



AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL REPORT 2019 Season • Week 1

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	SCHOOL AP/Coaches	AMERICAN						OVERALL							
		W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
EAST	UCF ^{17/17}	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	CINCINNATI ^{rv/rv}	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 2
	UConn	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 9
	ECU	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	USF	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 6
	TEMPLE ^{-rv}	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
WEST	HOUSTON ^{-rv}	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	MEMPHIS ^{rv/rv}	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	NAVY	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	SMU	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	TULANE	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 2
	TULSA	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

UCLA at Cincinnati 7 p.m.
Television: ESPN
Series: Cincinnati leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 1, 2018 (Cincinnati, 26-17)

Wagner at UConn 7 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: First meeting

Florida A&M at UCF 7:30 p.m.
Television: CBS Sports Network
Series: Florida A&M leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Nov. 14, 1987 (Florida A&M, 19-14)

Florida International at Tulane 8 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: Florida International leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Oct. 14, 2017 (FIU, 23-10)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Wisconsin at USF 7 p.m.
Television: ESPN
Series: Wisconsin leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 27, 2014 (Wisconsin, 27-10)

Tulsa at Michigan State 7 p.m.
Television: FS1
Series: First meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

ECU at North Carolina State Noon
Television: ACC Network
Series: North Carolina State leads, 17-13
Last Meeting: Dec. 1, 2018 (NC State, 58-3)

Ole Miss at Memphis Noon
Television: ABC
Series: Ole Miss leads, 49-11-2
Last Meeting: Oct. 1, 2016 (Ole Miss, 48-28)

Bucknell at Temple 3 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: Bucknell leads, 20-16-8
Last Meeting: Sept. 19, 1970 (Temple, 10-3)

Holy Cross at Navy 3:30 p.m.
Television: CBS Sports Network
Series: First meeting

SMU at Arkansas State 7 p.m.
Television: ESPN+
Series: SMU leads, 2-1
Last Meeting: Sept. 23, 2017 (SMU, 44-21)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Houston at Oklahoma 7:30 p.m.
Television: ABC
Series: Oklahoma leads, 2-1
Last Meeting: Sept. 3, 2016 (Houston, 33-23)

All times Eastern

THE AMERICAN TODAY

The opening week of the 2019 college football season has American Athletic Conference teams in action on four days, including prominent nationally televised contests each day.

Thursday's ledger is highlighted by an ESPN prime time telecast as Cincinnati welcomes UCLA to Nippert Stadium as the Bearcats look to open the season with a win against the Bruins for the second straight year. No. 17/17 UCF will have a nationally televised game against Florida A&M on CBS Sports Network. Tulane, which tied for first in The American's West Division last season, opens at home against Florida International, while UConn entertains Wagner from Pratt & Whitney Stadium.

Friday's lineup has two games against nationally ranked Big Ten opponents on national television. USF hosts No. 19/17 Wisconsin on ESPN, while Tulsa visits No. 18/20 Michigan State on FS1.

Saturday's headliner is Memphis' matinee against Ole Miss at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium on ABC. Additionally, two head coaches make their American Athletic Conference debuts Saturday as Mike Houston leads ECU against North Carolina State and Rod Carey's Temple squad hosts Bucknell. SMU is in action at Arkansas State, while Navy hosts Holy Cross on CBS Sports Network.

The opening week doesn't end Saturday. Houston and new head coach Dana Holgorsen will take to the road Sunday to face No. 4/4 Oklahoma in a prime time matchup on ABC. Cougar fans will be looking for a repeat of the 2016 season-opener, when Houston topped the No. 3-ranked Sooners at NRG Stadium.

There should be no shortage of talent in The American in 2019. Ten of the 12 teams in the conference return their regular starting quarterbacks from last season, while the conference has six returning 1,000-yard rushers from 2018. Seven teams from The American played in bowl games last season.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

As part of the national celebration of the 150th season of college football in 2019, the American Athletic Conference will showcase some of the great moments and key individuals from its member schools who have added to the rich tradition of the sport and its contribution to American society and culture.

The Week 1 showcase will be on the USF Bulls. Visit TheAmerican.org this week for a look at the Bulls' rise to No. 2 in the national polls in 2007 and profiles of former American Offensive Player of the Year Quinton Flowers and consensus All-America defensive end George Selvie.



AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Welcome Aboard

The American Athletic Conference welcomes three new head coaches for the 2019 season. Mike Houston, the former James Madison coach, takes over at ECU; Dana Holgorsen, formerly of West Virginia, is the new man at Houston; and former Northern Illinois coach Rod Carey will man the sidelines at Temple.

Signal Callers

Ten of The American's 12 teams return their primary starting quarterback from last season. Only UConn and SMU enter the 2019 season without their primary starter from last year.

By The Thousands

The American saw 10 players rush for at least 1,000 yards last season – the most in conference history and the most of any conference in 2018. Six of those players return in 2019. By comparison, The American had one 1,000-yard rusher in 2013 and two in 2014.

Rank And File

The American Athletic Conference placed two teams in the final national polls for the second consecutive season and the fourth time in the league's six-year history in 2018. UCF was ranked No. 11 in the final AP poll and No. 12 in the coaches' poll, while Cincinnati was No. 24 in the AP ranking and No. 23 in the coaches' poll.

Pow6rful Stuff

The American has registered 34 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.

Power 6 Indeed

American Athletic Conference teams had eight nonconference wins against other Power 6 conferences in the 2018 season. Six American schools contributed to the wins in 2018:

Cincinnati 26, UCLA 17
Houston 45, Arizona 18
USF 49, Georgia Tech 38
ECU 41, North Carolina 19
Temple 35, Maryland 14
USF 25, Illinois 19
UCF 45, Pitt 14
Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31

Play On

The American placed seven teams in bowl games in the 2018 season (UCF, Cincinnati, Houston, Memphis, USF, Temple, Tulane). The American has had at least seven teams in bowl games in each of the last four seasons.

This Is Our House

Home teams were a combined 30-18 in American Athletic Conference games in 2018. UCF, Temple and Cincinnati all went 4-0 in conference home games. UCF has won eight consecutive conference home games.

It's East vs. West

The American's East Division finished the 2018 season with a 10-8 head-to-head record against the league's West Division, marking the first time in the four-year history of the conference's two-division format that the East had the better head-to-head record. West Division teams hold a 38-34 all-time lead against East Division opponents since 2015.

2015	Tied, 9-9
2016	West, 12-6
2017	Tied, 9-9
2018	East, 10-8
Total	West, 38-34

Prognostication

The 2018 season was the first in which both preseason favorites in The American's East (UCF) and West (Memphis) divisions went on to win division titles.

Pac Mentality

American Athletic Conference teams are a combined 4-0 against the Pac-12 since the start of the 2017 season.

One And Only

UCF is the only team in FBS football that has only one loss in the last two seasons. The Knights are 25-1 since the start of the 2017 season.

Conference Call

UCF has won 18 consecutive games against American Athletic Conference opponents since the start of the 2017 season. That is the longest active winning streak nationally for any team in its conference. Clemson ranks second with 13 straight wins against ACC teams, while Alabama has defeated 10 straight SEC opponents.

Home Is Where The Wins Are

UCF has won 15 straight home games, tying Clemson for the nation's second-longest active streak. Alabama has won its last 26 home games.

This Goes To 11

Cincinnati registered its third 11-win season in school history in 2018. The Bearcats had previously won 11 games in 2008 and scored 12 wins in 2009.

New Wave

Tulane won five of its last six games of the 2018 season as the Green Wave played in a bowl game for the first time since 2013 and scored its first bowl victory since the 2002 Hawaii Bowl.

The Best Offense ...

Temple led the nation with eight defensive touchdowns in 2018. Houston was sixth nationally with four defensive TDs.

Offensive Outbursts

The American Athletic Conference had three of the top seven teams nationally in total offense in 2018. Memphis was fourth at 523.1 yards per game. UCF was fifth at 522.7 ypg, while Houston was seventh at 512.5 ypg.

Ground And Pound

Memphis ranked fourth nationally in rushing offense (279.9 yards per game) and was first among teams that do not run the option as their primary system. Navy was fifth nationally at 276.1 ypg.

Best Behavior

Navy finished the 2018 season ranked second nationally in fewest penalties (3.69) and penalty yards per game (30.0).

Great Responsibility

Houston QB D'Eriq King finished the 2018 season as the national leader in points responsible for per game. King had a hand in 50 touchdowns (14 rushing, 36 passing) and one two-point conversion, good for 302 points in 11 games (27.5 ppg average). Heisman Trophy finalist Dwayne Haskins of Ohio State was second at 23.1 ppg, while Heisman winner Kyler Murray of Oklahoma was third at 23.1 ppg. UCF QB McKenzie Milton was fifth at 22.0 ppg.

Election Totals

UCF QB McKenzie Milton finished sixth in the 2018 Heisman Trophy voting, making him one of two players to finish in the top 10 of the voting in each of the last two seasons (along with Wisconsin RB Jonathan Taylor). Memphis RB Darrell Henderson was 10th in the 2018 voting, giving The American two top-10 Heisman finishers in the same season for the first time.

Freshman Phenom

Tulsa LB Zaven Collins was chosen as a Freshman All-America selection by the Football Writers Association of America. Collins registered 85 tackles with 9.5 tackles for loss in his rookie season.

The A List

Keep an eye on these American Athletic Conference players, who could challenge for All-America honors in 2019.



Richie Grant, S

All-conference first team selection in 2018 who registered a team-high 109 tackles with six interceptions.



Michael Warren II, RB

Rushed for 1,353 yards and 19 touchdowns, finishing second in The American in rushing at 112.8 yards per game.



Kevin Mensah, RB

Turned in a 1,000-yard season in 2018 (1,042 yards) and has the benefit of a veteran offensive line in 2019.



Holton Ahlers, QB

Emerged as the Pirates' starter midway through the season and led the team in both passing (1,785 yards, 12 TD) and rushing (592 yards, 6 TD) as a freshman.



Mitchell Wilcox, TE

Had 43 receptions for 540 receiving yards and two touchdowns on his way to all-conference first team honors in 2018.



Isaiah Wright, WR

The 2018 American Special Teams Player of the Year scored three special teams touchdowns and was the Owls' third-leading receiver last season.



D'Eriq King

Set an American Athletic Conference record with 50 touchdowns last season (36 passing, 14 rushing) before a season-ending injury.



Patrick Taylor Jr., RB

Rushed for 1,122 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2018 and should see the bulk of the Tigers' carries this season.



Malcolm Perry, QB

Returns to the quarterback spot and has turned in back-to-back 1,000-rushing-yard seasons.



James Proche, WR

Led The American with 93 receptions, 1,199 receiving yards and 12 touchdown catches last season.



Patrick Johnson, DE

Registered 15.5 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks last season; leads a deep and talented Green Wave defensive line.



Cooper Edmiston, LB

Led the team in tackles (113) and had a hand in seven takeaways in 2018 (four interceptions, three fumble recoveries).

EAST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

UCF 0-0, 0-0 American



@UCF_Football

Next: Aug. 28 vs. Florida A&M (CBSN)

American Ranks

Total Offense	522.7	2nd
Total Defense	433.7	8th
Scoring Offense	43.2	2nd
Scoring Defense	22.7	2nd

- UCF has won 25 of its last 26 games. The only loss in that stretch was to LSU in last season's PlayStation Fiesta Bowl.
- The Knights have scored at least 30 points in 26 straight games, the longest such streak in FBS football since 1936.
- UCF is 28-1 as a nationally ranked team since the formation of The American.
- The Knights have won four American Athletic Conference championships in the first six years of the league (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018).
- UCF has won 15 consecutive home games, tying Clemson for the nation's second-longest active streak. Alabama leads the nation with 26 straight home wins.

CINCINNATI 0-0, 0-0 American



@BearcatsFB

Next: Aug. 29 vs. UCLA (ESPN)

American Ranks

Total Offense	462.1	4th
Total Defense	289.9	1st
Scoring Offense	34.9	5th
Scoring Defense	16.1	1st

- Cincinnati went 11-2 last season, finishing with 11 wins for the first time since 2009.
- The 2018 season was Cincinnati's third 11-win season in program history (2008, 2009).
- QB Desmond Ridder was named as The American's Rookie of the Year.
- Cincinnati was picked second in the East Division in the American Athletic Conference preseason media poll.
- P James Smith was chosen as a second team Associated Press preseason All-America selection.
- RB Michael Warren II ranked second in The American in rushing in 2018 (112.8 ypg) and is the conference's top returning rusher.

UCONN 0-0, 0-0 American



@UConnFootball

Next: Aug. 29 vs. Wagner (ESPN3)

American Ranks

Total Offense	376.4	11th
Total Defense	617.4	12th
Scoring Offense	22.2	12th
Scoring Defense	50.4	12th

- RB Kevin Mensah finished the 2018 season with 1,042 rushing yards. Mensah was ninth in The American in rushing at 86.8 yards per game.
- The Huskies enter the 2019 season looking to snap a nine-game slide that closed the 2018 campaign.
- UConn has named Lou Spanos as defensive coordinator. Spanos had most recently been an analyst at Alabama and was linebackers coach for the Tennessee Titans from 2014-17.
- S Tyler Coyle finished the season with a team-high 108 tackles.
- UConn is looking to return to a bowl game for the first time since 2015.

ECU 0-0, 0-0 American



@ECUPiratesFB

Next: Aug. 31 at NC State (ACC Network)

American Ranks

Total Offense	414.4	6th
Total Defense	439.8	9th
Scoring Offense	22.8	11th
Scoring Defense	37.3	11th

- Mike Houston makes his debut as ECU's head coach in the season-opener against North Carolina State.
- Houston went 37-6 as head coach at James Madison (2016-18) before coming to ECU. He also previously served as head coach at The Citadel and Lenoir-Rhyne.
- QB Holton Ahlers finished as the Pirates' leading passer (1,785 yards) and rusher (592 yards) despite making only five starts in 2018.
- The Pirates' 2019 season-opener will be against the same opponent that ECU faced in the 2018 season finale.
- ECU dropped seven of its last eight games to close the 2018 season.

USF 0-0, 0-0 American



@USFFootball

Next: Aug. 30 vs. Wisconsin (ESPN)

American Ranks

Total Offense	437.7	5th
Total Defense	446.6	10th
Scoring Offense	28.5	7th
Scoring Defense	32.0	7th

- USF won its first seven games of the 2018 season, but the Bulls closed the year with six straight losses.
- USF finished the 2018 season with a program-record 3,173 passing yards.
- USF has won 20 of its last 26 games at Raymond James Stadium. Fifteen of those wins have been by at least two touchdowns.
- USF has gone 36-15 in the last four seasons, the best four-year period in program history.
- The Bulls have appeared in the top 25 rankings in each of the last three seasons and finished the year in the top 25 in two of the last three years.

TEMPLE 0-0, 0-0 American



@Temple_FB

Next: Aug. 31 vs. Bucknell (ESPN3)

American Ranks

Total Offense	409.5	7th
Total Defense	372.5	2nd
Scoring Offense	34.9	4th
Scoring Defense	27.1	3rd

- WR Isaiah Wright was chosen as The American's Special Teams Player of the Year and was a first-team All-America choice by Sporting News.
- The Owls scored eight defensive touchdowns in 2018, the most of any NCAA FBS team. Temple additionally had three TDs on punt returns and one on a kickoff return.
- Temple won six of its last seven games to close the regular season.
- The season-opener against Bucknell will mark the Owl debut for head coach Rod Carey. Carey had been head coach at Northern Illinois before coming to Philadelphia.
- Four of Temple's first five games are against teams with new head coaches.

WEST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

HOUSTON 0-0, 0-0 American



Next: Sept. 1 at Oklahoma (ABC)

American Ranks

Total Offense	511.7	3rd
Total Defense	500.2	11th
Scoring Offense	43.9	2nd
Scoring Defense	37.2	10th

- QB D'Eriq King accounted for an American Athletic Conference-record 50 touchdowns in 11 games before suffering a season-ending knee injury.
- Houston forced at least one turnover in all 13 games in 2018.
- Dana Holgorsen enters his first season as Houston's head coach after spending nine years at West Virginia.
- The Cougars, who are 8-2 in their last 10 games against top-25 teams, have three opponents (Oklahoma, Washington State, UCF) that are ranked in the 2019 preseason poll.
- The Cougars have won their last three games against top-10 teams, defeating No. 9 Florida State in the 2015 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 3 Louisville during the 2016 regular season.

MEMPHIS 0-0, 0-0 American



Next: Aug. 31 vs. Ole Miss (ABC)

American Ranks

Total Offense	523.1	1st
Total Defense	428.4	6th
Scoring Offense	42.9	3rd
Scoring Defense	31.9	6th

- Memphis, which has won the last two American West Division titles, was chosen as the favorite in the West in the 2019 preseason media poll.
- Memphis won its last four conference games last season to win the West Division title and offset a 1-3 start in league play. Two of the Tigers' three conference losses were by one point.
- Memphis set a program record with 7,324 offensive yards in 2018.
- The Tigers have won 15 consecutive regular-season nonconference games at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. The last team outside of The American to win a regular-season game in Memphis was Duke in the 2013 season-opener.
- Memphis has won 45 games in the last five years, marking its best five-year stretch in program history.

NAVY 0-0, 0-0 American



Next: Aug. 31 vs. Holy Cross

American Ranks

Total Offense	360.7	12th
Total Defense	438.3	9th
Scoring Offense	26.2	9th
Scoring Defense	34.9	9th

- Navy saw a streak of six straight years of bowl eligibility come to an end last season.
- The Midshipmen have been nationally ranked in three of the last four seasons. The 2018 season was the first since 2014 in which the Midshipmen did not appear in the top 25.
- Navy has named Brian Newberry as its new defensive coordinator. Newberry had been the defensive coordinator at Kennesaw State from 2015-18.
- QB Malcolm Perry has rushed for at least 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons. Perry rushed for 1,182 yards in 2017 and had 1,087 yards last year.
- Navy ranked second nationally in fewest penalties (3.69) and penalty yards (30.0) per game in 2018.

SMU 0-0, 0-0 American



Next: Aug. 31 at Arkansas State

American Ranks

Total Offense	387.2	9th
Total Defense	429.8	7th
Scoring Offense	30.4	6th
Scoring Defense	35.2	10th

- SMU dropped its last two games of the 2018 season, denying the Mustangs a second straight season of bowl eligibility.
- WR James Proche finished as the American Athletic Conference leader in receptions (7.8 per game) and touchdown receptions (12).
- Proche and WR Reggie Roberson combined for 2,001 receiving yards in 2018. Proche had 1,199 yards, while Roberson had 802 yards.
- Proche is the NCAA FBS active career leader with 2,724 receiving yards.
- QB Shane Buechele made a combined 19 starts and played in 23 games at Texas from 2006-18. Buechele had 30 touchdown passes and threw for 4,636 yards with the Longhorns.

TULANE 0-0, 0-0 American



Next: Aug. 29 vs. Florida International

American Ranks

Total Offense	401.1	8th
Total Defense	408.0	4th
Scoring Offense	26.8	8th
Scoring Defense	27.5	4th

- Tulane played in its first bowl game since 2013 last season and finish tied for first place in The American's West Division.
- Tulane has rushed for at least 100 yards in 41 consecutive games, dating to the end of the 2015 season.
- QB Justin McMillan went 5-1 as Tulane's starter in 2018.
- Tulane's win against Louisiana in the Cure Bowl was the Green Wave's first bowl victory since the 2002 Hawaii Bowl.
- DE Patrick Johnson was second in the American Athletic Conference, and leads all returning players, with 10.5 sacks in 2018. Johnson was fifth in the league in tackles for loss (15.5) and is second among returning players.

TULSA 0-0, 0-0 American



Next: Aug. 30 at Michigan State

American Ranks

Total Offense	377.6	10th
Total Defense	407.7	3rd
Scoring Offense	24.1	10th
Scoring Defense	29.6	5th

- Tulsa finished third in The American in total defense last season, only one year after the Golden Hurricane had ranked 11th in the conference. Tulsa improved its total defense average by 121.2 yards from 2017 to 2018.
- LB Cooper Edmiston finished the 2018 season with four interceptions, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries, accounting for seven of the Golden Hurricane's 20 takeaways.
- LB Zaven Collins was named as a Freshman All-America selection by the Football Writers Association of America.
- The backfield tandem of RB Shamari Brooks and RB Corey Taylor II combined to rush for 1,813 yards and 18 touchdowns last year.
- Tulsa has had three seasons with at least 10 wins since 2010 (2010, 2012, 2016).

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

THURSDAY, AUG. 29 • 7 P.M. • ESPN



UCLA at CINCINNATI



Nippert Stadium (40,000/UBU Speed Series 55-M)
Cincinnati, Ohio

Television ESPN

Adam Amin, Matt Hasselbeck and Molly McGrath

Radio

WLW-AM 700 (Cincinnati flagship)
SiriusXM 206/197/966

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the second meeting between Cincinnati and UCLA ... The Bearcats took a 26-17 win against the Bruins Sept. 1, 2018, in the season-opener for both teams as Cincinnati erased an early 10-0 deficit ... RB Michael Warren II ran for 142 yards and three touchdowns for the Bearcats.

rv/rv CINCINNATI 0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Luke Fickell (Ohio State '97)
15-10, third season at Cincinnati
21-17, fourth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Cincinnati ended a stretch of back-to-back 4-8 seasons by going 11-2 in 2018 as the Bearcats turned in their third 11-win season in program history ... Cincinnati finished the 2018 season ranked No. 23 in the USA Today coaches' poll ... The Bearcats have 14 returning starters from last year, but the losses include three men from what was one of the top defensive line units in the nation ... QB Desmond Ridder was named as The American's Rookie of the Year after he threw for 2,445 yards and 20 touchdowns with five interceptions as a true freshman ... RB Michael Warren II rushed for 1,329 yards and 19 TDs on his way to first-team all-conference honors ... LB Perry Young had 45 tackles in eight games before suffering a season-ending knee injury, but also earned first-team honors.

-/rv UCLA 0-0, 0-0 Pac-12

Head Coach

Chip Kelly (New Hampshire '90)
3-9, second season at UCLA
49-16, sixth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

UCLA looks to bounce back from a 3-9 season in Chip Kelly's second year in Westwood ... The Bruins went 3-6 in Pac-12 play and were 0-3 in nonconference games ... UCLA has dropped its last five nonconference games, a streak that began with a 48-45 setback at Memphis in the 2017 season ... UCLA has 19 returning starters this season ... QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson, who came off the bench as a true freshman in last year's opener against Cincinnati, is the projected starter for this year ... Thompson-Robinson threw for 1,311 yards and seven touchdowns with four interceptions in 2018 ... RB Joshua Kelley rushed for 1,243 yards and 12 touchdowns ... WR Theo Howard had 51 receptions for 677 yards and tied for the team lead with four touchdown catches.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29 • 7 P.M. • ESPN3



WAGNER at UConn



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

Television ESPN3

Doug Sherman and Tyoka Jackson

Radio

WUCS-FM 97.9 (UConn flagship)
SiriusXM 978

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the first meeting between UConn and Wagner ... It will be the first of two games for UConn against first-time opponents in 2019 (Illinois) ... The Huskies have won their last five games against FCS opponents, including a 56-49 victory against Rhode Island last season.

WAGNER 0-0, 0-0 NEC

Head Coach

Jason Houghtaling (Binghamton '04)
15-29, fifth season

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Notes

Wagner finished last season at 4-7 overall and 3-3 in the Northeast Conference ... The Seahawks won their season opener, dropped their next five games, then won three of their last five to close the year ... The last matchup for Wagner against an NCAA FBS opponent was a 62-10 setback at Syracuse last year ... Jason Houghtaling is in his fifth season as Wagner's head coach and is in his 12th season on the Seahawk sideline after serving as offensive coordinator for seven years ... Thursday's game against UConn will be the first of two dates against FBS opponents this season for Wagner, which visits Florida Atlantic Sept. 21 ... Wagner is led by LB Cam Gill, an AP FCS third team All-America selection who had 13.5 sacks last season ... Gill was also chosen as the 2018 Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

UConn 0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Randy Edsall (Syracuse '80)
78-90, 15th season at UConn
100-125, 20th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

UConn looks to bounce back from a 1-11 season in which the Huskies dropped their final nine games ... The Huskies were 56-49 winners against Rhode Island in Week 3, but struggled the rest of the way ... UConn's turnaround will hinge on improving a defense that allowed an average of 50.4 points and 617.4 yards per game in 2018 ... One of the youngest teams in the nation last season, UConn has 59 letterwinners and 16 starters returning in 2019 ... The offense figures to be led by RB Kevin Mensah, who rushed for 1,042 yards and six touchdowns last season ... QB Mike Beaudry, a graduate transfer from Division II West Florida, has been named as the Opening Day starter ... Beaudry threw for 3,215 yards and 29 touchdowns in 2017, leading West Florida to the NCAA Division II Championship final.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29 • 7:30 P.M. • CBSSN



FLORIDA A&M at UCF



Spectrum Stadium (44,206/Grass)
Orlando, Florida

Television

CBS Sports Network
Rich Waltz, Aaron Taylor and John Schriffen

Radio

WYGM-FM 96.9 (UCF flagship)

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the second meeting between UCF and Florida A&M ... The first matchup was Nov. 14, 1987, when the Rattlers won 19-14 in Tallahassee ... UCF was an NCAA Division II institution in that contest ... UCF last faced an FCS opponent last season, when the Knights were 38-0 winners against South Carolina State.

FLORIDA A&M 0-0, 0-0 MEAC

Head Coach

Willie Simmons (Clemson '02)
6-5, second season

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Notes

Florida A&M went 6-5 in Willie Simmons' first year as head coach ... The Rattlers started the season at 6-2, but dropped their final three contests to close the year ... Included in the 2018 ledger was a 22-21 victory against a North Carolina A&T squad that was ranked No. 10 in FCS at the time ... Florida A&M placed 11 players on the preseason All-MEAC teams, including first-team selections at both kicking positions ... K Yahia Aly was 15-of 22 in field goal attempts last year, while P Chris Daddoul averaged 46.8 yards per punt and had 16 kicks of at least 50 yards ... QB Ryan Stanley, a second-team preseason All-MEAC pick, threw for 2,519 yards and 17 touchdowns with 12 interceptions last season ... RB Deshawn Smith rushed for 640 yards and four TDs, while WR Xavier Smith had 52 catches for 727 yards and four touchdowns as well.

17/17 UCF 0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

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

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Notes

UCF has won 25 of its last 26 games as the Knights enter 2019 on the heels of a 12-1 campaign ... UCF has a 15-game winning streak at Spectrum Stadium ... UCF looks to become the first team to win three straight American Athletic Conference titles ... The big question in the preseason will be at quarterback as the Knights will be without back-to-back American Offensive Player of the Year QB McKenzie Milton and QB Darriel Mack, who started the final two games in 2018 ... The most experienced signal-caller is QB Brandon Winbush, the former Notre Dame starter ... The Knights should feature one of the nation's top offensive lines as three first-team all-conference players return ... S Richie Grant (109 tackles), LB Nate Evans (99 tackles) and CB Nevelle Clarke (15 passes defended) return to lead the defense.

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

THURSDAY, AUG. 29 • 8 P.M. • ESPN3



Yulman Stadium (30,000/UBU Speed Series 5M)
New Orleans, Louisiana

Television

ESPN3
Matt Stewart and Stan Lewter

Radio

WMTI-FM 106.1 (Tulane flagship)
SiriusXM 974

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the second meeting between Tulane and Florida International ... The schools met for the first time Oct. 14, 2017, when FIU scored a 23-10 decision in Miami ... The Green Wave was limited to 239 yards of offense against the Panthers and was held to 2-of-11 efficiency on third down.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 0-0, 0-0 Conference USA

Head Coach

Butch Davis (Arkansas '74)
17-9, third season at Florida International
96-52, 13th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Florida International enjoyed a nine-win season in the second year of head coach Butch Davis' tenure, setting a program record as the Panthers beat Toledo in the Bahamas Bowl to finish 9-4 ... Davis has won 17 games in two seasons at FIU after the Panthers won 17 games in the five seasons prior to his arrival ... FIU was 4-1 in road games last year and has won its last four games away from home ... FIU is led by QB James Morgan, who threw for 2,727 yards and a school-record 26 touchdowns against seven interceptions last season ... RB Napoleon Maxwell, who had 684 rushing yards with seven touchdowns ... LB Sage Lewis earned first-team all-conference honors last year after he had 108 tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and nine passes defended.

TULANE 0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Willie Fritz (Pittsburgh State '83)
16-21, fourth season at Tulane
170-90, 23rd season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Tulane ended a four-year postseason drought last season as the Green Wave defeated Louisiana 41-24 in the AutoNation Cure Bowl to finish 7-6 ... Tulane tied for first place in the American Athletic Conference West Division with a 5-3 league mark ... The Green Wave has 76 letterwinners back from last season ... LB Patrick Johnson, a first-team all-conference selection, leads the defense after he had 5.5 sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss last year ... QB Justin McMillan went 5-1 as Tulane's starter last year, throwing for 1,304 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushing for 238 yards and five scores ... RB Darius Bradwell, who had 1,134 rushing yards with 11 TDs ... The Green Wave returns its top five rushers from 2018 ... WR Darnell Mooney had 48 catches for 993 yards and eight TDs.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30 • 7 P.M. • ESPN



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

Television

ESPN
Dave Flemming, Louis Riddick and Paul Carcaterra

Radio

WHNZ-AM 1250 (USF flagship)
SiriusXM 83

THE GAME

Friday's game will complete a home-and-home series between USF and Wisconsin, which began in 2014 with the Badgers' 27-10 win in Madison, Wisconsin ... The Badgers broke open a 3-3 halftime score with 17 straight third-quarter points to pull away as RB Melvin Gordon rushed for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

19/17 WISCONSIN 0-0, 0-0 Big Ten

Head Coach

Paul Chryst (Wisconsin '88)
42-12, fifth season at Wisconsin
61-31, eighth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Wisconsin, which has played in the Big Ten Championship three times in the last five years, was 8-5 in 2018 ... The Badgers defeated Miami (Fla.) 35-3 in the Pinstripe Bowl, giving Wisconsin five straight bowl wins and tying Louisiana Tech for the nation's longest active bowl winning streak ... Head coach Paul Chryst has led his team to a bowl game in each of his last 17 years as a head or assistant coach ... Wisconsin is led by RB Jonathan Taylor, a two-time All-America selection and the 2018 Doak Walker Award winner who rushed for 2,194 yards and 16 touchdowns last season ... Taylor's 4,171 career yards are the most in FBS history by a player in his first two years ... Taylor joins C Tyler Biadasz as the Badgers' selections to the AP preseason All-America team.

USF 0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Charlie Strong (Central Arkansas '82)
17-8, third season at USF
70-45, 10th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

USF won its first seven games of the 2018 season and was ranked as high as No. 21 nationally, but the Bulls dropped their last six games to finish 7-6 ... USF was a combined 21-4 in the two previous seasons ... The Bulls have been in the top 25 in each of the last three seasons, climbing as high as No. 13 in the coaches' poll in 2017 ... USF returns only 39 of its 61 letterwinners from last year, but has 15 returning starters ... The offense is led by RB Jordan Cronkrite and RB Johnny Ford, who combined for 1,908 yards and 17 touchdowns last season ... QB Blake Barnett threw for 2,710 yards and 12 touchdowns with 11 interceptions ... The top receiver is WR Randall St. Felix, who had 33 catches for 679 yards and four touchdowns ... TE Mitchell Wilcox was an all-conference first-team pick.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30 • 7 P.M. • FS1



Spartan Stadium (75,005/Natural Grass)
East Lansing, Michigan

Television

FS1
Tim Brando, Spencer Tillman and Coley Harvey

Radio

KXBL-FM 99.5 (Tulsa flagship)

THE GAME

Friday's game will be the first meeting between Tulsa and Michigan State ... The Golden Hurricane has gone 1-7 in previous meetings against Big Ten opponents, with the lone win coming against Iowa in 1996 (27-20) ... Michigan State is 1-0 against American Athletic Conference opponents with a 21-6 win against USF in the 2013 season.

TULSA 0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Philip Montgomery (Tarleton State '95)
21-29, fifth season

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Notes

Tulsa finished 3-9 last season as the Golden Hurricane seeks to end a three-year absence from bowl games ... Tulsa has turned in three 10-win seasons since 2010 ... Tulsa finished third in The American in total defense last season, one year after the Golden Hurricane had ranked 11th in the conference ... Tulsa improved its total defense average by 121.2 yards from 2017 to 2018 ... Tulsa will be led offensively by the tandem of RB Shamari Brooks (967 yards, 7 TD) and RB Corey Taylor II (846 yards, 11 TD) ... QB Seth Boomer started the final eight games and threw for 1,378 yards and nine TDs ... QB Zach Smith made 10 starts for Baylor in the 2016 and 2017 seasons ... LB Cooper Edmiston had team highs with 113 tackles, four interceptions and three fumble recoveries ... DE Trevis Gipson registered five forced fumbles and a team-high 4.0 sacks.

18/20 MICHIGAN STATE 0-0, 0-0 Big Ten

Head Coach

Mark Dantonio (South Carolina '79)
107-51, 13th season at Michigan State
125-68, 16th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Michigan State has 17 starters back from a team that went 7-6 in 2018 ... The Spartans were a combined 36-5 between 2013 and 2015, fell to 3-9 in 2016 before going 10-3 in 2017 ... Friday's game against Tulsa is the first of three straight home games to open the season for the Spartans ... Michigan State is led by LB Joe Bachie, who was a first-team All-Big Ten selection last season, and DE Kenny Willekes, the 2018 Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year ... Bachie had 102 tackles with 7.5 tackles for loss, while Willekes led the Big Ten with 20.5 TFL to go with 8.5 sacks ... QB Brian Lewerke threw for 2,040 yards and eight touchdowns with 11 interceptions ... K Matt Coghlin is a first-team all-conference pick who holds the Spartans' career record for field goal percentage (.805).

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 • NOON • ACC NETWORK



ECU at NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Carter-Finley Stadium (57,600/Natural Grass)
Raleigh, North Carolina

Television

ACC Network

Wes Durham, Roddy Jones and Eric Wood

Radio

WNCT-FM 107.9 (ECU flagship)
SiriusXM 381/969

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 31st meeting between ECU and NC State ... The Wolfpack snapped the Pirates' three-game series winning streak last season to build a 17-13 lead in the rivalry ... It will be the first time since the 1969 season opener (against East Tennessee State) that ECU will have faced the same opponent in consecutive games.

ECU O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Mike Houston (Mars Hill '94)
O-O, first season at ECU

80-25, ninth season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

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Notes

ECU has gone 3-9 in each of the last three seasons, but the Pirates are hoping for a turnaround in 2019 as Mike Houston begins his head coaching tenure in Greenville ... Houston most recently served as head coach at James Madison, where the Dukes went 37-6, won the 2016 NCAA FCS Championship and was the national runner-up in 2017 ... The Pirates have 49 letterwinners and 14 starters back from last year ... QB Holton Ahlers made five starts as a true freshman and threw for 1,607 yards and six touchdowns and rushed for a team-high 592 yards with six TDs ... The top returning receiver is WR Deondre Farrier, who had 30 catches for 372 yards and two touchdowns in 2018 ... K Jake Verity was The American's top kicker last year, going 19-for-21 on field goal attempts.

-/rv NORTH CAROLINA STATE O-O, O-O ACC

Head Coach

Dave Doeren (Drake '93)
43-34, seventh season at NC State
66-38, ninth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

North Carolina State has 12 starters back from last year's team, which went 9-4 overall and 5-3 in the ACC ... The Wolfpack fell 52-13 to Texas A&M in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl ... NC State opened last season with a 24-13 win against a James Madison team coached by current ECU coach Mike Houston ... NC State has registered back-to-back nine-win seasons for only the third time in program history (1973-74, 1991-92) ... The 18 total wins and 11 conference wins in the last two years are second only to Clemson among ACC teams ... The Wolfpack will be without its leading passer, rusher, receiver and tackler from last season ... QB Matthew McKay, who saw spot duty last season, is the preseason favorite to land the starting spot in 2019.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 • NOON • ABC



OLE MISS at MEMPHIS

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

Television

ABC

Mark Jones, Dusty Dvoracek and Olivia Dekker

Radio

WREC-AM 600 (Memphis flagship)
SiriusXM 137/192/963

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 63rd meeting between Memphis and Ole Miss, which are located about 85 miles apart ... Ole Miss has gone 49-11-2 against Memphis, including a 48-28 victory in 2016 ... The Tigers took the last meeting at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium with a 37-24 decision against the No. 16 Rebels in 2015.

OLE MISS O-O, O-O SEC

Head Coach

Matt Luke (Ole Miss '00)
11-13, third season

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Notes

Ole Miss returns 13 starters – 10 on defense – from a 2018 squad that went 5-7 in Matt Luke's second year as head coach ... The Rebels look to snap a five-game slide that followed a 5-2 start to the 2018 season ... Ole Miss is 27-5 in nonconference games since 2012, including 7-1 under Luke ... The defense returns 11 of its top 12 tackle leaders from last year ... LB Mohamed Sanogo had 112 stops to go with 5.5 tackles for loss and was third in the SEC with 9.3 tackles per game ... QB Matt Corral saw action in four games as a redshirt freshman last year ... RB Scottie Phillips rushed for 928 yards and 12 touchdowns, finishing fifth on the school's single-season rushing chart ... The Rebel coaching staff includes two of the last three Pac-12 coaches of the year (offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez and defensive coordinator Mike McIntyre).

rv/rv MEMPHIS O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Mike Norvell (Central Arkansas '95)
26-14, fourth season

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Notes

Memphis has won at least eight games in each of the last five seasons and has registered two 10-win seasons in that span ... The Tigers have played in a school-record five straight bowl games ... Memphis won The American's West Division title for the second straight year in 2018 ... Memphis has won 15 straight nonconference regular season home games, while the Tigers are 13-2 in their last 15 games at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium ... The Tigers return 14 starters from last year ... QB Brady White threw for 3,296 yards and 26 touchdowns with nine interceptions in his first year at Memphis after transferring from Arizona State ... RB Patrick Taylor rushed for 1,122 yards and 16 touchdowns despite splitting carries with All-America Darrell Henderson ... WR Damonte Coxie had 72 receptions for 1,174 yards and seven touchdowns.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 • 3 P.M. • ESPN3



BUCKNELL at TEMPLE

Lincoln Financial Field (69,596/Natural Grass)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Television

ESPN3

Dave Leno and Tyoka Jackson

Radio

WPEN-FM 97.5 (Temple flagship)
SiriusXM 382/975

THE GAME

Temple and Bucknell have a longstanding history that dates to the 1927 season ... The schools met every season from 1927-70, but have not played since ... Bucknell holds a 20-16-8 series lead ... The Owls went 3-1-1 against the Bison in the final five games of the series ... Saturday's game will be the first in Philadelphia since 1968.

BUCKNELL O-O, O-O Patriot League

Head Coach

Dave Cecchini (Lehigh '95)
O-O, first season at Bucknell
15-29, four seasons as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Bucknell looks to rebound from a 1-10 season in 2018 ... The lone win was a 19-16 decision at Holy Cross Sept. 29 ... The Bison were picked to finish seventh in the Patriot League's preseason media poll ... Bucknell is looking for its first winning season since the 2014 squad went 8-3 ... The game against Temple will be the first for Dave Cecchini as Bucknell's head coach ... Cecchini takes over on the Bison sideline after four years at Valparaiso, where he was named Pioneer Football Conference Coach of the Year in 2018 ... The top player is LB Simeon Page, who is the NCAA FCS active leader in sacks per game (0.84) and was named to the Patriot League's preseason all-conference team ... P Alex Pechin ranked fourth in FCS in punting (44.5 yards per punt).

-/rv TEMPLE O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Rod Carey (Indiana '93)
O-O, first season at Temple
52-30, seventh season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Temple has been bowl-eligible in each of the last five seasons, including the 2018 campaign, when the Owls went 8-5 ... Temple, which itself will feature new head coach Rod Carey in 2019, plays four of its first five games this season against teams with new head coaches ... Carey takes over after spending six seasons as head coach at Northern Illinois, where he led the Huskies to two MAC titles, four divisional titles and five bowl appearances, ... Temple won its last three regular-season games in 2018 ... The Owls have 14 returning starters ... QB Anthony Russo threw for 2,563 yards and 14 touchdowns with 14 interceptions in his first year as the starter ... WR Isaiah Wright was The American's Special Teams Player of the Year after he scored three special teams TDs in 2018.

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 • 3:30 P.M. • CBSSN



HOLY CROSS at NAVY



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

Television ESPN

John Sadak, Randy Cross and Sheehan Stanwick Burch

Radio

WBAL-AM 1090 (Navy flagship)
SiriusXM 105/202/965

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between Navy and Holy Cross ... The Midshipmen compete against the Crusaders in the Patriot League in most other sports ... Navy faced a Patriot League opponent last season, topping Lehigh 51-21 ... Holy Cross last faced a team from The American in 2017 when UConn won 27-20.

HOLY CROSS O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Bob Chesney (Dickinson '00)
5-6, second season at Holy Cross
72-31, 10th season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Holy Cross went 5-6 last season in the first year of Bob Chesney's head coaching tenure in Worcester ... Chesney went 23-9 as coach at Division III Salve Regina and 44-16 at Division II Assumption before taking over at Holy Cross ... Last year was Chesney's first sub-500 season as a head coach ... The Crusaders started last year 1-6, but take a four-game winning streak into this season ... Holy Cross returns 13 starters from 2018 ... Most notably, the Crusaders bring back all five starters on the offensive line ... RB Domenic Cozier rushed for 643 yards and eight touchdowns last season ... Only four starters return on defense, three from the secondary ... The opener against Navy is one of two games for Holy Cross against FBS opponents in 2019 ... The Crusaders visit Syracuse Sept. 28.

NAVY O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Ken Niumatalolo (Hawaii '89)
87-58, 12th season

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Notes

Navy looks to rebound after the Midshipmen went 3-9 and did not play in a bowl game for the first time since the 2011 season ... Navy was a combined 14-3 against American Athletic Conference opponents in its first two years in the conference, but has gone 6-10 against league foes in the last two years ... Navy has nine returning starters from last season ... QB Malcolm Perry returns as the primary signal-caller after spending time at both quarterback and slotback last season ... Perry rushed for 1,087 yards and seven touchdowns ... FB Nelson Smith finished with 411 yards and three touchdowns ... The top players on defense are NG Jackson Pittman, who had 3.5 tackles for loss, and LB Nizaire Cromartie, who had 58 tackles ... Brian Newberry takes over as the defensive coordinator, coming to Annapolis from Kennesaw State.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 • 7 P.M. • ESPN+



SMU at ARKANSAS STATE



Centennial Bank Stadium (30,382/Field Turf)
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Television ESPN+

Roger Twibell, Pete Cordelli and Rich Zvosec

Radio

KTCX-FM 96.7 (SMU flagship)
SiriusXM 380/968

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the fourth meeting between SMU and Arkansas State ... The schools split a home-and-home series in 2006 and 2007, and SMU took a 44-21 win in Dallas in 2017, which was the most recent meeting ... WR James Proche had three catches for 131 yards and touchdown receptions of 55 and 49 yards in the win.

SMU O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Sonny Dykes (Texas Tech '93)
5-8, second full season at SMU
46-53, ninth season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

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Notes

SMU looks to return to bowl eligibility in Sonny Dykes' second full season with the Mustangs ... SMU was in contention for The American's West Division title in 2018, but the Mustangs dropped their final two games of the year ... SMU faced four top-25 teams last year and scored a 45-31 win against then-No. 17 Houston in November ... SMU has 16 starters back from last year ... WR James Proche led The American with 93 receptions, 1,199 yards and 12 touchdown catches last season and leads what should be one of the nation's deepest groups of receivers ... QB Shane Buchele, who started all 12 games at Texas in 2016 and made seven starts in 2017, is expected to be the Mustangs' starter ... LB Richard Moore led the Mustangs with 92 tackles to go with 8.5 tackles for loss in 2018.

ARKANSAS STATE O-O, O-O Sun Belt

Interim Head Coach

David Duggan (New Hampshire '86)
O-O, first season

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Notes

Arkansas State finished the 2018 season at 8-5 after the Red Wolves fell 16-13 to Nevada in the Arizona Bowl ... Arkansas State won its last four games of the regular season to secure bowl eligibility for the eighth consecutive season ... David Duggan is serving as interim head coach after Blake Anderson announced that he is taking a leave of absence ... Arkansas State returns 13 starters from last season ... WR Kirk Merritt is the top returner on offense after he finished 2018 with 83 receptions, 1,005 receiving yards and seven touchdown catches ... RB Marcel Murray rushed for 860 yards and eight TDs ... S Darreon Jackson had a team-leading 90 tackles with 1.5 sacks ... CB Jerry Jacobs was an all-conference pick who had a team-high four interceptions ... NG Forrest Merrill also earned all-conference honors with 4.5 sacks in 2018.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 • 7:30 P.M. • ESPN



HOUSTON at OKLAHOMA



Oklahoma Memorial Stadium (83,489/Grass)
Norman, Oklahoma

Television ESPN

Sean McDonough, Todd Blackledge and Holly Rowe

Radio

KPRC-AM 950 (Houston flagship)
SiriusXM 84

THE GAME

Sunday's game will be the fourth meeting between Houston and Oklahoma ... The Sooners hold a 2-1 series lead, but the Cougars took the most recent meeting, a 33-23 victory at NRG Stadium in the 2016 home opener ... The 2016 matchup saw both teams nationally ranked as Houston was No. 15 and Oklahoma was No. 3.

-/rv HOUSTON O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Dana Holgorsen (Iowa Wesleyan '93)
O-O, first season at Houston
61-41, ninth season as collegiate head coach

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Notes

Houston will play its first game under new head coach Dana Holgorsen, who joined the Cougars after spending eight years as head coach at West Virginia ... Since the formation of the American Athletic Conference in 2013, Houston has won more games (53) than any other school in Texas ... The Cougars have won eight of their last 10 games against top-25 teams and have won three straight against top-10 teams ... QB D'Eriq King enters the season as a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate following his 50-touchdown campaign in 2018 ... King threw for 2,982 yards and 36 TDs and rushed for 674 yards and 14 scores despite missing two games due to injury ... WR Marquez Stevenson had 75 receptions for 1,019 yards and nine touchdowns to lead a deep group of receivers.

4/4 OKLAHOMA O-O, O-O Big 12

Head Coach

Lincoln Riley (Texas Tech '06)
24-4, third season

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Notes

Oklahoma is considered a bona fide national championship contender in Lincoln Riley's third season on the Sooner sideline ... Oklahoma went 12-2 for the second straight season in 2018 and has registered four straight seasons with at least 11 wins ... The Sooners won the last two Big 12 titles and have played in the College Football Playoff in each of the last two years ... The Sooners have also had the last two Heisman Trophy winners (Baker Mayfield, Kyler Murray) ... Oklahoma's 2019 signal-caller will be QB Jalen Hurts, the Alabama transfer who was 24-2 as the Crimson Tide's starter ... RB Kennedy Brooks rushed for 1,056 yards and 12 touchdowns, ... WR CeeDee Lamb had 65 catches for 1,158 yards and 11 touchdowns and is an AP preseason All-America pick ... LB Kenneth Murray earned All-Big 12 honors with 155 tackles.

NATIONAL POLLS

Associated Press Poll				Amway Coaches' Poll				American Preseason Media Poll			
Preseason Poll				Preseason Poll				American Championship			
School	Record	Pts		School	Record	Pts		School	Points		
1. Clemson (52)	0-0	1,540		1. Clemson (59)	0-0	1,619		UCF	12		
2. Alabama (10)	0-0	1,496		2. Alabama (6)	0-0	1,566		Cincinnati	8		
3. Georgia	0-0	1,403		3. Georgia	0-0	1,447		Memphis	6		
4. Oklahoma	0-0	1,331		4. Oklahoma	0-0	1,415		Houston	4		
5. Ohio State	0-0	1,261		5. Ohio State	0-0	1,368					
6. LSU	0-0	1,199		6. LSU	0-0	1,218					
7. Michigan	0-0	1,164		7. Michigan	0-0	1,155					
8. Florida	0-0	1,054		8. Florida	0-0	1,103					
9. Notre Dame	0-0	1,044		9. Notre Dame	0-0	1,100					
10. Texas	0-0	1,005		10. Texas	0-0	1,038					
11. Oregon	0-0	860		11. Texas A&M	0-0	893					
12. Texas A&M	0-0	852		12. Washington	0-0	834					
13. Washington	0-0	786		13. Oregon	0-0	787					
14. Utah	0-0	772		14. Penn State	0-0	699					
15. Penn State	0-0	651		15. Utah	0-0	642					
16. Auburn	0-0	578		16. Auburn	0-0	606					
17. UCF	0-0	436		17. UCF	0-0	436					
18. Michigan State	0-0	377		Wisconsin	0-0	436					
19. Wisconsin	0-0	370		19. Iowa	0-0	343					
20. Iowa	0-0	330		20. Michigan State	0-0	313					
21. Iowa State	0-0	302		21. Washington State	0-0	274					
22. Syracuse	0-0	209		22. Syracuse	0-0	227					
23. Washington State	0-0	200		23. Stanford	0-0	200					
24. Nebraska	0-0	154		24. Iowa State	0-0	169					
25. Stanford	0-0	141		25. Northwestern	0-0	161					
Receiving votes: Missouri 117, Army 94, Mississippi State 87, Miami (Fla.) 70, Northwestern 63, TCU 57, Virginia 44, Boise State 38, Cincinnati 16, South Carolina 15, Virginia Tech 12, Fresno State 8, Utah State 8, Minnesota 7, Memphis 6, Appalachian State 5, West Virginia 3, Oklahoma State 3, UAB 3, Arizona State 3, Arizona 1, USC 1				Receiving votes: Nebraska 152, Boise State 118, Mississippi State 111, Miami (Fla.) 94, Army 91, Kentucky 79, Virginia Tech 64, TCU 63, USC 47, Utah State 32, Fresno State 32, Virginia 30, Cincinnati 25, Memphis 24, West Virginia 24, Oklahoma State 20, South Carolina 15, North Carolina State 12, Duke 10, Boston College 5, Florida State 4, Baylor 4, Appalachian State 4, North Texas 3, Houston 3, Temple 2, UCLA 2, Arizona State 2, Troy 1, Tennessee 1, Ole Miss 1, Minnesota 1				East Division			
								School (First-Place Votes) ..Points			
								1. UCF (19)	169		
								2. Cincinnati (11)	157		
								3. USF	107		
								4. Temple	101		
								5. ECU	66		
								6. UConn	30		
								West Division			
								School (First-Place Votes) ..Points			
								1. Memphis (15)	165		
								2. Houston (14)	162		
								3. Tulane	108		
								4. SMU (1)	87		
								5. Navy	70		
								6. Tulsa	38		

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 2019. Rankings are listed as AP/Coaches.

	UCF	Cincinnati	UConn	ECU	Houston	Memphis	Navy	USF	SMU	Temple	Tulane	Tulsa
Preseason	17/17	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/rv	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/rv	-/-	-/-
Sept. 10												
Sept. 15												
Sept. 22												
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Nov. 24												
Dec. 2												
Final												

THE 2018 SEASON

2018 HOME ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL (Capacity)	GP	TOTAL	AVG.	LARGEST CROWD
UCF (44,206)	8	352,148	44,018	47,795 (vs. Cincinnati)
Cincinnati (40,000)	6	183,112	30,519	36,318 (vs. Navy)
UConn (40,000)	6	125,543	20,294	24,150 (vs. Massachusetts)
ECU (50,000)	7	230,356	32,908	39,298 (vs. North Carolina)
Houston (40,000)	6	179,029	30,964	32,534 (vs. Arizona)
Memphis (58,862)	7	211,247	30,178	38,831 (vs. UCF)
Navy (34,000)	5	157,320	31,464	33,924 (vs. Houston)
USF (65,897)	6	231,102	38,517	57,626 (vs. UCF)
SMU (32,000)	6	116,299	19,383	24,216 (vs. TCU)
Temple (68,532)	6	162,821	27,137	33,206 (vs. Cincinnati)
Tulane (30,000)	6	108,090	18,015	21,092 (vs. Nicholls)
Tulsa (30,000)	6	102,590	17,098	18,536 (vs. Central Arkansas)
2018 TOTALS	75	2,167,657	28,902	57,626 (USF vs. UCF)
2017 TOTALS	78	2,227,680	28,560	57,266 (Memphis vs. Iowa State)

2019 TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2019	Career
Patrick Taylor, Memphis, Sr.		10
Malcolm Perry, Navy, Sr.		10
Shamari Brooks, Tulsa, Jr.		8
Michael Warren II, Cincinnati, Jr.		7
Corey Taylor II, Tulsa, Sr.		6
Xavier Jones, SMU, Sr.		6
Jordan Cronkrite, USF, Sr.		5
Kevin Mensah, UConn, Jr.		5
Greg McCrae, UCF, Jr.		4
D'Eriq King, Houston, Sr.		4
Adrian Killins, UCF, Sr.		4
Johnny Ford, USF, So.		3
Ke'Mon Freeman, SMU, Sr.		3
Charles McClelland, Cincinnati, So.		2
Tavion Thomas, Cincinnati, So.		2
Darius Bradwell, Tulane, Sr.		2
Cory Dauphine, Tulane, Sr.		2
Mulbah Car, Houston, Sr.		2
Darriel Mack, UCF, So.		1
Desmond Ridder, Cincinnati, So.		1
Holton Ahlers, ECU, So.		1
Trace Christian, ECU, So.		1
Patrick Carr, Houston, Sr.		1
Kelan Walker, Houston, So.		1
Nelson Smith, Navy, Jr.		1
Otis Anderson, UCF, Jr.		1
McKenzie Milton, UCF, Sr.		1
Gerrid Doaks, Cincinnati, Jr.		1
Hussein Howe, ECU, Sr.		1
Kevrin Justice, Houston, Sr.		1
Jager Gardner, Temple, Sr.		1

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2019	Career
James Proche, SMU, Sr.		9
Darnell Mooney Tulane, Sr.		6
Marquez Stevenson, Houston, Jr.		5
Damonte Coxie, Memphis, Jr.		5
Randall St. Felix, USF, So.		4
Gabriel Davis, UCF, Jr.		3
Keith Corbin, Houston, Sr.		2
Reggie Roberson Jr., SMU, Jr.		2
Dredrick Snelson, UCF, Sr.		2
Adrian Killins, UCF, Sr.		1
Tre Nixon, UCF, So		1
Josiah Deguara, Cincinnati, Sr.		1
Rashad Medaris, Cincinnati, Sr.		1
Deondre Farrier, ECU, Sr.		1
Tyler Snead, ECU, So.		1
Courtney Lark, Houston, Jr		1
Jeremy Singleton, Houston, So.		1
Bryson Smith, Houston, So.		1
C.J. Williams, Navy, Jr.		1
Mitch Wilcox, USF, Sr.		1
Tyler Page, SMU, Jr.		1
Isaiah Wright, Temple, Sr.		1
Keylon Stokes, Tulsa, Jr.		1
Thomas Geddis, Cincinnati, Sr.		1
Mason Donaldson, UConn, Jr.		1
Sean Dykes, Memphis, Sr.		1
Darnell Salomon, USF, Sr.		1
Keenen Thompson, Tulsa, Sr.		1

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2019	Career
McKenzie Milton, UCF, Sr.		12
D'Eriq King, Houston, Sr.		6
Holton Ahlers, ECU, So.		3
Desmond Ridder, Cincinnati, So.		2
Brady White, Memphis, Sr.		2
Blake Barnett, USF, Sr.		2
Anthony Russo, Temple, Sr.		2
Darriel Mack Jr., UCF, So.		1
Reid Herring, ECU, Sr.		1
William Brown, SMU, So.		1
Justin McMillan, Tulane, Sr.		1

THE RECORD BOOK

The American's single-game records
(through 2018 season):

Most Rushing Yards	
1. Jordan Cronkrite, USF at Massachusetts (10/6/18)	302
2. Malcolm Perry, Navy vs. SMU (11/11/17)	282
3. Marlon Mack, USF vs. Western Carolina (8/30/14)	275
4. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa vs. Louisiana (9/9/17)	262
5. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa vs. Temple (11/25/17)	255

Most Rushing Touchdowns	
1. Ryquell Armstead, Temple at Houston (11/10/18)	6
1. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. ECU (9/19/15)	5
James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	5
Zach Abey, Navy vs. Virginia (12/28/17)	5

Longest Rush	
1. Adrian Killins, UCF vs. Memphis (9/30/17)	96 yds

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
3. Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati vs. Toledo (9/12/14)	6
Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. Bowling Green (9/24/16)	6
Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. UCLA (9/16/17)	6

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

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

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

Most Tackles For Loss	
1. Montese Overton, ECU at SMU (10/3/15)	5.0
Haason Reddick, Temple at Memphis (10/6/16)	5.0
Bryce Huff, Memphis at Tulane (9/28/18)	5.0
Ed Oliver, Houston at ECU (10/13/18)	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. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25
Dec. 2

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25
Dec. 2

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25
Dec. 2

ACTIVE CAREER WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

8 – McKenzie Milton (QB, UCF)

4 – D'Eriq King (QB, Houston); Ed Oliver (DT, Houston); Isaiah Wright (WR, Temple)

3 – Matthew Wright (K, UCF)

2– Adrian Killins (RB, UCF); Dane Roy (P, Houston); Austin Hall (LB, Memphis);

1 – Nate Evans (LB, UCF); Arquon Bush (CB, Cincinnati); Cole Smith (K, Cincinnati); James Wiggins (S, Cincinnati); Bryan Wright (LB, Cincinnati); Holton Ahlers (QB, ECU); Jake Verity (K, ECU); TJ Carter (DB, Memphis); Pop Williams (WR, Memphis); Malcolm Perry (QB, Navy); Blake Barnett (QB, USF); Jordan Cronkrite (RB, USF); Terrence Horne Jr. (WR, USF); Coby Weiss (K, USF); Reggie Roberson Jr. (WR, SMU); Quincy Roche (DE, Temple); Merek Glover (K, Tulane); Justin McMillan (QB, Tulane); 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	3	4	2	2	8	5	8	2	10	5	2	6	1	1
Cincinnati	4	8	4	4	1	3	1	1	8	10	7	5	8	7
UConn	8	10	11	12	12	12	12	12	6	11	12	11	11	12
ECU	11	2	6	11	3	10	9	11	11	8	10	4	2	11
Houston	6	1	3	1	9	11	11	10	5	4	1	9	5	4
Memphis	1	7	1	3	4	8	6	6	9	3	5	2	3	5
Navy	2	12	12	9	6	7	5	8	12	7	3	12	12	5
USF	9	6	5	7	11	4	10	7	2	12	4	6	6	8
SMU	12	3	9	6	7	6	7	9	1	6	11	8	4	2
Temple	10	5	7	4	5	2	2	3	3	1	6	3	9	3
Tulane	5	9	8	8	2	9	4	4	4	9	8	1	7	8
Tulsa	7	11	10	10	10	1	3	5	7	2	9	10	10	10

AGAINST THE CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC COAST (0-0)

ECU at North Carolina State (8/31)
USF at Georgia Tech (9/7)
UCF at Pitt (9/21)
Georgia Tech at Temple (9/28)

BIG 12 (0-0)

Houston at Oklahoma (9/1)
Oklahoma State at Tulsa (9/14)
SMU at TCU (9/21)

BIG SOUTH (0-0)

Gardner-Webb at ECU (9/7)

BIG TEN (0-0)

Wisconsin at USF (8/30)
Tulsa at Michigan State (8/30)
Cincinnati at Ohio State (9/7)
Illinois at UConn (9/7)
Maryland at Temple (9/14)
UConn at Indiana (9/21)

COLONIAL ATHLETIC (0-0)

William & Mary at ECU (9/21)

CONFERENCE USA (0-0)

Florida International at Tulane (8/29)
UCF at Florida Atlantic (9/7)
North Texas at SMU (9/7)
Cincinnati at Marshall (9/28)
ECU at Old Dominion (9/28)
Houston at North Texas (9/28)

MID-AMERICAN (0-0)

Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati (9/14)
Temple at Buffalo (9/21)

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (0-0)

Florida A&M at UCF (8/29)
South Carolina State at USF (9/14)

MISSOURI VALLEY (0-0)

Missouri State at Tulane (9/14)

MOUNTAIN WEST (0-0)

Tulsa at San Jose State (9/7)
Wyoming at Tulsa (9/21)
Air Force at Navy (10/5)

NORTHEAST (0-0)

Wagner at UConn (8/29)

PAC-12 (0-0)

UCLA at Cincinnati (8/29)
Houston vs. Washington State (9/13)
Stanford at UCF (9/14)

PATRIOT (0-0)

Bucknell at Temple (8/31)
Holy Cross at Navy (8/31)

SOUTHEASTERN (0-0)

Ole Miss at Memphis (8/31)
Tulane at Auburn (9/7)

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC (0-0)

Southern at Memphis (9/7)
Prairie View A&M at Houston (9/7)

SUN BELT (0-0)

SMU at Arkansas State (8/31)
Memphis at South Alabama (9/14)
Texas State at SMU (9/14)
Memphis at Louisiana-Monroe (10/5)

INDEPENDENTS (0-0)

Tulane at Army (10/5)
BYU at USF (10/12)
UConn at Massachusetts (10/26)
Navy at Notre Dame (11/16)
Navy vs. Army (12/14)

TOTAL NONCONFERENCE RECORDS

All Games	0-0
FBS Opponents	0-0
FCS Opponents.....	0-0
AP Top 25	0-0
<i>USA Today</i> Top 25.....	0-0
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.

2019-20 College Football Playoff Schedule

SEMIFINAL

Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl

December 28, 2019

4 p.m./8 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

SEMIFINAL

PlayStation Fiesta Bowl

December 28, 2019

4 p.m./8 p.m. ET, ESPN

University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

December 28, 2019

Noon, ESPN

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

Capital One Orange Bowl

December 30, 2019

8 p.m., ESPN

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.

Rose Bowl Game

presented by Northwestern Mutual

January 1, 2020

5 p.m. ET, ESPN

Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, Calif.

Allstate Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2020

8:45 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 13, 2020

8 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.



**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 nine bowl games for 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 in 2019.

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 face an opponent from the Southeastern Conference.

The **Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl** is played at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. Conference USA will provide the opponent for The American's team in the 2019 season.

The **Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl** began in 2014 and is played at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Florida. The American representative will play a team from the Mid-American Conference in 2019.

The **Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl** will be played for the third time in 2019. An American Athletic Conference team will face an opponent to be determined at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas.

The **AutoNation Cure Bowl** made its debut in 2015 at Exploria 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 **SoFi Hawaii Bowl** is played at Rainbow Stadium on the campus of the University of Hawaii. The American Athletic Conference will face the Mountain West in a Christmas Eve matchup.

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.



Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl

Toyota Stadium • Frisco, Texas

Dec. 20, 2019 • 8 p.m. ET • ESPN



Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl

FAU Stadium • Boca Raton, Fla.

Dec. 21, 2018 • 3:30 p.m. ET • ABC



SoFi Hawaii Bowl

Rainbow Stadium • Honolulu, Hawaii

Dec. 24, 2019 • 8 p.m. ET • ESPN



Birmingham Bowl

Legion Field • Birmingham, Ala.

Jan. 2, 2020 • 3 p.m. ET • ESPN



AutoNation Cure Bowl

Exploria Stadium • Orlando, Fla.

Dec. 21, 2019 • 2:30 p.m. • CBS Sports Network



Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl

Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, Fla.

Dec. 23, 2019 • 2:30 p.m. ET • ESPN



Military Bowl

presented by Northrop Grumman

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium •

Annapolis, Md.

Dec. 27, 2019 • Noon 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., Aug. 31	Ole Miss at Memphis	Noon
Sun., Sept. 1	Houston at Oklahoma	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 7	Cincinnati at Ohio State	Noon

ESPN

Thu., Aug. 29	UCLA at Cincinnati	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 13	Houston vs. Washington State	9:15 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 19	Houston at Tulane *	8 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 26	Navy at Memphis *	8 p.m.
Thu., Oct. 3	Temple at ECU *	8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 4	UCF at Cincinnati *	8 p.m.
Thu., Oct. 24	SMU at Houston *	7:30 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 7	Temple at USF *	8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 7	American Championship	3:30 p.m.

ESPN2

Sat., Sept. 7	Tulane at Auburn	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 1	Navy at UConn *	8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 8	UCF at Tulsa *	7 p.m.

ABC or ESPN

Fri., Nov. 29	USF at UCF *	TBD
	Cincinnati at Memphis *	TBD

ABC, ESPN or ESPN2

Sat., Sept. 14	Stanford at UCF	3:30 p.m.
	Oklahoma State at Tulsa	3:30 p.m.

ESPNU

Sat., Sept. 14	Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati	Noon
	Memphis at South Alabama	3:30 p.m.

ESPN+

Sat., Aug. 31	SMU at Arkansas State	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 28	ECU at Old Dominion	6 p.m.

ESPN3

Thu., Aug. 29	Wagner at UConn	7 p.m.
	Florida International at Tulane	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 31	Bucknell at Temple	3 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 7	Gardner-Webb at ECU	6 p.m.
	North Texas at SMU	7 p.m.
	Prairie View A&M at Houston	8 p.m.
	Southern at Memphis	8 p.m.
	Tulsa at San Jose State	9 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 14	South Carolina State at USF	6 p.m.
	Texas State at SMU	7 p.m.
	Missouri State at Tulane	8 p.m.

CBS

Sat., Dec. 14	Navy vs. Army	3 p.m.
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CBS Sports Network

Thu., Aug. 29	Florida A&M at UCF	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 31	Holy Cross at Navy	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 7	Illinois at UConn	3:30 p.m.
	UCF at Florida Atlantic	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 14	Maryland at Temple	Noon
	ECU at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 5	Tulane at Army	Noon
	Air Force at Navy	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 19	USF at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 26	Tulane at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 23	SMU at Navy *	3:30 p.m.

NBC

Sat., Nov. 16	Navy at Notre Dame	2:30 p.m.
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Fri., Aug. 30	Tulsa at Michigan State	7 p.m.
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ACC Network

Sat., Aug. 31	ECU at North Carolina State	Noon
Sat., Sept. 7	USF at Georgia Tech	2 p.m.

NESN

Sat., Oct. 26	UConn at Massachusetts	3:30 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

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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. 26 and continuing each Monday through Nov. 25. 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.	Mike Houston, ECU
11:40 a.m.	Philip Montgomery, Tulsa
11:50 a.m.	Dana Holgorsen, Houston
Noon	Luke Fickell, Cincinnati
12:10 p.m.	Charlie Strong, USF
12:20 p.m.	Rod Carey, 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 2019 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.

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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 Dec. 4, 2019. The American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team is comprised of players who have an overall grade-point average of 3.00 or better over the previous academic year and completed at least two semesters of academic work. The team is announced in July. The American Athletic Conference Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year was established to recognize student-athletes who have achieved success in the classroom and on the field. The winner receives a scholarship which may be applied to graduate or professional studies.

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EAST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

UCF (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UCF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/29	Florida A&M (7:30 p.m., CBSSN)			17/17	-/-									
9/7	at Florida Atlantic (7 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/14	Stanford (3:30 p.m., ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)													
9/21	at Pitt													
9/28	UConn *													
10/4	at Cincinnati * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/19	ECU *													
10/26	at Temple *													
11/2	Houston *													
11/8	at Tulsa * (7 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/23	at Tulane *													
11/29	USF * (ABC/ESPN)													

CINCINNATI (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Cin	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/29	UCLA (7 p.m., ESPN)			rv/rv	-/rv									
9/7	at Ohio State (Noon, ABC)													
9/14	Miami (Ohio) (Noon, ESPN2)													
9/28	at Marshall (5 p.m., CBSSN on Facebook)													
10/4	UCF * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/12	at Houston *													
10/19	Tulsa *													
11/2	at ECU *													
11/9	UConn *													
11/16	at USF *													
11/23	Temple *													
11/29	at Memphis * (ABC/ESPN)													

UConn (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UConn	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/29	Wagner (7 p.m., ESPN3)			-/-	-/-									
9/7	Illinois (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/21	at Indiana													
9/28	at UCF *													
10/5	USF *													
10/12	at Tulane *													
10/19	Houston *													
10/26	at Massachusetts ¹ (3:30 p.m., NESN)													
11/1	Navy * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/9	at Cincinnati *													
11/23	ECU *													
11/30	at Temple *													

¹ Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Mass.

EAST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

ECU (0-0, 0-0 American)

ECU (0-0, 0-0 American)				Rank		Offense					Defense			
Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	ECU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	at North Carolina State (Noon, ACC Network)			-/-	-/rv									
9/7	Gardner-Webb (6 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/14	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/21	William & Mary													
9/28	at Old Dominion (6 p.m., ESPN+)													
10/3	Temple (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/19	at UCF *													
10/26	USF *													
11/2	Cincinnati *													
11/9	at SMU *													
11/23	at UConn *													
11/30	Tulsa *													

USF (0-0, 0-0 American)

USF (0-0, 0-0 American)				Rank		Offense					Defense			
Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	USF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	T0	Rush	Pass	Total	T0
8/30	Wisconsin (7 p.m., ESPN)			-/-	19/17									
9/7	at Georgia Tech (2 p.m., ACC Network)													
9/14	South Carolina State (6 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/28	SMU *													
10/5	at UConn *													
10/12	BYU													
10/19	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/26	at ECU *													
11/7	Temple * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/16	Cincinnati *													
11/23	Memphis *													
11/29	at UCF * (ABC/ESPN)													

TEMPLE (0-0, 0-0 American)

TEMPLE (O-O, O-O American)				Rank		Offense					Defense			
Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Temple	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	Bucknell (3 p.m., ESPN3)			-/rv	-/-									
9/14	Maryland (Noon, CBSSN)													
9/21	at Buffalo													
9/28	Georgia Tech													
10/3	at ECU * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/12	Memphis *													
10/19	at SMU *													
10/26	UCF *													
11/7	at USF * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/16	Tulane *													
11/23	at Cincinnati *													
11/30	UConn *													

WEST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

HOUSTON (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Hou	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	at Oklahoma (7:30 p.m., ABC)			-/rv	4/4									
9/7	Prairie View A&M (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/13	vs. Washington State ¹ (9:15 p.m., ESPN)													
9/19	at Tulane * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
9/28	at North Texas (8 p.m., CBSSN on Facebook)													
10/12	Cincinnati *													
10/19	at UConn *													
10/24	SMU * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
11/2	at UCF *													
11/16	Memphis *													
11/23	at Tulsa *													
11/30	Navy *													

¹ NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas

MEMPHIS (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Mem	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	Ole Miss (Noon, ABC)			rv/rv	-/-									
9/7	Southern (Noon, ESPN3)													
9/14	at South Alabama (3:30 p.m., ESPNU)													
9/26	Navy * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/5	at Louisiana-Monroe													
10/12	at Temple *													
10/19	Tulane *													
10/26	at Tulsa *													
11/2	SMU *													
11/16	at Houston *													
11/23	at USF *													
11/29	Cincinnati * (ABC/ESPN)													

NAVY (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Navy	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	Holy Cross (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)			-/-	-/-									
9/14	ECU * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/26	at Memphis * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/5	Air Force (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/12	at Tulsa *													
10/19	USF * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/26	Tulane * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/1	at UConn * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/16	at Notre Dame (2:30 p.m., NBC)													
11/23	SMU * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/30	at Houston *													
12/14	vs. Army ¹ (3 p.m., CBS)													

¹ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

WEST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

SMU (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				SMU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	at Arkansas State (7 p.m., ESPN+)			-/-	-/-									
9/7	North Texas (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/14	Texas State (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/21	at TCU													
9/28	at USF *													
10/5	Tulsa *													
10/19	Temple *													
10/24	at Houston * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
11/2	at Memphis *													
11/9	ECU *													
11/23	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/30	Tulane *													

TULANE (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulane	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/29	Florida International (8 p.m., ESPN3)			-/-	-/-									
9/7	at Auburn (7:30 p.m., ESPN2)													
9/14	Missouri State (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/19	Houston * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/5	at Army (Noon, CBSSN)													
10/12	UConn *													
10/19	at Memphis *													
10/26	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/2	Tulsa *													
11/16	at Temple *													
11/23	UCF *													
11/30	at SMU *													

TULSA (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulsa	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/30	at Michigan State (7 p.m., FS1)			-/-	18/20									
9/7	at San Jose State (9 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/14	Oklahoma State (3:30 p.m., ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)													
9/21	Wyoming													
10/5	at SMU *													
10/12	Navy *													
10/19	at Cincinnati *													
10/26	Memphis *													
11/2	at Tulane *													
11/8	UCF * (7 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/23	Houston *													
11/30	at ECU *													

2019 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 29

UCLA at Cincinnati (7 p.m., ESPN)
Wagner at UConn (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Florida A&M at UCF (7:30 p.m., CBSSN)
Florida International at Tulane (8 p.m., ESPN3)

Friday, August 30

Wisconsin at USF (7 p.m., ESPN)
Tulsa at Michigan State (7 p.m., FS1)

Saturday, August 31

ECU at North Carolina State (Noon, ACC Network)
Ole Miss at Memphis (Noon, ABC)
Bucknell at Temple (3 p.m., ESPN3)
Holy Cross at Navy (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
SMU at Arkansas State (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Sunday, September 1

Houston at Oklahoma (7:30 p.m., ABC)

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Saturday, September 7

Cincinnati at Ohio State (Noon, ABC)
Southern at Memphis (Noon, ESPN3)
USF at Georgia Tech (2 p.m., ACC Network)
Illinois at UConn (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
Gardner-Webb at ECU (6 p.m., ESPN3)
UCF at Florida Atlantic (7 p.m., CBSSN)
North Texas at SMU (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Tulane at Auburn (7:30 p.m., ESPN2)
Prairie View A&M at Houston (8 p.m., ESPN3)
Tulsa at San Jose State (9 p.m., ESPN3)

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Friday, September 13

Houston vs. Washington State ¹ (9:15 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, September 14

Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati (Noon, ESPN3)
Maryland at Temple (Noon, CBSSN)
Stanford at UCF (3:30 p.m., ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
ECU at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
Memphis at South Alabama (3:30 p.m., ESPN3)
Oklahoma State at Tulsa (3:30 p.m., ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
South Carolina State at USF (6 p.m., ESPN3)
Texas State at SMU (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Missouri State at Tulane (8 p.m., ESPN3)

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Thursday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 21

UCF at Pitt
UConn at Indiana
William & Mary at ECU
SMU at TCU
Temple at Buffalo
Wyoming at Tulsa

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Thursday, September 26

Navy at Memphis * (8 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, September 28

Cincinnati at Marshall (5 p.m., CBSSN on Facebook)
ECU at Old Dominion (6 p.m., ESPN+)
Houston at North Texas (8 p.m., CBSSN on Facebook)
UConn at UCF *
SMU at USF *
Georgia Tech at Temple

Thursday, October 3

Temple at ECU * (8 p.m., ESPN)

Friday, October 4

UCF at Cincinnati * (8 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 5

Tulane at Army (Noon, CBSSN)
Air Force at Navy (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
USF at UConn *
Memphis at Louisiana-Monroe
Tulsa at SMU *

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Saturday, October 12

Cincinnati at Houston *
UConn at Tulane *
Memphis at Temple *
Navy at Tulsa *
BYU at USF

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Saturday, October 19

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

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Thursday, October 24

SMU at Houston * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 26

UConn at Massachusetts ² (3:30 p.m., NESN)
Tulane at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
UCF at Temple *
USF at ECU *
Memphis at Tulsa *

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Friday, November 1

Navy at UConn * (8 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, November 2

Houston at UCF *
Cincinnati at ECU *
SMU at Memphis *
Tulsa at Tulane *

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Thursday, November 7

Temple at USF * (8 p.m., ESPN)

Friday, November 8

UCF at Tulsa * (7 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, November 9

UConn at Cincinnati *
ECU at SMU *

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Saturday, November 16

Navy at Notre Dame (2:30 p.m., NBC)
Cincinnati at USF *
Memphis at Houston *
Tulane at Temple *

Saturday, November 23

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

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Friday, November 29

USF at UCF * (ABC/ESPN)
Cincinnati at Memphis * (ABC/ESPN)

Saturday, November 30

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

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Saturday, December 7

American Athletic Conference Championship
(3:30 p.m., ABC)

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Saturday, December 14

Navy vs. Army ³ (3 p.m., CBS)

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Friday, December 20

Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl (7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, December 21

AutoNation Cure Bowl (2:30 p.m., CBSSN)
Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (3:30 p.m., ABC)

Monday, December 23

Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl (2:30 p.m., ESPN)

Tuesday, December 24

SoFi Hawaii Bowl (8 p.m., ESPN)

Friday, December 27

Military Bowl presented by Northrop Grumman
(Noon, ESPN)

Saturday, December 28

Goodyear Cotton Bowl (Noon, ESPN)

Thursday, January 2

Birmingham Bowl (3 p.m., ESPN)

* American Athletic Conference game

¹ NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas

² Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Mass.

³ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Additional television listings will be announced as they become available