



## AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL REPORT 2018 Season • Week 1

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	SCHOOL <small>AP/Coaches</small>	AMERICAN						OVERALL							
		W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
EAST	UCF <sup>21/23</sup>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 13
	CINCINNATI	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
	UConn	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 5
	ECU	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	USF <sup>r/v</sup>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
	TEMPLE	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 2
	SCHOOL <small>AP/Coaches</small>	AMERICAN						OVERALL							
		W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
WEST	HOUSTON <sup>r/v</sup>	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	MEMPHIS <sup>r/v</sup>	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	Won 1
	SMU	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	TULANE	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	TULSA	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 5

## THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

**UCF at UConn \*** ..... 7 p.m.  
**Television:** ESPNU  
**Series:** UCF leads, 3-2  
**Last Meeting:** Nov. 11, 2011 (UCF, 49-24)

**Wake Forest at Tulane** ..... 8 p.m.  
**Television:** CBS Sports Network  
**Series:** Tulane leads, 2-1  
**Last Meeting:** Sept. 1, 2016 (Wake Forest, 7-3)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**Houston at Rice** ..... Noon  
**Television:** CBS Sports Network  
**Series:** Houston leads, 30-11  
**Last Meeting:** Sept. 16, 2017 (Houston, 38-3)

**Villanova at Temple** ..... Noon  
**Television:** ESPN3  
**Series:** Tied, 16-16-2  
**Last Meeting:** Sept. 9, 2017 (Temple, 16-13)

**North Carolina A&T at ECU** ..... 6 p.m.  
**Television:** ESPN3  
**Series:** First meeting

**Elon at USF** ..... 6 p.m.  
**Television:** ESPN3  
**Series:** USF leads, 2-1  
**Last Meeting:** Sept. 1, 2007 (USF, 28-13)

**Cincinnati at UCLA** ..... 7 p.m.  
**Television:** ESPN  
**Series:** First meeting

**Mercer at Memphis** ..... 7 p.m.  
**Television:** ESPN3  
**Series:** First meeting

**Central Arkansas at Tulsa** ..... 7 p.m.  
**Television:** ESPN3  
**Series:** Tulsa leads, 2-0  
**Last Meeting:** Sept. 25, 2010 (Tulsa, 41-14)

**SMU at North Texas** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**Television:** Stadium  
**Series:** SMU leads, 31-5-1  
**Last Meeting:** Sept. 9, 2017 (SMU, 54-32)

**Navy at Hawaii** ..... 11 p.m.  
**Television:** CBS Sports Network  
**Series:** Hawaii leads, 2-1  
**Last Meeting:** Nov. 9, 2013 (Navy, 42-28)

All times Eastern

## THE AMERICAN TODAY

As the American Athletic Conference celebrated its fifth anniversary during the offseason, it became clear that the conference's highlights and memorable moments belied the relative youth of the conference. Three New Year's Bowl wins, multiple top-10 teams and countless thrilling games only begin to paint the picture.

It also suggested that, as strong as the conference has been thus far, the best is still yet to come.

The next chapter of The American's story begins this week as all 12 teams take the field to start the 2018 season.

Things get started Thursday as UCF and UConn jump right into conference play. The Knights and new head coach Josh Heupel bring a 13-game winning streak to East Hartford to face a Huskies squad that is eager to return to championship form under Randy Edsall. Tulane will welcome Wake Forest to New Orleans in the first of seven games between teams from The American and the ACC.

Saturday's ledger is highlighted by Cincinnati's trip to Pasadena, California, where the Bearcats will face UCLA for the first time. Three other teams from The American play road games against FBS opponents Saturday as Houston makes the four-mile jaunt to Rice, SMU heads to Denton to face North Texas, and Navy makes the long journey to face Hawaii.

Five teams from The American are at home Saturday against FCS opponents. Temple hosts Villanova at noon in a battle for Philadelphia bragging rights. ECU hosts North Carolina A&T, which went 12-0 last season. USF and Elon play for the first time since 2017. Memphis and Mercer meet for the first time as the Tigers face a squad that was within a touchdown of Auburn in last year's matchup. Tulsa welcomes a Central Arkansas team that won 10 games last year to H.A. Chapman Stadium.

# AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

## Perfection

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

## The Big Stage

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

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

## The Power Six

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

Conference	W-L	Pct.
1. Big Ten	39-11	.780
2. SEC	49-15	.766
3. ACC	43-21	.672
4. Big 12	25-13	.657
5. Pac-12	29-16	.644
6. American	29-22	.569
7. Conference USA	28-36	.438
8. MAC	22-31	.415
9. Mountain West	24-31	.436
10. Sun Belt	17-34	.333

## Rank And File

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

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

## Perfect 10

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

## Three For Three

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

## We're Streaking

UCF's 13-game winning streak is the longest active winning streak nationally and ranks as the second-longest in American Athletic Conference history. Memphis won 15 straight from Oct. 25, 2014, to Nov. 7, 2015.

## Scoreboard Watching

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

## Point Production

UCF and Memphis combined to score 117 points and gain 1,479 yards in the American Athletic Conference Championship, a 62-56 win in double-overtime for UCF. It was the highest-scoring championship game in NCAA FBS history.

## The Best Matchup

UCF and Memphis took a combined record of 21-1 into the American Athletic Conference Championship. The teams' combined .954 winning percentage was the best of any of the 10 FBS conference championship matchups.

## Separation Of Powers

In the last three regular seasons (2015-17), the American Athletic Conference is a combined 30-6 against teams from Conference USA, the MAC, the Mountain West and the Sun Belt.

## Top Of The Charts

The American had several players and teams finish the 2017 season as NCAA national statistical leaders.

Receptions/Game	8.8	Trey Quinn, SMU
Touchdown Receptions	18	Anthony Miller, Memphis
Kickoff Return Avg	40.0	Tony Pollard, Memphis
Kickoff Return TDs	4	Tony Pollard, Memphis
Blocked Kicks	3	Justin Lawler, SMU

Winning Percentage	1.000	UCF
Scoring Offense	48.2	UCF
Time of Possession	36:18	Navy
Yards Per Completion	23.93	Navy

## Oliver's Tale

Houston DT Ed Oliver was chosen as the winner of the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman. Oliver joined Memphis WR Anthony Miller as NCAA consensus All-America selections in 2017.

## Repeat Performances

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

## Heisman Hopeful

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

## Ratings Points

The American Athletic Conference has had a combined 41 regular-season games with more than one million viewers (television/streaming) in the past three seasons.

## America's Game

The 2017 Army-Navy game had a national rating of 5.2, the best rating for the game since 192 and the seventh-highest regular-season rating for any game of the 2017 season.

## Black Friday

The Nov. 24 game between USF and UCF, which was cited by numerous outlets as the best game of the regular season, attracted 4.7 million television and streaming viewers on ABC. It was the most-viewed game between two American Athletic Conference teams in league history.

## Championship Saturday

The 2017 American Athletic Conference Football Championship between Memphis and UCF drew 3.5 million television and streaming viewers on ABC, making it the most-viewed American Championship in league history. The American has averaged 2.6 million viewers in the first three seasons of the conference championship.

## Including Postseason

Including bowl games, The American has had a combined 61 games with more than one million television and streaming viewers since the start of the 2015 season. UCF's win against Auburn in the 2018 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl drew 8.4 million viewers.

## Welcome Aboard

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

## Fifth Anniversary Team

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



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

### OFFENSE Quarterback

Keenan Reynolds, Navy (2015)

### Running Backs

D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa (2014-16)

Marlon Mack, USF (2013-16)

### Wide Receivers

Zay Jones, ECU (2014-16)

Anthony Miller, Memphis (2014-17)

Courtland Sutton, SMU (2015-17)

### Tight End

Jordan Akins, UCF (2014-17)

### Offensive Tackles

Kofi Amichia, USF (2013-16)

Dion Dawkins, Temple (2013-16)

Eric Lefeld, Cincinnati (2013)

### Offensive Guards

E.K. Binns, Navy (2015)

Adam West, Navy (2015-16)

### Center

Kyle Friend, Temple (2013-16)

### DEFENSE

#### Defensive Linemen

Matt Ioannidis, Temple (2013-16)

Justin Lawler, SMU (2013-17)

Ed Oliver, Houston (2016-present)

Haason Reddick, Temple (2013-16)

Marcus Smith, Louisville (2013)

### Linebackers

Genard Avery, Memphis (2014-17)

Shaquem Griffin, UCF (2013-17)

Tyler Matakevich, Temple (2013-16)

Auggie Sanchez, USF (2013-17)

### Cornerbacks

Jacoby Glenn, UCF (2013-14)

Mike Hughes, UCF (2017)

Parry Nickerson, Tulane (2014-17)

### Safeties

Clayton Geathers, UCF (2013-14)

Obi Melifonwu, UConn (2013-16)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

#### Kicker

Jake Elliott, Memphis (2013-16)

#### Punter

Tom Hornsey, Memphis (2013)

#### Return Specialist

Tony Pollard, Memphis (2016-present)

# EAST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

## UCF 0-0, 0-0 American



@UCF\_Football

Next: Aug. 30 at UConn (ESPN)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	530.5	2nd
Total Defense	427.9	5th
Scoring Offense	48.2	1st
Scoring Defense	25.3	3rd

- UCF finished the 2017 season as the nation's only unbeaten team. The Knights, who went 13-0, became the first FBS team to finish a season without a loss since Florida State went 14-0 in 2013.
- The Knights finished the 2017 season as the nation's No. 1-ranked team in the Colley Matrix.
- UCF has won three American Athletic Conference (2013, 2014, 2017) titles in the league's first five seasons.
- QB McKenzie Milton was the 2017 American Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year and the Most Outstanding Player of the 2017 American Championship and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. Milton finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting last season.

## CINCINNATI 0-0, 0-0 American



@BearcatsFB

Next: Sept. 1 at UCLA (ESPN)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	351.8	12th
Total Defense	428.5	5th
Scoring Offense	20.9	12th
Scoring Defense	31.8	7th

- Cincinnati started the 2017 season at 2-6, but the Bearcats won two of their last four games, including a come-from-behind victory against UConn in the season finale.
- The Bearcats look to end a two-year absence from bowl participation.
- Cincinnati begins the 2018 season at UCLA in the first meeting between those teams. The following week has the Bearcats against Miami (Ohio) for the 123rd battle for the Victory Bell. This year's Victory Bell game will be played at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati.
- Cincinnati is the only team in The American to return its leading rusher, passer and receiver from last season.

## UConn 0-0, 0-0 American



@UConnFootball

Next: Aug. 30 vs. UCF (ESPN)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	415.2	9th
Total Defense	519.0	10th
Scoring Offense	23.6	11th
Scoring Defense	37.9	11th

- UConn opens the season with a Thursday-night matchup against UCF, which will bring a 13-game winning streak into the contest. The Huskies ended Houston's 11-game winning streak during the 2015 season.
- UConn last played in a bowl game in 2015 as the Huskies look to end a two-year absence from postseason play.
- UConn's offense averaged 415.3 yards per game in 2017, the Huskies' best offensive showing since the 2003 season (477.5 ypg).
- QB David Pindell started the season-opener and the final three games of the 2017 season. Pindell had a career-high 273 passing yards in the season finale against Cincinnati.

## ECU 0-0, 0-0 American



@ECUPiratesFB

Next: Sept. 1 vs. North Carolina A&T (ESPN3)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	425.6	7th
Total Defense	542.1	12th
Scoring Offense	24.9	9th
Scoring Defense	45.0	12th

- The Pirates have made eight bowl appearances in 12 years, but look to end a three-year post-season drought.
- ECU's nonconference schedule includes home dates against North Carolina, Old Dominion and North Carolina A&T. The Pirates have won seven of their last nine nonconference home games.
- RB Hussein Howe and RB Darius Pinix were ECU's top two rushers last season. Howe rushed for 419 yards and three touchdowns, while Pinix had 229 yards and two TDs as a true freshman.
- The Pirate defense will be led by new defensive coordinator David Blackwell, a 1997 ECU graduate who most recently helped Jacksonville State to four straight Ohio Valley Conference titles.

## USF 0-0, 0-0 American



@USFFootball

Next: Sept. 1 vs. Elon (ESPN3)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	508.6	3rd
Total Defense	342.5	1st
Scoring Offense	38.3	4th
Scoring Defense	22.5	1st

- Charlie Strong, who is in his second season with the Bulls, has gone 22-3 in two years as an American Athletic Conference head coach. Strong was 12-1 with Louisville in 2013 and went 10-2 with USF last year.
- USF went 11-2 in 2016 and 10-2 last year for its only two seasons with double-digit wins in program history.
- The Bulls have gone 16-3 at home in the last three seasons.
- USF finished the 2017 season ranked No. 21 in the final national polls.

## TEMPLE 0-0, 0-0 American



@Temple\_FB

Next: Sept. 1 vs. Villanova (ESPN3)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	387.6	11th
Total Defense	391.8	3rd
Scoring Offense	24.8	10th
Scoring Defense	27.7	4th

- Temple overcame a 3-5 start to the season to win four of its last five games and play in a bowl for the third consecutive year. The Owls' 28-3 victory in the 2017 Gasparilla Bowl was Temple's first bowl win since 2011.
- Temple has won The American's East Division title twice in the first three years of divisional play in the conference.
- Temple led The American in passing defense (206.8 ypg) and sacks (39) in 2017
- WR Isaiah Wright scored touchdowns on a kickoff return and a punt return last year, in addition to scoring rushing, receiving and passing TDs.

# WEST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

## HOUSTON O-O, O-O American



Next: Sept. 1 at Rice (CBSSN)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	428.2	6th
Total Defense	422.2	4th
Scoring Offense	28.2	7th
Scoring Defense	23.8	2nd

- The Cougars have registered two 13-win seasons since 2011.
- Houston has gone 18-2 at TDECU Stadium in the last three seasons.
- Houston has gone 7-5 against nationally ranked opponents as an American Athletic Conference member. The seven wins against ranked opponents are the most of any team in The American.
- DT Ed Oliver was chosen as the nation's top college football player for the 2018 season by Sports Illustrated.
- Oliver won the 2017 Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman, was a consensus All-America selection and was named The American's Defensive Player of the Year.

## MEMPHIS O-O, O-O American



Next: Sept. 1 vs. Mercer (ESPN3)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	532.1	1st
Total Defense	466.2	8th
Scoring Offense	45.5	2nd
Scoring Defense	32.5	8th

- Memphis won 10 regular-season games for the first time since 1938. The Tigers are a combined 37-15 since the 2014 season.
- Memphis has played in a bowl game in four straight seasons. The Tigers are looking for five straight postseason appearances for the first time in program history.
- The Tigers went 10-1 in the regular season last year and won The American's West Division title with a 7-1 league mark.
- CB T.J. Carter was the 2017 American Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year after he set a team freshman record with five interceptions to go with 11 pass breakups last season.

## NAVY O-O, O-O American



Next: Sept. 1 at Hawaii (CBSSN)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	428.7	5th
Total Defense	370.3	2nd
Scoring Offense	26.3	5th
Scoring Defense	428.7	5th

- Navy is a combined 18-6 in American Athletic Conference regular-season games since joining the conference. Only USF (19) has won more conference games in that span.
- Navy has not lost to a team that finished with a losing record in the last five years.
- Navy returns three quarterbacks who started at least one game at the position last year. QB Malcolm Perry became one of two players in NCAA FBS history to rush for 100 or more yards as a quarterback and a running back in the same season (joining Michigan's Denard Robinson).
- Abey and Perry (1,182 yards) gave Navy two 1,000-yard rushers for the third time in school history last year.

## SMU O-O, O-O American



Next: Sept. 1 at North Texas (Stadium)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	493.8	4th
Total Defense	486.7	9th
Scoring Offense	40.2	3rd
Scoring Defense	35.5	9th

- SMU welcomes Sonny Dykes, the former California and Louisiana Tech head coach, as the Mustangs' new coach.
- The Mustangs set program records with 492 points and 64 touchdowns in 2017.
- SMU won seven games for the first time since 2012, when the Mustangs also finished 7-6.
- QB Ben Hicks enters his third year as SMU's starter. Hicks threw for 3,569 yards and a school-record 33 touchdowns last season, becoming the sixth player in school history to surpass 3,000 passing yards in a season.
- CB Jordan Wyatt has registered four interceptions in each of the last two seasons and has 10 picks in his career.

## TULANE O-O, O-O American



Next: Aug. 30 vs. Wake Forest (CBSSN)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	391.5	10th
Total Defense	436.1	7th
Scoring Offense	27.5	8th
Scoring Defense	29.2	6th

- The Green Wave's bid for a win against SMU – and bowl eligibility in 2017 – came up inches short as Tulane was stopped at the goal line as time expired.
- Tulane has rushed for at least 100 yards in 27 consecutive games, dating to the final three games of the 2015 season.
- QB Jonathan Banks threw for 1,797 yards and 12 touchdowns and added 592 rushing yards with seven TDs in his first year with the Green Wave.
- Tulane ranked 20th nationally in turnover margin last season (+0.67 per game). The Green Wave defense recovered six fumbles and had 12 interceptions.

## TULSA O-O, O-O American



Next: Sept. 1 vs. Central Arkansas (ESPN3)

### American Ranks

Total Offense	420.3	8th
Total Defense	528.9	11th
Scoring Offense	29.3	5th
Scoring Defense	37.5	10th

- Tulsa looks to bounce back from a 2-10 campaign in 2017. The Golden Hurricane saw five losses come in the final minute of the game, including two setbacks on field goals as time expired.
- Tulsa has reached double digits in wins five times in the last 11 years.
- After entering last season without a quarterback who had started a collegiate game, Tulsa comes into 2018 with QB Chad President and QB Luke Skipper, who started six games each in 2017.
- RB Shamari Brooks rushed for a team-high 10 touchdowns with 687 yards despite missing three games due to injury.
- Tulsa has 15 of its top 20 tacklers returning from last year.

# WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

THURSDAY, AUG. 30 • 7 P.M. • ESPNU



**UCF  
at  
UConn**



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

**Television**  
ESPNU

Clay Matvick, Dan Orlovsky and Paul Carcaterra

**Radio**

WYGM-FM 96.9 (UCF) • WUCS-FM 97.9 (UConn)

## THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the sixth meeting between UCF and UConn in a series that started with the formation of The American in 2013 ... UCF holds a 3-2 series lead after last year's 49-24 victory in Orlando ... UConn won back-to-back meetings in 2014 and 2015, but the Knights have won the last two.

**21/23 UCF  
0-0, 0-0 American**

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

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## Notes

UCF enters the 2018 season with the longest active winning streak in the NCAA FBS as the Knights take a 13-game streak into the season-opener ... UCF ran the table and celebrated a national championship in 2017, becoming the first FBS team to finish without a loss since Florida State in 2013 ... Former Oklahoma and Missouri offensive coordinator Josh Heupel takes over for his first head coaching job and finds 13 returning starters from last year's team ... QB McKenzie Milton finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy voting last season and was named The American's Offensive Player of the Year after he threw for 4,037 yards and 37 touchdowns, completing 67.1 percent of his passes (265 of 395) ... Milton added 613 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns ... RB Adrian Killins Jr. had 790 rushing yards with 10 touchdowns.

**UConn  
0-0, 0-0 American**

**Head Coach**  
Randy Edsall (Syracuse '80)  
77-79, 14th season at UConn  
99-113, 19th season as collegiate head coach

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## Notes

UConn looks to get back to postseason play as the Huskies finished 3-9 in 2017 to miss a bowl appearance for the second straight year ... The Huskies won back-to-back conference games by topping Temple and Tulsa midway through last season, but UConn dropped its last five games, including a heartbreaking 22-21 setback at Cincinnati in the season-finale ... UConn averaged 415.3 yards per game last season - the Huskies' best total since 2003 ... QB David Pindell, who made four starts last season, figures to make his second straight Opening Night start ... Pindell threw for 937 yards and four touchdowns with six interceptions last year ... WR Hergy Mayala led the Huskies with 43 catches for 631 yards and seven touchdowns ... Only two starters return on defense.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30 • 8 P.M. • CBSN



**WAKE FOREST  
at  
Tulane**



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

**Television**  
CBS Sports Network  
Ben Holden and Jay Feely

**Radio**  
WMTI-FM 106.1 (Tulane flagship)

## THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the fourth meeting between Tulane and Wake Forest ... The schools first met in 1959, renewed acquaintances in 1995 and last met in the 2016 season-opener ... Wake Forest holds a 2-1 lead after a 7-3 win in the 2016 matchup, which was Willie Fritz's first game as the Green Wave's head coach.

**WAKE FOREST  
0-0, 0-0 ACC**

**Head Coach**  
Dave Clawson (Williams '89)  
21-29, fifth season at Wake Forest  
111-109, 19th year as collegiate head coach

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## Notes

Wake Forest went 8-5 in 2017 as the Demon Deacons went 4-4 in the ACC to finish third in the Atlantic Division ... Wake Forest capped the season with a 55-52 win against Texas A&M in the Belk Bowl ... The season-opener at Tulane is Wake Forest's only road game until an Oct. 20 matchup at Florida State ... The Deacons have 15 returning starters, including eight on offense ... The entire starting offensive line returns intact, led by first team All-ACC C Ryan Anderson ... QB Kendall Hinton, who saw spot duty last year, takes over behind center and has the top two receivers and leading rusher from 2017 in the fold ... RB Matt Colburn rushed for 904 yards and seven touchdowns ... WR Greg Dortch had 53 catches for 722 yards and nine TDs in 2017 on his way to USA Today Freshman All-America honors.

**Tulane  
0-0, 0-0 American**

**Head Coach**  
Willie Fritz (Pittsburg State '83)  
8-16, third season

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## Notes

Tulane came up inches short of reaching a bowl game for the first time since 2013 as the Green Wave's bid for the go-ahead points against SMU was stopped at the goal line as time expired in the season finale ... That result left Tulane with a 5-7 record and came after the Green Wave had won two straight to put itself in position to reach the postseason ... Tulane has 15 starters back from last season, including eight from an offense that averaged 27.5 points and 391.5 yards per game in 2017 ... Tulane ranked 20th nationally in rushing, averaging 231.5 yards per game last season ... QB Jonathan Banks threw for 1,797 yards and 12 touchdowns and added 592 rushing yards with seven TDs in 2017 ... WR Terren Encalade led the squad with 38 receptions for 730 yards and four touchdowns ... CB Donnie Lewis Jr. had three interceptions.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • NOON • CBSN



**HOUSTON  
at  
Rice**



Rice Stadium (47,000/AstroTurf)  
Houston, Texas

**Television**  
CBS Sports Network  
Ben Holden and Jay Feely

**Radio**  
KPRC-AM 950 (Houston flagship)

## THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 43rd meeting between Houston and Rice, whose campus are located about four miles apart ... The Cougars are 30-11 all-time against the Owls and have won the last four meetings ... Last year's meeting saw Houston QB Kyle Allen complete 31 of 33 passes for 309 yards in the Cougars' 38-3 win.

**rv/rv HOUSTON  
0-0, 0-0 American**

**Head Coach**  
Major Applewhite (Texas '02)  
7-6, second season

**Information Contact**  
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## Notes

Houston made its fifth straight bowl appearance in Major Applewhite's first season as the Cougars' head coach in 2017 ... Houston went 7-5 overall and 5-3 in The American ... The Cougars were picked second in the West Division in The American's preseason media poll ... Much of the preseason attention as focused on DT Ed Oliver, the 2017 consensus All-America selection who was tabbed as the nation's top player for 2018 by ESPN and Sports Illustrated ... Oliver, who has already declared his intentions to enter the 2019 NFL Draft, had 16.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks last season on his way to winning the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman ... QB D'Eriq King threw for 1,270 yards and seven touchdowns and had eight rushing touchdowns in his first year as the starting signal-caller.

**RICE  
1-0, 0-0 Conference USA**

**Head Coach**  
Mike Bloomgren (Florida State '99)  
1-0, first season

**Information Contact**  
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## Notes

Rice opened its season last Saturday with a 31-28 win against Prairie View A&M, winning the game on a 23-yard field goal by K Jack Fox at the final gun ... Rice had built a 16-0 lead against Prairie View A&M, but the Panthers rallied to take a 28-19 lead after three quarters before the Owls closed the game with a 12-0 margin in the fourth quarter ... The Owls went 1-11 last season, bringing about the coaching change that has former Stanford offensive coordinator Mike Bloomgren now on the Rice sideline ... The lone win last season was a 31-14 victory against UTEP ... Rice won a combined 25 games between 2012-14, but has only nine wins in the three seasons since ... RB Emmanuel Esukpa rushed for 173 yards and a touchdown on 32 carries in the season-opener ... RB Austin Walker ran for 83 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns.

# WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • NOON • ESPN3



## VILLANOVA at TEMPLE



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

### Television

ESPN3  
Clay Matvick and Dan Orlovsky

### Radio

WPEN-FM 97.5 (Temple flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 34th meeting between Temple and Villanova, whose campus are located 15 miles apart in the Philadelphia area ... The series is tied 16-16-1 ... Temple has taken the last four games, including a 16-13 win last season ... Last year's game was the head coaching debut for Temple's Geoff Collins and Villanova's Mark Ferrante.

## VILLANOVA O-O, O-O CAA

### Head Coach

Mark Ferrante (St. Lawrence '83)  
5-6, second season

### Information Contact

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### Notes

Villanova enters the 2018 season ranked No. 19 in the FCS preseason poll, marking the sixth straight season that the Wildcats are nationally ranked to start the year ... The Wildcats were picked sixth in the Colonial Athletic Association preseason poll after a 5-6 record in 2017 under then-first-year head coach Mark Ferrante ... Ferrante took over as head coach after 30 years as an assistant ... OT Ethan Greenidge, a six-foot-four, 345-pound senior, was chosen as a preseason FCS All-America first team selection, while S Rob Rolle was a second-team choice ... Villanova went 4-2 in its first six games last season, but dropped four of its last five to close the year ... The Wildcats have 16 returning starters from last season ... Villanova opens the season with back-to-back road games, but has another short road trip next week at Lehigh.

## TEMPLE O-O, O-O American

### Head Coach

Geoff Collins (Western Carolina '94)  
7-6, second season

### Information Contact

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### Notes

Temple enters the 2018 season with high hopes after the Owls closed 2017 with four wins in their last five games ... Temple was 3-5 through its first eight, but went 4-1 down the stretch ... The Owls return 13 starters from last season, including six from a defense that led The American with 39 sacks in 2017 ... S Delvon Randall is the defensive leader after a season in which he had 80 tackles and four interceptions on his way to first team all-conference honors ... DT Michael Dogbe opened some eyes in the offseason as video of his 505-pound bench press made waves on social media ... QB Frank Nutile went 4-1 as Temple's starter last season and is entrenched as the 2018 starter ... RB Ryquell Armstead rushed for 604 yds and five touchdowns, while WR Isaiah Wright had 46 catches for 668 yards and four TDs.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 6 P.M. • ESPN3



## NORTH CAROLINA A&T at ECU



Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (50,000/Natural Grass)  
Greenville, North Carolina

### Television

ESPN3  
Josh Appel and Stan Lewter

### Radio

WNCT-FM 107.9 (ECU flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between ECU and North Carolina A&T ... The schools, which are both part of the University of North Carolina system, are located about 160 miles apart ... The Pirates saw a five-game winning streak against FCS opponents snapped last season against James Madison.

## NORTH CAROLINA A&T 1-O, O-O MEAC

### Head Coach

Sam Washington (Mississippi Valley State '82)  
1-0, first season

### Information Contact

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### Notes

North Carolina A&T opened its 2018 season last week with a 20-17 win against Jacksonville State in the Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff in Montgomery Alabama ... The win extended the Aggies' winning streak to 13 games ... Sam Washington is in his first year as the Aggies' head coach after serving as defensive coordinator for the last seven years ... Washington was promoted after Rod Broadway retired following a 12-0 season in 2017 ... North Carolina A&T is ranked No. 14 in the AFCA FCS preseason poll ... The top player for the Aggies is DE Darryl Johnson, who was a preseason FCS All-America choice of Phil Steele and an early candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in FCS ... QB Lamar Raynard, the 2017 MEAC Player of the Year, threw for 2,932 yards and 27 touchdowns with seven interceptions in 2017.

## ECU O-O, O-O American

### Head Coach

Scottie Montgomery (Duke '00)  
6-18, third season

### Information Contact

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### Notes

ECU looks to make progress after back-to-back 3-9 seasons and has reason for optimism with the return of 13 starters from last season ... ECU has seven returning starters on defense and has a new defensive coordinator as David Blackwell, a 1997 ECU graduate, returns after a successful run at Jacksonville State ... ECU has had no shortage of productive quarterbacks in recent years, and QB Reid Herring hopes to continue the trend in his first year as the starter ... The top target figures to be WR Trevon Brown, who had 60 receptions for 1,069 yards and seven touchdowns last season, including a conference-record 270 receiving yards against Cincinnati ... The Pirates will need better production from a rushing offense that averaged 107.7 yards per game last year ... ECU has made eight bowl appearances in the last 12 years.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 6 P.M. • ESPN3



## ELON at USF



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

### Television

ESPN3  
Drew Fellios and Forrest Conoly

### Radio

WWBA-FM 98.3 (USF flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the fourth meeting between USF and Elon in a series that dates to 1997 ... Elon won the first matchup 41-13 in USF's first year of intercollegiate football ... The Bulls have won the last two, including a 28-13 decision in 2007 behind three touchdowns by RB Mike Ford and 10 tackles and 4.0 sacks by DE George Selvie.

## ELON O-O, O-O CAA

### Head Coach

Curt Cignetti (West Virginia '82)  
8-4, second season at Elon  
61-21, eighth season as collegiate head coach

### Information Contact

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### Notes

Elon returns 18 starters from a team that went 8-4 overall, 6-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association and dropped a 28-27 heartbreaker to Furman in the first round of the NCAA FCS Championship ... The Phoenix won eight of its first nine games last year, but looks to snap a three-game slide that has carried into 2018 ... The three losses all came to nationally ranked opponents ... Elon returns four players who were All-CAA selections last year, including first team LB Warren Messer, who had 114 tackles and 11.0 tackles for loss in 2017 ... QB Davis Cheek threw for 2,431 yards and 15 touchdowns with eight interceptions ... WR Korte Weeks had 60 catches for 709 yards and two touchdowns ... DE Marcus Willoughby had 7.0 sacks and 10.0 tackles for loss last season.

## -/rv USF O-O, O-O American

### Head Coach

Charlie Strong (Central Arkansas '82)  
10-2, second season at USF  
62-39, ninth season as collegiate head coach

### Information Contact

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### Notes

USF is enjoying its best run in program history as the Bulls have gone 21-4 in the last two seasons and are 28-6 in their last 34 games ... Head coach Charlie Strong has gone 22-3 in two years as an American Athletic Conference head coach, which includes his 2013 season at Louisville ... USF returns 12 starters from last year's team, which went 10-2 ... The offense will have to replace the production of its top three rushers, its all-time passing leader and its top receiver from last year ... Three players are battling for the starting quarterback spot in the preseason ... WR Tyre McCants averaged 19.8 yards per reception and had seven touchdown catches last season ... The defense returns LB Greg Reaves, who had 14.0 tackles for loss, and LB Nico Sawtelle, who had 54 tackles last year.



# WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 7 P.M. • ESPN



## CINCINNATI at UCLA



Rose Bowl (92,542/Natural Grass)  
Pasadena, Calif.

### Television ESPN

Bob Wischusen, Brock Huard and Allison Williams

### Radio

WLW-AM 700 (Cincinnati flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting all-time against current Pac-12 members ... Cincinnati was a 28-18 winner at Oregon State in 2009 in the most recent matchup ... UCLA is 1-1 against American Athletic Conference schools, having split a two-game series with Memphis in 2014 and 2017.

## CINCINNATI 0-0, 0-0 American

### Head Coach

Luke Fickell (Ohio State '97)  
4-8, second season at Cincinnati  
10-15, second season as collegiate head coach

### Information Contact

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### Notes

Cincinnati has turned in back-to-back 4-8 seasons, but the Bearcats expect to be in contention for a bowl bid with 12 returning starters and a highly regarded class of newcomers ... Cincinnati made five straight bowl appearances between 2011-15, before the current two-year absence ... QB Hayden Moore has been the primary starter in each of the past two seasons and entered fall camp at No. 1 on the depth chart ... RB Gerrid Doaks rushed for 513 yards and two touchdowns ... WR Khalil Lewis led the team with 61 catches for 676 yards and seven TDs ... The strength of the defense is on the interior line as DT Cortez Broughton and DT Marquise Copeland return with all-conference accolades to their credit ... LB Perry Young registered 101 tackles.

## UCLA 0-0, 0-0 Pac-12

### Head Coach

Chip Kelly (New Hampshire '90)  
0-0, first season at UCLA  
46-7, fifth season as collegiate head coach

### Information Contact

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### Notes

UCLA went 6-7 last season after falling to Kansas State in the Cactus Bowl ... The Bruins were 2-0 and ranked No. 25 nationally before dropping a 48-45 decision at Memphis ... UCLA has turned to Chip Kelly, who went 46-7 in four years as Oregon's head coach and spent four seasons as an NFL head coach, to take over in Westwood ... Offensive coordinator Dana Bible is a 1976 graduate of Cincinnati and a former Bearcat offensive coordinator ... UCLA has 12 starters returning, but lost a pair of first-round draft choices on offense ... The battle to replace No. 10 overall pick Josh Rosen was wide open entering training camp ... The top three rushers from last year return, including RB Bolu Olorunfunmi, who had 565 yards and five touchdowns in 2017 ... UCLA went 6-0 at the Rose Bowl last season.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 7 P.M. • ESPN3



## MERCER at MEMPHIS



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

### Television ESPN3

Mike Watts and Tyoka Jackson

### Radio

WREC-AM 600 (Memphis flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting on the gridiron between Memphis and Mercer ... Memphis has won its last five games against NCAA FCS opponents, outscoring those teams by a combined 226-61 margin ... Mercer is the first of three first-time opponents for Memphis this season (Georgia State, South Alabama) .

## MERCER 0-0, 0-0 Southern

### Head Coach

Bobby Lamb (Furman '87)  
32-25, sixth season at Mercer  
99-65, 15th season as collegiate head coach

### Information Contact

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(vangenderen\_gw@mercer.edu)

### Notes

Mercer is in its sixth year of varsity football following a 72-year hiatus of the sport on the Macon, Georgia, campus ... The Bears were 5-6 last season, but scored wins against two teams (The Citadel and Western Carolina) that were ranked in the FCS national polls ... Mercer was the only team in college football that played both at Auburn and at Alabama last year ... Mercer was within a touchdown of Auburn with five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter before falling 24-10 ... QB Kaelan Riley threw for 2,030 yards and 13 touchdowns with 10 interceptions last season ... RB Tee Mitchell led the Bears with 626 rushing yards and seven TDs, while WR Marquise Irvin was the team leader with 41 catches, 536 receiving yards and four touchdown receptions.

## rv/rv MEMPHIS 0-0, 0-0 American

### Head Coach

Mike Norvell (Central Arkansas '95)  
18-8, third season

### Information Contact

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### Notes

Memphis has won at least eight games in each of the last four seasons and has registered two 10-win seasons in that span, including last year's 10-3 mark ... The Tigers have played in a school-record four straight bowl games ... Memphis won The American's West Division title last season ... The Tigers went 10-1 in the regular season, lost to UCF in double-overtime in The American Championship and fell 21-20 to Iowa State in the Liberty Bowl ... Memphis has won 12 straight nonconference regular season home games ... RB/WR Tony Pollard is a two-time American Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Year ... Pollard averaged 126.8 all-purpose yards last year and scored four touchdowns on kickoff returns ... RB Darrell Henderson rushed for 1,154 yards and nine touchdowns and averaged 8.9 yards per carry.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 7 P.M. • ESPN3



## CENTRAL ARKANSAS at TULSA



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

### Television ESPN3

Trey Bender and Watson Brown

### Radio

KXBL-FM 99.5 (Tulsa flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between Tulsa and Central Arkansas ... Both previous meetings were played in Tulsa ... The Golden Hurricane was a 62-34 winner in 2008 and took a 41-14 decision in 2010 ... The game will be the first of three for Tulsa against opponents from the state of Arkansas this season (Arkansas State, Arkansas).

## CENTRAL ARKANSAS 0-0, 0-0 Southland

### Head Coach

Nathan Brown (Central Arkansas '09)  
0-0, first season

### Information Contact

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### Notes

Central Arkansas enters the 2018 season on the heels of a 10-2 campaign that included a Southland Conference championship ... The Bears fell to New Hampshire in the first round of the NCAA FCS Championship ... Central Arkansas has gone 20-5 in the last two seasons ... Nathan Brown, a former All-America quarterback at Central Arkansas, is in his first year as head coach after serving as the Bears' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for four seasons ... Brown helped three quarterbacks to all-conference first-team honors in his four seasons as coordinator ... The offense is led by a pair of talented backs as RB Carlos Blackman earned All-Southland honors, while RB Kierre Crossley was the 2017 Southland Freshman of the Year ... The Bears had a stout defense in 2017, allowing only 17.5 points and 318.8 yards per game.

## TULSA 0-0, 0-0 American

### Head Coach

Philip Montgomery (Tarleton State '95)  
18-20, fourth season

### Information Contact

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### Notes

Tulsa looks to bounce back from a 2-10 season ... Five of the 10 losses were decided by seven points or fewer and three came on the final play of the game ... The Golden Hurricane went 10-3 in the 2016 season and has four seasons with at least 10 wins since 2008 ... QB Luke Skipper started the last five games of last season and is battling QB Chad President, who made six starts, and QB Seth Boomer, a redshirt freshman, for the Opening Day nod ... RB Shamari Brooks rushed for 687 yards and a team-high 10 touchdowns as a true freshman before missing the last four games with a collarbone injury ... WR Justin Hobbs had team highs with 55 receptions, 830 receiving yards and three touchdown catches ... S McKinley Whitfield had a team-high 113 tackles, while LB Cooper Edmiston had 106 last season.

# WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 7:30 P.M. • STADIUM



## SMU at NORTH TEXAS



Apogee Stadium (30,850/Sportexx PowerBlade HP)  
Denton, Texas

**Television**  
Stadium  
TBD

**Radio**  
KTCK-FM 96.7 (SMU flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 38th meeting between SMU and North Texas in a series that dates to 1922 ... SMU holds a 31-5-1 series lead and has won the last three matchups after last year's 54-32 victory in Dallas ... Saturday's game will be the fifth meeting in Denton and will be followed by a pro wrestling card at Apogee Stadium.

### NORTH TEXAS 0-0, 0-0 Conference USA

**Head Coach**  
Seth Littrell (Oklahoma '01)  
14-13, third season

**Information Contact**  
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### Notes

North Texas, which went 1-11 in 2015 prior to Seth Littrell's arrival, has turned its fortunes around to the tune of a 9-5 season in 2017 that included a Conference USA West Division title ... The Mean Green won its last five regular-season games, but dropped the C-USA championship game to Florida Atlantic and fell to Troy in the New Orleans Bowl to close the year ... North Texas returns 17 starters from last year ... The Mean Green has won seven straight home games ... QB Mason Fine threw for 4,052 yards and 31 touchdowns with 15 interceptions last season ... The top three receivers all return as WR Michael Lawrence had team highs with 62 receptions and 819 receiving yards ... WR Jalen Guyton led the team with nine touchdown catches ... LB E.J. Ejiya had a team-high 109 tackles with 7.0 sacks to lead the defense.

### SMU 0-0, 0-0 American

**Head Coach**  
Sonny Dykes (Texas Tech '93)  
0-0, first season at SMU  
41-46, eighth season as collegiate head coach

**Information Contact**  
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### Notes

SMU made a return to postseason play in 2017 as the Mustangs went 7-6 and appeared in the first Frisco Bowl ... The seven wins marked the most for the Mustangs since 2012 and ended a five-year bowl drought ... Sonny Dykes is in his first year as SMU's head coach after spending last season on the staff at TCU and previously serving as head coach at California and Louisiana Tech ... Six starters return from an offense that set school records with 492 points and 64 touchdowns in 2017 ... QB Ben Hicks threw for 3,569 yards and a school-record 33 touchdowns last season ... RB Xavier Jones rushed for 1,075 yards and nine touchdowns, while RB Braeden West averaged a team-high 7.8 yards per carry ... CB Jordan Wyatt has had four interceptions in each of the last two seasons.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 11 P.M. • CBSSN



## NAVY at HAWAII



Aloha Stadium (50,000/Synthetic Infilled Turf)  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Television**  
CBS Sports Network  
John Sadak, Randy Cross and Amanda Balionis

**Radio**  
WBAL-AM 1090 (Navy flagship)

### THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the fourth meeting between Navy and Hawaii ... Hawaii took the first two meetings in Honolulu, in 1999 and 2009, but Navy won the most recent matchup in 2013 in Annapolis ... Navy head coach Ken Niumatalolo is a 1989 graduate of Hawaii and a former quarterback for the Rainbow Warriors.

### NAVY 0-0, 0-0 American

**Head Coach**  
Ken Niumatalolo (Navy '89)  
84-48, 11th season

**Information Contact**  
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### Notes

Navy had gone a combined 14-2 in conference play with a pair of first-place finishes in the West Division in its first two years as a member of The American but the Midshipmen went 4-4 in the league in 2017 on its way to a 7-6 season overall ... The Midshipmen will play 13 games in 2018, thanks to their season-opening trip to Hawaii ... All told, Navy will travel 26,496 miles to play its five road games and two neutral-site contests in 2018 ... Only Hawaii (38,578 miles) will travel more among FBS members ... QB Malcolm Perry, who rushed for 1,182 yards and 11 touchdowns last year, takes over as the primary signal-caller ... WR Zach Abey rushed for 1,413 yards and 19 TDs as a quarterback, will remain on the field as a wideout and is expected to take situational snaps behind center as well.

### HAWAII 1-0, 1-0 Mountain West

**Head Coach**  
Nick Rolovich (Hawaii '04)  
11-16, third season

**Information Contact**  
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### Notes

Hawaii is off to a 1-0 start to the 2018 season after the Rainbow Warriors opened with an impressive 43-34 win at Colorado State last Saturday ... Hawaii scored on six of its first seven possessions and reeled off 617 yards against the Rams ... The win was Hawaii's first against Colorado State since 1992 and its first road victory against the Rams since 1988 ... Hawaii won the first two games of the 2017 season, but the Rainbow Warriors found only one victory the rest of the way in a 3-9 campaign ... Hawaii went 7-7 and won the Hawaii Bowl in Nick Rolovich's first year as head coach in 2016 ... LB Jahlan Tavai is a two-time All-Mountain West selection who had a team-high 124 tackles with 5.5 sacks last season ... QB Cole McDonald threw for 418 yards and three touchdowns and added 96 rushing yards with two more TDs against Colorado State.



# 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. Alabama (42)	13-1	1,505		1. Alabama(61)	13-1	1,621		UCF .....	19		
2. Clemson (18)	12-2	1,476		2. Clemson (3)	12-2	1,547		Memphis .....	7		
3. Georgia	13-2	1,350		3. Ohio State (1)	12-2	1,458		USF .....	3		
4. Wisconsin (1)	13-1	1,271		4. Georgia	13-2	1,452		Houston .....	1		
5. Ohio State	12-2	1,256		5. Oklahoma	12-2	1,288					
6. Washington	10-3	1,215		6. Washington	10-3	1,245					
7. Oklahoma	12-2	1,173		7. Wisconsin	13-1	1,243					
8. Miami (Fla.)	10-3	1,027		8. Miami (Fla.)	10-3	1,091					
9. Auburn	10-4	1,013		9. Penn State	11-2	1,050					
10. Penn State	11-2	1,012		10. Auburn	10-4	1,004					
11. Michigan State	10-3	877		11. Notre Dame	10-3	892					
12. Notre Dame	10-3	804		12. Michigan State	10-3	870					
13. Stanford	9-5	778		13. Stanford	9-5	768					
14. Michigan	8-5	773		14. Michigan	8-5	752					
15. USC	11-3	543		15. USC	11-3	691					
16. TCU	11-3	533		16. TCU	11-3	530					
17. West Virginia	7-6	511		17. Virginia Tech	9-4	524					
18. Mississippi State	9-4	450		18. Mississippi State	9-4	407					
19. Florida State	7-6	384		19. Florida State	7-6	328					
20. Virginia Tech	9-4	351		20. West Virginia	7-6	310					
21. UCF	13-0	312		21. Texas	7-6	265					
22. Boise State	11-3	292		22. Boise State	11-3	261					
23. Texas	7-6	216		23. UCF	13-0	259					
24. Oregon	7-6	148		24. LSU	9-4	254					
25. LSU	9-4	106		25. Oklahoma State	10-3	168					
Receiving votes: South Carolina 96, Florida 68, Utah 60, Oklahoma State 51, Florida Atlantic 38, Arizona 28, North Carolina State 22, Texas A&M 21, Boston College 18, Northwestern 13, Kansas State 10, Iowa State 8, <b>Houston 6</b> , <b>Memphis 3</b> , Troy 2, Iowa 2, Kentucky 1, Arkansas State 1, Fresno State 1				Receiving votes: South Carolina 138, Florida 135, Oregon 105, Utah 81, Texas A&M 67, Northwestern 67, Kansas State 35, Florida Atlantic 27, Boston College 23, Memphis 23, North Carolina State 22, Troy 19, Arkansas State 19, Appalachian State 16, San Diego State 15, Kentucky 8, Iowa 8, Iowa State 8, Washington State 7, <b>USF 6</b> , Duke 5, Fresno State 4, Louisville 3, <b>Houston 2</b> , Arizona 2, Northern Illinois 1, Army 1				East Division			
								School (First-Place Votes) ..Points			
								1. UCF (25).....	175		
								2. USF (5) .....	140		
								3. Temple .....	132		
								4. Cincinnati.....	91		
								5. UConn.....	51		
								6. ECU .....	41		
								West Division			
								School (First-Place Votes) ..Points			
								1. Memphis (23).....	171		
								2. Houston (4) .....	146		
								3. Navy (3) .....	129		
								4. SMU.....	72		
								5. Tulane .....	68		
								6. Tulsa .....	44		

## WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Below is a weekly look at each American Athletic Conference team's spot in the Associated Press and Amway Coaches polls in 2018. Rankings are listed as AP/Coaches.

	UCF	Cincinnati	UConn	ECU	Houston	Memphis	Navy	USF	SMU	Temple	Tulane	Tulsa
Preseason	21/23	-/-	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	rv/rv	-/-	-/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 4												
Sept. 9												
Sept. 16												
Sept. 23												
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Oct. 21												
Oct. 28												
Nov. 4												
Nov. 11												
Nov. 18												
Nov. 25												
Dec. 3												
Final												

# THE 2018 SEASON

## 2017 HOME ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL (Capacity)	GP	TOTAL	AVG.	LARGEST CROWD
UCF (45,323)	7	257,924	36,846	47,129 (vs. USF)
Cincinnati (40,000)	6	170,603	28,434	35,736 (vs. Marshall)
UConn (40,000)	6	122,007	20,334	24,814 (vs. Tulsa)
ECU (50,000)	7	257,090	36,727	43,776 (vs. Virginia Tech)
Houston (40,000)	6	195,499	32,583	38,900 (vs. Rice)
Memphis (58,862)	8	209,701	36,302	57,266 (vs. Iowa State)
Navy (34,000)	6	209,701	34,950	38,792 (vs. Air Force)
USF (65,897)	6	188,408	31,401	43,708 (vs. Cincinnati)
SMU (32,000)	7	139,609	19,944	24,638 (vs. North Texas)
Temple (68,532)	5	138,028	27,606	35,117 (vs. Villanova)
Tulane (30,000)	6	101,634	16,939	16,643 (vs. Grambling State)
Tulsa (30,000)	6	110,751	18,458	21,354 (vs. Navy)
2017 TOTALS	78	2,227,680	28,560	57,266 (Memphis vs. Iowa State)

## 2018 TOP PERFORMANCES

### 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2018	Career
Zach Abey, Navy, Sr.		9
Darrell Henderson, Memphis, Jr.		7
Malcolm Perry, Navy, Jr.		6
Xavier Jones, SMU, Sr.		5
Braeden West, SMU, Sr.		5
Patrick Taylor Sr., Memphis, Jr.		4
Shamari Brooks, Tulsa, So.		4
Ryquell Armstead, Temple, Sr.		4
Adrian Killins, UCF, Jr.		3
Kevin Mensah, UConn, So.		2
Chad President, Tulsa, Jr.		2
Mulbah Car, Houston, Jr.		2
Ramadi Warren, Tulsa, Sr.		2
Otis Anderson, UCF, So.		1
C.J. Jones, UCF, Sr.		1
McKenzie Milton, UCF, Jr.		1
Gerrid Doaks, Cincinnati, So.		1
Nate Hopkins, UConn, So.		1
Hussein Howe, ECU, Jr.		1
D'Eriq King, Houston, Jr.		1
Sam Craft, Memphis, Sr.		1
Anthony Gargiulo, Navy, Sr.		1
Kevrin Justice, Houston, Jr.		1
Ke'Mon Freeman, SMU, Jr.		1
Jager Gardner, Temple, Sr.		1
Jonathan Brantley, Tulane, Jr.		1
Corey Taylor II, Tulsa, Jr.		1

### 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

### 300-YARD PASSING GAMES

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

## THE RECORD BOOK

The American's single-game records (through 2017):	
<b>Most Rushing Yards</b>	
1. Malcolm Perry, Navy vs. SMU (11/11/17)	282
2. Marlon Mack, USF vs. Western Carolina (8/30/14)	275
3. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa vs. Louisiana (9/9/17)	262
4. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa vs. Temple (11/25/17)	255
5. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa at Fresno State (9/24/16)	252
<b>Most Rushing Touchdowns</b>	
1. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. ECU (9/19/15)	5
James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	5
2. Nine players	4
<b>Longest Rush</b>	
1. Adrian Killins, UCF vs. Memphis (9/30/17)	96 yds
<b>Most Passing Yards</b>	
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
<b>Most Pass Completions</b>	
1. Gardner Minschew, 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
<b>Most Touchdown Passes</b>	
1. Paxton Lynch Memphis vs. SMU (11/28/15)	7
Riley Ferguson, Memphis at UConn (10/6/17)	7
2. Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati vs. Toledo (9/12/14)	6
Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. Bowling Green (9/24/16)	6
Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. UCLA (9/16/17)	6
<b>Most Receiving Yards</b>	
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
<b>Most Receptions</b>	
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
<b>Most Touchdown Receptions</b>	
1. Courtland Sutton, SMU vs. North Texas (9/9/17)	4
Anthony Miller, Memphis at UConn (10/6/17)	4
<b>Longest Reception</b>	
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
<b>Most Points</b>	
1. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. ECU (9/19/15)	30
James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	30
<b>Most Field Goals</b>	
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
<b>Longest Field Goal</b>	
1. Jake Elliott, Memphis vs. USF (11/17/03)	56 yds
<b>Longest Punt Return</b>	
1. Khalif Herbin, Temple vs. Delaware State (9/20/14)	84 yds
<b>Longest Kickoff Return</b>	
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
<b>Most Tackles</b>	
1. Tyler Matakovich, Temple at Idaho (9/28/13)	24
2. Michael Mudoh, Tulsa vs. Florida Atlantic (9/5/15)	20
Domenic Spencer, UCF at Tulsa (11/7/15)	20
D'Juan Hines, Houston at Tulsa (10/14/17)	20
<b>Most Tackles For Loss</b>	
1. Montese Overton, ECU at SMU (10/3/15)	5.0
Haason Reddick, Temple at Memphis (10/6/16)	5.0
<b>Most Sacks</b>	
1. Montese Overton, ECU at SMU (10/3/15)	4.0
Justin Lawler, SMU vs. UConn (9/30/17)	4.0

# THE 2018 SEASON

## AWARD WINNERS

### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3  
Sept. 10  
Sept. 17  
Sept. 24  
Oct. 1  
Oct. 8  
Oct. 15  
Oct. 22  
Oct. 29  
Nov. 5  
Nov. 11  
Nov. 19  
Nov. 26

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3  
Sept. 10  
Sept. 17  
Sept. 24  
Oct. 1  
Oct. 8  
Oct. 15  
Oct. 22  
Oct. 29  
Nov. 5  
Nov. 11  
Nov. 19  
Nov. 26

### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3  
Sept. 10  
Sept. 17  
Sept. 24  
Oct. 1  
Oct. 8  
Oct. 15  
Oct. 22  
Oct. 29  
Nov. 5  
Nov. 11  
Nov. 19  
Nov. 26

### ACTIVE CAREER WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

4 – McKenzie Milton (QB, UCF)

3 – Aaron Boumerhi (K, Temple)

2 – Adrian Killins (RB, UCF); Ed Oliver (DT, Houston); Dane Roy (P, Houston); Austin Hall (LB, Memphis); Zach Abey (QB, Navy); Bennett Moehring (K, Navy)

1 – Matthew Wright (K, UCF); Malik Clements (S, Cincinnati); Trevon Brown (WR, ECU); D'Eriq King (QB, Houston); TJ Carter (DB, Memphis); Tony Pollard (WR, Memphis); Malcolm Perry (QB, Navy); Jordan Wyatt (S, SMU); Isaiah Wright (WR, Temple)

## 2017 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

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

## AGAINST THE CONFERENCES

### ATLANTIC COAST (0-0)

Wake Forest at Tulane (8/30)  
Georgia Tech at USF (9/8)  
North Carolina at ECU (9/8)  
UCF at North Carolina (9/15)  
ECU at Virginia Tech (9/15)  
Pitt at UCF (9/29)  
Temple at Boston College (9/29)

### BIG 12 (0-0)

TCU at SMU (9/7)  
Tulsa at Texas (9/8)  
Houston at Texas Tech (9/15)

### BIG TEN (0-0)

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

### COLONIAL ATHLETIC (0-0)

Villanova at Temple (9/1)  
Elon at USF (9/1)  
Rhode Island at UConn (9/15)

### CONFERENCE USA (0-0)

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

### MID-AMERICAN (0-0)

Buffalo at Temple (9/8)  
Cincinnati vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/8)

### MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (0-0)

North Carolina A&T at ECU (9/1)  
South Carolina State at UCF (9/8)

### MOUNTAIN WEST (0-0)

Navy at Hawaii (9/1)  
UConn at Boise State (9/8)  
Navy at Air Force (10/6)

### PAC-12 (0-0)

Cincinnati at UCLA (9/1)  
Arizona at Houston (9/8)

### PATRIOT (0-0)

Lehigh at Navy (9/15)

### SOUTHEASTERN (0-0)

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

### SOUTHERN (0-0)

Mercer at Memphis (9/1)

### SOUTHLAND (0-0)

Central Arkansas at Tulsa (9/1)  
Nicholls at Tulane (9/8)  
Houston Baptist at SMU (9/29)

### SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC (0-0)

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

### SUN BELT (0-0)

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

### INDEPENDENTS (0-0)

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

### TOTAL NONCONFERENCE RECORDS

All Games .....	0-0
FBS Opponents .....	0-0
FCS Opponents.....	0-0
AP Top 25 .....	0-0
USA Today Top 25.....	0-0
Bowl Games .....	0-0

# NCAA LEADERS

## NCAA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

<b>Rushing.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
4. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa.....	137.9
14. Zach Abey, Navy.....	117.8
32. Malcolm Perry, Navy.....	98.5
34. Darrell Henderson, Memphis.....	96.2
37. Dontrell Hilliard, Tulane.....	90.9
39. Quinton Flowers, USF.....	89.8

<b>Completions Per Game.....</b>	<b>CPG</b>
11. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	23.00
21. Ben Hicks, SMU.....	21.23
27. McKenzie Milton, UCF.....	20.38
32. Hayden Moore, Cincinnati.....	19.92
39. Bryant Shirreffs, UConn.....	19.00

<b>Passing Yards Per Game.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
6. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	327.5
9. McKenzie Milton, UCF.....	310.5
21. Ben Hicks, SMU.....	274.5
27. Bryant Shirreffs, UConn.....	254.1
34. Quinton Flowers, USF.....	242.6

<b>Passing Efficiency.....</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2. McKenzie Milton, UCF.....	179.3
7. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	161.2
12. Bryant Shirreffs, UConn.....	153.6
35. Quinton Flowers, USF.....	142.1
37. Ben Hicks, SMU.....	140.0
40. Jonathan Banks, Tulane.....	139.1

<b>Receptions Per Game.....</b>	<b>RPg</b>
1. Trey Quinn, SMU.....	8.8
6. Anthony Miller, Memphis.....	7.4
7. Linell Bonner, Houston.....	7.3
13. Steven Dunbar, Houston.....	6.3
45. Davon Grayson, ECU.....	5.4
50. Courtland Sutton, SMU.....	5.2

<b>Receiving Yards Per Game.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
3. Anthony Miller, Memphis.....	112.5
10. Trey Quinn, SMU.....	95.1
14. Tre'Quan Smith, UCF.....	90.1
16. Steven Dunbar, Houston.....	89.2
17. Trevon Brown, ECU.....	89.1
26. Courtland Sutton, SMU.....	83.5
30. Linell Bonner, Houston.....	80.8
31. Davon Grayson, ECU.....	80.5
44. Marquez Valdes-Scantling, USF.....	73.3

<b>Total Offense.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
4. McKenzie Milton, UCF.....	357.7
9. Quinton Flowers, USF.....	332.4
10. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	329.2
26. Ben Hicks, SMU.....	278.4
27. Bryant Shirreffs, UConn.....	276.3

<b>Scoring.....</b>	<b>PPG</b>
7. Zach Abey, Navy.....	10.0
10. Emilio Nadelman, USF.....	9.6
15. Matthew Wright, UCF.....	9.2
31. Anthony Miller, Memphis.....	8.3

<b>All-Purpose Yards.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
6. Malcolm Perry, Navy.....	150.25
10. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa.....	146.27
17. Darrell Henderson, Memphis.....	135.83
30. Trevon Brown, ECU.....	128.25
34. Tony Pollard, Memphis.....	126.85
46. Zach Abey, Navy.....	118.17
48. Anthony Miller, Memphis.....	117.62

<b>Tackles.....</b>	<b>TPG</b>
9. Jaylyn Minor, Cincinnati.....	10.4
24. McKinley Whitfield, Tulsa.....	9.4
28. D'Juan Hines, Houston.....	9.2
35. Cooper Edmiston, Tulsa.....	8.8
41. Korrin Wiggins, ECU.....	8.7

<b>Tackles For Loss.....</b>	<b>TFL/Game</b>
7. Genard Avery, Memphis.....	1.7
14. Ed Oliver, Houston.....	1.4

<b>Sacks.....</b>	<b>SPG</b>
16. Justin Lawler, SMU.....	0.73
25. Sharif Finch, Temple.....	0.65
Genard Avery, Memphis.....	0.65
33. Jacob Martin, Temple.....	0.62
43. Bruce Hector, USF.....	0.58
Cole Ormsby, UConn.....	0.58

<b>Interceptions.....</b>	<b>Int/Game</b>
3. Parry Nickerson, Tulane.....	0.5
12. Devin Abraham, USF.....	0.4
15. T.J. Carter, Memphis.....	0.4
26. Jordan Wyatt, SMU.....	0.4
37. Garrett Davis, Houston.....	0.3
Terrell Williams, Houston.....	0.3
43. Kyle Gibson, UCF.....	0.3
Mike Hughes, UCF.....	0.3
Delvon Randall, Temple.....	0.3

<b>Passes Defended.....</b>	<b>PD/Game</b>
22. Deatrick Nichols, USF.....	1.3
24. T.J. Carter, Memphis.....	1.2
32. Parry Nickerson, Tulane.....	1.2
Donnie Lewis Jr., Tulane.....	1.2
36. Mike Hughes, UCF.....	1.3
Jonathan Cook, Memphis.....	1.2

<b>Forced Fumbles.....</b>	<b>FF/Game</b>
28. Jordan Wyatt, SMU.....	0.27
31. Tito Windham, Memphis.....	0.25
Tre Bell, UConn.....	0.25
D'Juan Hines, Houston.....	0.25

<b>Punting.....</b>	<b>Avg</b>
21. Austin Barnes, ECU.....	44.0
31. Jonathan Hernandez, USF.....	43.4
49. Thomas Bennett, Tulsa.....	42.3

<b>Punt Returns.....</b>	<b>Avg</b>
4. Tajee Fullwood, USF.....	13.3
37. John Williams, Memphis.....	5.7

<b>Kickoff Returns.....</b>	<b>Avg</b>
1. Tony Pollard, Memphis.....	40.0
4. Mike Hughes, UCF.....	31.8
41. Michael Warren II, Cincinnati.....	23.1
43. John Leday, Houston.....	22.9

## NCAA TEAM LEADERS

<b>Rushing Offense.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
2. Navy.....	351.4
8. USF.....	264.1
14. Tulsa.....	247.3
20. Tulane.....	231.5
33. UCF.....	198.7
34. Memphis.....	197.1
44. SMU.....	184.4
63. Houston.....	166.8
86. UConn.....	146.0
98. Temple.....	136.4
99. Cincinnati.....	135.3
118. ECU.....	107.7

<b>Rushing Defense.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
21. USF.....	126.9
45. Houston.....	147.9
52. Navy.....	154.5
59. UCF.....	159.8
76. Temple.....	174.6
84. Memphis.....	184.2
86. UConn.....	185.1
94. Cincinnati.....	192.4
107. SMU.....	207.7
111. Tulane.....	210.4
124. ECU.....	245.5
127. Tulsa.....	265.0

<b>Passing Offense.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
7. Memphis.....	335.0
10. UCF.....	331.8
12. ECU.....	317.9
19. SMU.....	294.1
34. UConn.....	269.2
38. Houston.....	261.3
45. Temple.....	251.8
50. USF.....	248.9
74. Cincinnati.....	216.4
109. Tulsa.....	173.1
116. Tulane.....	160.0
128. Navy.....	77.3

<b>Pass Efficiency Defense.....</b>	<b>Avg</b>
8. USF.....	110.53
44. Houston.....	121.45
56. UCF.....	125.89
63. Temple.....	128.21
86. Memphis.....	136.08
99. Tulane.....	139.55
113. Cincinnati.....	148.12
114. Navy.....	150.61
117. SMU.....	152.93
122. UConn.....	159.57
127. Tulsa.....	167.45
129. ECU.....	180.01

<b>Total Offense.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
4. Memphis.....	532.1
5. UCF.....	530.5
6. USF.....	513.0
15. SMU.....	478.5
39. Navy.....	428.7
40. Houston.....	428.2
42. ECU.....	425.6
44. Tulsa.....	420.3
49. UConn.....	415.2
75. Tulane.....	391.5
80. Temple.....	388.2
101. Cincinnati.....	351.8

<b>Total Defense.....</b>	<b>YPG</b>
37. USF.....	359.8
48. Navy.....	370.3
56. Temple.....	381.5
88. Houston.....	422.2
94. UCF.....	427.9
95. Cincinnati.....	428.5
98. Tulane.....	436.1
116. Memphis.....	466.2
121. SMU.....	476.7
126. ECU.....	519.0
127. Tulsa.....	528.9
129. UConn.....	541.7

<b>Scoring Offense.....</b>	<b>Avg</b>
1. UCF.....	48.2
2. Memphis.....	45.5
10. USF.....	38.3
12. SMU.....	37.8
61. Navy.....	30.5
54. Tulsa.....	29.3
65. Houston.....	28.3
74. Tulane.....	27.5
93. Temple.....	25.1
94. ECU.....	24.9
102. UConn.....	23.6
110. Cincinnati.....	20.9

<b>Scoring Defense.....</b>	<b>PPG</b>
41. USF.....	23.5
42. Houston.....	23.8
52. UCF.....	25.3
58. Temple.....	25.8
62. Navy.....	26.3
84. Tulane.....	29.2
94. Cincinnati.....	31.8
102. Memphis.....	32.5
117. SMU.....	36.7
120. Tulsa.....	37.5
121. UConn.....	37.9
129. ECU.....	45.0

<b>Net Punting.....</b>	<b>Net Avg</b>
15. Cincinnati.....	40.95
33. Memphis.....	39.48
40. Houston.....	39.22
47. UCF.....	38.72
50. SMU.....	38.46
61. Navy.....	37.95
74. ECU.....	37.51
93. Tulsa.....	36.71
99. UConn.....	36.53
102. Tulane.....	36.50
111. USF.....	35.80
119. Temple.....	35.17

<b>Punt Returns.....</b>	<b>Avg</b>
6. UCF.....	14.71
38. USF.....	9.42
61. Temple.....	7.64
66. Navy.....	7.25
74. Cincinnati.....	6.79
78. UConn.....	6.70
99. Memphis.....	5.48
114. Houston.....	4.38
121. SMU.....	3.71
124. Tulane.....	3.29
128. Tulsa.....	1.33
129. ECU.....	-0.67

<b>Kickoff Returns.....</b>	<b>Avg</b>
4. Memphis.....	26.02
10. UCF.....	24.83
32. Houston.....	22.53
36. Temple.....	22.26
70. UConn.....	21.08
74. Tulane.....	20.71
75. Cincinnati.....	20.69
86. ECU.....	19.95
89. Navy.....	19.73
91. SMU.....	19.48
110. USF.....	18.40
111. Tulsa.....	18.39

<b>Fumbles Recovered.....</b>	<b>Total</b>
4. Memphis.....	15
13. UCF.....	12
19. SMU.....	11
40. Navy.....	9
57. Temple.....	8
72. Tulsa.....	7
87. Tulane.....	6
Houston.....	6
Cincinnati.....	6
108. UConn.....	5
120. USF.....	4
ECU.....	4

<b>Interceptions.....</b>	<b>Total</b>
2. USF.....	20
UCF.....	20
19. Memphis.....	16
23. Houston.....	15
45. Tulane.....	13
54. SMU.....	12
67. Temple.....	8
102. Tulsa.....	7
ECU.....	7
Navy.....	7
110. UConn.....	6
119. Cincinnati.....	5

<b>Turnovers Gained.....</b>	<b>Total</b>
2. UCF.....	32
3. Memphis.....	31
29. USF.....	24
37. SMU.....	23
44. Houston.....	21
60. Tulane.....	19
70. Temple.....	18
90. Navy.....	16
105. Tulsa.....	14
118. Cincinnati.....	11
ECU.....	11
UConn.....	11

<b>Turnovers Lost.....</b>	<b>Total</b>
5. Tulane.....	11
8. Tulsa.....	13
19. USF.....	14
27. UCF.....	15
34. Memphis.....	16
Cincinnati.....	16
61. SMU.....	19
Navy.....	19
UConn.....	19
85. ECU.....	21
95. Temple.....	22
101. Houston.....	23

<b>Turnover Margin.....</b>	<b>Margin/Game</b>
2. UCF.....	1.31
3. Memphis.....	1.15
15. USF.....	0.83
20. Tulane.....	0.67
40. SMU.....	0.31
59. Tulsa.....	0.08
83. Houston.....	-0.17
85. Navy.....	-0.23
90. Temple.....	-0.31
97. Cincinnati.....	-0.42
113. UConn.....	-0.67
119. ECU.....	-0.83

<b>Tackles For Loss.....</b>	<b>Per Game</b>
5. USF.....	8.4
11. Temple.....	7.8
28. Memphis.....	7.0
30. SMU.....	6.9
37. Houston.....	6.7
67. UCF.....	5.8
81. UConn.....	5.4
101. Tulsa.....	4.8
Cincinnati.....	4.8
Tulane.....	4.8
110. Navy.....	4.5
129. ECU.....	3.3

<b>Sacks.....</b>	<b>Per Game</b>
11. USF.....	3.00
Temple.....	3.00
38. SMU.....	2.38
62. UCF.....	2.08
65. Memphis.....	2.00
74. UConn.....	1.92
Houston.....	1.92
117. Navy.....	1.23
118.Tulane.....	1.17
121. Cincinnati.....	1.00
Tulsa.....	1.00
125. ECU.....	0.92

<b>Sacks Allowed.....</b>	<b>Per Game</b>
5. UCF.....	1.00
Navy.....	1.00
17. ECU.....	1.25
21. Houston.....	1.42
Cincinnati.....	1.42
29. USF.....	1.50
33. Temple.....	1.54
39. Memphis.....	1.62
43. SMU.....	1.77
60. Tulane.....	2.00
73. Tulsa.....	2.17
113. UConn.....	2.92

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

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

## Every Game Counts

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

## Four Teams

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

## Two Games, One Goal

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

## Universal Access

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

## Governance

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

## Selection Committee

A talented group of high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, college administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee. Members of the committee are: Rob Mullens (chair), Frank Beamer, Paola Boivin, Jeff Bower, Joe Castiglione, Herb Deromedi, Ken Hatfield, Chris Howard, Bobby Johnson, Ronnie Lott, Gene Smith, Todd Stansbury, and Scott Stricklin.

## Selection Committee Responsibilities

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

## Participants In New Year's Bowls

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

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

## 2018-19 College Football Playoff Schedule

### SEMIFINAL

#### Capital One Orange Bowl

December 29, 2018

TBD, ESPN

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.

### SEMIFINAL

#### Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

December 29, 2018

TBD, ESPN

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

#### Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl

December 29, 2018

Noon ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

#### PlayStation Fiesta Bowl

January 1, 2019

1 p.m. ET, ESPN

University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.

#### Rose Bowl Game

#### presented by Northwestern Mutual

January 1, 2019

5 p.m. ET, ESPN

Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, Calif.

#### Allstate Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2019

8:45 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 7, 2019

8 p.m. ET, ESPN

Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

# BOWL PARTNERSHIPS

## The American Bowl Lineup

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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



**Military Bowl**  
presented by Northrop Grumman  
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium • Annapolis, Md.  
Dec. 31, 2018 • 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., Sept. 8	Arizona at Houston	Noon
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### ESPN

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

### ABC or ESPN Network

Sat., Sept. 15	UCF at North Carolina	Noon
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### ESPN2

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

### ESPNU

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

### ESPN2 or ESPNU

Sat., Sept. 8	UConn at Boise State	10:15 p.m.
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### ESPNews

Sat., Sept. 1	Villanova at Temple	Noon
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### ESPN3

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

### CBS

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

### CBS Sports Network

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

### Fox

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

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

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

### SNY

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

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

### ACC Network

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

\* American Athletic Conference game

<sup>1</sup> Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio.

<sup>2</sup> San Diego County Credit Union Stadium, San Diego, Calif.

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.



# MEDIA SERVICES

## TheAmerican.org

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

## collegepressbox.com

CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for American Athletic Conference football and the media home for information on every Division I team and conference. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, photos and more for the conference and each of its eight member schools throughout the season. Login information will be distributed to accredited media, or you can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to [password@collegepressbox.com](mailto:password@collegepressbox.com).

## Social Media

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



## Weekly Teleconference

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

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



The American Digital Network is the home of all live and on-demand video coverage of all 22 American Athletic Conference sports. The ADN will provide in-depth coverage of the 2018 American football season, beginning with reports from the league's annual Summer Kickoff & Media Days in Newport, Rhode Island.

## Weekly Release & Statistics

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

## Weekly Football Highlights

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

Website [aacvideo.mediashuttle.com](http://aacvideo.mediashuttle.com)  
Username [digital@theamerican.org](mailto:digital@theamerican.org)  
Password AACMedia2018

## Annual Awards

The American Athletic Conference will name first and second all-conference teams, players of the year on offense, defense and special teams, rookie of the year and coach of the year. The awards are chosen by a vote of the league's 12 head coaches at the conclusion of the regular season. The awards will be announced Nov. 28, 2018. The American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team is comprised of players who have an overall grade-point average of 3.00 or better over the previous academic year and completed at least two semesters of academic work. The team is announced in August. The American Athletic Conference Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year was established to recognize student-athletes who have achieved success in the classroom and on the field. The winner receives a scholarship which may be applied to graduate or professional studies.

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# EAST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

## UCF (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UCF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/30	at UConn * (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/8	South Carolina State (6 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/15	at North Carolina (Noon, ABC/ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU)													
9/21	Florida Atlantic (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/29	Pitt													
10/6	SMU *													
10/13	at Memphis *													
10/20	at ECU *													
11/1	Temple * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
11/10	Navy *													
11/17	Cincinnati *													
11/23	at USF *													

## CINCINNATI (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Cin	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	at UCLA (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/8	vs. Miami (Ohio) 1 (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/15	Alabama A&M (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/22	Ohio													
9/29	at UConn *													
10/6	Tulane *													
10/20	at Temple *													
10/27	at SMU *													
11/3	Navy *													
11/10	USF *													
11/17	at UCF *													
11/23	ECU *													

## UCONN (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UConn	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/30	UCF * (7 p.m., ESPNU)													
9/8	at Boise State (10:15 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNU)													
9/15	Rhode Island (Noon, SNY/ESPN3)													
9/22	at Syracuse													
9/29	Cincinnati *													
10/6	at Memphis *													
10/20	at USF *													
10/27	Massachusetts													
11/3	at Tulsa *													
11/10	SMU *													
11/17	at ECU *													
11/24	Temple *													

# EAST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

## ECU (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				ECU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	North Carolina A&T (6 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/8	North Carolina (3:30 p.m., ESPNU)													
9/15	at Virginia Tech (12:20 p.m., ACC Network)													
9/22	at USF *													
9/29	Old Dominion													
10/6	at Temple *													
10/13	Houston *													
10/20	UCF *													
11/3	Memphis *													
11/10	at Tulane *													
11/17	UConn *													
11/23	at Cincinnati *													

## USF (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				USF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Elon (6 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/8	Georgia Tech (Noon, ABC and ESPN2)													
9/15	at Illinois (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)													
9/22	ECU *													
10/6	at Massachusetts (3:30 p.m., Eleven Network)													
10/12	at Tulsa * (7 p.m., ESPN)													
10/20	UConn *													
10/27	at Houston *													
11/3	Tulane *													
11/10	at Cincinnati *													
11/17	at Temple *													
11/23	UCF *													

## TEMPLE (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Temple	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Villanova (Noon, ESPNews)													
9/8	Buffalo (3:30 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/15	at Maryland (Noon, Big Ten Network)													
9/20	Tulsa * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
9/29	at Boston College													
10/6	ECU *													
10/13	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/20	Cincinnati *													
11/1	at UCF * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
11/10	at Houston *													
11/17	USF *													
11/24	at UConn *													

# WEST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

## HOUSTON (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 Rice (Noon, CBSSN)													
9/8	Arizona (Noon, ABC and ESPN2)													
9/15	at Texas Tech (4 p.m., Fox)													
9/22	Texas Southern (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
10/4	Tulsa * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/13	at ECU *													
10/20	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/27	USF *													
11/3	at SMU *													
11/10	Temple *													
11/15	Tulane * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/23	at Memphis *													

## MEMPHIS (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Mem	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Mercer (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/8	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/14	Georgia State (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/22	South Alabama (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/28	at Tulane * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
10/6	UConn *													
10/13	UCF *													
10/20	at Missouri													
11/3	at ECU *													
11/10	Tulsa *													
11/16	at SMU * (9 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/23	Houston *													

## NAVY (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Navy	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	at Hawaii (11 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/8	Memphis * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/15	Lehigh (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/22	at SMU *													
10/6	at Air Force (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/13	Temple * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/20	Houston * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/27	vs. Notre Dame 1 (8 p.m., CBS)													
11/3	at Cincinnati *													
11/10	at UCF *													
11/17	Tulsa * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/24	at Tulane *													
Dec. 8	vs. Army 2 (3 p.m., CBS)													

# 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
9/1	at North Texas (7:30 p.m., Stadium)													
9/7	TCU (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
9/15	at Michigan (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)													
9/22	Navy *													
9/29	Houston Baptist (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
10/6	at UCF *													
10/20	at Tulane *													
10/27	Cincinnati *													
11/3	Houston *													
11/10	at UConn *													
11/16	Memphis * (9 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/24	at Tulsa *													

## TULANE (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulane	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/30	Wake Forest (8 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/8	Nicholls (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/15	at UAB (1 p.m., Stadium/Facebook)													
9/22	at Ohio State													
9/28	Memphis * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
10/6	at Cincinnati *													
10/20	SMU *													
10/27	at Tulsa *													
11/3	at USF *													
11/10	ECU *													
11/15	at Houston * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/24	Navy *													

## TULSA (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulsa	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/1	Central Arkansas (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/8	at Texas (8 p.m., Longhorn Network)													
9/15	Arkansas State (7 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/20	at Temple * (7:30 p.m., ESPN)													
10/4	at Houston* (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/12	USF * (7 p.m., ESPN)													
10/20	at Arkansas													
10/27	Tulane *													
11/3	UConn *													
11/10	at Memphis *													
11/17	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/24	SMU *													



# 2018 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

## Thursday, August 30

UCF at UConn \* (7 p.m., ESPN)  
Wake Forest at Tulane (8 p.m., CBSSN)

## Saturday, September 1

Houston at Rice (Noon, CBSN)  
Villanova at Temple (Noon, ESPNNews)  
North Carolina A&T at ECU (6 p.m., ESPN3)  
Elon at USF (6 p.m., ESPN3)  
Cincinnati at UCLA (7 p.m., ESPN)  
Mercer at Memphis (7 p.m., ESPN3)  
Central Arkansas at Tulsa (7 p.m., ESPN3)  
SMU at North Texas (7:30 p.m., Stadium)  
Navy at Hawaii (11 p.m., CBSN)

## Friday, September 7

TCU at SMU (8 p.m., ESPN2)

## Saturday, September 8

Arizona at Houston (Noon, ABC and ESPN2)  
Georgia Tech at USF (Noon, ABC and ESPN2)  
North Carolina at ECU (3:30 p.m., ESPN)  
Memphis at Navy \* (3:30 p.m., CBSN)  
Buffalo at Temple (3:30 p.m., ESPN3)  
South Carolina State at UCF (6 p.m., ESPN3)  
Cincinnati vs. Miami (Ohio) <sup>1</sup> (8 p.m., ESPN3)  
Nicholls at Tulane (8 p.m., ESPN3)  
Tulsa at Texas (8 p.m., Longhorn Network)  
UConn at Boise State (10:15 p.m., ESPN2/ESPN)

## Friday, September 14

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

## Saturday, September 15

UCF at North Carolina (Noon, ABC/ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN)  
Rhode Island at UConn (Noon, SNY/ESPN3)  
Temple at Maryland (Noon, Big Ten Network)  
Tulane at UAB (1 p.m., Stadium/Facebook)  
ECU at Virginia Tech (12:20 p.m., ACC Network)  
Lehigh at Navy (3:30 p.m., CBSN)  
USF at Illinois (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)  
SMU at Michigan (3:30 p.m., Big Ten Network)  
Houston at Texas Tech (4 p.m., Fox)  
Alabama A&M at Cincinnati (7 p.m., ESPN3)  
Arkansas State at Tulsa (7 p.m., CBSN)

## Thursday, September 20

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

## Friday, September 21

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

## Saturday, September 22

Texas Southern at Houston (8 p.m., ESPN3)  
South Alabama at Memphis (8 p.m., ESPN3)  
Ohio at Cincinnati  
UConn at Syracuse  
ECU at USF \*  
Navy at SMU \*  
Tulane at Ohio State

## Friday, September 28

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

## Saturday, September 29

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

## Thursday, October 4

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

## Saturday, October 6

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

## Friday, October 12

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

## Saturday, October 13

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

## Saturday, October 20

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

## Saturday, October 27

Navy vs. Notre Dame 2 (8 p.m., CBS)  
Cincinnati at SMU \*  
Massachusetts at UConn  
USF at Houston \*  
Tulane at Tulsa \*

## Thursday, November 1

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

## Saturday, November 3

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

## Saturday, November 10

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

## Thursday, November 15

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

## Friday, November 16

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

## Saturday, November 17

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

## Friday, November 23

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

## Saturday, November 24

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

## Saturday, December 1

American Athletic Conference Championship (ABC/ESPN)

## Saturday, December 8

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

## Saturday, December 15

AutoNation Cure Bowl

## Tuesday, December 18

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

## Wednesday, December 19

Frisco Bowl (8 p.m., ESPN)

## Thursday, December 20

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

## Saturday, December 22

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

## Monday, December 31

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

\* American Athletic Conference game

<sup>1</sup> Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

<sup>2</sup> San Diego County Credit Union Stadium,  
San Diego, Calif.

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

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