at Missouri and Oklahoma, takes over as head coach at UCF. Sonny Dykes, the former head coach at California and Louisiana Tech, is manning the sidelines at SMU.

Heisman Hopefuls

UCF and Houston have launched formal Heisman Trophy campaigns on behalf of their most prominent players. Here is a look at how each has fared in 2018.

McKenzie Milton • QB • UCF

Finished eighth in the Heisman voting in 2017. Of the seven players who finished higher in the voting, only Stanford RB Bryce Love (second) and Wisconsin RB Jonathan Taylor (sixth) return in 2018

Has completed 45 of 71 passes (63.4 percent) for 589 yards and six touchdowns and three interceptions.

Ed Oliver • DT • Houston

Consensus All-America and Outland Trophy winner in 2017.

Tabbed as the No. 1 player in college football by ESPN, CBS Sports and Sports Illustrated

Has 18 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, six quarterback hurries and one pass defended in two games.

Fifth Anniversary Team

Twenty-two players on NFL rosters are among the 30 current and former American Athletic Conference players who have been named to the American Athletic Conference Fifth Anniversary Football Team.



Voting for the team was conducted in late June and early July. The team was selected based on three components – a fan vote, a vote of local and national media members, and a vote of the conference's 12 football programs.

OFFENSE Quarterback

Keenan Reynolds, Navy (2015)

Running Backs

D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa (2014-16)
Marlon Mack, USF (2013-16)

Wide Receivers

Zay Jones, ECU (2014-16)
Anthony Miller, Memphis (2014-17)
Courtland Sutton, SMU (2015-17)

Tight End

Jordan Akins, UCF (2014-17)

Offensive Tackles

Kofi Amichia, USF (2013-16)
Dion Dawkins, Temple (2013-16)
Eric Lefeld, Cincinnati (2013)

Offensive Guards

E.K. Binns, Navy (2015)
Adam West, Navy (2015-16)

Center

Kyle Friend, Temple (2013-16)

DEFENSE

Defensive Linemen

Matt Ioannidis, Temple (2013-16)
Justin Lawler, SMU (2013-17)
Ed Oliver, Houston (2016-present)
Haason Reddick, Temple (2013-16)
Marcus Smith, Louisville (2013)

Linebackers

Genard Avery, Memphis (2014-17)
Shaquem Griffin, UCF (2013-17)
Tyler Matakevich, Temple (2013-16)
Auggie Sanchez, USF (2013-17)

Cornerbacks

Jacoby Glenn, UCF (2013-14)
Mike Hughes, UCF (2017)
Parry Nickerson, Tulane (2014-17)

Safeties

Clayton Geathers, UCF (2013-14)
Obi Melifonwu, UConn (2013-16)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicker

Jake Elliott, Memphis (2013-16)

Punter

Tom Hornsey, Memphis (2013)

Return Specialist

Tony Pollard, Memphis (2016-present)

EAST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

UCF 2-0, 1-0 American



@UCF_Football

Last: Beat South Carolina State, 38-0
Next: Sept. 15 at North Carolina (ESPN3)

American Ranks

Total Offense	609.0	1st
Total Defense	371.5	5th
Scoring Offense	47.0	1st
Scoring Defense	8.5	1st

- The win against South Carolina State was UCF's 15th straight victory, tying the American Athletic Conference record and extending the longest active winning streak in the NCAA FBS.
- RB Adrian Killins Jr. rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns in the win against South Carolina State.
- UCF had 316 rushing yards against South Carolina State. Seven players finished with at least 33 rushing yards.
- The shutout of South Carolina State was UCF's first whitewash since another 38-0 win against the Bulldogs Sept. 3, 2016.
- UCF has converted 67 percent of its third down opportunities through two games (16 of 24).

UCONN 0-2, 0-1 American



@UConnFootball

Last: Lost at Boise State, 62-7
Next: Sept. 15 vs. Rhode Island (SNY/ESPN3)

American Ranks

Total Offense	339.5	9th
Total Defense	735.0	12th
Scoring Offense	12.0	12th
Scoring Defense	59.0	12th

- UConn was limited to 193 yards of offense and saw Boise State gain 818 yards in the loss to the Broncos.
- RB Kevin Mensah rushed for a team-high 82 yards on 10 carries against Boise State.
- S Tyler Coyle registered 14 tackles against Boise State – the most by an American Athletic Conference player in a game this season.
- UConn's first two games were against top-25 opponents.
- The Huskies return home to face former conference rival Rhode Island Saturday.

USF 2-0, 0-0 American



@USFFootball

Last: Beat Georgia Tech, 49-38
Next: Sept. 15 at Illinois (Big Ten Network)

American Ranks

Total Offense	470.5	4th
Total Defense	418.0	7th
Scoring Offense	41.5	4th
Scoring Defense	26.0	7th

- QB Blake Barnett figured in four touchdowns in the come-from-behind win against Georgia Tech. Barnett threw two TD passes and rushed for two scores.
- WR Terrence Horne scored two touchdowns on kickoff returns and added a receiving TD to lead USF against Georgia Tech.
- Horne became the first American Athletic Conference player with two touchdowns on kickoff returns in a game and the first NCAA FBS player to do so since Trevor Davis of California did it against Washington State in 2014
- Charlie Strong, who is in his second season with the Bulls, has gone 23-3 in three years as an American Athletic Conference head coach. Strong was 12-1 with Louisville in 2013 and went 10-2 with USF last year.

CINCINNATI 2-0, 0-0 American



@BearcatsFB

Last: Beat Miami (Ohio), 21-0
Next: Sept. 15 vs. Alabama A&M (ESPN3)

American Ranks

Total Offense	268.5	11th
Total Defense	252.0	2nd
Scoring Offense	23.5	9th
Scoring Defense	8.5	1st

- QB Desmond Ridder rushed for 100 yards on 18 carries and threw a touchdown pass in his first career start to help the Bearcats against Miami (Ohio).
- The Bearcats have held their opponents scoreless in five consecutive quarters, beginning with the fourth period against UCLA in Week 1.
- The win against Miami (Ohio) gave Cincinnati the Victory Bell for the 13th straight season.
- The Bearcats stand at 2-0 through two games away from home for the second time in program history and the first time since 1898.
- Cincinnati's shutout was the Bearcats' first whitewash since a 14-0 win against Temple in the 2014 season.

ECU 1-1, 0-0 American



@ECUPiratesFB

Last: Beat North Carolina, 41-19
Next: Sept. 15 at Virginia Tech (ACC Network)

American Ranks

Total Offense	446.0	6th
Total Defense	332.0	3rd
Scoring Offense	32.0	5th
Scoring Defense	23.5	6th

- QB Reid Herring threw for 290 yards and a touchdown, while QB Holton Ahlers rushed for two TDs in the win against North Carolina.
- RB Anthony Scott rushed for 73 yards and a TD on 17 carries against the Tar Heels. Scott was one of three ECU players with at least 50 rushing yards as the Pirates gained 220 yards on the ground.
- ECU held North Carolina scoreless in the second half. The Tar Heels scored on five of their first six possessions, but were kept off the board on their final seven drives.
- ECU visits Virginia Tech in its second straight game against an ACC opponent. The Pirates have won seven of their last nine games against ACC teams.

TEMPLE 0-2, 0-0 American



@Temple_FB

Last: Lost to Buffalo, 36-29
Next: Sept. 15 at Maryland (Big Ten Network)

American Ranks

Total Offense	303.0	10th
Total Defense	416.0	6th
Scoring Offense	23.0	10th
Scoring Defense	27.5	8th

- RB Ryquell Armstead rushed for 107 yards on 14 carries in the loss to Buffalo.
- QB Frank Nutile completed 15 of 31 passes for 216 yards and three touchdowns with two interceptions.
- The Owls converted 3 of 14 third downs against Buffalo, contributing to an 11-minute deficit in time of possession (35:42-24:18).
- Temple is 0-2 for the first time since the 2013 season.
- The Owls, who played their first two games at home, take to the road for the first time with Saturday's game at Maryland.

WEST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

HOUSTON 2-0, 0-0 American



Last: Beat Arizona, 45-18
Next: Sept. 15 at Texas Tech (Fox)

American Ranks

Total Offense	564.0	3rd
Total Defense	485.0	11th
Scoring Offense	45.0	2nd
Scoring Defense	22.5	5th

- QB D'Eriq King threw for 246 yards and four touchdowns and added two rushing TDs in the win against Arizona. King helped Houston scored the first 38 points of the game.
- Houston is 19-2 at TDECU Stadium in the last four seasons.
- DT Ed Oliver, the 2017 Outland Trophy winner, registered five tackles with 0.5 tackles for loss, a pass breakup and four quarterback hurries against the Wildcats.
- S Garrett Davis had two interceptions against Arizona, giving the Cougars have 150 picks since 2013, the most among NCAA FBS schools.
- The Cougars have scored exactly 45 points in each of their first two games.

MEMPHIS 1-1, 0-1 American



Last: Lost at Navy, 22-21
Next: Sept. 14 vs. Georgia State (ESPN)

American Ranks

Total Offense	565.0	2nd
Total Defense	245.0	1st
Scoring Offense	43.5	3rd
Scoring Defense	18.0	3rd

- RB Darrell Henderson rushed for 212 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries in the loss to Navy. Henderson averaged 16.3 yards per attempt.
- QB Brady White was 15 of 25 for 145 yards and one interception against the Midshipmen.
- The Tigers had possession for only 17:13 against Navy.
- The loss to Navy snapped a streak of six consecutive wins for Memphis against West Division opponents. The Tigers' last loss to a West Division team was a 42-28 setback at Navy in 2016.
- Memphis hosts Georgia State Friday. The Tigers are 14-0 in non-Saturday regular-season games since the start of the 2014 season.

NAVY 1-1, 1-0 American



Last: Beat Memphis, 22-21
Next: Sept. 15 vs. Lehigh (CBSSN)

American Ranks

Total Offense	363.5	8th
Total Defense	450.0	8th
Scoring Offense	31.5	6th
Scoring Defense	40.0	10th

- QB Malcolm Perry rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns in the win against Memphis.
- QB Zach Abey has 10 rushing touchdowns in his last three games. He had five TDs in Navy's Military Bowl win against Virginia to close last season, four touchdowns in the season-opener at Hawaii and one TD against Memphis.
- Navy trailed Memphis 21-9 entering the fourth quarter, but kept the Tigers off the scoreboard for the final period.
- Navy had possession for 42:47 against Memphis. The Midshipmen recovered three Memphis fumbles and had an interception for four takeaways.
- Navy hosts Lehigh Saturday. The Midshipmen are 18-2 in their last 20 home games.

SMU 0-2, 0-0 American



Last: Lost to SMU, 42-22
Next: Sept. 15 at Michigan (Big Ten Network)

American Ranks

Total Offense	249.0	12th
Total Defense	461.0	9th
Scoring Offense	17.5	11th
Scoring Defense	44.0	11th

- RB Braeden West rushed for 78 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown run, in the Mustangs' loss to TCU.
- SMU, which scored all 23 of its points in the fourth quarter against North Texas in the season-opener, got all of its points against TCU in the first half.
- QB Ben Hicks completed 18 of 38 passes for 111 yards against TCU.
- SMU built an early 9-0 lead against the Horned Frogs, but saw TCU outscore the Mustangs by a 42-3 margin after the first quarter.
- SMU returns to the road Saturday to face Michigan.

TULANE 1-1, 0-0 American



Last: Beat Nicholls, 42-17
Next: Sept. 15 at UAB

American Ranks

Total Offense	447.0	5th
Total Defense	481.5	10th
Scoring Offense	29.5	7th
Scoring Defense	20.0	4th

- RB Corey Dauphine rushed for 152 yards and three touchdowns in the win against Nicholls.
- The Green Wave finished with 268 rushing yards against Nicholls. It was the 10th game with at least 250 rushing yards for Tulane under third-year head coach Willie Fritz.
- Tulane has rushed for at least 100 yards in 29 consecutive games, dating to the end of the 2015 season.
- WR Darnell Mooney had six receptions for 111 yards and a touchdown against Nicholls, giving Tulane a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same game for the first time since a win against Maine Sept. 19, 2015.
- Tulane visits UAB Saturday. The Green Wave looks to snap a streak of four straight losses in road openers.

TULSA 1-1, 0-0 American



Last: Lost at Texas, 28-21
Next: Sept. 15 vs. Arkansas State (CBSSN)

American Ranks

Total Offense	411.5	7th
Total Defense	362.5	4th
Scoring Offense	29.5	7th
Scoring Defense	27.5	8th

- Tulsa nearly overcame a 21-0 deficit at Texas as the Golden Hurricane scored touchdowns on its final three possessions.
- Tulsa saw a streak of 16 straight games with at least one 100-yard rusher snapped by the Longhorns. RB Shamari Brooks led Tulsa with 66 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries against Texas.
- Brooks has 14 rushing touchdowns in 11 games in his career.
- After holding Central Arkansas to 0-for-10 on third down in the season-opener, Tulsa held Texas to 5-for-12 in third down conversions.
- Tulsa hosts Arkansas State Saturday. The Red Wolves are one of eight Tulsa opponents that played in a bowl game last season.

WEEK 3 GAME CAPSULES

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 • 7 P.M. • ESPN



GEORGIA STATE at MEMPHIS



Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (58,318/AstroTurf)
Memphis, Tennessee

Television

ESPN

Jason Benetti, Kelly Stouffer and Olivia Dekker

Radio

WREC-AM 600 (Memphis flagship)

THE GAME

Friday's game will be the first meeting between Memphis and Georgia State ... The schools were scheduled to play Sept. 30 of last season, but the game was cancelled in the wake of Hurricane Irma as Memphis traveled to UCF to play in an American Athletic Conference game that weekend.

GEORGIA STATE 1-1, 0-0 Sun Belt

Head Coach

Shawn Elliott (Appalachian State '96)
8-6, second season at Georgia State
9-11, third season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Georgia State has split its first two games of the season ... The Panthers opened the season with a 24-20 win against Kennesaw State in Atlanta and followed with a 41-7 setback at North Carolina State in Week 2 ... The loss to the Wolfpack snapped a streak of five straight road wins for the Panthers ... The top player is WR Penny Hart, who led the Sun Belt and set a school record with 74 catches for 1,121 yards and eight touchdowns last season ... QB Dan Ellington has thrown for 381 yards and three touchdowns without an interception in two games and is the Panthers' leading rusher with 107 yards on the ground ... Georgia State plays its home games at Georgia State Stadium, the former Turner Field which was converted into a 25,000-seat football stadium.

-/rv MEMPHIS 1-1, 0-1 American

Head Coach

Mike Norvell (Central Arkansas '95)
19-9, third season

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Notes

Memphis, the preseason favorite in the American Athletic Conference's West Division, dropped its conference opener as the Tigers were undone by four turnovers in a 22-21 loss at Navy ... The Tigers entered the fourth quarter with a 21-9 lead, but saw Navy rally for back-to-back scores to close the game ... Memphis opened the season with a 66-14 win against Mercer ... The Tigers have outscored their first two opponents by a combined 77-9 margin in the first three quarters ... RB Darrell Henderson has averaged 144.0 rushing yards through the first two games and has four rushing TDs ... QB Brady White has thrown for 503 yards and five touchdowns with one interception ... WR John Williams has 10 catches for 81 yards ... LB Curtis Akins has a team-high 13 tackles, while LB Austin Hall leads the squad with three tackles for loss.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • NOON • ESPN2



UCF at NORTH CAROLINA



Kenan Stadium (50,500/Natural Grass)
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Television

ESPN2

Mike Couzens and Kirk Morrison

Radio

WYGM-FM 96.9 (UCF flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between UCF and North Carolina ... The game will be the Knights' first game against an opponent from the ACC since the 2014 season ... UCF is 2-10 all-time against ACC opponents, while North Carolina is 1-1 against The American ... The return game in Orlando will be played in 2020

18/18 UCF 2-0, 1-0 American

Head Coach

Josh Heupel (Oklahoma '01)
2-0, first season

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Notes

UCF extended its winning streak to 15 games – the longest active streak in the nation – with its 38-0 win against South Carolina State in the Knights' home opener ... The Knights' winning streak ties the American Athletic Conference record set by Memphis in the 2014 and 2015 seasons ... UCF opened the season with a 56-17 win against UConn ... QB McKenzie Milton, who finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy voting last season, has completed 45 of 71 passes for 589 yards and six touchdowns with three interceptions in two games ... The Knights have three players with at least 100 rushing yards thus far, led by RB Adrian Killins Jr., who has gone for 127 yards and a team-high three touchdowns ... WR Gabriel Davis has 15 receptions for 151 yards and two touchdowns, while WR Tre Nixon has eight catches for 154 yards and two TDs.

NORTH CAROLINA 0-2, 0-0 ACC

Head Coach

Larry Fedora (Austin '85)
43-36, seventh season at North Carolina
77-55, 11th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

North Carolina looks for its first win of 2018 as the Tar Heels look to bounce back from losses to California (24-17) and ECU (41-19) ... The Tar Heels went 3-9 in a 2017 season that followed a prosperous stretch of 11-3 and 8-5 campaigns ... North Carolina won two of its last three to close 2017 ... QB Nathan Elliott, who started the last three games of 2017, has started the first two games of 2018 and has thrown for 356 yards and a touchdown with four interceptions ... The leading rusher is Antonio Williams, who has 143 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries ... LB Dominique Ross leads the team with 13 tackles with three pass breakups ... The Tar Heels have been hurt by penalties this season; North Carolina has averaged 10 penalties and 94.5 yards penalized in its first two games.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • NOON • SNY/ESPN3



RHODE ISLAND at UConn



Pratt & Whitney Stadium (40,000/Natural Grass)
East Hartford, Connecticut

Television

ESPN3

TBD

Radio

WUCS-FM 97.9 (UConn flagship)

THE GAME

UConn and Rhode Island will meet for the 95th time with Saturday's game ... The Huskies have faced the Rams more than any other opponent ... The series dates to 1897 ... UConn holds a 51-35-8 series lead after a 52-10 win in the 2009 season ... The 2009 matchup saw UConn RB Jordan Todman rush for three touchdowns.

RHODE ISLAND 2-0, 2-0 CAA

Head Coach

Jim Fleming (University of the South '82)
9-38, fifth season at Rhode Island
30-39, seventh season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Rhode Island is off to a 2-0 start after the Rams opened the season with a 21-19 win at Delaware and a 45-26 victory against Albany ... The Rams 2-0 for the first time since 2005, when they opened with three wins ... Rhode Island has won its first two CAA games for the first time since 2001 ... The Rams scored on their first seven possessions against Albany last week, getting six touchdowns and a field goal ... The Rams have scored a special teams touchdown in each of the first two games ... QB JaJuan Lawson has completed 35 of 49 passes (71.4 percent) for 487 yards and five touchdowns with one interception ... RB Zoe Bryant Jr. leads the team with 148 rushing yards and a TD on 34 carries ... WR Aaron Parker has 12 catches for 181 yards and a TD.

UConn 0-2, 0-1 American

Head Coach

Randy Edsall (Syracuse '80)
77-81, 14th season at UConn
99-115, 19th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

UConn looks to snap a seven-game slide after the Huskies dropped a 62-7 decision to No. 20 Boise State last Saturday ... Saturday's game against Rhode Island will be UConn's first game of the year against a team that is not ranked in the FBS top 25, though the Rams are expected to be in this week's FCS national poll ... After opening the season with 486 yards of offense against UCF, the Huskies were held to 193 total yards against Boise State ... QB David Pindell has thrown for 337 yards and two touchdowns and is the Huskies' leading rusher with 197 yards and a TD on 36 carries ... WR Kyle Buss is the top receiver with seven catches for 113 yards ... S Tyler Coyle leads the team with 24 tackles through two games and is the American Athletic Conference leader with 12.0 tackles per game.

WEEK 3 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • NOON • BIG TEN NETWORK



TEMPLE at MARYLAND

Maryland Stadium (51,802/FieldTurf)
College Park, Maryland

Television
Big Ten Network
TBD

Radio
WPEN-FM 97.5 (Temple flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the eighth meeting between Temple and Maryland in a series that dates to 1997 ... The Owls are 1-7 against the Terrapins, with the lone win coming in 2011 (38-7) ... Maryland won the first six meetings in the series ... The last meeting saw Maryland take a 36-27 victory in the 2012 season.

TEMPLE 0-2, 0-0 American

Head Coach
Geoff Collins (Western Carolina '94)
7-8, second season

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Notes

Temple looks to pick up its first win of the 2018 season after the Owls dropped matchups to Villanova (19-17) and Buffalo (36-29) at Lincoln Financial Field ... Last week's game against Buffalo saw Temple tie the game in the fourth quarter on two occasions before the Bulls scored the go-ahead points in the final minute ... The Owls also had a fourth quarter lead against Villanova, which scored the winning points midway through the period ... QB Frank Nutile has thrown for 401 yards and four touchdowns with four interceptions in two games ... RB Ryquell Armstead leads the team with 138 rushing yards on 28 carries ... Temple has not scored a rushing touchdown in its first two games ... WR Branden Mack has 10 catches for 125 yards and two TDs ... Temple has registered three blocked kicks on special teams in two games.

rv/rv MARYLAND 2-0, 0-0 Big Ten

Interim Head Coach
Matt Canada (Indiana '93)
2-0, first season

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Notes

Maryland is off to a 2-0 start to the season after the Terrapins followed a 34-29 win against No. 23 Texas in the season-opener with a 45-14 decision against Bowling Green in Week 2 ... Saturday's game against Temple will be Maryland's first game in College Park this season (the season-opener against Texas was played at FedEx Field in Landover) ... The Terps have averaged 486.0 yards of offense and have held their first two opponents to 281.5 yards ... QB Kasim Hill has completed 25 of 45 passes for 343 yards and two TDs without an interception ... Maryland has a near-2-to-1 run-pass ratio ... RB Ty Johnson leads the squad with 154 rushing yards and one touchdown, while RB Tayon Fleet-Davis has 133 yards and three TDs ... The defense is led by LB Isaiah Davis, who has 19 tackles with 2.0 sacks in 2018.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 12:20 P.M. • ACC NETWORK



ECU at VIRGINIA TECH

Lane Stadium (65,632/Natural Grass)
Blacksburg, Virginia

Television
ACC Network
TBD

Radio
WNCT-FM 107.9 (ECU flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 23rd meeting between ECU and Virginia Tech in a series that dates to 1956 ... The Hokies have a 15-7 series lead and have taken the last two matchups, including a 64-17 decision in Greenville last season ... ECU won back-to-back games in the series in 2014 and 2015.

ECU 1-1, 0-0 American

Head Coach
Scottie Montgomery (Duke '00)
7-19, third season

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Notes

ECU rebounded from a season-opening loss to North Carolina A&T in resounding fashion as the Pirates took a 41-19 victory against North Carolina last Saturday in Greenville ... The Pirates, who allowed an average of 542 yards per game, held North Carolina to 395 total yards and kept the Tar Heels off the scoreboard in the final 30 minutes ... QB Reid Herring has started both games behind center and has thrown for 599 yards and three touchdowns with two interceptions ... WR Blake Proehl has 12 receptions for 97 yards and a touchdown, while WR Trevon Brown has 11 catches for 147 yards and a TD ... RB Anthony Scott has rushed for 107 yards and a touchdown to lead an offense that has averaged 144.0 rushing yards per game ... The defense has been led by S Devon Sutton, who has 14 tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss.

13/11 VIRGINIA TECH 2-0, 1-0 ACC

Head Coach
Justin Fuente (Murray State '99)
20-8, third season at Virginia Tech
46-31, seventh season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Virginia Tech stands at 2-0 after the Hokies scored a 62-17 win against William & Mary last Saturday ... The Hokies opened the 2018 season with a 24-3 win at Florida State ... Virginia Tech has gone 11-2 in Blacksburg under third-year head coach Justin Fuente, who began his head coaching career at Memphis ... Virginia Tech gained 305 rushing yards against William & Mary and averaged 6.6 yards per carry after the Hokies had been held to 2.8 yards per attempt against Florida State ... QB Josh Jackson has thrown for 424 yards and three touchdowns and has completed 28 of 42 passes ... RB Deshaun McClellan has 112 rushing yards and a TD ... The defense has registered six sacks and 23 tackles for loss in two games ... DE Trevon Hill has a team-high 2.0 sacks and 3.0 tackles for loss.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 1 P.M. • STADIUM/FACEBOOK



TULANE at UAB

Legion Field (71,594/FieldTurf)
Birmingham, Alabama

Television
Stadium/Facebook
TBD

Radio
WMTI-FM 106.1 (Tulane flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 10th meeting between Tulane and UAB ... The schools competed concurrently in Conference USA until Tulane joined The American for the 2014 season ... Tulane is 5-4 against the Blazers and has won five of the last seven meetings, including a 55-45 win in 2012 behind five touchdown passes by QB Ryan Griffin.

TULANE 1-1, 0-0 American

Head Coach
Willie Fritz (Pittsburg State '83)
9-17, third season at Tulane
163-85, 22nd season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Tulane dropped a heartbreaker in overtime to Wake Forest in Week 1, but the Green Wave had no such drama in its second game, a 42-17 win against Nicholls ... After seeing its running backs finish with 79 rushing yards against Wake Forest, the Green Wave backs totaled 284 rushing yards against Nicholls ... RB Corey Dauphine led the way with 152 yards and three touchdowns on only six carries ... QB Jonathan Banks has completed 30 of 53 passes for 471 yards and three touchdowns ... WR Terren Encalade has 10 catches for 227 yards and two TDs, while WR Darnell Mooney has a team-high 14 receptions for 185 yards and a touchdown ... The defense has been solid through two games, led by LB Zachery Harris, who has 16 tackles ... Tulane has registered four defensive interceptions.

UAB 1-1, 0-0 Conference USA

Head Coach
Bill Clark (Jacksonville State '90)
15-12, third season at UAB
26-16, 11th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

UAB is in its second season since the return of FBS football on campus ... The program had been eliminated for the 2015 and 2016 seasons, but made a remarkable return last year, capped by a trip to the Bahamas Bowl and an 8-5 record ... The Blazers opened 2018 with a 52-0 win against Savannah State and dropped a 47-24 decision to Coastal Carolina last week ... QB A.J. Erdelyi has passed for 377 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions in the Blazers' first two games ... RB Spencer Brown has rushed for 196 yards and a touchdown on 38 carries ... UAB has registered at least three rushing touchdowns in both games thus far ... WR Collin Lisa has a team-high 12 catches for 108 yards and a TD ... LB Mofor Fitzgerald leads the defense with 14 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss.

WEEK 3 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 3:30 P.M. • CBSSN



LEHIGH
at
NAVY



Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
(34,000/FieldTurf) • Annapolis, Maryland

Television

CBS Sports Network
John Sadak, Randy Cross and Sheehan Burch

Radio

WBAL-AM 1090 (Navy)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 22nd meeting between Navy and Lehigh in a series that dates to 1889 ... The Midshipmen hold a 14-6-1 series lead ... Lehigh took the most recent matchup with a 24-9 decision in Annapolis in the 1987 season ... The schools compete together in the Patriot League in sports other than football.

LEHIGH
1-1, 0-0 Patriot League

Head Coach

Andy Coen (Gettysburg '86)
83-57, 13th season

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Notes

Lehigh has split its first two games of the 2018 season ... The Mountain Hawks opened with a 21-19 win against Saint Francis (Pa.) and dropped a 31-9 decision to Villanova last Saturday ... The game at Navy will be Lehigh's first road contest of the year ... Head coach Andy Coen has led Lehigh to five Patriot League titles in his first 12 seasons in Bethlehem ... Coen needs two wins to tie Bill Leckonby as the winningest coach in school history ... QB Brad Mayes has completed 31 of 52 passes for 267 yards and a touchdown with one interception ... RB Dominick Bragalone has rushed for 155 yards and three touchdowns on 36 carries ... WR Jorge Portorreal has six receptions for 95 yards, while WR Luke Christiano has 10 catches for 75 yards ... S Sam McCloskey, S Divine Buckham and LB Mark Walker are tied for the team lead with 15 tackles each.

NAVY
1-1, 1-0 American

Head Coach

Ken Niumatalolo (Navy '89)
85-49, 11th season

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Notes

Navy returned from a long road trip to Hawaii and rallied for a 22-21 win against Memphis in the Midshipmen's American Athletic Conference opener last Saturday ... The Midshipmen trailed 21-9 entering the fourth quarter, but scored the final 13 points to take the early lead in the West Division race ... Navy has averaged 295.0 rushing yards per game ... The Midshipmen have gone 9-for-9 in red zone scoring with eight touchdowns ... QB Malcolm Perry has averaged 137.0 rushing yards through two games ... Perry has gained 274 yards with three touchdowns on the ground ... WR Zach Abey goes behind center on short-yardage situations and has delivered five touchdowns on 10 rushing attempts ... S Sean Williams has a team-high 12 tackles, while LB Taylor Heflin has 13 tackles with 2.0 sacks and a fumble recovery.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 3:30 P.M. • BIG TEN NETWORK



USF
at
ILLINOIS



Soldier Field (61,500/Natural Grass)
Chicago, Illinois

Television

Big Ten Network
TBD

Radio

WWBA-FM 98.3 (USF flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the second meeting between USF and Illinois ... The Bulls took last year's meeting 47-23 in Tampa behind three 100-yard rushers ... QB Quinton Flowers ran for 106 yards, RB Darius Tice had 105 yards and RB D'Ernest Johnson had 101 ... Last year's win was USF's first against an opponent from the Big Ten (1-5).

ILLINOIS
2-0, 0-0 Big Ten

Head Coach

Lovie Smith (Tulsa '80)
6-19, third season

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Notes

Illinois is off to a 2-0 start as the Illini have matched last season's win total ... Illinois started the season with a 31-24 win against Kent State and enjoyed a 34-14 decision against Western Illinois last week ... The Illini also started last season at 2-0, but saw USF end the streak ... The Illini have scored more points in each of its first two games this year than they did in any game last season ... Head coach Lovie Smith is in his third year at Illinois on the heels of a 21-year run as an NFL coach ... The win against Western Illinois improved Illinois to 17-0 all-time against FCS opponents ... QB M.J. Rivers II, a true freshman, led the way against Western Illinois with two touchdown passes off the bench ... QB AJ Bush, the Illinois starter, went down with a hamstring injury, while WR Edwin Carter suffered a season-ending knee injury.

rv/rv USF
2-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Charlie Strong (Central Arkansas '82)
12-2, second season at USF
64-39, ninth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

USF improved to 23-4 in the last three seasons and is 30-6 in their last 36 games after a 49-38 win against Georgia Tech ... The Bulls trailed 38-28 early in the fourth quarter, but scored the final 21 points of the game to improve to 2-0 ... Head coach Charlie Strong has gone 24-3 as an American Athletic Conference head coach, which includes his 2013 season at Louisville ... QB Blake Barnett has figured in four touchdowns in each of his first two games at USF ... Barnett has completed 45 of 65 passes for 507 yards and five touchdowns with one interception and is also USF's leading rusher with 122 yards and three TDs ... The Bulls, who had 20 defensive interceptions in 2017, have four picks in their first two games ... The Bulls have gained at least 500 yards in three of their last four games.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 3:30 P.M. • BIG TEN NETWORK



SMU
at
MICHIGAN



Michigan Stadium (107,601/FieldTurf)
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Television

Big Ten Network
TBD

Radio

KTCK-FM 96.7 (SMU flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the second meeting between SMU and Michigan ... The Wolverines were 27-16 winners in the first meeting in 1963 ... Though Michigan won that game legend holds that then-Ford executive Lee Iacocca told the SMU locker room that Ford's new sports car would be called the Mustang, inspired by the play of SMU's squad.

SMU
0-2, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Sonny Dykes (Texas Tech '93)
0-3, first full season at SMU
41-47, eighth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

SMU scored the first nine points of the game, but the Mustangs scored only three points the rest of the way in a 42-12 setback to No. 16 TCU in the annual battle for the Iron Skillet ... SMU opened the season with a 46-23 setback at North Texas ... After scoring all of its points against North Texas in the fourth quarter, SMU had all of its points in the first half against TCU ... The Mustangs have struggled to find their way on offense in the absence of their top two receivers from last year, both NFL Draft selections ... QB Ben Hicks has thrown for 363 yards and two touchdowns with an interception through two games ... RB Braeden West has 104 rushing yards and two TDs, while WR James Proche is the top receiver with eight catches for 127 yards and a touchdown.

19/22 MICHIGAN
1-1, 0-0 Big Ten

Head Coach

Jim Harbaugh (Michigan '86)
29-12, fourth season at Michigan
87-39, 11th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Michigan opened the season with a 24-17 setback to No. 12 Notre Dame, but the Wolverines answered with a 49-3 win against Western Michigan last Saturday in Ann Arbor ... The game against SMU is the second of three straight home games for Michigan ... Michigan is 24-5-1 all-time against current members of the American Athletic Conference ... Michigan's 12 opponents in 2018 combined to win 96 games last season ... Six opponents won at least 10 games last year ... Michigan has 17 position starters returning from last year ... QB Shea Patterson has completed 32 of 47 passes for 352 yards and three touchdowns with one interception ... RB Karan Higdon has 228 rushing yards with two touchdowns ... WR Donovan Peoples-Jones has 10 receptions for 69 yards and a touchdown.

WEEK 3 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 4 P.M. • FOX



HOUSTON at TEXAS TECH



Jones AT&T Stadium (60,454/FieldTurf)
Lubbock, Texas

Television

Fox
TBD

Radio

KPRC-AM 950 (Houston flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 32nd meeting between Houston and Texas Tech ... The schools completed annually as members of the Southwest Conference from 1976-95 and have played three times since then ... Houston is 18-12-1 against the Red Raiders, but Texas Tech has taken the last two meetings, including a 27-24 decision last season.

rv/rv HOUSTON 2-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Major Applewhite (Texas '02)
9-6, second season

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Notes

Houston looked impressive on its way to a 2-0 start as the Cougars raced to a 38-0 lead against Arizona before registering a 45-18 win against the Wildcats ... That win followed a 45-27 victory at Rice in the season-opener ... Houston ranks 25th nationally in scoring at 45.0 points per game ... The Cougars have scored 45 points and gained at least 500 yards in both games of the 2018 season ... QB D'Eriq King has led the way with 566 passing yards, seven touchdown passes and three rushing touchdowns in two games ... King leads the nation in touchdown responsibility (10) in 2018 ... RB Patrick Carr has rushed for 136 yards and a touchdown, while WR Courtney Lark is the top receiver with eight catches for 126 yards and two TDs ... The defense is led by All-America DT Ed Oliver, who has 18 tackles 4.0 tackles for loss and six quarterback hurries.

TEXAS TECH 1-1, 0-0 Big 12

Head Coach

Kliff Kingsbury (Texas Tech '01)
31-33, sixth season

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Notes

Texas Tech began the 2018 season with a 47-27 setback against Mississippi in Houston, but the Red Raiders bounced back with a 77-0 victory against Lamar in Week 2 ... The 77-point margin of victory was Texas Tech's largest since a 79-0 win against Trinity (Texas) in 1932 and it was the Red Raiders' first shutout since a win against Southeastern Louisiana in 2006 ... Texas Tech has won eight straight nonconference home games ... The Red Raiders are 40-2 in nonconference home games since 2000 ... Head coach Kliff Kingsbury served as an assistant at Houston from 2008-11 ... QB Alex Bowman has thrown for 555 yards and three touchdowns in two starts this season ... WR Antoine Wesley has 10 catches for 152 yards and a touchdown, while RB Da'Leon Ward has a team-high 90 rushing yards.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 7 P.M. • ESPN3



ALABAMA A&M vs. CINCINNATI



Nippert Stadium (40,000/Speed Series M6-M)
Cincinnati, Ohio

Television

ESPN3
Michael Reghi and Dustin Fox

Radio

WLW-AM 700 (Cincinnati flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the second meeting between Cincinnati and Alabama A&M ... The Bearcats took the only previous matchup 52-10 in the 2015 season-opener ... That game saw Cincinnati score 49 straight points in the second and third quarters as QB Gunner Kiel threw for 233 yards and two touchdowns.

ALABAMA A&M 1-1, 0-0 SWAC

Head Coach

Connell Maynor (North Carolina A&T '95)
1-1, first season at Alabama A&M
66-32, ninth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Alabama A&M comes into Saturday's game at 1-1 after the Bulldogs dropped a 25-20 decision to North Alabama ... The Bulldogs opened the season with a 37-0 win against Division II Miles ... Alabama A&M went 4-7 last season, including losses to UAB (38-7) and Vanderbilt (42-0) ... The Bulldogs have held their opponents to 215.5 yards of offense per game ... QB Ageel Glass has completed 35 of 58 passes for 401 yards and four touchdowns with two interceptions ... RB Jordan Bentley has a team-high 106 rushing yards with a touchdown ... WR Octavius Miles has six receptions for 75 yards, while WR Brian Jenkins Jr. has six catches for 72 yards ... LB Armoni Holloway has 2.0 sacks and an interception to go with 14 tackles ... LB Elijah Timarky leads the team with 17 tackles.

CINCINNATI 2-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Luke Fickell (Ohio State '97)
6-8, second season at Cincinnati
12-15, third season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Cincinnati is off to a 2-0 start for the second time in three seasons after the Bearcats picked up season-opening wins against UCLA (26-17) and Miami (Ohio) (21-0) ... Cincinnati's calling card has been its defense, which has held its first two opponents to 8.5 points and 252.0 yards per game ... DT Marquise Copeland leads the way with 13 tackles, while DT Cortez Broughton has 10 tackles, 2.5 sacks, a forced fumble and 5.5 tackles for loss through two games ... The offense is paced by RB Michael Warren II, who has rushed for 233 yards and five touchdowns on 64 carries ... QB Desmond Ridder made his first career start against Miami (Ohio) and has thrown for 145 yards and rushed for 163 yards ... Cincinnati is the only team in The American that has not played a home game in 2018.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 • 7 P.M. • CBSSN



ARKANSAS STATE at TULSA



H.A. Chapman Stadium (30,000/FieldTurf)
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Television

CBS Sports Network
Rich Waltz and Aaron Murray

Radio

KXBL-FM 99.5 (Tulsa flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between Tulsa and Arkansas State ... The schools have split the four previous matchups, most recently a home-and-home series in 2002 and 2003 ... Tulsa took the most recent matchup in 2003, 54-7 ... Tulsa is 8-3 all-time against members of the Sun Belt Conference.

ARKANSAS STATE 1-1, 0-0 Sun Belt

Head Coach

Blake Anderson (Sam Houston State '92)
32-21, fifth season

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Notes

Arkansas State opened the 2018 season with a 48-21 win against Southeast Missouri State, but the Red Wolves evened their record at 1-1 with a 57-7 loss at top-ranked Alabama last Saturday ... Arkansas State is the preseason favorite in the Sun Belt West Division with the return of 12 starters from last year's 7-5 team ... The top player is QB Justice Hansen the 2017 Sun Belt Player of the Year who had a hand in 44 of the Red Wolves' 59 touchdowns last season ... Hansen has thrown for 563 yards and seven touchdowns in two games of the 2018 season ... RB Armond Weh-Weh, RB Warren Wand and RB Marcel Murray all have between 91 and 99 rushing yards, but the Red Wolves have not scored a rushing touchdown this season ... WR Kirk Merritt has a team-high 10 receptions for 84 yards.

TULSA 1-1, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Philip Montgomery (Tarleton State '95)
19-21, fourth season

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Notes

Tulsa won its season-opener with a 38-27 decision against Central Arkansas and the Golden Hurricane nearly came away with a 2-0 start, but Texas held on for a 28-21 win in Week 2 ... Tulsa trailed Texas 21-7 in the fourth quarter, but closed to within seven on two occasions before time ran out ... Tulsa has been outscored by a 27-7 margin in the first quarter, but has outscored its opponents by a 52-28 margin the rest of the way ... Tulsa saw a streak of 16 straight games with a 100-yard rusher snapped by Texas ... RB Shamari Brooks has rushed for 195 yards and four touchdowns to lead the offense ... QB Luke Skipper has thrown for 349 yards and three TDs, matching his touchdown total from last season ... WR Keenan Johnson has six catches for 115 yards and a touchdown ... Tulsa ranks fourth in The American in total defense (362.5 ypg).

NATIONAL POLLS

Associated Press Poll

Sept. 9 Poll

	School	Record	Pts
1.	Alabama (54)	2-0	1,517
2.	Clemson (6)	2-0	1,430
3.	Georgia	2-0	1,407
4.	Ohio State	2-0	1,288
5.	Oklahoma	2-0	1,263
6.	Wisconsin (1)	2-0	1,227
7.	Auburn	2-0	1,224
8.	Notre Dame	2-0	1,022
9.	Stanford	2-0	992
10.	Washington	1-1	884
11.	Penn State	2-0	836
12.	LSU	2-0	830
13.	Virginia Tech	2-0	794
14.	West Virginia	2-0	793
15.	TCU	2-0	678
16.	Mississippi State	2-0	654
17.	Boise State	2-0	500
18.	UCF	2-0	494
19.	Michigan	1-1	385
20.	Oregon	2-0	301
21.	Miami (Fla.)	1-1	299
22.	USC	1-1	250
23.	Arizona State	2-0	139
24.	Oklahoma State	2-0	119
25.	Michigan State	1-1	104

Receiving votes: Utah 92, Texas A&M 90, Boston College 45, **Houston 32**, Maryland 30, Colorado 25, Iowa 23, Kentucky 19, Duke 10, North Carolina State 9, Mississippi 5, Hawaii 5, Washington State 4, **USF 3**, South Carolina 2, Florida State 1

Amway Coaches' Poll

Sept. 9 Poll

	School	Record	Pts
1.	Alabama (59)	2-0	1,571
2.	Clemson (3)	2-0	1,481
3.	Georgia	2-0	1,437
4.	Ohio State (1)	2-0	1,391
5.	Oklahoma	2-0	1,319
6.	Wisconsin	2-0	1,252
7.	Auburn	2-0	1,221
8.	Notre Dame	2-0	1,029
9.	Stanford	2-0	1,010
10.	Penn State	2-0	930
11.	Virginia Tech	2-0	862
12.	Washington	1-1	852
13.	LSU	2-0	850
14.	TCU	2-0	743
15.	West Virginia	2-0	727
16.	Mississippi State	2-0	650
17.	Boise State	2-0	507
18.	UCF	2-0	438
19.	Oklahoma State	2-0	325
20.	Miami (Fla.)	1-1	296
21.	USC	1-1	295
22.	Michigan	1-1	270
23.	Oregon	2-0	255
24.	Michigan State	1-1	152
25.	Arizona State	2-0	92

Receiving votes: Texas A&M 87, Utah 86, **Houston 46**, South Carolina 43, Boston College 37, Kentucky 34, **USF 27**, Washington State 21, Colorado 20, Florida State 17, North Carolina State 16, Iowa 15, Duke 13, Appalachian State 12, **Cincinnati 11**, Hawaii 10, Maryland 9, Missouri 8, **Memphis 3**, Vanderbilt 3, Texas 1, Arkansas State 1

American Preseason Media Poll

American Championship

School	Points
UCF	19
Memphis	7
USF	3
Houston	1

East Division

School (First-Place Votes)	Points
1. UCF (25)	175
2. USF (5)	140
3. Temple	132
4. Cincinnati	91
5. UConn	51
6. ECU	41

West Division

School (First-Place Votes)	Points
1. Memphis (23)	171
2. Houston (4)	146
3. Navy (3)	129
4. SMU	72
5. Tulane	68
6. Tulsa	44

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 2018. Rankings are listed as AP/Coaches.

	UCF	Cincinnati	UConn	ECU	Houston	Memphis	Navy	USF	SMU	Temple	Tulane	Tulsa
Preseason	21/23	-/-	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	rv/rv	-/-	-/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 4	19/20	-/rv	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	rv/rv	-/-	-/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 9	18/18	-/rv	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	-/rv	-/-	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 16												
Sept. 23												
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Nov. 4												
Nov. 11												
Nov. 18												
Nov. 25												
Dec. 3												
Final												

THE 2018 SEASON

2018 HOME ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL (Capacity)	GP	TOTAL	AVG.	LARGEST CROWD
UCF (45,323)	1	43,269	43,269	43,269 (vs. South Carolina State)
Cincinnati (40,000)				
UConn (40,000)	1	23,081	23,081	23,081 (vs. UCF)
ECU (50,000)	2	77,938	38,969	39,298 (vs. North Carolina)
Houston (40,000)	1	32,534	32,534	32,534 (vs. Arizona)
Memphis (58,862)	1	33,697	33,697	33,697 (vs. Mercer)
Navy (34,000)	1	31,762	31,762	31,762 (vs. Memphis)
USF (65,897)	2	65,399	32,700	34,182 (vs. Georgia Tech)
SMU (32,000)	1	24,216	24,216	24,216 (vs. TCU)
Temple (68,532)	2	57,868	28,934	32,357 (vs. Villanova)
Tulane (30,000)	2	36,570	18,285	21,092 (vs. Nicholls)
Tulsa (30,000)	1	18,536	18,536	18,536 (vs. Central Arkansas)
2018 TOTALS	15	444,690	29,646	43,269 (UCF vs. South Carolina State)
2017 TOTALS	78	2,227,680	28,560	57,266 (Memphis vs. Iowa State)

2018 TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2018	Career
Zach Abey, Navy, Sr.		9
Malcolm Perry, Navy, Jr.	2	8
Darrell Henderson, Memphis, Jr.	1	8
Ryquell Armstead, Temple, Sr.	1	5
Shamari Brooks, Tulsa, So.	1	5
Xavier Jones, SMU, Sr.		5
Braeden West, SMU, Sr.		5
Patrick Taylor Sr., Memphis, Jr.		4
Adrian Killins, UCF, Jr.		3
Corey Taylor II, Tulsa, Jr.	1	2
Kevin Mensah, UConn, So.		2
Chad President, Tulsa, Jr.		2
Mulbah Car, Houston, Jr.		2
Ramadi Warren, Tulsa, Sr.		2
David Pindell, UConn, Sr.	1	1
Desmond Ridder, Cincinnati, Fr.	1	1
Michael Warren II, Cincinnati, So.	1	1
Cory Dauphine, Tulane, Jr.	1	1
Otis Anderson, UCF, So.		1
C.J. Jones, UCF, Sr.		1
McKenzie Milton, UCF, Jr.		1
Gerrid Doaks, Cincinnati, So.		1
Nate Hopkins, UConn, So.		1
Hussein Howe, ECU, Jr.		1
D'Eriq King, Houston, Jr.		1
Sam Craft, Memphis, Sr.		1
Anthony Gargiulo, Navy, Sr.		1
Kevrin Justice, Houston, Jr.		1
Ke'Mon Freeman, SMU, Jr.		1
Jager Gardner, Temple, Sr.		1
Jonathan Brantley, Tulane, Jr.		1

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2018	Career
Terren Encalade, Tulane, Sr.	1	5
Trevon Brown, ECU, Sr.		5
Justin Hobbs, Tulsa, Sr.		5
James Proche, SMU, Jr.		4
Darnell Mooney Tulane, Jr.	1	3
Hergy Mayala, UConn, Sr.		3
Adonis Jennings, Temple, Sr.		3
Ventell Bryant, Temple, Sr.		3
Tyre McCants, USF, Sr.		2
Gabriel Davis, UCF, So.	1	1
Tre Nixon, UCF, So	1	1
Kyle Buss, UConn, Sr.	1	1
Marquez Stevenson, Houston, So.	1	1
Randall St. Felix, USF, Fr.	1	1
Dredrick Snelson, UCF, Jr.		1
D'erren Wilson, UCF, Sr.		1
Thomas Geddis, Cincinnati, Jr.		1
Mason Donaldson, UConn, So.		1
Arkeel Newsome, UConn, Sr.		1
Aaron McClain, UConn, Sr.		1
Kahlil Lewis, ECU, Sr.		1
Sean Dykes, Memphis, Jr.		1
Elkanah Dillon, USF, Sr.		1
Darnel Salomon, USF, Jr.		1
Keenen Thompson, Tulsa, Jr.		1

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2018	Career
McKenzie Milton, UCF, Jr.	1	9
Ben Hicks, SMU, Jr.		8
Hayden Moore, Cincinnati, Sr.		4
D'Eriq King, Houston, Jr.	1	2
Brady White, Memphis, Jr.	1	1
Blake Barnett, USF, Sr.	1	1
Logan Marchi, Temple, Jr.		2
Jonathan Banks, Tulane, Sr.		1

THE RECORD BOOK

The American's single-game records
(through Sept. 8, 2018):

Most Rushing Yards

1. Malcolm Perry, Navy vs. SMU (11/11/17)	282
2. Marlon Mack, USF vs. Western Carolina (8/30/14)	275
3. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa vs. Louisiana (9/9/17)	262
4. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa vs. Temple (11/25/17)	255
5. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa at Fresno State (9/24/16)	252

Most Rushing Touchdowns

1. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. ECU (9/19/15)	5
James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	5
2. 10 players	4

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. Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati at Houston (11/7/15)	523

Most Pass Completions

1. Gardner Minshew, ECU 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
2. 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

Most Receiving Yards

1. Trevon Brown, ECU vs. Cincinnati (11/18/17)	270
2. Keyarris Garrett, Tulsa vs. Memphis (10/24/15)	268
3. Courtland Sutton, SMU vs. USF (11/19/16)	252

Most Receptions

1. Zay Jones, ECU at South Carolina (9/7/16)	22
2. Zay Jones, ECU vs. UConn (10/29/16)	19
3. Jeremy Johnson, SMU vs. Rutgers (10/5/15)	18
Zay Jones, ECU at USF (10/8/16)	18

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. Trevon Brown, ECU vs. West Virginia (9/9/17)	95 yds
Marquez Valdes-Scantling, USF at UConn (11/4/17)	95 yds
Trevon Brown, ECU vs. Cincinnati (11/18/17)	95 yds

Most Points

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

Most Field Goals

1. Richie Leone, Houston at Temple (9/7/13)	5
Jake Elliott, Memphis at Houston (10/12/13)	5
Emilio Nadelman, USF vs. Temple (9/21/17)	5

Longest Field Goal

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

1. Khalif Herbin, Temple vs. Delaware State (9/20/14)	84 yds
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Longest Kickoff Return

1. Janarion Grant, Rutgers at Fresno State (8/29/13)	100 yds
Brandon Wilson, Houston at Louisville (9/12/15)	100 yds
Jahed Thomas, Temple at Cincinnati (9/12/15)	100 yds
Adrian Killins, UCF at ECU (10/1/16)	100 yds
Tony Pollard, Memphis at Navy (10/22/16)	100 yds
Tony Pollard, Memphis vs Southern Illinois (9/23/17)	100 yds
Tony Pollard, Memphis vs. ECU (11/25/17)	100 yds

Most Tackles

1. Tyler Matakevich, Temple at Idaho (9/28/13)	24
2. 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. Montese Overton, ECU at SMU (10/3/15)	5.0
Haason Reddick, Temple at Memphis (10/6/16)	5.0

Most Sacks

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

THE 2018 SEASON

AWARD WINNERS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3	McKenzie Milton, QB, UCF
Sept. 10	D'Eriq King, QB, Houston
Sept. 17	
Sept. 24	
Oct. 1	
Oct. 8	
Oct. 15	
Oct. 22	
Oct. 29	
Nov. 5	
Nov. 11	
Nov. 19	
Nov. 26	

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3	Bryan Wright, LB, Cincinnati
	Ed Oliver, DT, Houston
Sept. 10	Sean Williams, S, Navy
Sept. 17	
Sept. 24	
Oct. 1	
Oct. 8	
Oct. 15	
Oct. 22	
Oct. 29	
Nov. 5	
Nov. 11	
Nov. 19	
Nov. 26	

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3	Thomas Bennett, P, Tulsa
Sept. 10	Terrence Horne Jr., WR, USF
Sept. 17	
Sept. 24	
Oct. 1	
Oct. 8	
Oct. 15	
Oct. 22	
Oct. 29	
Nov. 5	
Nov. 11	
Nov. 19	
Nov. 26	

ACTIVE CAREER WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

5 – McKenzie Milton (QB, UCF)

3 – Ed Oliver (DT, Houston); Aaron Boumerhi (K, Temple)

2 – Adrian Killins (RB, UCF); D'Eriq King (QB, Houston); Dane Roy (P, Houston); Austin Hall (LB, Memphis); Zach Abey (QB, Navy); Bennett Moehring (K, Navy)

1 – Matthew Wright (K, UCF); Malik Clements (S, Cincinnati); Bryan Wright (LB, Cincinnati); Trevon Brown (WR, ECU); TJ Carter (DB, Memphis); Tony Pollard (WR, Memphis); Malcolm Perry (QB, Navy); Sean Williams (S, Navy); Terrence Horne Jr. (WR, USF); Jordan Wyatt (S, SMU); Isaiah Wright (WR, Temple); Thomas Bennett (P, Tulsa)

2018 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Team	OFFENSE				DEFENSE				KR	PR	Int.	Sacks	TFL	T/O
	Rush	Pass	Total	Score	Rush	Pass	Total	Score						
UCF	1	1	1	1	10	4	5	1	9	2	5	4	1	3
Cincinnati	7	11	11	9	1	3	2	1	2	10	3	1	7	5
UConn	9	10	9	12	12	12	12	12	4	11	8	12	12	12
ECU	10	2	6	5	2	6	3	6	8	3	8	8	1	10
Houston	4	3	3	2	3	11	11	5	3	12	2	4	5	5
Memphis	3	4	2	3	8	1	1	3	10	9	1	1	6	8
Navy	2	12	8	6	6	8	8	10	12	6	8	4	11	1
USF	8	5	4	4	11	2	7	7	1	4	4	1	4	1
SMU	12	8	12	11	5	9	9	11	6	8	6	8	1	7
Temple	11	7	10	10	4	7	6	8	5	1	7	8	10	10
Tulane	6	6	5	7	9	10	10	4	7	7	8	7	9	3
Tulsa	5	9	7	7	7	5	4	8	11	5	8	11	8	8

AGAINST THE CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC COAST (2-1)

Wake Forest 23, Tulane 17 (ot) (8/30)
USF 49, Georgia Tech 38 (9/8)
ECU 41, North Carolina 19 (9/8)
UCF at North Carolina (9/15)
ECU at Virginia Tech (9/15)
Pitt at UCF (9/29)
Temple at Boston College (9/29)

BIG 12 (0-2)

TCU 42, SMU 12 (9/7)
Texas 28, Tulsa 21 (9/8)
Houston at Texas Tech (9/15)

BIG TEN (0-0)

Temple at Maryland (9/15)
USF at Illinois (9/15)
SMU at Michigan (9/15)

COLONIAL ATHLETIC (1-1)

Villanova 19, Temple 17 (9/1)
USF 34, Elon 14 (9/1)
Rhode Island at UConn (9/15)

CONFERENCE USA (1-1)

Houston 45, Rice 27 (9/1)
North Texas 46, SMU 23 (9/1)
Tulane at UAB (9/15)
Florida Atlantic at UCF (9/21)
Old Dominion at ECU (9/29)

MID-AMERICAN (1-1)

Buffalo 36, Temple 29 (9/8)
Cincinnati 21, Miami (Ohio) 0 (9/8)

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (0-1)

North Carolina A&T 28, ECU 23 (9/1)
UCF 38, South Carolina State 0 (9/8)

MOUNTAIN WEST (0-2)

Hawaii 59 Navy 41 (9/1)
Boise State 62, UConn 7 (9/8)
Navy at Air Force (10/6)

PAC-12 (2-0)

Cincinnati 26, UCLA 17 (9/1)
Houston 45, Arizona 18 (9/8)

PATRIOT (0-0)

Lehigh at Navy (9/15)

SOUTHEASTERN (0-0)

Memphis at Missouri (10/20)
Tulsa at Arkansas (10/20)

SOUTHERN (1-0)

Memphis 66, Mercer 14 (9/1)

SOUTHLAND (2-0)

Tulsa 38, Central Arkansas 27 (9/1)
Tulane 42, Nicholls 17 (9/8)
Houston Baptist at SMU (9/29)

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC (0-0)

Alabama A&M at Cincinnati (9/15)
Texas Southern at Houston (9/22)

SUN BELT (0-0)

Georgia State at Memphis (9/14)
Arkansas State at Tulsa (9/15)
South Alabama at Memphis (9/22)

INDEPENDENTS (0-0)

USF at Massachusetts (10/6)
Navy vs. Notre Dame (10/27)
Massachusetts at UConn (10/27)
Navy vs. Army (12/8)

TOTAL NONCONFERENCE RECORDS

All Games	11-9
FBS Opponents	6-7
FCS Opponents.....	5-2
AP Top 25	0-2
USA Today Top 25.....	0-2
Bowl Games	0-0

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: Rob Mullens (chair), Frank Beamer, Paola Boivin, Jeff Bower, Joe Castiglione, Herb Deromedi, Ken Hatfield, Chris Howard, Bobby Johnson, Ronnie Lott, Gene Smith, Todd Stansbury, and Scott Stricklin.

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.

2018-19 College Football Playoff Schedule

SEMIFINAL

Capital One Orange Bowl

December 29, 2018

TBD, ESPN

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.

SEMIFINAL

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

December 29, 2018

TBD, ESPN

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl

December 29, 2018

Noon ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

PlayStation Fiesta Bowl

January 1, 2019

1 p.m. ET, ESPN

University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.

Rose Bowl Game

presented by Northwestern Mutual

January 1, 2019

5 p.m. ET, ESPN

Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, Calif.

Allstate Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2019

8:45 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 7, 2019

8 p.m. ET, ESPN

Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

BOWL PARTNERSHIPS

The American Bowl Lineup

In addition to the College Football Playoff and New Year's Bowls, The American has either a primary or secondary affiliation with 12 bowl games during its current six-year bowl cycle, which ends following the 2019 season. The American works annually with its member schools and bowl partners to create the most sensible and attractive postseason matchups.

The **Military Bowl presented by Northrop Grumman** takes place at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland, while the events and activities surrounding the game are based in Washington, D.C. The American Athletic Conference will face an opponent from the Atlantic Coast Conference each year in the current cycle.

The **Birmingham Bowl** takes place at Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama. The American/Big East has partnered with the bowl since its inception in the 2006 season. The American Athletic Conference will annually face an opponent from the Southeastern Conference.

The **Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl** is played at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. The American Athletic Conference will supply a team to the bowl during each year of the six-year cycle. Conference USA will play in the game in 2015, 2017 and 2019, while the Atlantic Coast Conference provides the opposing team in 2014, 2016 and 2018.

The **Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl** began in 2014 and will feature an American Athletic Conference team three times during the six-year cycle at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Florida. The American representative will play a team from Conference USA in 2018.

The **Frisco Bowl** will be played for the second time in 2018 as the former Miami Beach Bowl was relocated to Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas. An American Athletic Conference plays in the bowl each year.

The **AutoNation Cure Bowl** made its debut in 2015 at the newly renovated Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida. An American Athletic Conference team will be paired against an opponent from the Sun Belt Conference. Net proceeds from the game will benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The **Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl** is played at Amon G. Carter Stadium on the campus of Texas Christian University. The American Athletic Conference sends a team to the bowl in 2014, 2016 and 2018. The opponent will be a Big 12 team in 2016 and 2018, with Conference USA as a secondary affiliation.

In addition to the conference's primary bowl affiliations, The American holds secondary partnerships with the **AutoZone Liberty Bowl** in Memphis, Tennessee, and the **Duck Commander Independence Bowl** in Shreveport, Louisiana, as well as with other ESPN-owned bowls.

AutoNation Cure Bowl
Camping World Stadium • Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 15, 2018 • 2:30 p.m. • CBS Sports Network



Birmingham Bowl
Legion Field • Birmingham, Ala.
Dec. 22, 2018 • Noon ET • ESPN



Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl
FAU Stadium • Boca Raton, Fla.
Dec. 18, 2018 • 7 p.m. ET • ESPN



Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl
Amon G. Carter Stadium • Fort Worth, Texas
Dec. 22, 2018 • 3:30 p.m. ET • ESPN



Frisco Bowl
Toyota Stadium • Frisco, Texas
Dec. 19, 2018 • 8 p.m. ET • ESPN



Military Bowl
presented by Northrop Grumman
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium •
Annapolis, Md.
Dec. 31, 2018 • Noon ET • ESPN



Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl
Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, Fla.
Dec. 20, 2018 • 8 p.m. ET • ESPN



THE AMERICAN ON TELEVISION

NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES

The American Athletic Conference will have an extensive schedule of games on national television. The following telecasts were known at press time. Other games will be added via the 12-day and 6-day advance selection process.

ABC

Sat., Sept. 8	Arizona at Houston	Noon
	Georgia Tech at USF	Noon

ESPN

Sat., Sept. 1	Cincinnati at UCLA	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 14	Georgia State at Memphis	7 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 20	Tulsa at Temple *	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 21	Florida Atlantic at UCF	7 p.m.
Thu., Oct. 4	Tulsa at Houston *	8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 12	USF at Tulsa *	7 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 1	Temple at UCF *	7:30 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 15	Tulane at Houston *	8 p.m.

ESPN2

Fri., Sept. 7	TCU at SMU	8 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 28	Memphis at Tulane *	8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 16	Memphis at SMU *	9 p.m.

ESPNU

Thu., Aug. 30	UCF at UConn *	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 8	North Carolina at ECU	3:30 p.m.
	UConn at Boise State	10:15 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 15	UCF at North Carolina	Noon

ESPNews

Sat., Sept. 1	Villanova at Temple	Noon
Sat., Sept. 22	UConn at Syracuse	4 p.m.
	ECU at USF *	8 p.m.

ESPNU or ESPNews

Sat., Sept. 22	Ohio at Cincinnati	Noon
	Navy at SMU *	Noon

ESPN3

Sat., Sept. 1	North Carolina A&T at ECU	6 p.m.
	Elon at USF	8 p.m.
	Mercer at Memphis	7 p.m.
	Central Arkansas at Tulsa	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 8	Buffalo at Temple	3:30 p.m.
	South Carolina State at UCF	6:30 p.m.
	Cincinnati vs. Miami (Ohio) ¹	8 p.m.
	Nicholls at Tulane	8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 15	Rhode Island at UConn	Noon
	Alabama A&M at Cincinnati	7 p.m.

CBS

Sat., Oct. 27	Navy vs. Notre Dame ²	8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 8	Navy vs. Army ³	3 p.m.

CBS Sports Network

Thu., Aug. 30	Wake Forest at Tulane	8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 1	Houston at Rice	Noon
	Navy at Hawaii	11 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 8	Memphis at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 15	Lehigh at Navy	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 8	Navy at Air Force	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13	Temple at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 20	Houston at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 17	Tulsa at Navy *	3:30 p.m.

Fox

Sat., Sept. 15	Houston at Texas Tech	4 p.m.
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Longhorn Network

Sat., Sept. 8	Tulsa at Texas	8 p.m.
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Big Ten Network

Sat., Sept. 15	Temple at Maryland	Noon
	USF at Illinois	3:30 p.m.
	SMU at Michigan	3:30 p.m.

SNY

Sat., Sept. 15	Rhode Island at UConn	Noon
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Stadium

Sat., Sept. 1	SMU at North Texas	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 15	Tulane at UAB	TBD

ACC Network

Sat., Sept. 15	ECU at Virginia Tech	12:20 p.m.
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All times Eastern and subject to change.

* American Athletic Conference game

¹ Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio.

² San Diego County Credit Union Stadium, San Diego, Calif.

³ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.



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

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 eight member schools throughout the season. Login information will be distributed to accredited media, or you can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to password@collegepressbox.com.

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.



Weekly Teleconference

The American Athletic Conference will hold weekly teleconferences with its 12 head football coaches, beginning Monday, Aug. 27 and continuing each Monday through Nov 19. Each coach will be available for 10 minutes. Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact The American office for the phone number. This year's schedule is as follows (all times Eastern):

11 a.m.	Ken Niumatalolo, Navy
11:10 a.m.	Sonny Dykes, SMU
11:20 a.m.	Randy Edsall, UConn
11:30 a.m.	Scottie Montgomery, ECU
11:40 a.m.	Philip Montgomery, Tulsa
11:50 a.m.	Major Applewhite, Houston
Noon	Luke Fickell, Cincinnati
12:10 p.m.	Charlie Strong, USF
12:20 p.m.	Geoff Collins, Temple
12:30 p.m.	Mike Norvell, Memphis
12:40 p.m.	Josh Heupel, UCF
12:50 p.m.	Willie Fritz, Tulane



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 2018 American football season, beginning with reports from the league's annual Summer Kickoff & Media Days in Newport, Rhode Island.

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 12 head coaches at the conclusion of the regular season. The awards will be announced Nov. 28, 2018. 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 August. 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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EAST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

UCF (2-0, 1-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UCF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/30	at UConn *	W, 56-17	23,081	21/23	-/-	296	356	652	26-34-0	0	220	266	486	3
9/8	South Carolina State	W, 38-0	43,269	19/20	-/-	316	250	566	22-43-3	3	177	80	257	3
9/15	at North Carolina (Noon, ESPN)													
9/21	Florida Atlantic (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/29	Pitt													
10/6	SMU *													
10/13	at Memphis *													
10/20	at ECU *													
11/1	Temple * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
11/10	Navy *													
11/17	Cincinnati *													
11/23	at USF *													

CINCINNATI (2-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Cin	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	at UCLA	W, 26-17	54,116	-/-	-/-	194	110	304	14-26-0	1	162	144	306	1
9/8	vs. Miami (Ohio) ¹	W, 21-0	16,062	-/rv	-/-	188	45	233	6-11-0	0	59	139	198	1
9/15	Alabama A&M (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/22	Ohio (Noon, ESPN/ESPNNews)													
9/29	at UConn *													
10/6	Tulane *													
10/20	at Temple *													
10/27	at SMU *													
11/3	Navy *													
11/10	USF *													
11/17	at UCF *													
11/23	ECU *													

¹ Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

UConn (0-2, 0-1 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UConn	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/30	UCF *	L, 17-56	23,081	-/-	21/23	220	266	486	27-41-1	3	296	356	652	0
9/8	at Boise State	L, 7-62	34,515	-/-	20/19	122	71	193	11-21-1	1	400	418	818	0
9/15	Rhode Island (Noon, SNY/ESPN3)													
9/22	at Syracuse (4 p.m., ESPNNews)													
9/29	Cincinnati *													
10/6	at Memphis *													
10/20	at USF *													
10/27	Massachusetts													
11/3	at Tulsa *													
11/10	SMU *													
11/17	at ECU *													
11/24	Temple *													

EAST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

ECU (1-1, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				ECU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/2	North Carolina A&T	L, 23-28	38,640	-/-	-/-	68	314	382	38-66-2	3	82	187	269	0
9/8	North Carolina	W, 41-19	39,298	-/-	-/-	220	290	510	19-33-0	0	161	234	395	0
9/15	at Virginia Tech (12:20 p.m., ACC Network)													
9/22	at USF * (8 p.m., ESPNNews)													
9/29	Old Dominion													
10/6	at Temple *													
10/13	Houston *													
10/20	UCF *													
11/3	Memphis *													
11/10	at Tulane *													
11/17	UConn *													
11/23	at Cincinnati *													

USF (2-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				USF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Elon	W, 34-14	31,217	-/rv	-/-	148	367	515	29-46-0	0	192	42	234	2
9/8	Georgia Tech	W, 49-38	34,182	-/rv	-/-	224	202	426	21-31-1	1	419	183	602	3
9/15	at Illinois ¹ (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)													
9/22	ECU * (8 p.m., ESPNNews)													
10/6	at Massachusetts (3:30 p.m., Eleven Network)													
10/12	at Tulsa * (7 p.m., ESPN)													
10/20	UConn *													
10/27	at Houston *													
11/3	Tulane *													
11/10	at Cincinnati *													
11/17	at Temple *													
11/23	UCF *													

¹ Soldier Field, Chicago, Ill.

TEMPLE (0-2, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Temple	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Villanova	L, 17-19	32,357	-/-	-/-	46	205	251	19-33-2	2	151	254	405	1
9/8	Buffalo	L, 29-36	25,511	-/-	-/-	115	240	355	17-38-2	3	152	275	427	1
9/15	at Maryland (Noon, Big Ten Network)													
9/20	Tulsa * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
9/29	at Boston College													
10/6	ECU *													
10/13	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/20	Cincinnati *													
11/1	at UCF * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
11/10	at Houston *													
11/17	USF *													
11/24	at UConn *													

WEST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

HOUSTON (2-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Hou	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	at Rice	W, 45-27	26,390	rv/rv	-/-	257	320	577	18-25-0	2	147	292	439	1
9/8	Arizona	W, 45-18	32,534	rv/rv	-/-	297	254	551	19-40-0	0	150	381	531	2
9/15	at Texas Tech (4 p.m., Fox)													
9/22	Texas Southern (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
10/4	Tulsa * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/13	at ECU *													
10/20	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/27	USF *													
11/3	at SMU *													
11/10	Temple *													
11/15	Tulane * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/23	at Memphis *													

MEMPHIS (1-1, 0-1 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Mem	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Mercer	W, 66-14	33,697	rv/rv	-/-	324	428	752	28-39-0	1	60	114	174	2
9/8	at Navy *	L, 21-22	31,762	rv/rv	-/-	233	145	378	15-25-1	4	264	52	316	1
9/14	Georgia State (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/22	South Alabama (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/28	at Tulane * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
10/6	UConn *													
10/13	UCF *													
10/20	at Missouri													
11/3	at ECU *													
11/10	Tulsa *													
11/16	at SMU * (9 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/23	Houston *													

NAVY (1-1, 1-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Navy	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	at Hawaii	L, 41-59	29,702	-/-	-/-	326	85	411	6-13-0	0	86	436	522	1
9/8	Memphis *	W, 22-21	31,762	-/-	rv/rv	264	52	316	4-6-0	1	233	145	378	4
9/15	Lehigh (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/22	at SMU * (Noon, ESPNU/ESPNews)													
10/6	at Air Force (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/13	Temple * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/20	Houston * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/27	vs. Notre Dame ¹ (8 p.m., CBS)													
11/3	at Cincinnati *													
11/10	at UCF *													
11/17	Tulsa * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/24	at Tulane *													
Dec. 8	vs. Army ² (3 p.m., CBS)													

¹ San Diego County Credit Union Stadium, San Diego, Calif.

² Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

WEST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

SMU (0-2, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				SMU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	at North Texas	L, 23-46	29,519	-/-	-/-	4	252	256	12-24-1	1	68	461	529	0
9/7	TCU	L, 12-42	24,216	-/-	16/16	131	111	242	18-39-0	1	239	154	393	2
9/15	at Michigan (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)													
9/22	Navy * (Noon, ESPNU/ESPNNews)													
9/29	Houston Baptist (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
10/6	at UCF *													
10/20	at Tulane *													
10/27	Cincinnati *													
11/3	Houston *													
11/10	at UConn *													
11/16	Memphis * (9 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/24	at Tulsa *													

TULANE (1-1, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulane	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/30	Wake Forest	ot L, 17-23	15,478	-/-	-/-	153	283	436	19-38-0	1	170	378	548	3
9/8	Nicholls	W, 42-17	21,092	-/-	-/-	268	190	458	12-16-0	1	176	239	415	2
9/15	at UAB (1 p.m., Stadium/Facebook)													
9/22	at Ohio State (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)													
9/28	Memphis * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
10/6	at Cincinnati *													
10/20	SMU *													
10/27	at Tulsa *													
11/3	at USF *													
11/10	ECU *													
11/15	at Houston * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/24	Navy *													

TULSA (1-1, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulsa	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Central Arkansas	W, 38-27	18,356	-/-	-/-	274	196	470	15-24-0	3	82	165	247	2
9/8	at Texas	L, 21-28	90,563	-/-	-/-	189	164	353	13-26-2	2	241	237	478	1
9/15	Arkansas State (7 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/20	at Temple * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
10/4	at Houston* (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/12	USF * (7 p.m., ESPN)													
10/20	at Arkansas													
10/27	Tulane *													
11/3	UConn *													
11/10	at Memphis *													
11/17	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/24	SMU *													

2018 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 30

UCF 56, UConn 17 *
Wake Forest 23, Tulane 17 (ot)

Saturday, September 1

Houston 45, Rice 27
Villanova 19, Temple 17
USF 34, Elon 14
Cincinnati 26, UCLA 17
Memphis 66, Mercer 14
Tulsa 38, Central Arkansas 27
North Texas 46, SMU 23
Hawaii 59, Navy 41

Sunday, September 2

North Carolina A&T 28, ECU 23

Friday, September 7

TCU 42, SMU 12

Saturday, September 8

Houston 45, Arizona 18
USF 49, Georgia Tech 38
ECU 41, North Carolina 19
Navy 22, Memphis 21 *
Buffalo 36, Temple 29
UCF 38, South Carolina State 0
Cincinnati 21, Miami (Ohio) 0 ¹
Tulane 42, Nicholls 17
Texas 28, Tulsa 21
Boise State 62, UConn 7

Friday, September 14

Georgia State at Memphis (7 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, September 15

UCF at North Carolina (Noon, ESPN)
Rhode Island at UConn (Noon, SNY/ESPN3)
Temple at Maryland (Noon, Big Ten Network)
Tulane at UAB (1 p.m., Stadium/Facebook)
ECU at Virginia Tech (12:20 p.m., ACC Network)
Lehigh at Navy (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
USF at Illinois * (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)
SMU at Michigan (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)
Houston at Texas Tech (4 p.m., Fox)
Alabama A&M at Cincinnati (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Arkansas State at Tulsa (7 p.m., CBSSN)

Thursday, September 20

Tulsa at Temple * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Friday, September 21

Florida Atlantic at UCF (7 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, September 22

Ohio at Cincinnati (Noon, ESPN/ESPNNews)
Navy at SMU * (Noon, ESPN/ESPNNews)
Tulane at Ohio State (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)
UConn at Syracuse (4 p.m. ET, ESPNNews)
Texas Southern at Houston (8 p.m., ESPN3)
South Alabama at Memphis (8 p.m., ESPN3)
ECU at USF * (8 p.m. ET, ESPNNews)

Friday, September 28

Memphis at Tulane * (8 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, September 29

Houston Baptist at SMU (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Pitt at UCF
Cincinnati at UConn *
Old Dominion at ECU
Temple at Boston College

Thursday, October 4

Tulsa at Houston * (8 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 6

Navy at Air Force (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
USF at Massachusetts (3:30 p.m., Eleven Network)
SMU at UCF *
Tulane at Cincinnati *
UConn at Memphis *
ECU at Temple *

Friday, October 12

USF at Tulsa * (7 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 13

Temple at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
UCF at Memphis *
Houston at ECU *

Saturday, October 20

Houston at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
UCF at ECU *
Cincinnati at Temple *
UConn at USF *
Memphis at Missouri
SMU at Tulane *
Tulsa at Arkansas

Saturday, October 27

Navy vs. Notre Dame * (8 p.m., CBS)
Cincinnati at SMU *
Massachusetts at UConn
USF at Houston *
Tulane at Tulsa *

Thursday, November 1

Temple at UCF * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, November 3

Navy at Cincinnati *
UConn at Tulsa *
Memphis at ECU *
Tulane at USF *
Houston at SMU *

Saturday, November 10

Navy at UCF *
USF at Cincinnati *
SMU at UConn *
ECU at Tulane *
Temple at Houston *
Tulsa at Memphis *

Thursday, November 15

Tulane at Houston * (8 p.m., ESPN)

Friday, November 16

Memphis at SMU * (9 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, November 17

Tulsa at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
Cincinnati at UCF *
UConn at ECU *
USF at Temple *

Friday, November 23

UCF at USF *
ECU at Cincinnati *
Houston at Memphis *

Saturday, November 24

Temple at UConn *
Navy at Tulane *
SMU at Tulsa *

Saturday, December 1

American Athletic Conference Championship (ABC/ESPN)

Saturday, December 8

Navy vs. Army * (3 p.m., CBS)

Saturday, December 15

AutoNation Cure Bowl

Tuesday, December 18

Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (7 p.m., ESPN)

Wednesday, December 19

Frisco Bowl (8 p.m., ESPN)

Thursday, December 20

Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl (8 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, December 22

Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl (3:30 p.m., ESPN)

Monday, December 31

Military Bowl pres. by Northrop Grumman (Noon, ESPN)

* American Athletic Conference game

¹ Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

² Soldier Field, Chicago, Ill.

³ San Diego County Credit Union Stadium,
San Diego, Calif.

⁴ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

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