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2010 STANDINGS

SCHOOL (AP/USA TODAY)	W-L	PCT	BIG EAST				W-L	PCT	PF	OVERALL				
			PF	PA	H	A				PA	H	A	N	STREAK
Cincinnati	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
Connecticut	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 4
Louisville	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
Pittsburgh (15/15)	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
Rutgers	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
USF	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
Syracuse	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
West Virginia (25/24)	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1

Preseason Associated Press Top 25: 15 - Pittsburgh; 25 - West Virginia; rv - Cincinnati, Connecticut

Preseason USA Today Top 25: 15 - Pittsburgh; 24 - West Virginia; rv - Cincinnati, Connecticut, USF

THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 2

Norfolk State at Rutgers 7:30 p.m.

Television: ESPN3.com

Series: Rutgers leads, 1-0

Last Meeting: Sept. 15, 2007 — Rutgers, 59-0

Pittsburgh at Utah 8:30 p.m.

Television: Versus

Series: Utah leads, 1-0

Last Meeting: Jan. 1, 2005 — Utah, 35-7

Saturday, September 4

Connecticut at Michigan 3:30 p.m.

Television: ABC

Series: First meeting

Kentucky at Louisville 3:30 p.m.

Television: ABC

Series: Kentucky leads, 13-8

Last Meeting: Sept. 19, 2009 — Kentucky, 31-27

Coastal Carolina at West Virginia 3:30 p.m.

Television: BIG EAST Network Local

Series: First meeting

Syracuse at Akron 6 p.m.

Television: ESPN3.com

Series: Tied, 1-1

Last Meeting: Oct. 24, 2009 — Syracuse, 28-14

Stony Brook at USF 7 p.m.

Television: None

Series: First meeting

Cincinnati at Fresno State 10 p.m.

Television: ESPN2

Series: Cincinnati leads, 1-0

Last Meeting: Sept. 26, 2009 — Cincinnati, 28-20

WEEK 1 PREVIEW

Top-25 showdowns, longstanding rivalries, intriguing road trips, new head coaches and a stadium enhancement dot the BIG EAST landscape as the 2010 college football season begins.

If there's a marquee matchup in Week 1, it takes place Thursday night as Pittsburgh heads to Utah for one of three games nationally between teams in the USA Today preseason top 25. The Panthers, who went 10-3 last season and won the Meineke Car Care Bowl, enter as the No. 15 team in the national poll, while Utah comes in at No. 24, was likewise 10-3 following a Poinsettia Bowl win against California. The 8:30 p.m. Eastern game will be televised on Versus.

Thursday's other game has Rutgers welcoming Norfolk State to Rutgers Stadium for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. The Scarlet Knights, who have averaged nine wins in the last four years, begin their quest for a fifth consecutive bowl victory in 2010.

Saturday's BIG EAST slate begins at 3:30 p.m. Eastern with a pair of ABC telecasts. Connecticut, which won its last four games of 2009, will play in front of the largest crowd it has seen when the Huskies visit Michigan. It will be the first meeting between the schools, though Connecticut has won both of its previous games against Big Ten opponents.

While Connecticut and Michigan meet for the first time, Louisville and Kentucky renew acquaintances for the 22nd time when the Bluegrass State rivals meet for the Governor's Cup. That game will feature a pair of first-year head coaches in Louisville's Charlie Strong — the former defensive coordinator at Florida — and Kentucky's Joker Phillips, who had been an assistant in Lexington. The Governor's Cup game will mark the debut of the expanded Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, which now boasts a seating capacity of 56,000.

Cincinnati, which has won 18 consecutive regular-season games, also introduces a new head coach when Butch Jones takes the Bearcats to California to face Fresno State (10 p.m., ESPN2). Cincinnati has won the last two outright BIG EAST titles and looks to become the first team since 2003 (Miami) to win three straight.

Syracuse also hits the road in Week 1 as the Orange visit Akron at 6 p.m. on ESPN3.com. The Orange look to return to the postseason for the first time since 2004 and bring one of the better returning defenses in the BIG EAST into the 2010 season.

West Virginia and USF open at home against Championship Subdivision opponents Saturday as the Mountaineers take on Coastal Carolina and the Bulls welcome Stony Brook to Raymond James Stadium. West Virginia went 7-0 at home in 2009, while USF looks to get out of the gate on a strong note once again. The Bulls have started each of the last three seasons with at least five wins and hope to keep that going under new head coach Skip Holtz.



BIG EAST NOTEBOOK

Better Than Ever

Under its current alignment, which has been in place for five seasons, the BIG EAST is a combined 158-61 in nonleague games (.722). That stands as the best five-year nonleague record in the history of the conference.

BIG EAST Nonconference Record

Includes Bowl Games

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
2009	36	10	0	.783
2008	33	14	0	.702
2007	32	13	0	.711
2006	37	8	0	.822
2005	20	16	0	.556
2004	23	16	0	.590
2003	27	18	0	.600
2002	30	16	0	.652
2001	26	12	0	.684
2000	28	9	0	.757
1999	19	18	0	.514
1998	19	17	0	.528
1997	13	24	0	.351
1996	20	17	0	.541
1995	15	20	0	.429
1994	22	15	0	.595
1993	23	12	1	.653
1992	27	21	2	.560
1991	33	21	0	.611
Total	483	297	3	.619

Where We Stand

The BIG EAST ranks second among FBS conferences in nonconference winning percentage since the 2005 season.

Nonconference Records (2005-09)

Conference	W	L	Pct.
SEC	213	56	.792
BIG EAST	158	61	.722
Big 12	191	74	.720
Big Ten	171	74	.698
Pac 10	117	64	.646
ACC	174	96	.644
Mountain West	111	84	.569
WAC	89	113	.441
Conference USA	101	158	.390
MAC	83	181	.314
Sun Belt	41	139	.228

Going Bowling

Following the 2009 season, BIG EAST schools are 16-6 in the postseason in the past four years. The conference was 4-2 in bowl games in 2008 and 2009, 3-2 in 2007 and 5-0 in 2006.

Second To One

The BIG EAST's 36 nonconference wins in 2009 rank second in conference history, behind only the league's 37-8 mark in 2006.

Getting It Done

The BIG EAST's .783 winning percentage in 2009 was good for second among FBS conferences.

2009 Nonconference Records

Conference	W	L	Pct.
SEC	48	10	.828
BIG EAST	36	10	.783
Big Ten	36	15	.706
Big 12	39	17	.696
Pac 10	23	14	.622
Mountain West	25	16	.610
ACC	33	22	.600
WAC	21	22	.488
Conference USA	21	33	.389
MAC	17	40	.238
Sun Belt	9	29	.237

To The Victor Goes The Spoils

Six of the eight current BIG EAST teams have won at least a share of the BIG EAST title in the last six years.

Year BIG EAST Champion

2009	Cincinnati
2008	Cincinnati
2007	West Virginia, Connecticut
2006	Louisville
2005	West Virginia
2004	Pittsburgh, Syracuse, West Virginia, Boston College

Backs Are Back

All eight BIG EAST teams return their leading rusher from the 2009 season.

Team	2009 Rushing Leader	Yards
Cincinnati	Isaiah Pead	806
Connecticut	Jordan Todman	1,188
Louisville	Victor Anderson	473
Pittsburgh	Dion Lewis	1,799
Rutgers	Joe Martinek	967
USF	B.J. Daniels	772
Syracuse	Delone Carter	1,021
West Virginia	Noel Devine	1,465

What A Run

The top four single-season rushing performances in BIG EAST history have taken place in the last four years:

Yards	Player	Year
2,083	Donald Brown, Connecticut	2008
2,012	Ray Rice, Rutgers	2007
1,799	Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh	2009
1,794	Ray Rice, Rutgers	2006

Quite A First Impression

Pittsburgh running back Dion Lewis rushed for 1,799 yards in his freshman season, a BIG EAST record for a first-year player. Lewis broke the old mark of 1,328, set by former Pitt standout LeSean McCoy in 2007.

Devine Intervention

West Virginia running back Noel Devine enters the 2010 season ranked second among active Bowl Subdivision players in career rushing yards. Devine has rushed for 3,381 career yards, trailing only Brigham Young's Harvey Unga (3,455) among active players.

Breakout Star

Rutgers quarterback Tom Savage, a true sophomore, enters the 2010 season as the BIG EAST's most experienced quarterback, in terms of career starts. Savage ranked second in BIG EAST history among freshmen last year with 2,211 passing yards. USF's Matt Grothe threw for 2,576 yards as a freshman in 2006.

Career Starts By BIG EAST Quarterbacks

Tom Savage, Rutgers	11
B.J. Daniels, USF	10
Zach Frazer, Connecticut	9
Pat Bostick, Pittsburgh	9
Cody Endres, Connecticut	8
Adam Froman, Louisville	7
Zach Collaros, Cincinnati	4
Justin Burke, Louisville	3
Will Stein, Louisville	2

Welcome Aboard

Three of the eight BIG EAST teams enter the 2010 season with new head coaches. Butch Jones, who led Central Michigan to consecutive Mid-American Conference titles in the last two years, takes over at Cincinnati after three-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year Brian Kelly left for Notre Dame. Charlie Strong, who helped Florida to a pair of BCS National Championships as defensive coordinator, became the 21st head coach at Louisville. And Skip Holtz, the former East Carolina coach who led the Pirates to the Conference USA title in each of the last two years, becomes just the second head coach at USF.

The 2010 season marks just the second time in BIG EAST history that the league will feature three new head coaches. The 2001 season saw Rutgers' Greg Schiano join Miami's Larry Coker and West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez as new coaches.

Encore Performance

The 2010 season will be just the third season in which the BIG EAST returns both its Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year. Pittsburgh running back Dion Lewis was the 2009 Offensive Player of the Year, while the Panthers' Greg Romeus and Mick Williams shared Defensive Player of the Year honors. Lewis and Romeus both return for the 2010 season.

The only other times that the BIG EAST had Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year returning were in 2008 (West Virginia QB Pat White and USF DE George Selvie) and 1992 (Miami QB Gino Torretta and Miami LB Darrin Smith).

Cincinnati Streaking

Cincinnati has won 18 consecutive regular-season games. The 2009 season, in which Cincinnati finished 12-1, marked the first time that the Bearcats went undefeated in the regular season since the 1918 team was 3-0-2.

TALKING POINTS

CINCINNATI (12-1, 7-0)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense447.51st
Total Defense374.08th
Scoring Offense38.61st
Scoring Defense23.15th

- Cincinnati looks to become the first team to win three straight BIG EAST titles since Miami won four straight from 2000-03.
- Cincinnati won 12 games for the first time in program history. The Bearcats enjoyed their first undefeated regular season since they went 3-0-2 in 1918.
- The Bearcats have won 18 straight regular-season games.
- RB Isaiah Pead was seventh in the BIG EAST in rushing last season (62.0 ypg) and led all regular BIG EAST running backs in yards per carry (6.7).
- Cincinnati has had the BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year in each of the last three seasons (punter Kevin Huber in 2007, Mardy Gilyard in 2008 and 2009).

LOUISVILLE (4-8, 1-6)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense334.16th
Total Defense371.17th
Scoring Offense18.18th
Scoring Defense26.27th

- Charlie Strong is Louisville's 21st head coach in program history. Strong spent 27 years as an assistant before accepting the head coaching job.
- Louisville has an entirely new coaching staff, with the exception of secondary coach Larry Slade.
- Louisville went 4-2 at home and 0-6 on the road in 2009.
- The Cardinals dropped three of their last four games to close the 2009 season.
- QB Adam Froman finished the season with at least one touchdown pass in his last six games.
- Louisville is 7-3 in nonconference games in the past two seasons.

RUTGERS (9-4, 3-4)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense321.88th
Total Defense312.21st
Scoring Offense27.54th
Scoring Defense17.41st

- Rutgers registered its fourth consecutive bowl win with the victory against UCF in the St. Petersburg Bowl.
- Rutgers completed its sixth nine-win season in school history. The Scarlet Knights have averaged nine wins for the last four years.
- QB Tom Savage finished second in BIG EAST history for freshmen with 2,211 passing yards, trailing only Matt Grothe's total of 2,576 in 2006. Savage's mark is a record for a true freshman.
- Rutgers held eight of its 13 opponents to 300 yards of offense or fewer in 2009. The Scarlet Knights registered two shutouts and limited seven opponents to fewer than 20 points.

SYRACUSE (4-8, 1-6)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense330.47th
Total Defense337.05th
Scoring Offense21.27th
Scoring Defense27.98th

- RB Delone Carter became the ninth Syracuse running back to surpass 1,000 yards in a season. It was the 12th 1,000-yard season by a Syracuse player.
- Syracuse ranked sixth nationally in sacks last season and 13th nationally in rushing defense.
- Syracuse finished the 2009 season as the BIG EAST leader in rushing defense (101.8 yards per game).
- Syracuse was 3-1 when the Orange scored at least 31 points last year.
- LB Doug Hogue had 9.5 sacks last year to rank second in the BIG EAST. LB Derrell Smith led the BIG EAST with four forced fumbles.

CONNECTICUT (8-5, 3-4)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense387.23rd
Total Defense368.86th
Scoring Offense31.23rd
Scoring Defense23.66th

- Connecticut played in a bowl game for the third consecutive season after reaching the PapaJohns.com Bowl in 2009.
- Connecticut's five losses were by a combined 15 points. Three of those losses were to teams ranked in the final top 25 poll.
- Connecticut ended the 2009 season with a four-game winning streak and will take the longest active winning streak in the BIG EAST into the 2010 season.
- Head coach Randy Edsall is the only active BIG EAST head coach who has won the conference title. Edsall led the Huskies to a share of the 2007 championship.
- RB Jordan Todman finished third in the BIG EAST in rushing (91.4 yards per game).

PITTSBURGH (10-3, 5-2)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense391.62nd
Total Defense319.32nd
Scoring Offense32.12nd
Scoring Defense19.82nd

- Pittsburgh earned its first 10-win season since 1981, when the Panthers were 11-1.
- Pittsburgh's three losses were by a combined 11 points.
- RB Dion Lewis ran for a Pittsburgh and BIG EAST rookie record 1,799 yards with 17 touchdowns as a freshman.
- Lewis finished third on the BIG EAST's single-season rushing chart, behind only Connecticut's Donald Brown (2,083 yards in 2008) and Rutgers' Ray Rice (2,012 yards in 2007).
- Pittsburgh's starting middle linebacker has been named to the All-BIG EAST First Team in five consecutive seasons (H.B. Blades in 2005 and 2006, Scott McKillop in 2007 and 2008, Adam Gunn in 2009). LB Dan Mason is expected to start for the Panthers in 2010.

USF (8-5, 3-4)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense365.65th
Total Defense321.83rd
Scoring Offense26.55th
Scoring Defense19.82nd

- USF named Skip Holtz its second head coach following the 2009 season.
- The Bulls won their first five regular-season games, but dropped five of their last seven before beating Northern Illinois in the International Bowl.
- USF played in a bowl game for a program-record fifth consecutive season with the International Bowl appearance.
- QB B.J. Daniels ranked second in the BIG EAST in total offense (211.9 yards per game). Daniels led all BIG EAST quarterbacks in rushing with 772 yards and nine touchdowns.
- USF looks to replace five All-BIG EAST players on defense from last season.

WEST VIRGINIA (9-4, 5-2)



BIG EAST Ranks

Total Offense377.54th
Total Defense336.54th
Scoring Offense26.26th
Scoring Defense21.74th

- West Virginia has finished no lower than second in the BIG EAST standings in each year since 2002.
- The Mountaineers registered their eighth consecutive winning season in BIG EAST play.
- The Mountaineers went 7-0 at Milan Puskar Stadium for their first unbeaten season at home since 1993.
- RB Noel Devine was second in the BIG EAST in rushing (112.7 ypg) and was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award as the nation's top player.
- West Virginia returns three All-BIG EAST First Team selections on defense in LB J.T. Thomas, CB Brandon Hogan and S Robert Sands.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

Thursday, September 2 • 7:30 p.m. • ESPN3.com



RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

vs.

Norfolk State Spartans

Rutgers Stadium (52,454/Field Turf)
Piscataway, N.J.

Television

ESPN3.com — Dave Popkin and Drew Henson

Rutgers Radio

WOR-AM 790, WCTC-AM 1450, WPEN-FM 97.5 (flagships)

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be just the second meeting between Rutgers and Norfolk State ... The only previous matchup was a 59-0 Rutgers win Sept. 15, 2007 ... After taking a 3-0 lead through the first quarter, the Scarlet Knights unloaded for 42 second-quarter points to hold a 45-0 advantage at halftime of that game ... Rutgers scored touchdowns on seven consecutive possessions at one point, including three rushing TDs by Ray Rice, who finished with 72 yards on 12 carries.

RUTGERS (0-0)

Head Coach

Greg Schiano (Bucknell '88)
55-55, 10th season

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NOTES

Rutgers was picked fifth in the BIG EAST preseason media poll ... The Scarlet Knights went 9-4 overall and 3-4 in the BIG EAST last season, finishing tied with Connecticut and USF for fourth in the 2009 standings ... Rutgers was ranked No. 1 among Bowl Subdivision programs in the most recent NCAA multi-year Academic Progress Rate data ... Rutgers is enjoying its most successful run in 30 years — the Scarlet Knights have won eight or more games in each of the last four seasons ... Prior to the current streak, Rutgers hadn't won eight games since 1979 ... Rutgers, Utah, Georgia and Southern California are the only teams in the nation that have won bowl games in each of the last four seasons ... QB Tom Savage — a true sophomore — enters the 2010 season as the BIG EAST's most experienced starting quarterback ... Savage made 11 starts last season and threw for 2,211 yards and 14 touchdowns ... RB Joe Martinek flirted with 1,000 yards (967) and had nine rushing touchdowns last year ... WR Mohamed Sanu emerged as a threat as a receiver, behind center and out of the backfield ... Sanu caught 51 passes for 639 yards and three TDs while rushing for 346 yards and five TDs as a true freshman ... S Joe Lefeged (44 tackles, 1 INT, 4 pass breakups) leads a defense that held seven opponents to fewer than 20 points last year.

NORFOLK STATE (0-0)

Head Coach

Pete Adrian (West Virginia '70)
28-28, sixth season at Norfolk State
64-65-1, 13th season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Norfolk State won its last four games of the 2009 season to finish with a 7-4 overall record and a 5-3 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference ... The Spartans finished third in the MEAC last season and were picked third in this year's preseason poll of coaches and sports information directors ... Norfolk State trailed South Carolina State and Florida A&M in the preseason poll ... Norfolk State has had just two winning seasons as a Division I program, but those have come in the last three years (8-3 in 2007 and 7-4 in 2009) ... Head coach Pete Adrian played parts of three seasons at West Virginia ... RB DeAngelo Branche was the MEAC's third-leading rusher last season, finishing the year with 922 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns ... LB Anthony Taylor was fourth in the MEAC in tackles last year (81) to go with 12.5 tackles for loss and five sacks.

Thursday, September 2 • 8:30 p.m. • Versus



PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

at

Utah Utes

Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,017/Field Turf)
Salt Lake City, Utah

Television

Versus — Joe Beninati, Kelly Stouffer and Lindsay Soto

Pittsburgh Radio

KDKA-FM 93.7 (flagship)
Sirius 152; XM 203

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the second matchup between Pittsburgh and Utah and the first regular-season meeting between the teams ... The only previous game was Utah's 35-7 win in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1, 2005 ... Utah QB Alex Smith threw for 328 yards and four touchdowns, while WR Paris Warren had 15 receptions for 198 yards and two TDs to complete the Utes' 12-0 season ... It was the final game for each head coach at his respective school as Pittsburgh's Walt Harris left for Stanford and Utah's Urban Meyer took over at Florida.

No. 15/15 PITTSBURGH (0-0)

Head Coach

Dave Wannstedt (Pittsburgh '74)
35-26, sixth season

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NOTES

Pittsburgh was the clear favorite in the preseason BIG EAST media poll as the Panthers received 22 of a possible 24 first-place votes ... The optimism stems from the return of, among others, four players who have been tabbed as preseason all-America selections by national publications ... The returning group includes six players who were All-BIG EAST picks last year ... RB Dion Lewis became the first player since Michael Vick (in 1999) to be named BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and BIG EAST Rookie of the Year in the same season ... Lewis ran for 1,799 yards, breaking LeSean McCoy's BIG EAST freshman record ... WR Jon Baldwin had 57 receptions for 1,111 yards and eight touchdowns last season ... The offensive line is anchored by All-BIG EAST First Team OT Jason Pinkston ... QB Tino Sunseri will make his first career start ... DE Greg Romeus was the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year in 2009 (sharing the honor with former teammate Mick Williams) ... Romeus registered eight sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss last season ... K/P Dan Hutchins was an All-BIG EAST Second Team selection as a placekicker last year.

No. -/24 UTAH (0-0)

Head Coach

Kyle Whittingham (Brigham Young '84)
47-17, sixth season

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NOTES

Utah went 10-3 overall and 6-2 in the Mountain West Conference last season, finishing No. 18 in both national polls ... The Utes were 37-27 winners against California in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, giving Utah its ninth straight bowl win — the longest active streak in the nation ... A charter member of the Mountain West Conference, Utah will join the Pac-10 beginning in 2011 ... Utah has won 17 straight home games and enters the 2010 season with the third-longest home winning streak in the nation (Oklahoma 29, Boise State 26) ... The Utes have eight returning starters on offense, including RB Eddie Wise, an All-MWC First Team pick who ran for 1,069 yards and 12 touchdowns last year ... QB Jordan Wynn took over as the starter for the last five games and finished with 1,329 passing yards and eight touchdown passes ... WR Jerome Brooks (56 receptions, 696 yards, 7 TDs) is the top returning receiver ... Utah returns three starters from last year on the defensive line, but has to replace all three linebackers and three of the four starters in the secondary ... DT Sealter Siliga had 49 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss last year.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

Saturday, September 4 • 3:30 p.m. • ABC



CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

at

Michigan Wolverines

Michigan Stadium (109,901/Field Turf)
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Television

ABC — Sean McDonough and Matt Millen

Connecticut Radio

WTIC-AM 1080 (flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting on the gridiron between Connecticut and Michigan ... The Huskies are 2-0 all-time against Big Ten opponents with wins against Indiana in 2003 and 2006 ... Saturday's game is expected to feature the largest crowd to see Connecticut play ... Connecticut played in front of 80,795 in last year's overtime win at Notre Dame Nov. 21, 2009 ... Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez was 4-0 against Connecticut as head coach at West Virginia ... BIG EAST teams are 1-5 all-time against Michigan.

CONNECTICUT (0-0)

Head Coach

Randy Edsall (Syracuse '80)
66-65, 12th season

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NOTES

Connecticut carries a four-game winning streak into the 2010 season after the Huskies rallied to finish 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the BIG EAST last year ... Connecticut's five losses were by a combined 15 points and the largest margin of defeat was a pair of four-point setbacks to West Virginia and Rutgers ... The Huskies closed last year with a solid 20-7 win against South Carolina in the PapaJohns.com Bowl ... Head coach Randy Edsall's next win will give him sole possession of Connecticut's all-time record for coaching victories ... The Huskies were picked fourth in the BIG EAST preseason media poll, earning one first-place vote ... Connecticut's strength on offense is centered around a stout offensive line that returns four starters, including All-BIG EAST First Team OG Zach Hurd ... That unit helped two tailbacks reach 1,000 rushing yards last year, including RB Jordan Todman, who ran for 1,188 yards and 14 touchdowns ... QB Zach Frazer threw for 1,461 yards, 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions last year, but had seven TD passes against just two interceptions in his last five games ... The defense is led by All-BIG EAST First Team LB Lawrence Wilson, who led the conference with 140 tackles ... LB Scott Lutus was an All-BIG EAST Second Team selection in 2008 and had 69 tackles in an injury-shortened 2009 season.

MICHIGAN (0-0)

Head Coach

Rich Rodriguez (West Virginia '86)
8-16, third season at Michigan
113-78-2, 18th season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez, who won four BIG EAST titles as head coach at West Virginia, looks for his first winning season in Ann Arbor as the Wolverines finished 5-7 in 2009 ... Michigan's defensive coordinator is former Syracuse head coach Greg Robinson ... Michigan had enjoyed 40 straight winning seasons and 33 consecutive bowl appearances prior to 2008, but have been below .500 in back-to-back seasons ... Rodriguez has not announced his starting quarterback against Connecticut ... QB Tate Forcier saw most of the snaps last season, but Denard Robinson and true freshman Devin Gardner are candidates as well ... WR Roy Roundtree led the team with 32 catches and 434 receiving yards ... Michigan has moved to a 3-3-5 base defense that was highly successful for Rodriguez at West Virginia ... Eight defensive starters return from last season.

Saturday, September 4 • 3:30 p.m. • ABC



LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

vs.

Kentucky Wildcats

Papa John's Cardinal Stadium (56,000/Field Turf)
Louisville, Ky.

Television

ABC — Dave Lamont and JC Pearson

Louisville Radio

WHAS-AM 840 (flagship)
Sirius 127; XM 203

THE GAME • THE GOVERNOR'S CUP

Saturday's game is the 23rd meeting between Louisville and Kentucky in a series that dates to 1912 ... Kentucky holds a 13-9 series lead and has won the last three matchups ... Last year's game saw Kentucky take advantage of a late turnover to score a 31-27 win in Lexington ... Both schools feature new head coaches this season in Louisville's Charlie Strong and Kentucky's Joker Phillips ... Strong was 7-0 against Kentucky as Florida's defensive coordinator.

LOUISVILLE (0-0)

Head Coach

Charlie Strong (Central Arkansas '82)
0-0, first season

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NOTES

Louisville unveils an expanded stadium and sees its head coach make his debut with Saturday's game ... The Cardinals went 4-8 overall and 1-6 in the BIG EAST last season ... Louisville has won seven of its last 10 nonconference games ... The Cardinals will go with QB Adam Froman for the season-opener following a competitive training camp ... Froman played in eight games last season, throwing for 1,354 yards and six touchdowns with five interceptions ... Froman had a touchdown pass in each of his last six games ... RB Victor Anderson — the 2008 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year — was limited to just 473 rushing yards and five touchdowns in an injury-shortened season, but still led the Cardinals in rushing ... Anderson is the featured man in a solid group of tailbacks that includes RB Bilal Powell (392 yards, 4 TDs) ... WR Doug Beaumont is a veteran with 100 career catches and 1,215 career yards, but is looking for his first career touchdown ... The defense, which allowed 26.2 points per game last year, figures to improve under Strong, who was the defensive coordinator on two national championship teams at Florida ... CB Johnny Patrick had two interceptions and 53 tackles last year ... CB Darius Ashley is a converted running back who had 464 rushing yards and four touchdowns last year.

KENTUCKY (0-0)

Head Coach

Joker Phillips (Kentucky '86)
0-0, first season

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NOTES

Kentucky withstood a rash of injuries to register its second straight 7-6 season in 2009, giving the Wildcats their fourth straight winning campaign ... Kentucky was 3-5 in the SEC, finishing fourth in the East Division ... Head coach Joker Phillips has named QB Mike Hartline his Opening Day starter ... Hartline is a veteran who has started 14 games in the past two seasons, throwing for 802 yards with six touchdowns and seven interceptions in 2009 ... The player to watch on offense is RB Derrick Locke, an All-SEC Second Team selection last season who skipped the NFL Draft to return for his senior year ... Locke rushed for 907 yards and six touchdowns on 195 carries in 2009 ... WR Randall Cobb is a converted quarterback who was Kentucky's top receiver last year ... Cobb caught 39 passes for 447 yards and four touchdowns ... The strength of the Wildcat defense figures to be on the defensive line, with three returning starters and seven of the top eight men in the rotation back ... LB Danny Trevathan had 82 tackles last season — the most among returning players.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

Saturday, September 4 • 3:30 p.m. • BIG EAST Network



WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

vs.

Coastal Carolina Chanticleers

Milan Puskar Stadium (60,000/Field Turf)

Morgantown, W.Va.

Television

BIG EAST Network — John Sanders and Rene Nadeau

West Virginia Radio

Mountaineer Sports Network

Sirius 121; XM 141

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between West Virginia and Coastal Carolina ... It will be just the fourth meeting between a BIG EAST team and an opponent from the Big South Conference and the first against Coastal Carolina ... The BIG EAST is 3-0 against the Big South ... West Virginia has won its last five season-openers.

No. 25/24 WEST VIRGINIA (0-0)

Head Coach

Bill Stewart (Fairmont State '75)

19-8, third season at West Virginia

27-33, sixth year as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

West Virginia extended its streak of nine-win seasons to five with last year's 9-4 campaign ... The Mountaineers have won 67 games in the last seven years, good for 12th among Bowl Subdivision programs ... West Virginia, which was 5-2 in the BIG EAST in 2009, hasn't finished lower than second in the conference since 2001 ... The Mountaineers were 7-0 at Milan Puskar Stadium last year, running the table at home for the first time since 1993 ... West Virginia will go with a new starting quarterback for the second straight year as QB Geno Smith takes over ... Smith saw limited action last year, but completed 65.3 percent of his passes (32 for 49, 309 yards) ... Smith has the luxury of established veterans around him with four returning starters on the offensive line and two key seniors at skill positions ... RB Noel Devine was a unanimous All-BIG EAST First Team pick and a Maxwell Award semifinalist last year after he ran for 1,465 yards and 13 touchdowns ... WR Jock Sanders, meanwhile, had 1,037 all-purpose yards last season and is a threat as a wideout (72 receptions, 688 yards, 3 TDs) and in the backfield (35 carries, 175 yards, 1 TD) ... The defense is paced by three All-BIG EAST First Team selections from last year in LB J.T. Thomas (76 tackles, 2 INTs), CB Brandon Hogan (74 tackles, 11 pass breakups), and S Robert Sands (65 tackles, 5 INTs).

COASTAL CAROLINA (0-0)

Head Coach

David Bennett (Presbyterian '84)

50-29, eighth year at Coastal Carolina

113-46, 15th year as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Coastal Carolina has sponsored varsity intercollegiate football since 2003, but the Chanticleers have amassed a 50-29 all-time record, which includes an appearance in the NCAA Championship Subdivision playoffs in 2006 ... Coastal Carolina was 5-6 overall and 3-3 in the Big South last season ... The ledger included two losses to Bowl Subdivision opponents (18-0 to Kent State and 49-3 to Clemson) ... QB Zach MacDowall started eight games last season and threw for 1,664 yards and nine touchdowns with 11 interceptions ... RB Eric O'Neal (89 carries, 377 yards, 2 TDs) is the top returning rusher ... The defense returns nine starters, including LB Desmond Steward (60 tackles) and FCS All-America Third Team CB Josh Norman (8 INTs) ... Coastal Carolina's unique nickname — the Chanticleers — came about when the school was part of the University of South Carolina system and refers to a rooster who rules the barnyard with cunning and wit.

Saturday, September 4 • 6 p.m. • ESPN3.com



SYRACUSE ORANGE

at

Akron Zips

InfoCision Stadium (30,000/ProGrass)

Akron Ohio

Television

ESPN3.com — Michael Reghi and Doug Chapman

Syracuse Radio

WTKW-FM 99.5 (flagship)

Sirius 113

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between Syracuse and Akron and the first to be played on Akron's home turf ... The schools split the two previous meetings, with Akron taking a 42-28 win at the Carrier Dome in 2008 and the Orange getting a 28-14 win at home last year ... Syracuse RB Delone Carter keyed last year's win with 170 rushing yards and three touchdowns while the Orange defense held the Zips to zero net rushing yards.

SYRACUSE (0-0)

Head Coach

Doug Marrone (Syracuse '91)

4-8, second season

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NOTES

Syracuse eyes its first postseason appearance since 2004 as the Orange come off a 4-8 season in Doug Marrone's first year as head coach at his alma mater ... Syracuse, which plays at Washington next week, is the only BIG EAST team to open the season with back-to-back road games ... The Orange figure to be keyed by a defense that led the BIG EAST against the run last season (101.8 yards per game) and was sixth nationally in sacks (35) ... LB Derrell Smith was an All-BIG EAST Second Team pick last year after he led the conference with four forced fumbles and was fifth in tackles (8.1 per game) ... LB Doug Hogue had 9.5 sacks last season to rank second in the BIG EAST ... The defense returns all four starters in the secondary and three of the four on the defensive line ... The offense will be paced by RB Delone Carter, a bruising back who ran for 1,021 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2009 ... QB Ryan Nassib played in 10 games last year in support of starter Greg Paulus and takes over as the starter ... Nassib completed 36 of 68 passes for 422 yards and three touchdowns against just one interception ... Three of the top four leading receivers from last year return ... P Rob Long is one of the nation's best punters (43.6 yards per punt in 2009), while K Ryan Lichtenstein was 6-of-7 from 40 yards or longer.

AKRON (0-0)

Head Coach

Rob Ianello (Catholic '87)

0-0, first season

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NOTES

Akron looks to rebound from a 3-9 season that saw the Zips finish sixth in the East Division of the Mid-American Conference (2-6) ... First-year head coach Rob Ianello was most recently the assistant head coach for offense at Notre Dame and served as the interim head coach for the Fighting Irish after the dismissal of Charlie Weis ... Akron offensive line coach Mitch Browning was Syracuse's offensive coordinator in 2008, while defensive line coach Derrick Jackson was the defensive line coach at Syracuse from 2007-09 ... QB Patrick Nicely has been tabbed as the Opening Day starter behind center ... Nicely started seven games as a true freshman last year, throwing for 1,349 yards and six touchdowns with six interceptions ... The offense will need to fill the void left by the departure of last year's leading rusher and four of the top five receivers ... The Zips' top player is LB Brian Wagner, who led the MAC in tackles as a freshman (132) and was named to the All-MAC First Team ... The top four tacklers from last year return.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

Saturday, September 4 • 7 p.m.



USF BULLS

vs.

Stony Brook Seawolves

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

Television
None

USF Radio
WFLA-AM 970
Sirius 158

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between USF and Stony Brook ... USF has not lost to a Championship Subdivision team since Nov. 13, 2009, when the Bulls — FCS members themselves at the time — fell 42-23 to Hofstra ... The game will be Stony Brook's first against a Bowl Subdivision opponent ... USF faced a Big South opponent last season, when the Bulls were 59-0 winners against Charleston Southern.

USF (0-0)

Head Coach

Skip Holtz (Notre Dame '86)
0-0, first season at USF

72-50, 11th year as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

USF plays its first game under new head coach Skip Holtz Saturday ... Holtz, who enjoyed successful coaching stops at Connecticut (1994-98) and East Carolina (2005-09), replaced Jim Leavitt, who had been on the USF sideline since the program's inception in 1997 ... Holtz most recently led East Carolina to consecutive Conference USA titles in 2008 and 2009 ... The Bulls were 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the BIG EAST last season ... USF reeled off five straight wins to begin the season, but were 3-5 down the stretch ... The Bulls have been ranked in the top 25 during each of the last three seasons ... QB B.J. Daniels made 10 starts last season in place of Matt Grothe, the BIG EAST's career leader in total offense who suffered a season-ending injury in the third game of the season ... Daniels threw for 1,983 yards and 14 touchdowns with nine interceptions and was third in the BIG EAST in pass efficiency (139.5) ... Daniels also rushed for 772 yards and nine touchdowns and was eighth in the conference in rushing ... With WR A.J. Love sidelined with a knee injury, WR Dontavia Bogan (22 receptions, 305 yards, 4 TDs) is the top available wideout ... The defense has to replace six starters, including five All-BIG EAST selections ... LB Sabbath Joseph (48 tackles) is the only returning player among the top seven tacklers from last year.

STONY BROOK (0-0)

Head Coach

Chuck Priore (Albany '82)
22-22, fifth year at Stony Brook
61-31, 11th year as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Stony Brook went 6-5 overall and 5-1 in the Big South Conference in 2009, tying Liberty for the Big South title ... Before taking his current position, Stony Brook head coach Chuck Priore had reeled off 30 consecutive wins as head coach at Trinity (Conn.) ... Priore was 31-1 in his last four years at Trinity, with three straight undefeated seasons ... The Seawolves return just four offensive starters, but have their starting signal-caller back in QB Michael Coulter ... Coulter threw for 2,060 yards and 15 touchdowns against 10 interceptions last year ... WR Jordan Gush had 26 catches for 413 yards and a team-high six TDs ... Similarly, Stony Brook has just four defensive starters back ... FS Arin West was second on the squad in tackles (80) and had team highs of three interceptions and three fumble recoveries ... Stony Brook's first three games of the season are against a Bowl Subdivision team (USF), a Division II team (American International) and a Championship Subdivision team (Brown)

Saturday, September 4 • 10 p.m. • ESPN2



CINCINNATI BEARCATS

at

Fresno State Bulldogs

Bulldog Stadium (41,031/Natural Grass)
Fresno, Calif.

Television
ESPN2 — Beth Mowins and Trent Dilfer

Cincinnati Radio
WLW-AM 700 (flagship)
Sirius 113

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the second meeting between Cincinnati and Fresno State ... The only previous matchup was Cincinnati's 28-20 win at Nippert Stadium Sept. 26, 2009 ... Bearcat QB Tony Pike threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns, with WR Mardy Gilyard going for 177 yards and two TDs on nine receptions ... Fresno State had possession for 43:42 in last year's game.

CINCINNATI (0-0)

Head Coach

Butch Jones (Ferris State '90)
0-0, first season at Cincinnati

27-12, fourth season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Cincinnati begins its quest for a third consecutive outright BIG EAST title, but the Bearcats will have a new head coach on the sideline for this year's run ... Head coach Butch Jones is no stranger to championship programs, though, as he won Mid-American Conference titles in 2007 and 2009 at Central Michigan ... Coincidentally, Jones succeeded Brian Kelly as Central Michigan's head coach before following Kelly at Cincinnati ... Cincinnati has won 18 straight regular-season games ... The Bearcats were ranked No. 3 in last year's final Bowl Championship Series standings ... Cincinnati is the first team listed as receiving votes in both preseason national polls ... Jones will have to replace the starting quarterback and the Bearcats' top receiver from last year, but has experienced people in place ... QB Zach Collaros made four starts in place of Tony Pike last year and threw for 1,434 yards and 10 touchdowns with just two interceptions ... Collaros also ran for 344 yards and four TDs ... RB Isaiah Peadar ran for 806 yards and nine touchdowns last year and could play more of a role ... WR Armon Binns is the top returner among a talented group of receivers ... Binns had 888 yards and 11 touchdowns on 61 receptions in 2009 ... The defense is paced by LB J.K. Schaffer, who had 100 tackles and three interceptions last year ... K Jake Rogers handled both placekicking and punting duties last year.

FRESNO STATE (0-0)

Head Coach

Pat Hill (UC Riverside '73)
100-66, 14th season

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NOTES

Fresno State went 8-5 in a wild 2009 season ... Two of the five losses came in double-overtime, including a 35-28 setback to Wyoming in the New Mexico Bowl when the Cowboys erased an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit ... That result was just one game removed from the regular-season finale, when the Bulldogs got a 53-52 win against Illinois when the winning two-point conversion was tipped into the hands of an offensive lineman, who barreled in from four yards out with two seconds left ... Fresno State, which has become well known for its willingness to play — and win — on the road, has seven home games on its schedule for the first time in nearly 20 years ... The Bulldogs will be without first round draft pick Ryan Mathews, who led the nation in rushing last year (1,808 yards) ... QB Ryan Colburn threw for 2,459 yards and 19 touchdowns against 11 interceptions last year ... LB Ben Jacobs led the defense with 106 tackles.

NATIONAL POLLS

<u>Associated Press Poll</u>				<u>USA Today Poll</u>				<u>BIG EAST Preseason Media Poll</u>			
Final	School	Record	Pts	Preseason	School	Record	Pts	School	Points		
1.	Alabama (54)	0-0	1,491	1.	Alabama (55)	14-0	1,469	1.	Pittsburgh (22)	190	
2.	Ohio State (3)	0-0	1,400	2.	Ohio State (4)	11-2	1,392	2.	Cincinnati	142	
3.	Boise State (1)	0-0	1,336	3.	Florida	13-1	1,245		West Virginia (1)	142	
4.	Florida	0-0	1,237	4.	Texas	13-1	1,240	4.	Connecticut (1)	131	
5.	Texas (1)	0-0	1,223	5.	Boise State	14-0	1,215	5.	Rutgers	99	
6.	Texas Christian	0-0	1,160	6.	Virginia Tech	10-3	1,052	6.	USF	79	
7.	Oklahoma (1)	0-0	1,104	7.	Texas Christian	12-1	1,051	7.	Syracuse	41	
8.	Nebraska	0-0	1,033	8.	Oklahoma	8-5	1,035	8.	Louisville	40	
9.	Iowa	0-0	1,007	9.	Nebraska	10-4	1,001				
10.	Virginia Tech	0-0	973	10.	Iowa	11-2	952				
11.	Oregon	0-0	870	11.	Oregon	10-3	940				
12.	Wisconsin	0-0	822	12.	Wisconsin	10-3	778				
13.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	785	13.	Miami (Fla.)	9-4	728				
14.	Southern California	0-0	590	14.	Penn State	11-2	508				
15.	Pittsburgh	0-0	516	15.	Pittsburgh	10-3	492				
16.	Georgia Tech	0-0	511	16.	Louisiana State	9-4	476				
17.	Arkansas	0-0	496	17.	Georgia Tech	11-3	455				
18.	North Carolina	0-0	397	18.	North Carolina	8-5	445				
19.	Penn State	0-0	382	19.	Arkansas	8-5	438				
20.	Florida State	0-0	379	20.	Florida State	7-6	374				
21.	Louisiana State	0-0	300	21.	Georgia	8-5	312				
22.	Auburn	0-0	296	22.	Oregon State	8-5	263				
23.	Georgia	0-0	206	23.	Auburn	8-5	260				
24.	Oregon State	0-0	198	24.	West Virginia	9-4	169				
25.	West Virginia	0-0	184		Utah	10-3	169				

Receiving votes: Cincinnati 108, Stanford 81, Utah 80, South Carolina 71, Houston 66, Connecticut 32, Notre Dame 31, Missouri 27, Brigham Young 19, Arizona 15, Clemson 15, Texas Tech 14, Navy 12, Washington 8, Texas A&M 7, Mississippi 6, Oklahoma State 3, Middle Tennessee State 2, Central Michigan 2, Temple 2, Central Florida 1, Boston College 1, Southern Methodist 1.

Receiving votes: Cincinnati 135, Houston 76, Brigham Young 66, Arizona 65, Mississippi 48, Clemson 44, Stanford 41, Connecticut 40, Notre Dame 38, South Carolina 38, Washington 26, Missouri 23, Navy 12, Oklahoma State 11, Boston College 10, Michigan State 10, Arizona State 6, California 6, Texas Tech 5, USF 4, Texas A&M 3, Northwestern 2, Temple 2, Central Michigan 1, Mississippi State 1, Nevada 1, Northern Illinois 1, Southern Methodist 1.

WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

The BIG EAST has been a regular presence in the national rankings since the league first kicked off in 1991. Below is a weekly look at each team’s spot in the Associated Press, *USA Today* and Harris Interactive polls in 2010. The *USA Today* and Harris Interactive polls are both components of the Bowl Championship Series selection process, while the AP poll is not included in the BCS process. The Associated Press and *USA Today* polls begin with preseason rankings, while the Harris Interactive poll begins the week of Sept. 26.

Rankings are listed as AP/*USA Today* until Sept. 19 and AP/*USA Today*/Harris Interactive from Sept. 26 to Dec. 5. The final rankings are listed as AP/*USA Today*.

	Cincinnati	Connecticut	Louisville	Rutgers	Pittsburgh	USF	Syracuse	West Virginia
Preseason	rv/rv	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	15/15	-/rv	-/-	25/24
Sept. 5								
Sept. 12								
Sept. 19								
Sept. 26								
Oct. 3								
Oct. 10								
Oct. 17								
Oct. 24								
Oct. 31								
Nov. 7								
Nov. 14								
Nov. 21								
Nov. 28								
Dec. 5								
Final								

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Final 2009 Standings

BCS Standings		Harris Interactive			USA Today			Computer Rankings								BCS
		Rank	Pts	Pct.	Rank	Pts	Pct	A&H	B	CM	M	S	W	Pct.	Rank	Avg
1	Alabama	1	2841	.9968	1	1470	.9966	25	25	25	25	25	25	1.0000	1	.9978
2	Texas	2	2721	.9547	2	1409	.9553	23	24	24	22	21	23	.9200	3	.9433
3	Cincinnati	4	2467	.8656	4	1280	.8678	24	22	23	23	23	24	.9300	2	.8878
4	Texas Christian	3	2579	.9049	3	1336	.9058	21	21	21	21	22	21	.8400	5	.8836
5	Florida	5	2395	.8404	5	1240	.8407	22	23	22	24	24	22	.9100	4	.8637
6	Boise State	6	2358	.8274	6	1216	.8244	20	20	19	19	19	20	.7800	6	.8106
7	Oregon	7	2130	.7474	7	1096	.7431	19	19	20	20	20	19	.7800	6	.7568
8	Ohio State	8	2081	.7302	8	1077	.7302	16	18	16	9	2	10	.5100	12	.6568
9	Georgia Tech	10	1787	.6270	10	921	.6244	17	16	18	17	17	18	.6900	8	.6471
10	Iowa	11	1772	.6218	11	918	.6224	18	17	17	11	11	16	.6100	10	.6180
11	Virginia Tech	12	1569	.5505	12	829	.5620	13	6	15	16	16	15	.5900	11	.5675
12	Louisiana State	13	1384	.4856	13	718	.4868	15	13	14	18	18	17	.6400	9	.5375
13	Penn State	9	1800	.6316	9	950	.6441	14	15	13	0	0	5	.3200	18	.5319
14	Brigham Young	14	1349	.4733	14	702	.4759	11	14	11	7	1	12	.4100	15	.4531
15	Miami (Fla.)	15	1173	.4116	15	611	.4142	10	8	12	14	15	14	.5000	13	.4419
16	West Virginia	18	730	.2561	17	429	.2908	12	11	10	13	12	11	.4600	14	.3357
17	Pittsburgh	16	995	.3491	16	506	.3431	8	5	8	4	6	6	.2500	20	.3141
18	Oregon State	19	722	.2533	20	368	.2495	4	10	4	15	13	9	.3600	17	.2876
19	Oklahoma State	17	839	.2944	18	404	.2739	9	9	9	0	0	4	.2200	21	.2628
20	Arizona	24	381	.1337	23	237	.1607	6	1	7	12	14	13	.3800	16	.2248
21	Stanford	21	625	.2193	21	253	.1715	3	7	2	5	5	1	.1500	22	.1803
22	Nebraska	20	631	.2214	19	391	.2651	0	2	1	0	0	0	.0100	30	.1655
23	Utah	22	511	.1793	24	183	.1241	1	12	3	0	0	3	.0700	24	.1245
24	Southern California	26	124	.0435	27	42	.0285	7	0	5	10	10	7	.2900	19	.1207
25	Wisconsin	23	409	.1435	22	247	.1675	5	0	6	0	0	0	.0500	26	.1203

POLL EXPLANATION & ABOUT THE BCS:

To derive a team's poll percentages in the Harris Interactive and *USA Today* polls, each team's point total is divided by a maximum 2825 possible points in the Harris Interactive Poll and 1475 possible points in the *USA Today* Poll. Teams are assigned an inverse point total (25 for No. 1, 24 for No. 2, etc.) for each of their respective computer poll rankings to determine the overall computer component. The highest and lowest ranking for each team is dropped, and the sum total of the remaining four rankings is divided by 100 (the maximum possible points). This figure produces a Computer Rankings Percentage. The six computer ranking providers are Anderson & Hester (A&H), Richard Billingsley (B), Colley Matrix (CM), Kenneth Massey (M), Jeff Sagarin (S) and Peter Wolfe (W). Each computer ranking accounts for schedule strength within its formula. The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive and USA Today Polls, and Computer rankings. The highest BCS Average receives the No. 1 ranking, the second highest receives No. 2, and so forth.

The BCS is a five-game arrangement for post-season college football that is managed by the 11 Bowl Subdivision conferences and Notre Dame. Its purpose is to match the two top-ranked teams in the final BCS standings in a national championship game and to create competitive match-ups in the four other BCS bowl games. For more information, visit www.bcsfootball.org. The No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the Dec. 6 BCS standings will play in the Tostitos BCS National Championship Game Jan. 10, 2011 in Glendale, Ariz. The winner of the game will be presented the American Football Coaches Association National Championship Trophy.



STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Team	OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
	Rush	Pass	Total	Scoring	Rush	Pass	Total	Scoring
Cincinnati	5	1	1	1	7	6	8	5
Connecticut	4	2	3	3	5	8	6	8
Louisville	8	4	6	8	8	3	7	7
Pittsburgh	2	3	2	2	3	5	2	2
Rutgers	6	7	8	4	2	2	1	1
Syracuse	7	5	7	7	1	7	5	8
USF	3	6	5	5	6	1	3	2
West Virginia	1	8	4	6	4	4	4	4

2009 rankings

HOME ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL (Capacity)	GP	TOTAL	AVG.	LARGEST CROWD
Cincinnati (35,000)	6	203,741	33,956	35,106 (vs. Illinois)
Connecticut (40,000)	6	229,376	38.229	40,000 (vs. Louisville, Syracuse)
Louisville (42,000)	6	194,702	32,450	39,948 (vs. Pittsburgh)
Pittsburgh (65,050)	7	374,119	53,446	65,374 (vs. Notre Dame)
Rutgers (52,454)	7	343,788	49,113	53,737 (vs. Cincinnati)
USF (65,897)	6	315,319	52,553	66,469 (vs. Miami)
Syracuse (49,262)	8	312,343	39,043	48,617 (vs. Minnesota)
West Virginia (60,000)	7	401,216	57,317	60,055 (vs. Colorado)
2009 TOTALS	53	2,374,604	44,804	66,469 (USF vs. Miami)

TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES		
Player, School, Year	2010	Career
Noel Devine, West Virginia, Sr.		15
Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh, So.		10
Victor Anderson, Louisville, Jr.		6
Delone Carter, Syracuse, Sr.		6
Jordan Todman, Connecticut, Jr.		5
Joe Martinek, Rutgers, Jr.		4
B.J. Daniels, USF, So.		4
Jourdan Brooks, Rutgers, Jr.		3
Zach Collaros, Cincinnati, Jr.		1
Isaiah Pead, Cincinnati, Jr.		1
Darius Ashley, Louisville, So.		1
Bilal Powell, Louisville, Sr.		1
Mohamed Sanu, Rutgers, So.		1
DeAntwan Williams, Rutgers, So.		1
Kordell Young, Rutgers, Sr.		1
Moise Plancher, USF, Sr.		1
Aston Samuels, USF, Sr.		1
Antwon Bailey, Syracuse, Jr.		1
Doug Hogue, Syracuse, Sr.		1
100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES		
Player, School, Year	2010	Career
Jon Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Jr.		8
Armon Binns, Cincinnati, Sr.		3
Mohamed Sanu, Rutgers, So.		3
Marcus Barnett, Cincinnati, Sr.		2
Doug Beaumont, Louisville, Sr.		2
Ben Guidugli, Cincinnati, Sr.		1
D.J. Woods, Cincinnati, Jr.		1
A.J. Love, USF, Sr.		1
Alec Lemon, Syracuse, So.		1
Jock Sanders, West Virginia, Sr.		1
300-YARD PASSING GAMES		
Player, School, Year	2010	Career
Zach Collaros, Cincinnati, Jr.		1
Cody Endres, Connecticut, Jr.		1
Zach Frazer, Connecticut, Sr.		1
B.J. Daniels, USF, So.		1

RECORD BOOK

A look at where current BIG EAST players rank among the conference's all-time leaders.

Most Yards Rushing (Career)		
Avon Cobourne, West Virginia	5,039	1999-2002
Ray Rice, Rutgers	4,926	2005-07
Pat White, West Virginia	4,480	2005-08
Steve Slaton, West Virginia	3,923	2005-07
Amos Zereoue, West Virginia	3,907	1996-98
Derrick Knight, Boston College	3,725	2000-03
Mike Cloud, Boston College	3,597	1995-98
Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	3,475	2001-03
Walter Reyes, Syracuse	3,424	2001-04
NOEL DEVINE, West Virginia	3,381	2007-present

Most Kickoff Return Yards (Career)		
Will Blackmon, Boston College	2,314	2002-04
Terrell Willis, Rutgers	2,063	1993-95
Hank Poteat, Pittsburgh	1,917	1996-99
Nate Jones, Rutgers	1,902	2000-03
MAX SUTER, Syracuse	1,846	2007-present
Jim Turner, Syracuse	1,688	1994-97
Lowell Robinson, Pittsburgh	1,665	2006-07
Shawn Terry, West Virginia	1,656	1998-2001
Torrie Cox, Pittsburgh	1,570	1999-2002
Willie Foster, Rutgers	1,553	2003-06
DONTAVIA BOGAN, USF	1,540	2007-present

WATCH LISTS

Bednarik Award • Defensive Player of the Year
Greg Romeus, DE, Pittsburgh; Robert Sands, S, West Virginia; Derrell Smith, LB, Syracuse; Lawrence Wilson, LB, Connecticut

Biletnikoff Award • Outstanding Wide Receiver
Jon Baldwin, Pittsburgh; Armon Binns, Cincinnati

Butkus Award • Top Linebacker
Doug Hogue, Syracuse; Greg Lloyd, Connecticut; Scott Lutrus, Connecticut; Derrell Smith, Syracuse; Lawrence Wilson, Connecticut

Walter Camp Award • Player of the Year
Noel Devine, RB, West Virginia; Dion Lewis, RB, Pittsburgh

Lou Groza Award • Outstanding Placekicker
Tyler Bitancurt, West Virginia; Dan Hutchins, Pittsburgh

Ray Guy Award • Outstanding Punter
Rob Long, Syracuse

Rotary Lombardi Award • Outstanding Down Lineman
Julian Miller, DE, West Virginia; Jason Pinkston, OT, Pittsburgh; Greg Romeus, DE, Pittsburgh; Derrell Smith, LB, Syracuse; J.T. Thomas, LB, West Virginia; Lawrence Wilson, LB, Connecticut

Mackey Award • Outstanding Tight End
Cameron Graham, Louisville; Ryan Griffin, Connecticut; Ben Guidugli, Cincinnati; D.C. Jefferson, Rutgers

Maxwell Award • Player of the Year
Jon Baldwin, WR, Pittsburgh; Zach Collaros, QB, Cincinnati; Noel Devine, RB, West Virginia; Dion Lewis, RB, Pittsburgh; Isaiah Pead, RB, Cincinnati; Tom Savage, QB, Rutgers; Jordan Todman, RB, Connecticut

Nagurski Trophy • Outstanding Defensive Player
Greg Romeus, DE, Pittsburgh; Robert Sands, S, West Virginia; JK Schaffer, LB, Cincinnati; J.T. Thomas, LB, West Virginia; Lawrence Wilson, LB, Connecticut

Davey O'Brien Award • Top Quarterback
Zach Collaros, Cincinnati; Tom Savage, Rutgers

Outland Trophy • Outstanding Interior Lineman
Art Forst, OG, Rutgers; Zach Hurd, OG, Connecticut; Jason Pinkston, OT, Pittsburgh

Rimington Trophy • Outstanding Center
Ryan Barthlomew, Syracuse; Mario Benevides, Louisville; Moe Petrus, Connecticut

Jim Thorpe Award • Outstanding Defensive Back
Dom DeCicco, S, Pittsburgh; Brandon Hogan, CB, West Virginia; Johnny Patrick, CB, Louisville; Robert Sands, S, West Virginia

Doak Walker Award • Outstanding Running Back
Victor Anderson, Louisville; Noel Devine, West Virginia; Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh; Bilal Powell, Louisville; Jordan Todman, Connecticut

AWARD WINNERS

BIG EAST OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 6
Sept. 13
Sept. 20
Sept. 27
Oct. 4
Oct. 11
Oct. 18
Oct. 25
Nov. 1
Nov. 8
Nov. 15
Nov. 22
Nov. 29
Dec. 6

BIG EAST DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 6
Sept. 13
Sept. 20
Sept. 27
Oct. 4
Oct. 11
Oct. 18
Oct. 25
Nov. 1
Nov. 8
Nov. 15
Nov. 22
Nov. 29
Dec. 6

BIG EAST SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 6
Sept. 13
Sept. 20
Sept. 27
Oct. 4
Oct. 11
Oct. 18
Oct. 25
Nov. 1
Nov. 8
Nov. 15
Nov. 22
Nov. 29
Dec. 6

ACTIVE CAREER WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

4 — Jake Rogers (Cincinnati, K/P)

3 — Noel Devine (West Virginia, RB)

2 — Scott Lutrus (Connecticut, LB); Dave Teggart (K, Connecticut);
Teddy Dellaganna (Rutgers, P);; Tyler Bitancurt (West Virginia, K)

1 — Zach Collaros (Cincinnati, QB); Jordan Todman (Connecticut, RB); Lawrence Wilson (Connecticut, LB); Victor Anderson (Louisville, RB); Johnny Patrick (Louisville, CB); Jon Baldwin (Pittsburgh, WR); Dom DeCicco (Pittsburgh, S); Dan Hutchins (Pittsburgh, K/P); Dion Lewis (Pittsburgh, RB); Dan Mason (Pittsburgh, LB); Joe Lefeged (Rutgers, LB); Kordell Young (Rutgers, RB); Dontavia Bogan (USF, WR); Maikon Bonani (USF, K); B.J. Daniels (USF, QB); Doug Hogue (Syracuse, LB); Ryan Lichtenstein (Syracuse, K); Max Suter (Syracuse, KR); Tavon Austin (West Virginia, KR); Julian Miller (West Virginia, DE); Robert Sands (West Virginia, S)

AGAINST THE CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC COAST (0-0)

Cincinnati at North Carolina State (9/16)
Maryland at West Virginia (9/18)
Miami (Fla.) at Pittsburgh (9/23)
North Carolina at Rutgers (9/25)
USF at Miami (Fla.) (11/27)
Boston College at Syracuse (11/27)

BIG 12 (0-0)

Oklahoma at Cincinnati (9/25)

BIG TEN (0-0)

Connecticut at Michigan (9/4)

BIG SOUTH (0-0)

Coastal Carolina at West Virginia (9/4)
Stony Brook at USF (9/4)

COLONIAL ATHLETIC (0-0)

New Hampshire at Pittsburgh (9/11)
Maine at Syracuse (9/18)

CONFERENCE USA (0-0)

West Virginia at Marshall (9/10)
Tulane at Rutgers (10/2)
Memphis at Louisville (10/9)

MID-AMERICAN (0-0)

Syracuse at Akron (9/4)
Connecticut at Temple (9/18)
Buffalo at Connecticut (9/25)
Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati (10/9)

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (0-0)

Norfolk State at Rutgers (9/2)

MISSOURI VALLEY (0-0)

Indiana State at Cincinnati (9/11)

MOUNTAIN WEST (0-0)

Pittsburgh at Utah (9/2)
UNLV at West Virginia (10/9)

OHIO VALLEY (0-0)

Eastern Kentucky at Louisville (9/11)

PAC-10 (0-0)

Syracuse at Washington (9/11)
Louisville at Oregon State (9/18)

PATRIOT (0-0)

Colgate at Syracuse (9/25)

SOUTHEASTERN (0-0)

Kentucky at Louisville (9/4)
USF at Florida (9/11)
West Virginia at Louisiana State (9/25)
Vanderbilt at Connecticut (10/2)

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC (0-0)

Texas Southern at Connecticut (9/11)

SUN BELT (0-0)

Rutgers at Florida International (9/11)
Western Kentucky at USF (9/25)
Louisville at Arkansas State (10/2)
Florida International at Pittsburgh (10/2)
Florida Atlantic at USF (10/2)

WESTERN ATHLETIC (0-0)

Cincinnati at Fresno State (9/4)

INDEPENDENTS (0-0)

Pittsburgh at Notre Dame (10/9)
Army at Rutgers (10/16)

Total Nonconference Records

All Games.....	36-10
FBS Opponents.....	26-10
BCS Automatic Qualifiers.....	11-10
FCS Opponents.....	10-0
AP Top 25.....	1-4
USA Today Top 25.....	2-4
Bowl Games.....	4-2

YEAR-BY-YEAR CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	BIG EAST	OVERALL	HEAD COACH
1991	Miami #	2-0	12-0	Dennis Erickson
1992	Miami	4-0	11-1	Dennis Erickson
1993	West Virginia	7-0	11-1	Don Nehlen
1994	Miami	7-0	10-2	Dennis Erickson
1995	Virginia Tech	6-1	10-2	Frank Beamer
1996	Virginia Tech	6-1	10-2	Frank Beamer
	Miami	6-1	9-3	Butch Davis
	Syracuse	6-1	9-3	Paul Pasqualoni
1997	Syracuse	6-1	9-3	Paul Pasqualoni
1998	Syracuse	6-1	8-3	Paul Pasqualoni
1999	Virginia Tech	7-0	11-1	Frank Beamer
2000	Miami	7-0	10-1	Butch Davis
2001	Miami #	7-0	12-0	Larry Coker
2002	Miami	7-0	12-1	Larry Coker
2003	Miami !	6-1	11-2	Larry Coker
	West Virginia	6-1	8-5	Rich Rodriguez
2004	Pittsburgh !	4-2	8-4	Walt Harris
	Boston College	4-2	9-3	Tom O'Brien
	West Virginia	4-2	8-4	Rich Rodriguez
	Syracuse	4-2	6-6	Paul Pasqualoni
2005	West Virginia	7-0	11-1	Rich Rodriguez
2006	Louisville	6-1	12-1	Bobby Petrino
2007	West Virginia !	5-2	11-2	Rich Rodriguez
	Connecticut	5-2	9-4	Randy Edsall
2008	Cincinnati	6-1	11-3	Brian Kelly
2009	Cincinnati	7-0	12-1	Brian Kelly

- National Champion

! — Earned BIG EAST's automatic BCS bid.

BIG EAST AMONG 2009 NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing	YPG
3. Dion Lewis, Pitt	138.38
17. Noel Devine, WVU	112.69
34. Jordan Todman, UConn.....	91.38
43. Delone Carter, SU	85.08
47. Andre Dixon, UConn	84.08

Passing Efficiency	Rating
10. Bill Stull, Pitt	150.61
12. Tony Pike, UC	149.82
31. B.J. Daniels, USF	139.55
47. Greg Paulus, SU	132.60

Completions Per Game	CPG
21. Tony Pike, UC	21.10

Passing Yards Per Game	YPG
23. Tony Pike, UC	252.00

Total Passing Yards	Pyds
43. Bill Stull, Pitt	2,633

Total Offense	YPG
29. Tony Pike, UC	252.60

Receiving Yards Per Game	YPG
14. Mardy Gilyard, UC	91.62
17. Tim Brown, RU	88.46
22. Jonathan Baldwin, Pitt	85.46

Total Receiving Yards	Yds
10. Mardy Gilyard, UC	1,191
14. Tim Brown, RU	1,150
19. Jonathan Baldwin, Pitt	1,111
43. Marcus Easley, UConn.....	893
45. Armon Binns, UC	888

Receptions Per Game	RPG
18. Mardy Gilyard, UC	6.69
36. Jock Sanders, WVU	5.54

Interceptions	Int/Game
t32. Robert Sands, WVU	0.38
t32. Robert Vaughn, WVU	0.38

PuntingAvg	
9. Scott Kozlowski, WVU	44.44
15. Rob Long, SU	43.76
28. Desi Cullen, UConn	42.79
36. Teddy Dellaganna, RU	42.25

Punt Returns	Avg
17. Mardy Gilyard, UC	12.63
18. Robert McClain III, UConn	12.62
31. Jock Sanders, WVU	9.67
48. Donte Davis, SU	6.93
50. Aaron Smith, Pitt	6.41

Kickoff Returns	Avg
7. Mardy Gilyard, UC	30.50
38. Cameron Saddler, Pitt	25.32
39. Jordan Todman, UConn.....	25.30
44. Tavon Austin, WVU	25.06
49. Trent Guy, UoFL	24.70

Field Goals	FG/Game
4. Dan Hutchins, Pitt	1.77
30. San San Te, RU	1.38

Scoring PPG	
17. Dan Hutchins, Pitt	8.85
23. Dion Lewis, Pitt	8.31
37. Jacob Rogers, UC	7.85

Points Responsible For	PPG
2. Tony Pike, UC	19.00
44. Bill Stull, Pitt	10.92
45. B.J. Daniels, USF	10.62

Tackles TPG	
10. Lawrence Wilson, UConn.....	10.77
36. Jon Dempsey, UoFL.....	8.92

Solo Tackles	PG
t7. Derrell Smith, SU	6.00
t7. Lawrence Wilson, UConn.....	6.00
t24. Max Suter, SU	5.22
t33. Chris Campa, UoFL	5.00
t33. Jon Dempsey, UoFL.....	5.00
t33. Greg Lloyd, UConn	5.00
t43. Dom DiCicco, Pitt	4.90

Sacks SPG	
9. Lindsey Witten, UConn	0.88
21. Doug Hogue, SU	0.79
28. Jonathan Freeny, RU	0.73
30. Julian Miller, WVU	0.69
38. Alex Daniels, UC	0.65
40. Derrell Smith, SU	0.65
44. Greg Romeus, Pitt	0.62

Forced Fumbles	FF/Game
11. Derrell Smith, SU	0.40
30. Sabbath Joseph, USF	0.27
t40. Mick Williams, Pitt	0.25
t40. Chris Campa, WVU	0.25
t40. Lawrence Wilson, UConn.....	0.25

Tackles for Loss	TFL/Game
20. Doug Hogue, SU	1.33
23. Mick Williams, Pitt	1.31
28. Jason Pierre-Paul, USF	1.27
37. Chris Campa, UoFL	1.17
48. Curtis Young, UC	1.10

Passes Defended	PD/Game
t34. Aaron Berry, Pitt	1.00
t34. Robert Sands, WVU	1.00

TEAM LEADERS

Rushing Offense	YPG
24. West Virginia	186.38
34. Pittsburgh	180.31
38. USF	170.92
39. Connecticut	170.69
69. Cincinnati	138.69
78. Rutgers	134.38
87. Syracuse	126.58
89. Louisville	125.17

Passing Offense	YPG
8. Cincinnati	308.77
61. Connecticut	216.54
67. Pittsburgh	211.31
71. Louisville	208.92
78. Syracuse	203.83
85. USF	194.69
89. Rutgers	191.92
90. West Virginia	191.08

Total Offense	YPG
11. Cincinnati	447.46
52. Pittsburgh	391.62
57. Connecticut	387.23
61. West Virginia	377.46
71. USF	365.62
91. Louisville	334.08
94. Syracuse	330.42
97. Rutgers	326.31

Scoring Offense	Avg
4. Cincinnati	38.62
21. Pittsburgh	32.08
27. Connecticut	31.15
52. Rutgers	28.85
64. USF	26.46
67. West Virginia	26.15
99. Syracuse	21.17
111. Louisville	18.08

Rushing Defense	YPG
13. Syracuse	101.83
15. Rutgers	103.23
17. Pittsburgh	106.31
37. West Virginia	126.69
45. Connecticut	132.85
49. USF	135.46
61. Cincinnati	143.77
84. Louisville	165.08

Pass Defense	YPG
25. USF	186.31
39. Rutgers	204.54
42. Louisville	206.00
46. West Virginia	209.85
49. Pittsburgh	213.00
78. Cincinnati	230.23
85. Syracuse	235.17
88. Connecticut	235.92

Pass Efficiency Defense	Rating
28. USF	113.39
29. West Virginia	113.96
34. Rutgers	117.21
42. Pittsburgh	119.84
59. Cincinnati	128.41
85. Connecticut	136.11
102. Louisville	142.03
113. Syracuse	152.11

Total Defense	YPG
18. Rutgers	307.77
23. Pittsburgh	319.31
24. USF	321.77
36. West Virginia	336.54
37. Syracuse	337.00
62. Connecticut	368.77
65. Louisville	371.08
67. Cincinnati	374.00

Scoring Defense	PPG
16. Rutgers	17.92
t19. Pittsburgh	19.77
t19. USF	19.77
31. West Virginia	21.69
44. Cincinnati	23.08
48. Connecticut	23.62
65. Louisville	26.25
81. Syracuse	27.92

Net Punting	Net Avg
11. West Virginia	44.44
24. Connecticut	42.54
36. Rutgers	41.72
51. Syracuse	42.13
60. Louisville	40.50
84. USF	39.86
85. Pittsburgh	40.22
98. Cincinnati	39.88

Punt Returns	Avg
18. Cincinnati	13.00
33. Louisville	11.35
40. Connecticut	10.84
44. West Virginia	10.36
76. Pittsburgh	7.68
84. Syracuse	6.90
91. USF	6.37
102. Rutgers	5.86

Kickoff Returns	Avg
2. Cincinnati	28.52
9. Connecticut	25.75
18. Louisville	24.12
28. Rutgers	23.68
40. Syracuse	22.73
56. Pittsburgh	21.94
61. West Virginia	21.87
98. USF	19.71

Fumbles Recovered	Total
t1. Rutgers	19
t21. Connecticut	13
t27. Syracuse	12
t58. USF	10
t74. Pittsburgh	9
t99. Louisville	7
t108. West Virginia	6
t118. Cincinnati	3

Interceptions	Total
t16. West Virginia	17
t23. Cincinnati	16
t28. Pittsburgh	15
t28. Rutgers	15
t40. USF	13
t50. Connecticut	12
t76. Louisville	10
t87. Syracuse	9

Turnovers Gained	Total
t5. Rutgers	34
t32. Connecticut	25
t40. Rutgers	24
t50. West Virginia	23
t50. USF	23
t68. Syracuse	21
t80. Cincinnati	19
t99. Louisville	17

Turnovers Lost	Total
1. Cincinnati	10
t7. Pittsburgh	12
t7. Rutgers	13
t37. Louisville	20
t52. Connecticut	21
t57. USF	22
t77. West Virginia	24
t94. Syracuse	27

Tackles For Loss	Per Game
1. Rutgers	8.69
3. Cincinnati	8.46
t9. Pittsburgh	7.54
t15. Syracuse	7.08
38. USF	6.38
t41. West Virginia	6.23
t61. Connecticut	5.62
t67. Louisville	5.54

Sacks Per Game	
1. Pittsburgh	3.62
t4. Rutgers	3.08
t6. Syracuse	2.92
t10. Cincinnati	2.85
t28. Connecticut	2.54
45. West Virginia	2.23
t53. USF	2.00
t58. Louisville	1.92

Sacks Allowed	Per Game
t16. Cincinnati	1.15
t16. Pittsburgh	1.15
t45. Connecticut	1.61
t57. West Virginia	1.85
t79. Syracuse	2.25
t108. USF	2.92
t111. Louisville	3.08
t111. Rutgers	3.08

Turnover Margin	Margin/Game
2. Rutgers	1.54
10. Pittsburgh	0.77
13. Cincinnati	0.69
46. Connecticut	0.23
60. USF	0.00
70. West Virginia	-0.15
77. Louisville	-0.25
97. Syracuse	-0.50

Passing Efficiency	Rating
2. Cincinnati	161.21
9. Pittsburgh	150.79
24. USF	142.33
t56. West Virginia	129.18
t56. Syracuse	129.18
65. Connecticut	127.30
77. Rutgers	123.61
95. Louisville	116.00

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

About the BCS

The Bowl Championship Series, which enters its 13th season in 2010-11, is a five-game arrangement for postseason college football that is designed to match the two top-rated teams in a national championship game and to create exciting and competitive matchups between eight other highly regarded teams in four other BCS games.

The BCS has been undeniably successful in achieving those goals. Thanks to the BCS, the top two teams have played each other 12 times in 12 years by BCS measurements and nine times in the last 12 years according to the Associated Press poll. Additionally, it has provided more access to the major bowls for all 11 conferences, more television exposure and more postseason revenue than ever before.

The BCS also allows for preserving the significance of the regular season, which is the most meaningful in sports. It also maintains the bowl season to the benefit of dozens of universities each year.

The BIG EAST has been a charter member in the championship agreement. The league continues as an automatic qualifier in the new BCS agreement that began in 2006.

The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Discover Orange Bowl, Allstate Sugar Bowl and Rose Bowl Game joined with the BIG EAST, Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Pacific-10 and Southeastern Conferences and the University of Notre Dame to form the Bowl Championship Series. In the existing BCS agreement, each bowl will host two games once every four years - its traditional game plus the BCS National Championship contest approximately one week later.

The BCS is managed by the commissioners of the 11 NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision conferences, the director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame and representatives of the bowl organizations. The conference commissioners and the Notre Dame athletics director make decisions regarding all BCS issues, in consultation with an athletics directors advisory group and subject to approval of a presidential oversight committee whose members represent all 120 Division I-A programs.

The BCS conferences have a contract with ESPN to televise the games through the 2013-14 season.



BCS Automatic Qualifications

1. The top two teams in the final BCS Standings will play in the national championship game.
2. The champions of the Atlantic Coast, BIG EAST, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern conferences automatically qualify for BCS games each year.
3. One team from among the champions of Conference USA, the Mid-American Conference, the Mountain West Conference, the Sun Belt Conference, or the Western Athletic Conference automatically qualify for a BCS game if either:
A. Such team is ranked in the top 12 of the final BCS Standings, or, B. Such team is ranked in the top 16 of the final BCS Standings and its ranking in the final BCS Standings is higher than that of a champion of a conference that has an annual automatic berth in one of the BCS bowls.
4. Notre Dame will automatically qualify for a BCS bowl if it is in the top eight of the final BCS Standings.
5. If any of the 10 slots remain open after application of provisions 1 through 4, and an at-large team from a conference with an annual automatic berth for its champion is ranked No. 3 in the final BCS Standings, that team shall become an automatic qualifier.
6. If any of the 10 slots remain open after application of provisions 1 through 5, and if Step No. 5 has not been applied and an at-large team from a conference with an annual automatic berth for its champion is ranked No. 4 in the final BCS Standings, that team shall become an automatic qualifier.
7. If any slots remain unfilled after the placement of all teams qualifying for an automatic berth, then the bowls shall choose their participants from the "pool of eligible teams" (see below.)

Pool of Eligible Teams

If berths are available after the automatic qualifiers have been identified, then the bowls shall select at-large participants from the "pool of eligible teams," which shall include any Bowl Subdivision team that is bowl-eligible and meets the following requirements:

- A. Has won at least nine regular-season games, not including exempted games, and
- B. Is among the top 14 teams in the final BCS standings.

BCS Schedule Of Games January 2011



Rose Bowl Game
Jan. 1 • Pasadena, Calif.



Tostitos Fiesta Bowl
Jan. 1 • Glendale, Ariz.



Discover Orange Bowl
Jan. 3 • Miami Gardens, Fla.



Allstate Sugar Bowl
Jan. 4 • New Orleans, La.



Tostitos BCS National Championship Game
Jan. 10 • Glendale, Ariz.

BIG EAST 2010 BOWL LINEUP

The New Lineup

In addition to the Bowl Championship Series, the BIG EAST Conference also has agreements with a number of other postseason bowl games. The conference's new lineup, which begins with the 2010 season, has the BIG EAST paired against three of the other five automatic-qualifying Bowl Championship Series conferences in the postseason, giving the BIG EAST its strongest bowl partnerships in its history.

The BIG EAST announced a four-year agreement with Florida Citrus Sports and the Champs Sports Bowl to send a team to the Orlando, Fla., game beginning in the 2010 season.

The Champs Sports Bowl will have the first selection from the BIG EAST after the league's BCS representative has been determined. The BIG EAST's opponent in the Champs Sports Bowl will be from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Champs Sports Bowl will have the opportunity to select Notre Dame, in place of a BIG EAST team, once during the four-year agreement.

The BIG EAST has extended its agreement with the Meineke Car Care Bowl in Charlotte, N.C., through the 2013 season as well. The Meineke Car Care Bowl will have the BIG EAST's third selection, after the BCS and Champs Sports Bowl.

The BIG EAST has been aligned with the Meineke Car Care Bowl since the inception of the game in 2002. The game has averaged more than 62,000 fans and was named one of the five best startups in sports in the previous five years by Sports Business Journal.

The 2010 season will feature the introduction of a new bowl game in New York City when the BIG EAST participates in the first New Era Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium. The New Era Pinstripe Bowl will pit the fourth overall selection from the BIG EAST against a team from the Big 12 Conference for each of the next four seasons. In the event that the Big 12 is unable to supply a team for the game, Notre Dame could step in as the opponent of the BIG EAST's representative.

The BIG EAST completed its bowl lineup in April 2010 by renewing deals with the Birmingham Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., and the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla. The conference also announced a new agreement with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. The BIG EAST will send teams to two of those three games in each of the 2010-13 seasons.

The Birmingham Bowl pairs a BIG EAST team against an opponent from the Southeastern Conference at Legion Field in Birmingham. BIG EAST teams are a combined 4-0 in the Birmingham Bowl.

If a BIG EAST team is chosen for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, the conference's representative would face either the Conference USA champion or an opponent from the Southeastern Conference.

The Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl will be played for the third time in 2010 with the BIG EAST scoring wins in each of the first two games. The BIG EAST will face Conference USA at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.

Champs Sports Bowl
Florida Citrus Bowl • Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 28, 2010 • ESPN



vs.



Meineke Car Care Bowl
Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, N.C.
Dec. 31, 2010 • ESPN



vs.



New Era Pinstripe Bowl
Yankee Stadium • Bronx, N.Y.
Dec. 30, 2010 • ESPN



vs.



Birmingham Bowl
Legion Field • Birmingham, Ala.
Jan. 8, 2011 • ESPN



vs.



AutoZone Liberty Bowl
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium • Memphis, Tenn.
Dec. 31, 2010 • ESPN



vs.



or



Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg
Tropicana Field • St. Petersburg, Fla.
Dec. 21, 2010 • ESPN



vs.



BIG EAST ON TELEVISION & RADIO

THE NATIONAL SCENE

The BIG EAST 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. 4	Connecticut at Michigan	3:30 p.m.
	Kentucky at Louisville	3:30 p.m.

Other games to be determined via 12-day and 6-day advance selection process.

ESPN

Fri., Sept. 10	West Virginia at Marshall	7 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 16	Cincinnati at North Carolina State	7:30 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 23	Miami (Fla.) at Pittsburgh	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 8	CONNECTICUT at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Thu., Oct. 14	USF at WEST VIRGINIA	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 15	CINCINNATI at LOUISVILLE	8 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 11	PITTSBURGH at CONNECTICUT	7:30 p.m.

ESPN2

Sat., Sept. 4	Cincinnati at Fresno State	10 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 22	USF at CINCINNATI	8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 29	WEST VIRGINIA at CONNECTICUT	8 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 3	RUTGERS at USF	7 p.m.

ABC, ESPN or ESPN2

Fri., Nov. 26	LOUISVILLE at RUTGERS	TBD
	WEST VIRGINIA at PITTSBURGH	TBD
Sat., Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH at CINCINNATI	TBD
	CONNECTICUT at USF	TBD
	RUTGERS at WEST VIRGINIA	TBD

Other games to be determined via 12-day and 6-day advance selection process.

ESPN3.com

Thu., Sept. 2	Norfolk State at Rutgers	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 4	Syracuse at Akron	6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 11	New Hampshire at Pittsburgh	1 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 25	Colgate at Syracuse	3:30 p.m.

ESPNU

Sat., Sept. 18	Maryland at West Virginia	Noon
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NBC

Sat., Oct. 9	Pittsburgh at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.
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Versus

Thu., Sept. 2	Pittsburgh at Utah	8:30 p.m.
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All times Eastern and subject to change.

Visit BigEast.org during the 2010 season to obtain the latest TV schedules and selections

BIG EAST Games in CAPS.

BIG EAST NETWORK GAME OF THE WEEK

Numerous BIG EAST contests will be broadcast by ESPN Regional Television as part of its BIG EAST Network Game of the Week package. The following dates and games were scheduled at press time. Many picks will be made later in the season as 12-day selections (schedule subject to change; BIG EAST games in CAPS).

Sat., Sept. 25	Buffalo at Connecticut or North Carolina at Rutgers
Sat., Oct. 2	Vanderbilt at Connecticut or Tulane at Rutgers
Sat., Oct. 9	SYRACUSE at USF or Memphis at Louisville
Sat., Oct. 16	PITTSBURGH at SYRACUSE or Army at Rutgers
Sat., Oct. 23	CONNECTICUT at LOUISVILLE or RUTGERS at PITTSBURGH or SYRACUSE at WEST VIRGINIA
Sat., Oct. 30	SYRACUSE at CINCINNATI or LOUISVILLE at PITTSBURGH
Sat., Nov. 6	LOUISVILLE at SYRACUSE
Sat., Nov. 13	USF at LOUISVILLE or SYRACUSE at RUTGERS or CINCINNATI at WEST VIRGINIA
Sat., Nov. 20	TBD
Sat., Nov. 27	CINCINNATI at CONNECTICUT or Boston College at Syracuse

THE BIG EAST/ISP NATIONAL RADIO NETWORK

Six conference matchups highlight the 2009 BIG EAST/ISP Football Game of the Week schedule. The affiliate list will vary from week to week, depending on game times, prior station commitments and blackout restrictions protecting BIG EAST member school networks. Last year's affiliate list had stations representing 15 of the country's top 20 radio markets. Most games will be carried on Sirius XM satellite radio. In addition to the radio presence, the broadcasts will be available on the BIG EAST's official website at BigEast.tv.

2010 BIG EAST/ISP Football Game of the Week Schedule

Thurs., Sept. 23	Miami (Fla.) at Pittsburgh	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 14	USF at WEST VIRGINIA	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 22	USF at CINCINNATI	8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 29	WEST VIRGINIA at CONNECTICUT	8 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 3	RUTGERS at USF	7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 26	WEST VIRGINIA at PITTSBURGH	TBD
Sat., Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH at CINCINNATI	TBD

THE BIG EAST ON SNY

The BIG EAST and SNY announced a comprehensive multi-year partnership in 2008 that will feature more than 800 hours of conference programming in the New York metropolitan area. SNY will carry a minimum of 16 football games per season, including the BIG EAST Network Game of the Week, which will be wrapped by in-depth pregame, halftime and postgame shows. The network also will air weekly BIG EAST football coaches shows.

THE BIG EAST ON THE DIAL

BIG EAST football games are broadcast by major commercial stations or wide-ranging radio networks.

School	Flagships	Dial
Cincinnati	WLW-AM	700
Connecticut	WTIC-AM	1080
Louisville	WHAS-AM	840
	WKRD -AM	790
Pittsburgh	KDKA-FM	93.7
Rutgers	WOR-AM	710
	WCTC-AM	1450
USF	WFLA -AM	970
Syracuse	WTKW-FM	99.5
West Virginia	WAJR-AM	1440

BIG EAST MEDIA SERVICES

BIG EAST WEEKLY TELECONFERENCE

The BIG EAST football coaches will hold a weekly teleconference for the media beginning Monday, Aug. 30. The call will take place each Monday during the season, concluding Nov. 29. Each coach will be available for approximately 10 minutes. Media members who wish to access the teleconference should contact Chuck Sullivan to receive the dial-in number. The call begins promptly at 11 a.m. with the order of schools as follows:

11 a.m.	Greg Schiano, Rutgers
11:10 a.m.	Charlie Strong, Louisville
11:20 a.m.	Dave Wannstedt, Pittsburgh
11:30 a.m.	Bill Stewart, West Virginia
11:40 a.m.	Randy Edsall, Connecticut
11:50 a.m.	Doug Marrone, Syracuse
Noon	Butch Jones, Cincinnati
12:10 p.m.	Skip Holtz, USF

For those who are not able to participate during the live teleconference, an archive of Monday's call will be available on the BIG EAST website at www.bigeast.org.

BIGEAST.ORG

The official website of the BIG EAST Conference features up-to-date information on all facets of the league, including the eight football playing members. Football standings, results, statistics and notes are updated as games are played. In addition, in-game scores for all football contests involving BIG EAST teams will be updated in-progress.

BIG EAST ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Fans and media members are invited to follow the latest BIG EAST football news through social media. The BIG EAST Twitter feed may be accessed @BigEastFB and the conference's official Facebook page is available @bigeastconference.



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CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for BIG EAST football. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides 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.

WEEKLY RELEASE & STATISTICS

Media members may access PDF versions of the complete weekly release, including conference and team-by-team statistics, on BIGEAST.org. 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 csullivan@bigeast.org.

WEEKLY AWARDS

The BIG EAST names offensive, defensive and special teams Players of the Week each Monday morning during the season. Winners are chosen from nominations provided by BIG EAST sports information directors. The information will be available from the BIG EAST office via release as well as on the league web site.

ANNUAL AWARDS

All-BIG EAST First and Second Teams, Players of the Year on offense, defense and special teams, Rookie of the Year and Coach of the Year are selected by a vote of the league's eight head coaches at the conclusion of the regular season. The awards will be announced on Dec. 6, 2010. The BIG EAST All-Academic Team is comprised of players who have an overall grade-point average of 3.00 or better over the past academic year and completed at least two semesters of academic work. The team is announced in early February. The BIG EAST 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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CONNECTICUT (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

LOUISVILLE (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)**PITTSBURGH (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)**

PITTSBURGH (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)					
Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank Pitt Opp	
9/2	at Utah (8:30 p.m., Versus)			15/15	rv/24
9/11	New Hampshire (1 p.m., ESPN3.com)				
9/23	Miami (Fla.) (7:30 p.m., ESPN)				
10/2	Florida International				
10/9	at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m., NBC)				
10/16	at SYRACUSE				
10/23	RUTGERS				
10/30	LOUISVILLE				
11/11	at CONNECTICUT (7:30 p.m., ESPN)				
11/20	at USF				
11/26	WEST VIRGINIA (ABC/ESPN/ESPNU)				
12/4	at CINCINNATI (ABC/ESPN/ESPNU)				

RUTGERS (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

USF (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

SYRACUSE (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

WEST VIRGINIA (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

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2010 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Thursday, September 2

Norfolk State at Rutgers (7:30 p.m., ESPN3.com)
Pittsburgh at Utah (8:30 p.m., Versus)

Saturday, September 4

Connecticut at Michigan (3:30 p.m., ABC)
Kentucky at Louisville (3:30 p.m., ABC)
Coastal Carolina at West Virginia (3:30 p.m., BIG EAST Network Local)
Syracuse at Akron (6 p.m., ESPN3.com)
Stony Brook at USF (7 p.m.)
Cincinnati at Fresno State (10 p.m., ESPN2)

Friday, September 10

West Virginia at Marshall (7 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, September 11

Indiana State at Cincinnati (Noon, FS Ohio)
Texas Southern at Connecticut (Noon, BIG EAST Network Local)
USF at Florida (12:20 p.m., SEC Network)
New Hampshire at Pittsburgh (1 p.m., ESPN3.com)
Eastern Kentucky at Louisville (3:30 p.m., BIG EAST Network Local)
Rutgers at Florida International (8 p.m., BIG EAST Network Local)
Syracuse at Washington (7 p.m., FSN Northwest)

Thursday, September 16

Cincinnati at North Carolina State (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, September 18

Maryland at West Virginia (Noon, ESPNU)
Connecticut at Temple (Noon, BIG EAST Network Local)
Louisville at Oregon State (5:30 p.m., FSN Northwest)
Maine at Syracuse (7:15 p.m.)

Thursday, September 23

Miami (Fla.) at Pittsburgh (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, September 25

Colgate at Syracuse (3:30 p.m., ESPN3.com)
Western Kentucky at USF (7 p.m., BIG EAST Network)
Oklahoma at Cincinnati
Buffalo at Connecticut
North Carolina at Rutgers
West Virginia at Louisiana State

Saturday, October 2

Vanderbilt at Connecticut
Louisville at Arkansas State
Florida International at Pittsburgh
Tulane at Rutgers
Florida Atlantic at USF

Friday, October 8

CONNECTICUT at RUTGERS (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 9

Pittsburgh at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m., NBC)
UNLV at West Virginia (3:30 p.m., BIG EAST Network Local)
SYRACUSE at USF
Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati
Memphis at Louisville

Thursday, October 14

USF at WEST VIRGINIA, (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Friday, October 15

CINCINNATI at LOUISVILLE (8 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 16

PITTSBURGH at SYRACUSE
Army at Rutgers

Friday, October 22

USF at CINCINNATI (8 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, October 23

CONNECTICUT at LOUISVILLE
RUTGERS at PITTSBURGH
SYRACUSE at WEST VIRGINIA

Friday, October 29

WEST VIRGINIA at CONNECTICUT (8 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, October 30

SYRACUSE at CINCINNATI
LOUISVILLE at PITTSBURGH

Wednesday, November 3

RUTGERS at USF (7 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, November 6

LOUISVILLE at SYRACUSE (Noon, BIG EAST Network)

Thursday, November 11

PITTSBURGH at CONNECTICUT (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, November 13

CINCINNATI at WEST VIRGINIA
USF at LOUISVILLE
SYRACUSE at RUTGERS

Saturday, November 20

RUTGERS at CINCINNATI
CONNECTICUT at SYRACUSE
WEST VIRGINIA at LOUISVILLE
PITTSBURGH at USF

Friday, November 26

LOUISVILLE at RUTGERS (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
WEST VIRGINIA at PITTSBURGH (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)

Saturday, November 27

CINCINNATI at CONNECTICUT
USF at Miami (Fla.)
Boston College at Syracuse

Saturday, December 4

PITTSBURGH at CINCINNATI (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
CONNECTICUT at USF (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
RUTGERS at WEST VIRGINIA (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)

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