

	SCHOOL AP/Coaches	AMERICAN						OVERALL							
		W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
EAST	USF 19/21	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	42	22	0-0	1-0	0-0	Won 6
	UCF	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	CINCINNATI	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 5
	UConn	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 6
	ECU	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 4
	TEMPLE -/rv	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	SCHOOL AP/Coaches	AMERICAN						OVERALL							
		W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	N	STREAK
WEST	HOUSTON -/rv	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	MEMPHIS -/rv	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
	NAVY	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 3
	SMU	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
	TULANE	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
	TULSA -/rv	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 3

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Florida International at UCF6 p.m.
Television: CBS Sports Network
Series: UCF leads, 3-2
Last Meeting: Sept. 17, 2011 (UCF, 53-14)

Austin Peay at Cincinnati 7 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: Cincinnati leads, 5-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 3, 2011 (Cincinnati, 72-10)

Holy Cross at UConn 7:30 p.m.
Television: SNY
Series: Holy Cross leads, 18-8-1
Last Meeting: Oct. 19, 1985 (UConn, 22-2)

Tulsa at Oklahoma State 7:30 p.m.
The Bank of Oklahoma Turnpike Classic
Television: FS1
Series: Oklahoma State leads, 39-27-5
Last Meeting: Sept. 17, 2011 (Oklahoma State, 59-33)

Louisiana-Monroe at Memphis9 p.m.
Television: CBS Sports Network
Series: Tied, 1-1
Last Meeting: Sept. 9, 2000 (Memphis, 28-0)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Navy at Florida Atlantic8 p.m.
Television: ESPNU
Series: Navy leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Nov. 3, 2012 (Navy, 24-17)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Temple at Notre Dame3:30 p.m.
Television: NBC
Series: Notre Dame leads, 2-0
Last Meeting: Oct. 31, 2015 (Notre Dame, 24-20)

Stony Brook at USF4 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: USF leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 5, 2010 (USF, 59-14)

James Madison at ECU6 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: First meeting

Houston at UTSA 7 p.m.
Television: Stadium
Series: Tied, 1-1
Last Meeting: Aug. 29, 2014 (UTSA, 27-7)

Stephen F. Austin at SMU7 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: SMU leads, 2-0
Last Meeting: Sept. 8, 2012 (SMU, 52-0)

Grambling State at Tulane8 p.m.
Television: ESPN3
Series: First meeting

All times Eastern

THE AMERICAN TODAY

Though the 2017 season officially began last weekend, with USF's 42-22 win against San Jose State, things pick up in earnest this week as all 12 American Athletic Conference teams are in action.

The Bulls made a winner of new head coach Charlie Strong as No. 19/21 USF scored 42 straight points to erase an early 16-0 deficit and cruise past San Jose State. The Bulls were led by QB Quinton Flowers, who threw for 212 yards and two touchdowns and added 70 rushing yards and a TD as USF won its sixth straight game, dating to last season.

Things get started this week with a busy Thursday night that features five games, highlighted by Tulsa's visit to No. 10/11 Oklahoma State in a battle of 10-win teams from a year ago. UCF welcomes Florida International to Spectrum Stadium, while Memphis takes on Louisiana-Monroe. Randy Edsall makes his return to the UConn sideline as the Huskies open against Holy Cross. Luke Fickell makes his Cincinnati debut as the Bearcats host Austin Peay.

Navy is the lone American Athletic Conference team in action Friday as the Midshipmen visit Florida Atlantic on ESPN3.

Saturday's ledger features six games from The American. Geoff Collins makes his head coaching debut as he brings Temple to Notre Dame. Houston is also on the road as the Cougars and new head coach Major Applewhite are scheduled to visit UTSA.

Four American Athletic Conference teams play at home against FCS opponents Saturday. USF hosts Stony Brook, ECU takes on 2016 FCS champion James Madison, SMU entertains Stephen F. Austin and Tulane hosts a Grambling State team that brings an 11-game winning streak into the season.

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Star Power

The American is the only FBS conference that returns its 2016 players of the year on offense (USF QB Quinton Flowers), defense (UCF LB Shaquem Griffin) and special teams (Memphis KR Tony Pollard).

Top Ten

The American Athletic Conference finished with three 10-win teams for the second straight season in 2016. The only other leagues with at least three 10-win teams were the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Mountain West and Pac-12.

Draft Cards

The American Athletic Conference had 15 players chosen in the 2017 NFL Draft, the most in conference history.

Conference	Draft Picks
1. SEC	53
2. ACC	43
3. Pac-12	36
4. Big Ten	35
5. American	15
6. Big 12	14
7. MAC	11
8. Conference USA	9
9. Mountain West	8
10. Sun Belt	5

Playing The Percentages

The American Athletic Conference ranked sixth among the 10 NCAA FBS conferences in nonconference winning percentage in 2016.

Conference	W-L	Pct.
1. ACC	51-17	.750
2. SEC	48-19	.716
3. Pac-12	29-13	.690
4. Big Ten	35-17	.673
5. Big 12	23-13	.639
6. American	33-22	.600
7. Mountain West	30-26	.536
8. Sun Belt	22-28	.440
9. MAC	23-31	.426
10. Conference USA	34-35	.407

The Possible Dream

Temple defeated Navy 34-10 in the American Athletic Conference Football Championship Dec. 3. It was Temple's first conference title since the Owls won the 1967 Middle Atlantic Conference crown.

Rank And File

USF finished the 2016 season ranked No. 19 in the Associated Press and USA Today national polls. It was the first time in school history that USF was ranked in the final poll of a season.

Poll Positions

Along with the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC, The American is one of six leagues to have at least one ranked team in the final national polls in each of the last four years.

Rank And File

Temple (No. 24) and Navy (No. 25) were ranked in the final College Football Playoff poll of the 2016 season, marking the second straight season that The American finished with at least two ranked teams.

Play On!

Seven American Athletic Conference teams (USF, Houston, Temple, Tulsa, Navy, Memphis and UCF) played in bowl games in 2016. The American has had a combined 15 teams play in bowl games in the last two seasons.

Comforts Of Home

With 15 straight wins at TDECU Stadium, Houston has the longest home field winning streak nationally.

Conference Calls

The American Athletic Conference was a combined 10-1 against teams from Conference USA, the MAC, the Mountain West and the Sun Belt in the 2016 regular season.

Welcome Aboard

The American Athletic Conference will welcome five new head coaches for the 2017 season. Luke Fickell takes over at Cincinnati; Randy Edsall returns to the sidelines at UConn, where he previously served as head coach from 1999-2010; Major Applewhite was promoted to head coach at Houston; Charlie Strong returns to The American as head coach at USF; and Geoff Collins makes his head coaching debut at Temple.

Oliver's Tale

Houston defensive tackle Ed Oliver set an American Athletic Conference record with 23.0 tackles for loss as a true freshman in 2016. Oliver became the first American Athletic Conference player to earn All-America status as a true freshman.

Feels Like The First Time

Tulsa became the first team in NCAA FBS history to finish a season with a 3,000-yard passer (Dane Evans - 3,348), two 1,000-yard rushers (James Flanders - 1,629 and D'Angelo Brewer - 1,435) and two 1,000-yard receivers (Keevan Lucas - 1,180 and Josh Atkinson - 1,058).

Turnaround

UCF improved by six wins from the 2015 to 2016. The Knights won six games and played in the Cure Bowl under first year head coach Scott Frost.

Pocket Presence

Eight of the 12 American Athletic Conference teams return their regular starting quarterbacks from last season.

UCF	McKenzie Milton
Cincinnati	Hayden Moore
UConn	Bryant Shirreffs
ECU	Gardner Minshew
Memphis	Riley Ferguson
USF	Quinton Flowers
SMU	Ben Hicks
Tulane	Glen Cuiellette

Binge Watch

American Athletic Conference players are well-represented on college football's preseason watch lists in 2017.

Maxwell Award (Player of the Year)		
Mike Boone	RB	Cincinnati
Gunner Kiel	QB	Cincinnati
Greg Ward Jr.	QB	Houston
Marlon Mack	RB	USF
Jahad Thomas	RB	Temple
P.J. Walker	QB	Temple

Bednarik Award (Top Defensive Player)		
Jamar Summers	CB	UConn
Steven Taylor	LB	Houston
Deatrick Nichols	CB	USF
Sean Chandler	CB	Temple
Tanzel Smart	DT	Tulane

Rimington Trophy (Top Center)		
Garrett McGhin		ECU
Will Noble		Houston
Drew Kyser		Memphis
Evan Brown		SMU
Cameron Ruff		USF
Matt Hennessey		Temple
Chandler Miller		Tulsa

John Mackey Award (Top Tight End)		
Jordan Akins		UCF
Alec Bloom		UConn
Mitchell Wilcox		USF
Charles Jones		Tulane

Bronko Nagurski Trophy (Defensive Player of the Year)		
Shaquem Griffin	LB	UCF
Folorunso Fatukasi	DT	UConn
Ed Oliver	DT	Houston
Genard Avery	LB	Memphis
Micah Thomas	LB	Navy
Deatrick Nichols	CB	USF
Auggie Sanchez	LB	USF
Deadrin Senat	DT	USF
Justin Lawler	DE	SMU
Sean Chandler	DB	Temple

Outland Trophy (Top Interior Lineman)		
Jamiyus Pittman	DT	UCF
Folorunso Fatukasi	DT	UConn
Ed Oliver	DT	Houston
Gabe Kuhn	OG	Memphis
Evan Martin	OG	Navy
Deadrin Senat	DT	USF
Evan Brown	C	SMU
Chandler Miller	C	Tulsa
Evan Plagg	OT	Tulsa

Ray Guy Award (Top Punter)		
Spencer Smith		Memphis
Jonathan Hernandez		USF

Lou Groza Award (Top Kicker)		
Matthew Wright		UCF
Aaron Boumerhi		Temple
Redford Jones		Tulsa

Doak Walker Award (Top Running Back)		
Braeden West		SMU
Ryquell Armstead		Temple
D'Angelo Brewer		Tulsa

Biletnikoff Award (Top Receiver)		
Tre'Quan Smith		UCF
Devin Gray		Cincinnati
Jimmy Williams		ECU
Linell Bonner		Houston
Anthony Miller		Memphis
Courtland Sutton		SMU
Ventell Bryant		Temple

Davey O'Brien Award (Top Quarterback)		
Riley Ferguson		Memphis
Quinton Flowers		USF

Butkus Award (Top Linebacker)		
Shaquem Griffin		UCF
Junior Joseph		UConn
Genard Avery		Memphis
D.J. Palmore		Navy

Jim Thorpe Award (Top Defensive Back)		
Deatrick Nichols		USF
Sean Chandler		Temple
Parry Nickerson		Tulane

Paul Hornung Award (Most Versatile Player)		
Tony Pollard	WR	Memphis
D'Ernest Johnson	RB	USF
Braeden West	RB	SMU
Keith Kirkwood	WR	Temple

Walter Camp Award (Player of the Year)		
Quinton Flowers	QB	USF
Ed Oliver	DT	Houston

EAST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

UCF 0-0, 0-0 American



@UCF_Football

Next: Aug. 31 vs. Florida International

American Ranks

Total Offense	350.8	10th
Total Defense	370.3	4th
Scoring Offense	28.8	7th
Scoring Defense	24.6	3rd

- UCF improved by six wins in its first season under head coach Scott Frost.
- The Knights, who averaged 13.9 points per game in 2015, more than doubled that production in 2016, averaging 28.8 ppg.
- LB Shaquem Griffin was chosen as the 2016 American Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Griffin led The American with 11.5 sacks in 2016.
- UCF led the American Athletic Conference in pass efficiency defense (107.6). The Knights registered 15 defensive interceptions.
- UCF has won two American Athletic Conference titles (2013, 2014) in the league's four-year history.

UConn 0-0, 0-0 American



@UConnFootball

Next: Aug. 31 vs. Holy Cross

American Ranks

Total Offense	320.0	12th
Total Defense	410.8	5th
Scoring Offense	14.8	12th
Scoring Defense	28.1	6th

- The Huskies started the 2016 season at 3-3, but dropped their last six to close the year.
- UConn was outscored 76-9 in the first quarter in 2016. The Huskies did not score a first-quarter touchdown.
- Randy Edsall, who previously served as UConn's head coach from 1999-2010, returns to the Huskies for the 2017 season.
- CB Jamar Summers has a combined 10 interceptions in the last two seasons.
- RB Arkeel Newsome enters his fourth year as a starter and comes off a 715-yard, five-touchdown performance in 2016.

USF 1-0, 0-0 American



@USFFootball

Last: Won at San Jose State, 42-22

Next: Sept. 2 vs. Stony Brook

American Ranks (2016)

Total Offense	511.5	2nd
Total Defense	483.0	12th
Scoring Offense	43.8	1st
Scoring Defense	31.6	10th

- USF overcame an early 16-0 deficit to score 42 straight points in the Bulls' win at San Jose State.
- QB Quinton Flowers, who accounted for 42 touchdowns in 2016, threw for 212 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 70 yards and a TD against San Jose State.
- USF has scored at least 30 points in 18 consecutive games, the longest such streak in the nation. The Bulls have won six straight games, which is the longest active winning streak among American Athletic Conference schools.
- USF set a school record by running 101 offensive plays against San Jose State. The Bulls gained 29 first downs and finished with 548 yards of offense.

CINCINNATI 0-0, 0-0 American



@BearcatsFB

Next: Aug. 31 vs. Austin Peay

American Ranks

Total Offense	374.1	9th
Total Defense	422.8	6th
Scoring Offense	19.3	11th
Scoring Defense	26.9	4th

- Cincinnati had three quarterbacks start at least two games in 2016. QB Hayden Moore, who made seven starts, is the most experienced of the Bearcat signal-callers.
- Cincinnati opened the 2016 season with three wins in its first four games, but dropped seven of its last eight.
- Luke Fickell takes over as Cincinnati's head coach in 2017. Fickell had served as the defensive coordinator at Ohio State from 2005-16, with the exception of the 2011 season, when he was the Buckeyes' head coach.
- The Bearcats return two of their top three receivers from last season, including WR Devin Gray, who was named to the Biletnikoff Award watch list.
- RB Mike Boone rushed for 749 yards and seven touchdowns in an injury-shortened 2016 season.

ECU 0-0, 0-0 American



@ECUPiratesFB

Next: Sept. 2 vs. James Madison

American Ranks

Total Offense	467.1	3rd
Total Defense	452.8	9th
Scoring Offense	27.0	9th
Scoring Defense	36.1	11th

- ECU ranked sixth nationally in passing offense in 2016 (334.7 ypg).
- ECU saw a streak of 11 consecutive games with at least 400 yards of offense snapped in the 2016 season finale against Temple.
- The Pirates return nearly 70 percent of their letterwinners from last season (50 of 78). Fifty-one of the 99 players on the 2017 preseason roster are upperclassmen.
- WR Jimmy Williams had 45 catches for 818 yards and a team-high eight touchdowns in 2016.
- Three of ECU's six returning defensive starters are in the secondary.

TEMPLE 0-0, 0-0 American



@Temple_FB

Next: Sept. 2 at Notre Dame

American Ranks

Total Offense	413.6	8th
Total Defense	282.5	1st
Scoring Offense	32.4	6th
Scoring Defense	18.4	1st

- Temple won its first conference title since 1967 as the Owls beat Navy in the 2016 American Athletic Conference Championship.
- The Owls finished 2016 ranked third nationally in total defense (282.5 ypg).
- Temple registered three shutouts last season. The Owls held eight of their 14 opponents to 20 points or fewer.
- Geoff Collins takes over as head coach for the 2017 season. Collins had been defensive coordinator at Florida and Mississippi State before joining the Owls.
- RB Ryquell Armstead rushed for 919 yards and 14 touchdowns last season.

WEST DIVISION TALKING POINTS

HOUSTON

0-0, 0-0 American



@UHCougarFB

Next: Sept. 2 at UTSA

American Ranks

Total Offense	443.4	5th
Total Defense	319.6	2nd
Scoring Offense	35.8	5th
Scoring Defense	23.5	2nd

- Houston enters the 2017 season with the longest active home field winning streak among FBS schools (15 games).
- DT Ed Oliver was a first team All-America choice of Sporting News and the Associated Press. Oliver set an American Athletic Conference record with 23.0 tackles for loss as a true freshman and was the league's Defensive Rookie of the Year.
- Houston went 2-3 against American Athletic Conference West Division opponents and 7-1 against its other opponents in 2016.
- Major Applewhite, the Cougars' offensive coordinator for the last two years, enters his first full season as Houston's head coach.
- WR Linell Bonner had 98 receptions for 1,118 yards last season.

MEMPHIS

0-0, 0-0 American



@TigersAthletics

Next: Aug. 31 vs. Louisiana-Monroe

American Ranks

Total Offense	463.8	4th
Total Defense	454.6	11th
Scoring Offense	38.8	3rd
Scoring Defense	28.8	7th

- Mike Norvell became the first first-year head coach in Memphis history to have an eight-win season.
- WR Anthony Miller had 95 catches for 1,434 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2016. Miller set Memphis' single-season record, shattering Isaac Bruce's 1993 total of 74 catches.
- Memphis' 27 wins since 2014 are the most in a three-year stretch in program history.
- The Tigers were tabbed as the favorite in the West Division in The American's preseason media poll.
- QB Riley Ferguson led The American with 32 touchdown passes and threw for 3,698 yards last season.

NAVY

0-0, 0-0 American



@NavyAthletics

Next: Sept. 1 at Florida Atlantic

American Ranks

Total Offense	438.3	6th
Total Defense	434.0	8th
Scoring Offense	37.9	4th
Scoring Defense	31.0	9th

- Navy won the American's West Division title in 2016 with a 7-1 record in conference play. The Midshipmen fell to Temple in the American Athletic Conference Championship.
- Navy was ranked No. 25 in the final College Football Playoff Committee rankings of the 2016 season.
- Navy is 14-2 all-time in American Athletic Conference regular-season games.
- LB D.J. Palmore, who has started 24 of the last 25 games, had 6.0 sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss last season.
- QB Zach Abey was the third Navy player to start behind center last season. Abey rushed for 384 yards and six touchdowns in five games in 2016.

SMU

0-0, 0-0 American



@SMU_Football

Next: Sept. 2 vs. Stephen F. Austin

American Ranks

Total Offense	427.2	7th
Total Defense	453.0	10th
Scoring Offense	27.7	8th
Scoring Defense	36.2	12th

- SMU finished one win shy of bowl eligibility in Chad Morris' second year as head coach.
- WR Courtland Sutton, a first team all-conference selection in 2016, finished the season with 76 catches for 1,246 yards and 10 touchdowns.
- DE Justin Lawler was a first team all-conference pick after he registered 6.0 sacks and 15.0 tackles for loss.
- The Mustangs registered 18 defensive interceptions in 2016, leading the American Athletic Conference and ranking sixth nationally after the regular season.
- SMU returns nine offensive starters from a unit that averaged 427.2 yards and 27.7 points per game in 2016.

TULANE

0-0, 0-0 American



@GreenWaveFB

Next: Sept. 2 vs. Grambling State

American Ranks

Total Offense	341.4	11th
Total Defense	364.5	3rd
Scoring Offense	24.1	10th
Scoring Defense	27.7	5th

- Tulane snapped a 14-game slide in American Athletic Conference games with the road win against UConn to close the 2016 season.
- Tulane had at least 100 rushing yards in all 12 games in 2016 and in 15 straight games dating to 2015.
- Tulane led The American in turnover margin last season. The Green Wave had 27 takeaways and committed only 18 turnovers in 2016.
- RB Dontrell Hilliard, who rushed for 759 yards last season, is one of eight returning starters on offense.
- CB Parry Nickerson, who has 10 career interceptions, leads a group of eight returning defensive starters.

TULSA

0-0, 0-0 American



@TulsaFootball

Next: Aug. 31 at Oklahoma State

American Ranks

Total Offense	527.0	1st
Total Defense	426.5	7th
Scoring Offense	42.5	2nd
Scoring Defense	29.8	8th

- Tulsa scored at least 30 points in 12 of its 13 games in 2016.
- Tulsa became the first team in college football history with a 3,000-yard passer, two 1,000-yard rushers and two 1,000-yard receivers in the same season.
- The Golden Hurricane won five of its last six games to close the regular season.
- Tulsa returns three all-conference offensive linemen from last year – C Chandler Miller, OG Tyler Bowling and OT Evan Plagg.
- The three teams that defeated Tulsa last season (Houston, Navy, Ohio State) won a combined 29 games in 2016.
- RB D'Angelo Brewer ranked second in The American in rushing last season (119.6 ypg).

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

Thursday, Aug. 31 • 6 p.m. • CBS Sports Network



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

Television

CBS Sports Network
Sean Grande, Aaron Murray and John Schriffen

Radio

WYGM-FM 96.9 (UCF flagship)

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the sixth meeting between UCF and Florida International ... The schools have met five times in the last six years as UCF holds a 3-2 series lead ... Last year's meeting saw the Knights rush for six touchdowns, including three from RB Dontravious Wilson, in a 53-14 win in Miami.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL O-O, O-O Conference USA

Head Coach

Butch Davis (Arkansas '74)
O-O, first season at Florida International
79-43, 11th season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Florida International went 4-8 last season and was picked to finish sixth in the Conference USA East Division in the league's 2017 media poll ... The Panthers have turned to veteran head coach Butch Davis as they look for their first winning season since 2011 ... Davis previously served as head coach at Miami (Fla.) (1995-2000) and North Carolina (2007-10) as well as with the NFL's Cleveland Browns (2001-04) ... The Panthers return 57 letterwinners and 16 starters from last season ... Florida International returns its top six tackles leaders from last year, including all-conference LB Anthony Wint (108) and LB Treyvon Williams (109), who both hit triple digits in tackles for the season ... RB Alex Gardner is the top returner on offense after he rushed for 930 yards with six touchdowns in 2016.

UCF O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Scott Frost (Nebraska '97)
6-7, second season

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NOTES

UCF made a remarkable turnaround in Scott Frost's first year in Orlando as the Knights went 6-7 only one year removed from a winless season ... The six-win improvement tied six other schools for the best turnaround in the nation in 2016 ... UCF has won two American Athletic Conference titles (2013, 2014) in the first four years of the league and the Knights are expected to challenge once again based on their second-place pick in The American's preseason media poll ... UCF returns 14 starters from last year, including nine from an offense that more than doubled its scoring production from 2015 to 2016 ... LB Shaquem Griffin was the 2016 American Defensive Player of the Year after he registered 92 tackles, 20.0 tackles for loss, seven pass breakups, an interception, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Thursday, Aug. 31 • 7 p.m. • ESPN3



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

Television

ESPN3
Jim Barbar and John Gregory

Radio

WLW-AM 700 (Cincinnati flagship)

THE GAME

Cincinnati and Austin Peay will meet for the sixth time as the Bearcats look to remain unbeaten in the series, which dates to 1985 ... Cincinnati was a 72-10 winner in 2011, which was the most recent meeting, as QB Zach Collaros threw for four touchdowns and RB Isaiah Pead ran for two TDs.

AUSTIN PEAY O-O, O-O Ohio Valley

Head Coach

Will Healy (Richmond '08)
0-11, second season

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To be named

NOTES

Austin Peay enters the 2017 season with high hopes as the Governors look to rid themselves of a 27-game losing streak (the longest active streak in Division I) and reverse a stretch that has produced only one win in the last 46 games ... Still, the Governors and second-year head coach Will Healy were able to attract a 2017 recruiting class that rated among the best in FCS, highlighted by QB Jeremiah Oatsvall, a three-star recruit who could end up as the Opening Day starter ... QB JaVaughn Craig is the top returning signal-caller ... Craig threw for 515 yards and six touchdowns with two interceptions in five games after having his redshirt removed last season ... Austin Peay will need to shore up a defense that allowed 506.6 yards and 47.0 points per game last season.

CINCINNATI O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Luke Fickell (Ohio State '97)
O-O, first season at Cincinnati
6-7, second season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Cincinnati enters its first season under new head coach Luke Fickell, the former Ohio State defensive coordinator and head coach ... The Bearcats went 4-8 overall and 1-7 in The American last year and looks to snap a five-game slide that closed the 2016 season ... Cincinnati has 11 returning starters from last season ... QB Hayden Moore made seven starts last season and threw for 1,744 yards and 11 touchdowns with seven interceptions ... RB Mike Boone rushed for 388 yards and two touchdowns last year in a injury-shortened season, but is hoping to return to his form of 2015, when he ran for 749 yards and a team-high nine TDs ... DT Cortez Broughton, a second-team all-conference pick in 2016, is the top returner on defense ... CB Alex Thomas had a team-high four interceptions last year.

Thursday, Aug. 31 • 7 p.m. • SNY



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

Television

SNY
Eamon McAnaney, Andy Gresh and Taylor Rooks

Radio

WTIC-AM 1080 (UConn flagship)

THE GAME

Thursday's game renews an old New England rivalry as UConn and Holy Cross meet for the 29th time in a series that dates to 1916 ... The Crusaders hold a 19-8-1 series lead though the schools have not met since 1985 ... The game will be the first for Holy Cross against an NCAA FBS opponent since a 30-21 win against Army in 2002.

HOLY CROSS O-O, O-O Patriot League

Head Coach

Tom Gilmore (Penn '86)
70-76, 14th season

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NOTES

Holy Cross went 4-7 overall and 2-4 in the Patriot League last season ... The Crusaders were picked fourth in the 2017 Patriot League's preseason coaches' poll, behind Lehigh, Fordham and Colgate ... LB Nick McBeath was named to the preseason All-Patriot League team after he led the conference with 106 tackles last season ... WR Richie DeNicola had 49 catches for 513 yards and four touchdowns last season, while RB Diqvan Walker rushed for 411 yards on 78 carries ... QB Peter Pujals was limited to four games due to injury last season and completed 63.4 percent of his passes (111 of 175) for 1,110 yards and 10 touchdowns with five interceptions ... Holy Cross head coach Tom Gilmore was the 1985 Ivy League Player of the Year as an All-America linebacker at Penn as an undergraduate.

UConn O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Randy Edsall (Syracuse '80)
74-70, 13th season at UConn
96-104, 18th season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

UConn looks to rebound from a 3-9 season that ended with a six-game slide ... Randy Edsall, who previously served as the Huskies' head coach from 1999-2010, returns for his second stint on the UConn sideline ... Edsall won shares of two Big East championships and brought UConn to four straight bowl games between 2007 and 2010 ... The Huskies, who did not score a first-quarter touchdown last season, promise to be more dynamic under former Auburn offensive coordinator Rhett Lashlee ... QB David Pindell, a junior college transfer, has been named as the Opening Day starter ... Pindell threw for 2,424 yards and 31 TDs at Lackawanna College (Pa.) last season ... CB Jamar Summers has registered 10 interceptions in the last two seasons.

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

Thursday, Aug. 31 • 7:30 p.m. • FS1



TULSA at OKLAHOMA STATE



Boone Pickens Stadium (56,970/AstroTurf)
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Television

FS1

Joe Davis, Brady Quinn and Bruce Feldman

Radio

KXBL-FM 99.5 (Tulsa flagship)

THE GAME

THE BANK OF OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE CLASSIC

Thursday's season opener will be the 72nd meeting between the schools, which are located about 70 miles apart ... The Cowboys hold a 39-27-5 series lead and have won the last five ... Thursday's game will tie Oklahoma State with Arkansas as Tulsa's most-played opponent.

rv/rv TULSA O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Philip Montgomery (Tarleton State '95)
16-10, third season

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NOTES

Tulsa enjoyed its fifth 10-win season in the last 10 years as the Golden Hurricane went 10-3 overall and 6-2 in The American last year ... The three teams that defeated Tulsa (Ohio State, Houston, Navy) won a combined 29 games in 2016 ... Tulsa became the first team in major college football history to have a 3,000-yard passer, two 1,000-yard rushers and two 1,000-yard receivers in the same season ... Either junior QB Chad President or redshirt freshman QB Luke Skipper will take over behind center ... RB D'Angelo Brewer ranked second in The American in rushing (119.6 ypg) in 2016 ... The Golden Hurricane returns three all-conference offensive linemen ... C Chandler Miller was a first-team choice, while OG Tyler Bowling and OT Evan Plagg were named to the second team ... DE Jesse Brubaker had 13.5 tackles for loss last season.

10/11 OKLAHOMA STATE O-O, O-O Big 12

Head Coach

Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State '90)
104-50, 13th season

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NOTES

Oklahoma State has turned in back-to-back 10-win seasons as the Cowboys went 10-3 last season ... The Cowboys have hit double figures in wins five times in the last seven years ... Oklahoma State won seven straight games last season before falling to Oklahoma in the regular-season finale ... The Cowboys bounced back with a 38-8 win against Colorado in the Alamo Bowl ... QB Mason Rudolph threw for 4,091 yards and 28 touchdowns with four interceptions last year ... RB Justice Hill led the team with 1,142 yards to go with nine touchdowns ... WR James Washington was an All-Big 12 first team choice after he had 71 catches for 1,380 yards and 10 TDs in 2016 ... Washington's 26 career touchdown catches lead all returning FBS players ... WR Jalen McCleskey had a team-high 73 catches for 812 yards and seven TDs.

Thursday, Aug. 31 • 8 p.m. • CBS Sports Network



LOUISIANA-MONROE at MEMPHIS



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

Television

CBS Sports Network

John Sadak, Randy Cross and Cassie McKinney

Radio

WREC-AM 600 (Memphis flagship)

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the third meeting on the gridiron between Memphis and Louisiana-Monroe ... The series is tied at 1-1 after Memphis' 28-0 win Sept. 9, 2000 ... The only other matchup was a 21-20 win by ULM (then named Northeast Louisiana) in the 1979 season ... The Tigers will be looking for their fourth straight win in a season-opener.

LOUISIANA-MONROE O-O, O-O Sun Belt

Head Coach

Matt Viator (McNeese State '86)
4-7, second season at ULM
82-41, 12th season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

To be named

NOTES

Louisiana-Monroe went 4-8 last season in its first year under the direction of Matt Viator, the former head coach at McNeese State ... ULM improved by two wins from the 2015 season, when the Warhawks were 2-11 ... ULM has gone 2-20 in its last 22 road games ... ULM returns 15 starters and 45 letterwinners from last year ... The Warhawks return three quarterbacks who started at least two games last year ... QB Garrett Smith started the first six games and threw for 1,237 yards and nine touchdowns before suffering a season-ending injury ... RB Ben Luckett got most of the carries and rushed for 450 yards and five TDs in 2016 ... LB David Griffith led the team with 78 tackles and had at least three stops in every game last season.

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

Head Coach

Mike Norvell (Central Arkansas '95)
8-5, second season

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NOTES

Memphis won eight games in 2016, as Mike Norvell led the Tigers to the most wins by a first-year coach in program history ... The Tigers have won 27 games in the last three years, marking the best three-year stretch since the program began in 1912 ... Memphis returns 17 starters from last year ... QB Riley Ferguson led The American and set a school record with 32 touchdown passes in 2016 ... Ferguson threw for 3,698 yards and completed 280 passes, ranking second on the Tigers' single-season chart behind Paxton Lynch's 2015 totals ... WR Anthony Miller had 95 catches for 1,434 yards and 14 touchdowns on his way to second-team all-conference honors ... S Jonathan Cook led the defense with 88 tackles last year ... WR Tony Polard was The American's Special Teams Player of the Year after he had 1,068 yards and two TDs on kickoff returns.

Friday, Sept. 1 • 8 p.m. • ESPNU



NAVY at FLORIDA ATLANTIC



FAU Stadium (29,945/Natural Grass)
Boca Raton, Florida

Television

ESPNU

Dave Lamont, Kelly Stouffer and Tiffany Green

Radio

WBAL-AM 1090 (Navy flagship)

THE GAME

Friday's game will be the second meeting between Navy and Florida Atlantic ... The Midshipmen were 24-17 winners in Annapolis Nov. 3, 2012, behind QB Keenan Reynolds, who rushed for 159 yards and a touchdown and threw two TD passes to WR Brandon Turner ... The win for Navy clinched a spot in the 2012 Fight Hunger Bowl.

NAVY O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Ken Niumatalolo (Hawaii '89)
77-42, ninth season

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NOTES

Navy is a combined 20-7 in its two seasons as an American Athletic Conference member ... The Midshipmen went 9-5 overall, won The American's West Division with a 7-1 conference record and hosted the 2016 conference championship ... Navy has registered five straight winning seasons and has been above .500 in eight of Ken Niumatalolo's nine seasons as head coach ... QB Zach Abey, who made his first career start in last year's Army-Navy game, is projected as the 2017 starter ... Abey rushed for 384 yards and six touchdowns last year ... LB D.J. Palmore registered team highs with 6.0 sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss, while LB Micah Thomas led the team with 107 tackles in 2016 ... Navy's 2017 season will be chronicled on Showtime's 'A Season With' series, which had previously featured Notre Dame (in 2015) and Florida State (2016).

FLORIDA ATLANTIC O-O, O-O Conference USA

Head Coach

Lane Kiffin (Fresno State '96)
O-O, first season at Florida Atlantic
35-21, sixth season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Florida Atlantic has turned to Lane Kiffin to stem the tide of three straight 3-9 seasons ... Kiffin, who most recently served as Alabama's offensive coordinator, has prior head coaching stops at USC and Tennessee and with the NFL's Oakland Raiders ... The Owls return 17 starters from last year's squad, though the lineup on the field could look noticeably different in 2017 with the addition of a number of transfer students ... The starting quarterback appeared to be a three-man race late into training camp, though QB Jason Driskel took most of the snaps last season ... RB Devin Singletary rushed for 1,021 yards and 12 touchdowns, while RB Greg Howell had 828 yards and a team-high 13 TDs last season ... LB Azeez Al-Shaair was a Conference USA second team pick in 2016.

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 3:30 p.m. • NBC



TEMPLE at NOTRE DAME



Notre Dame Stadium (80,795/FieldTurf)
Notre Dame, Indiana

Television NBC

Mike Tirico, Doug Flutie and Kathryn Tappen

Radio

WPEN-FM 97.5 (Temple flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between Temple and Notre Dame as the Owls look for their first win in the series ... Notre Dame was a 28-6 winner in South Bend in 2013 and the Irish rallied for a 24-20 decision in Philadelphia in 2015 ... The 2015 matchup was a battle of top-25 teams (Temple was No. 21 and Notre Dame was No. 9).

TEMPLE O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Geoff Collins (Western Carolina '94)
O-O, first season

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NOTES

Geoff Collins makes his head coaching debut against Notre Dame as the former Florida and Mississippi State defensive coordinator looks to continue Temple's recent run of success ... The Owls won the 2016 American Athletic Conference title – their first conference championship since 1967 – as Temple finished 10-4 overall and 7-1 in The American ... Eleven starters return from last year, though the Owls will have to replace veteran starters at quarterback and running back ... Temple will go with a first-time starter at QB against Notre Dame, but had as many as four candidates for that spot late into training camp ... RB Ryquell Armstead rushed for 919 yards and 14 touchdowns as the No. 2 back last season ... S Sean Chandler, a two-time all-conference pick, leads a defense that ranked third nationally in total defense (282.5 ypg).

rv/rv NOTRE DAME O-O

Head Coach

Brian Kelly (Assumption '83)
59-31, eighth season at Notre Dame
230-88-2, 27th season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Notre Dame looks to bounce back from a 4-8 season as the Irish dropped three of their last four in 2016 ... Notre Dame was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation in 2015 and had a shot at reaching the College Football Playoff heading into the final weekend, and Notre Dame played in the BCS National Championship as recently as 2012 ... Notre Dame has won 17 of its last 21 home openers ... OG Quinton Nelson was an AP Preseason All-America first team choice, while OT Mike McGlinchey was a second-team selection ... They lead a group of four senior starters on the offensive line ... QB Brandon Wimbush takes over as the starter after he redshirted last season ... WR Equanimeous St. Brown had 58 catches for 961 yards and nine touchdowns ... LB Nyles Morgan led the defense with 94 tackles.

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 4 p.m. • ESPN3



STONY BROOK at USF



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

Television

CBS Sports Network
Drew Fellois and Forrest Conolly

Radio

WWBA-AM 820 (USF flagship)

THE GAME

USF and Stony Brook have met once prior to Saturday's matchup ... The Bulls were 59-14 winners against the Seawolves to open the 2010 season as Skip Holtz made his USF head coaching debut ... USF QB B.J. Daniels threw for 264 yards and two touchdowns and added a rushing TD, while TE Evan Landi had six receptions for 104 yards.

STONY BROOK O-O, O-O CAA

Head Coach

Chuck Priore (Albany '82)
67-58, 12th season at Stony Brook
106-67, 17th season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Stony Brook returns 61 letterwinners and 18 starters from last year's team, which went 5-6 overall and was 4-4 in the Colonial Athletic Association ... The Seawolves scored wins against Richmond, which was ranked No. 2 in FCS at the time, and North Dakota (No. 21) ... Stony Brook plays an American Athletic Conference opponent for the second straight year; the Seawolves fell 38-0 at Temple last season ... Stony Brook ranked third in FCS in total defense (274.2 ypg) and 13th in scoring defense (20.2) in 2016 ... The Seawolves scored more than 28 points only once in 2016, however, and were held to 14 points or fewer seven times ... Stony Brook returns its top three tacklers from last year, including LB Tyrice Beverette, who had 98 stops ... The Seawolves return their top five rushers from 2016.

19/21 USF 1-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Charlie Strong (Central Arkansas '82)
1-O, first season at USF
54-37, eighth season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

USF takes a six-game winning streak into Saturday's game after the Bulls opened the 2017 season with a 42-22 win at San Jose State last Saturday ... The win was the first for Charlie Strong as USF's head coach ... USF trailed 16-0 against San Jose State, but reeled off 42 straight points in the second, third and fourth quarters to pull away ... The Bulls amassed 548 yards of offense, including 315 rushing yards, against San Jose State ... QB Quinton Flowers, a preseason Heisman Trophy candidate, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in the win ... Flowers ranks fourth on The American's career chart for touchdown responsibility (79) and needs six TDs to move into third place ... RB D'Ernest Johnson rushed for two touchdowns and 99 yards against San Jose State.

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 6 p.m. • ESPN3



JAMES MADISON at ECU



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

Television ESPN3

Greg Mescall and Rene Ingoglia

Radio

WNCT-FM 107.9 (ECU flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between ECU and James Madison ... The game will mark the third time in ECU's history that the Pirates will have faced the previous season's FCS national champion ... ECU lost to Eastern Kentucky 28-16 in 1980 and defeated Georgia Southern 35-33 in 1986.

JAMES MADISON O-O, O-O CAA

Head Coach

Mike Houston (Mars Hill '94)
14-1, second season at James Madison
57-20, sixth season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

James Madison takes a 12-game winning streak – the longest active streak in Division I – into its 2017 season-opener as the Dukes went 14-1 last season, capped by the NCAA FCS Championship ... The only blemish on James Madison's ledger last year was a 56-28 setback at North Carolina Sept. 17, 2016 ... James Madison's potent offense scored at least 50 points six times in 14 games last season, including two games with at least 80 points ... James Madison is ranked No. 1 in both of the major FCS preseason polls ... The Dukes return 14 starters from last season, headlined by QB Bryan Schorr, the 2016 CAA Player of the Year who threw for 3,002 yards and 29 touchdowns and had 10 rushing TDs a year ago. touchdowns and had 10 rushing TDs a year ago.

ECU O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Scottie Montgomery (Duke '00)
3-9, second season

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NOTES

ECU returns 11 starters from last year's team, which went 3-9 ... The Pirates will have to replace the production of All-America receiver Zay Jones, who set the NCAA single-season (158) and career (399) receptions records ... The Pirates do have their next four top receivers back ... WR Jimmy Williams, who had 45 catches for 818 yards and a team-high eight touchdowns, should take over as the primary target ... QB Gardner Minshew was named as the Opening Day starter ... Minshew played in seven games last year and threw for 1,347 yards and eight touchdowns with four interceptions ... LB Jordan Williams had a team-high 77 tackles to lead the defense ... ECU's next seven games will be against teams that played in bowl games in 2016 ... ECU has won six straight against FCS opponents since 2009.

WEEK 1 GAME CAPSULES

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 7 p.m. • Stadium



HOUSTON at UTSA



Alamodome (36,582/FieldTurf)
San Antonio, Texas

Television
Stadium
TBA

Radio
KPRC-AM 950 (Houston flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting in four years between Houston and UTSA ... The visiting team has won the first two matchups ... The Cougars were 59-28 winners in San Antonio in 2013, while the Roadrunners scored a 27-7 win in Houston in the 2014 season-opener ... Houston has won its last two season-openers.

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

Head Coach
Major Applewhite (Texas '02)
O-1, first full season

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NOTES

Houston looks to continue its best run in program history as the Cougars play their first full season under head coach Major Applewhite ... Houston has won 22 games in the last two years, trailing only Alabama, Clemson and Ohio State nationally ... Houston has lost its last three true road games, but has a 15-game winning streak at TDECU Stadium – the longest active homefield winning streak in FBS ... The key player for Houston is DT Ed Oliver, who was tabbed by Sports Illustrated as the nation's top defensive player following a freshman season in which he was an Associated Press and Sporting News first team All-America choice ... Oliver registered 23.0 tackles for loss as a true freshman in 2016 ... QB Kyle Allen, a transfer from Texas A&M who started 14 games for the Aggies, takes over behind center ... Four starters return on the offensive line.

UTSA
O-O, O-O Conference USA

Head Coach
Frank Wilson (Nicholls State '97)
6-7, second season

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NOTES

UTSA begins its seventh season of intercollegiate football with high hopes after the Roadrunners went 6-7 overall and played in their first postseason game last season – a 23-20 setback to New Mexico in the New Mexico Bowl ... The Roadrunners have 15 returning starters from last year ... QB Dalton Sturm is a senior returner who threw for 2,170 yards and 20 touchdowns with six interceptions last season ... UTSA returns its top four receivers, including WR Josh Stewart, who had 36 catches for 682 yards and five touchdowns ... UTSA's first eight games will be played in Texas ... The Roadrunners don't leave the Lone Star State until a Nov. 4 game at Florida International ... Ten of the 12 regular-season games will be played in Texas ... Head coach Frank Wilson is in his second year at UTSA after serving as associate head coach at LSU.

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 7 p.m. • ESPN3



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN at SMU



Gerald J. Ford Stadium (32,000/FieldTurf)
Dallas, Texas

Television
ESPN3
Dave Raymond and Jay Taylor

Radio
KTCK-FM 96.7 (SMU flagship)

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between Stephen F. Austin and SMU ... The first matchup was in the 2009 season-opener as the Mustangs were 31-23 winners ... SMU took a 56-0 win in 2012 to build a 2-0 series lead ... SMU has split its last two matchups against FCS opponents.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
O-O, O-O Southland

Head Coach
Clint Conque (Nicholls '83)
17-18, fourth season at Stephen F. Austin
122-77, 18th season as collegiate head coach

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NOTES

Stephen F. Austin went 5-6 in 2016 as the Lumberjacks dropped five of their last seven games to close the year ... The Lumberjacks have 13 starters back from last year, but will need to replace their starting quarterback and running back ... The two returning quarterbacks have thrown a combined four passes ... SFA added QB Foster Sawyer, a transfer from TCU, but Sawyer has been sidelined with a knee injury in training camp and may not be available for the season-opener ... Sawyer played the final series for TCU against SMU last season, completing his only pass attempt ... The Lumberjacks are looking to return to the NCAA FCS Championship for the first time since 2014 ... SFA has made seven NCAA appearances in its history, including a national championship game showing in 1989.

SMU
O-O, O-O American

Head Coach
Chad Morris (Texas A&M '92)
7-17, third season

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NOTES

SMU improved by three wins from 2015 to 2016 as the Mustangs finished at 5-7 ... SMU is hoping that the upward trend continues as the Mustangs look for their first bowl appearance since 2012 ... SMU has nine returning starters on offense – a unit that averaged 427.2 yards and 27.7 points per game last season ... WR Courtland Sutton was an Associated Press second-team preseason All-America selection on the heels of his 2016 season, when he had 76 catches for 1,246 yards and 10 touchdowns ... QB Ben Hicks was thrust into a starting role as a true freshman last year and showed demonstrated improvement through the season ... Hicks threw for 2,930 yards and 19 touchdowns with 15 interceptions ... DE Justin Lawler was a first-team all-conference pick last season ... The Mustangs led The American with 18 interceptions in 2016.

Saturday, Sept. 2 • 8 p.m. • ESPN3



GRAMBLING STATE at TULANE



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

Television
ESPN3
Joel Meyers and Hutson Mason

Radio
WMTI-FM 106.1 (Tulane flagship)

THE GAME

Despite being separated by roughly 300 miles, Tulane and Grambling State will meet for the first time in 2017 ... Tulane has won its last 10 games against FCS opponents after last year's 66-21 win against Southern ... The Green Wave has dropped its last three season-openers and looks for its first Opening Day win since 2013.

GRAMBLING STATE
O-O, O-O SWAC

Head Coach
Broderick Fobbs (Grambling State '97)
28-9, fourth season

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NOTES

Grambling State has made a complete turnaround under fourth-year head coach Broderick Fobbs ... The Tigers were 1-11 in 2013, the year prior to his arrival, and came full in 2016 after a 12-1 campaign that was capped by a SWAC title ... Grambling State went on to defeat North Carolina Central in the Celebration Bowl, earning its 15th HBCU national title ... The only loss for the Tigers last year was a 31-21 setback at Arizona ... The Tigers take an 11-game winning streak into the 2017 season ... Grambling State is ranked No. 21 in the preseason FCS coaches' poll ... The Tigers return 12 starters from last year ... QB Devante Kincade, a transfer from Ole Miss, threw for 3,022 yards and 31 touchdowns with four interceptions last year on his way to SWAC Offensive Player of the Year honors ... RB Martez Carter had 116 carries for 891 yards and 10 TDs.

TULANE
O-O, O-O American

Head Coach
Willie Fritz (Pittsburg State '83)
3-9, second season

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NOTES

Tulane has 17 returning starters, ranking second among American Athletic Conference teams, entering the 2017 season ... The Green Wave went 3-9 last year in its first season under veteran head coach Willie Fritz ... Fritz has not had back-to-back losing seasons in 20 years as an NCAA head coach ... Tulane had at least 100 rushing yards in all 12 games, but struggled in the passing game, ranking last in The American in pass efficiency (93.12) ... Fritz is turning to QB Jonathan Banks, a junior college transfer who originally signed with Kansas State, to take over behind center ... RB Dontrell Hilliard, who rushed for 759 yards and nine touchdowns last year, leads a deep group of backs who should see significant snaps ... The defense loses two first-team all-conference picks ... CB Parry Nickerson has 10 career interceptions.

NATIONAL POLLS

Associated Press Poll

Preseason Poll			
	School	Record	Pts
1.	Alabama (52)	0-0	1,513
2.	Ohio State (3)	0-0	1,414
3.	Florida State (4)	0-0	1,396
4.	USC (2)	0-0	1,325
5.	Clemson	0-0	1,201
6.	Penn State	0-0	1,196
7.	Oklahoma	0-0	1,170
8.	Washington	0-0	1,150
9.	Wisconsin	0-0	926
10.	Oklahoma State	0-0	889
11.	Michigan	0-0	881
12.	Auburn	0-0	880
13.	LSU	0-0	784
14.	Stanford	0-0	695
15.	Georgia	0-0	690
16.	Louisville	0-0	629
17.	Florida	0-0	624
18.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	492
19.	USF	0-0	327
20.	Kansas State	0-0	317
21.	Virginia Tech	0-0	240
22.	West Virginia	0-0	207
23.	Texas	0-0	173
24.	Washington State	0-0	133
25.	Tennessee	0-0	114

Receiving votes: TCU 98, Utah 85, Notre Dame 65, Boise State 37, North Carolina State 26, Northwestern 25, Pittsburgh 23, Oregon 21, **Houston 19**, Colorado 18, San Diego State 9, UCLA 9, BYU 5, Appalachian State 4, Nebraska 4, **Tulsa 4**, Kentucky 3, Texas A&M 3, Michigan State 1

Amway Coaches' Poll

Preseason Poll			
	School	Record	Pts
1.	Alabama (49)	0-0	1,603
2.	Ohio State (5)	0-0	1,512
3.	Florida State (4)	0-0	1,434
4.	USC	0-0	1,415
5.	Clemson (7)	0-0	1,367
6.	Penn State	0-0	1,257
7.	Washington	0-0	1,245
8.	Oklahoma	0-0	1,237
9.	Michigan	0-0	959
10.	Wisconsin	0-0	936
11.	Oklahoma State	0-0	912
12.	LSU	0-0	834
13.	Auburn	0-0	819
14.	Stanford	0-0	732
15.	Georgia	0-0	701
16.	Florida	0-0	681
17.	Louisville	0-0	676
18.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	472
19.	Kansas State	0-0	339
20.	West Virginia	0-0	319
21.	USF	0-0	247
22.	Virginia Tech	0-0	235
23.	Texas	0-0	193
24.	Tennessee	0-0	155
25.	Utah	0-0	109

Receiving votes: Washington State 99, Colorado 72, TCU 58, Boise State 49, Notre Dame 49, Texas A&M 46, Pittsburgh 45, North Carolina State 39, Oregon 37, Northwestern 25, Nebraska 23, Arkansas 22, **Memphis 22**, Mississippi State 19, San Diego State 18, Appalachian State 11, BYU 10, Georgia Tech 10, **Tulsa 10**, Wyoming 9, Western Michigan 8, **Temple 8**, North Carolina 8, **Houston 7**, Minnesota 6, Troy 6, Iowa 5, Louisiana Tech 4, Syracuse 3, Arizona 2, UCLA 1, Colorado State 1, Maryland 1, Michigan State 1, Toledo 1, Army 1

American Preseason Media Poll

American Championship	
School	Points
USF	26
Houston	2
Memphis	1
Navy	1

East Division	
School (First-Place Votes)	Points
1. USF (30)	180
2. UCF	126
3. Temple	119
4. Cincinnati	100
5. ECU	63
6. UConn	42

West Division	
School (First-Place Votes)	Points
1. Memphis (22)	169
2. Houston (6)	137
3. Navy (1)	128
4. Tulsa (1)	102
5. SMU	64
6. Tulane	30

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 2017. Rankings are listed as AP/Coaches.

	UCF	Cincinnati	UConn	ECU	Houston	Memphis	Navy	USF	SMU	Temple	Tulane	Tulsa
Preseason	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	-/rv	-/-	19/21	-/-	-/rv	-/-	rv/rv
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Nov. 19												
Nov. 26												
Dec. 4												
Final												

THE 2017 SEASON

2017 HOME ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL (Capacity)	GP	TOTAL	AVG.	LARGEST CROWD
UCF (45,323)	0	0	—	
Cincinnati (40,000)	0	0	—	
UConn (40,000)	0	0	—	
ECU (50,000)	0	0	—	
Houston (40,000)	0	0	—	
Memphis (58,862)	0	0	—	
Navy (34,000)	0	0	—	
USF (65,897)	0	0	—	
SMU (32,000)	0	0	—	
Temple (68,532)	0	0	—	
Tulane (30,000)	0	0	—	
Tulsa (30,000)	0	0	—	
2017 TOTALS	0	0	—	

2017 TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES			100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES		
Player, School, Year	2017	Career	Player, School, Year	2017	Career
D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa, Sr.		9	Anthony Miller, Memphis, Sr.		11
Quinton Flowers, USF, Sr.		8	Courtland Sutton, SMU, Jr.		8
Dontrell Hilliard, Tulane, Sr.		5	Tre'Quan Smith, UCF, Jr.		7
Braeden West, SMU, Jr.		5	Linell Bonner, Houston, Sr.		4
Mike Boone, Cincinnati, Sr.		5	Devin Gray, Cincinnati, Sr.		3
Arkeel Newsome, UConn, Sr.		4	Jimmy Williams, ECU, Sr.		3
Ryquell Armstead, Temple, Jr.		3	Ventell Bryant, Temple, Jr.		3
Doroland Dorceus, Memphis, Sr.		3	Steven Dunbar, Houston, Sr.		3
Zach Abey, Navy, Jr.		2	Justin Hobbs, Tulsa, Jr.		2
Xavier Jones, SMU, Jr.		2	Adonis Jennings, Temple, Jr.		2
Ramadi Warren, Tulsa, Jr.		2	Terren Encalade, Tulane, Jr.		2
Jarvis Cooper, Memphis, Sr.		2	Phil Mayhue, Memphis, Sr.		2
Sherman Badie, Tulane, Sr.		2	Thomas Geddis, Cincinnati, So.		1
Anthony Scott, ECU, Sr.		1	Kahlil Lewis, ECU, Jr.		1
Mulbah Car, Houston, So.		1	Quay Johnson, ECU, Sr.		1
Kevrin Justice, Houston, So.		1	Daniel Montiel, Memphis, Sr.		1
Kyle Postma, Houston, Sr.		1	Ryeshene Bronson, USF, Sr.		1
Chris High, Navy, Sr.		1	James Proche, SMU, So.		1
D'Ernest Johnson, USF, Sr.		1	Justin Hobbs, Tulsa, Jr.		1
Tyre McCants, USF, Jr.		1	Jordan Akins, UCF, Sr.		1
Ke'Mon Freeman, SMU, So.		1	Chris Johnson, UCF, Sr.		1
Jonathan Brantley, Tulane, So.		1	D'erren Wilson, UCF, Jr.		1
C.J. Jones, UCF, Jr.		1	Elkanah Dillon, USF, Jr.		1
Bryant Shirreffs, UConn, Sr.		1	Sherman Badie, Tulane, Sr.		1
Jamarius Henderson, Memphis, Jr.		1	Trevon Brown, ECU, Sr.		1
Jager Gardner, Temple, Jr.		1	Dontrell Hilliard, Tulane, Sr.		1
Ron Johnson, UConn, Sr.		1			
Sam Craft, Memphis, Sr.		1			

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player, School, Year	2017	Career
Riley Ferguson, Memphis, Sr.		7
Ben Hicks, SMU, So.		3
Hayden Moore, Cincinnati, Jr.		3
Bryant Shirreffs, UConn, Sr.		2
McKenzie Milton, UCF, So.		1
Gardner Minshew, ECU, Jr.		1
Quinton Flowers, USF, Sr.		1

THE RECORD BOOK

The American's single-game records (through Aug. 26):

Most Rushing Yards	
1. Marlon Mack, USF vs. Western Carolina (8/30/14)	275
2. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa at Fresno State (9/24/16)	252
3. James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	249
4. Marlon Mack, USF vs. Temple (11/14/15)	230
5. Braeden West, SMU vs. Liberty (9/17/16)	220

Most Rushing Touchdowns	
1. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. ECU (9/19/15)	5
James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16)	5
2. Marlon Mack, USF vs. Western Carolina (8/30/14)	4
Kenneth Farrow, Houston vs. Tulsa (11/22/14)	4
Chris Hariston, ECU vs. Towson (9/5/14)	4
Greg Ward Jr., Houston vs. SMU (10/8/15)	4
Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. SMU (11/14/15)	4
Will Worth, Navy at USF (10/28/16)	4
Will Worth, Navy at ECU (11/19/16)	4

Longest Rush	
1. Jager Gardner, Temple at SMU (11/6/15)	94 yds

Most Passing Yards	
1. Hayden Moore, Cincinnati vs. Memphis (9/24/15)	557
2. Garrett Gilbert, SMU vs. Temple (10/26/13)	538
3. Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati at Houston (11/7/15)	523

Most Pass Completions	
1. Greg Ward Jr., Houston at Memphis (11/25/16)	47
2. Garrett Gilbert, SMU, vs. Rutgers (10/5/13)	45
3. Philip Nelson, ECU at South Carolina (9/17/16)	44

Longest Pass	
1. Blake Bortles, UCF vs. Akron (8/29/13)	91 yds

Most Touchdown Passes	
1. Paxton Lynch Memphis vs. SMU (11/28/15)	7
2. Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati vs. Toledo (9/12/14)	6
Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. Bowling Green (9/24/16)	6

Most Receiving Yards	
1. Keyarris Garrett, Tulsa vs. Memphis (10/24/15)	268
2. Courtland Sutton, SMU vs. USF (11/19/16)	252
2. Anthony Miller, Memphis vs. Tulsa (10/29/16)	250
3. Robby Anderson, Temple vs. SMU (10/26/13)	239
4. Linell Bonner, Houston at Memphis (11/25/16)	235

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

Most Touchdown Receptions	
1. 22 Times	3

Longest Reception	
1. Breshad Perriman, UCF vs. Akron (8/29/13)	91 yds

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

Most Field Goals	
1. Richie Leone, Houston at Temple (9/7/13)	5
Jake Elliott, Memphis at Houston (10/12/13)	5

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

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

Longest Kickoff Return	
1. Janarion Grant, Rutgers at Fresno State (8/29/13)	100 yds
Brandon Wilson, Houston at Louisville (9/12/15)	100 yds
Jahad Thomas, Temple at Cincinnati (9/12/15)	100 yds
Adrian Killins, UCF at ECU (10/1/16)	100 yds
Tony Pollard, Memphis at Navy (10/22/16)	100 yds

Most Tackles	
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

Most Tackles For Loss	
1. Montese Overton, ECU at SMU (10/3/15)	5.0
Haason Reddick, Temple at Memphis (10/6/16)	5.0

Most Sacks	
1. Montese Overton, ECU at SMU (10/3/15)	4.0
2. Justin Lawler, SMU at North Texas (9/3/16)	3.5

THE 2017 SEASON

AWARD WINNERS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 4
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 2
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 12
Nov. 20
Nov. 27

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 4
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 2
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 12
Nov. 20
Nov. 27

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 4
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 2
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 12
Nov. 20
Nov. 27

ACTIVE CAREER WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

4 – Andrew Gantz (K, Cincinnati)

3 – Riley Ferguson (QB, Memphis); Quinton Flowers (QB, USF)

2 – Aaron Boumerhi (K, Temple)

1 – Shaquem Griffin (LB, UCF); Adrian Killins (RB, UCF); Sam Geraci (P, Cincinnati); Arkeel Newsome (RB, UConn); Jamar Summers (CB, UConn); Dane Roy (P, Houston); Austin Hall (LB, Memphis); Nick Jacobs (P, Memphis); Roderick Proctor (WR, Memphis); Bennett Moehring (K, Navy); Deatrick Nichols (CB, USF); Sharif Finch (DL, Temple); Austin Jones (K, Temple); Sherman Badie (RB, Tulane); Parry Nickerson (CB, Tulane); Redford Jones (K, Tulsa)

2017 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Team	OFFENSE				DEFENSE				KR	PR	Int.	Sacks	TFL	T/O
	Rush	Pass	Total	Score	Rush	Pass	Total	Score						
UCF														
Cincinnati														
UConn														
ECU														
Houston														
Memphis														
Navy														
USF														
SMU														
Temple														
Tulane														
Tulsa														

AGAINST THE CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC COAST (0-0)

UConn at Virginia (9/16)
Virginia Tech at ECU (9/16)
Georgia Tech at UCF (9/16)
UConn vs. Boston College (7 p.m.)

BIG 12 (0-0)

Tulsa at Oklahoma State (8/31)
ECU at West Virginia (9/9)
SMU at TCU (9/16)
Tulane at Oklahoma (9/16)
Texas Tech at Houston (9/23)

BIG TEN (0-0)

Cincinnati at Michigan (9/9)
Illinois at USF (9/15)
UCF at Maryland (9/23)

COLONIAL ATHLETIC (0-0)

Stony Brook at USF (9/2)
James Madison at ECU (9/2)
Villanova at Temple (9/9)
Maine at UCF (9/30)

CONFERENCE USA (0-0)

Florida International at UCF (8/31)
Navy at Florida Atlantic (9/1)
Houston at UTSA (9/2)
North Texas at SMU (9/9)
Rice at Houston (9/16)
Marshall at Cincinnati (9/30)
Tulane at Florida International (10/14)

MID-AMERICAN (0-0)

Tulsa at Toledo (9/16)
Cincinnati at Miami (Ohio) (9/16)

MISSOURI VALLEY (0-0)

Southern Illinois at Memphis (9/23)

MOUNTAIN WEST (1-0)

USF 42, San Jose State 22 (8/26)
New Mexico at Tulsa (9/23)
Air Force at Navy (10/7)

OHIO VALLEY (0-0)

Austin Peay at Cincinnati (8/31)

PAC-12 (0-0)

Houston at Arizona (9/9)
UCLA at Memphis (9/16)

PATRIOT (0-0)

Holy Cross at UConn (8/31)

SOUTHEASTERN (0-0)

Missouri at UConn (10/28)

SOUTHLAND (0-0)

Stephen F. Austin at SMU (9/2)

SOUTHWESTERN (0-0)

Grambling State at Tulane (9/2)

SUN BELT (0-0)

Louisiana-Monroe at Memphis (8/31)
Louisiana at Tulsa (9/9)
Arkansas State at SMU (9/23)
Memphis at Georgia State (9/30)

INDEPENDENTS (0-0)

Temple at Notre Dame (9/2)
Massachusetts at Temple (9/15)
Army at Tulane (9/23)
Temple at Army (10/21)
Brigham Young at ECU (10/21)
Navy at Notre Dame (11/18)

TOTAL NONCONFERENCE RECORDS

All Games	1-0
FBS Opponents	1-0
FCS Opponents.....	0-0
AP Top 25	0-0
<i>USA Today</i> Top 25.....	0-0
Bowl Games	0-0

NCAA LEADERS

NCAA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing.....	YPG
9. James Flanders, Tulsa.....	125.3
14. D'Angelo Brewer, Tulsa.....	119.6
15. Quinton Flowers, USF.....	117.7
31. Will Worth, Navy.....	99.8
33. Marlon Mack, USF.....	98.9

Completions Per Game.....	CPG
4. Greg Ward Jr., Houston.....	26.58
10. Philip Nelson, ECU.....	23.70
21. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	21.54
32. Dane Evans, Tulsa.....	19.92
38. Ben Hicks, SMU.....	19.50
40. McKenzine Milton, UCF.....	19.40
50. Bryant Shirreffs, UConn.....	18.44

Passing Yards Per Game.....	YPG
14. Greg Ward Jr., Houston.....	298.4
16. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	284.5
26. Philip Nelson, ECU.....	262.1
31. Dane Evans, Tulsa.....	257.5
42. Ben Hicks, SMU.....	244.2

Passing Efficiency.....	Rating
16. Quinton Flowers, USF.....	153.6
18. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	152.6
34. Dane Evans, Tulsa.....	142.9
36. Greg Ward Jr. Houston.....	141.7
37. Philip Nelson, ECU.....	141.5
40. Phillip Walker, Temple.....	140.1

Receptions Per Game.....	RPG
1. Zay Jones, ECU.....	13.2
4. Noel Thomas, UConn.....	8.3
5. Linell Bonner, Houston.....	8.2
10. Anthony Miller, Memphis.....	7.3
20. Courtland Sutton, SMU.....	6.3
23. Keevan Lucas, Tulsa.....	6.2
28. Josh Atkinson, Tulsa.....	6.0

Receiving Yards Per Game.....	YPG
1. Zay Jones, ECU.....	145.5
9. Anthony Miller, Memphis.....	110.3
12. Courtland Sutton, SMU.....	103.8
14. Noel Thomas, UConn.....	98.3
23. Linell Bonner, Houston.....	93.2
24. Keevan Lucas, Tulsa.....	90.8
35. Josh Atkinson, Tulsa.....	81.4
36. Ventell Bryant, Temple.....	81.4

Total Offense.....	YPG
8. Greg Ward Jr., Houston.....	339.6
10. Quinton Flowers, USF.....	334.0
30. Riley Ferguson, Memphis.....	279.1
38. Philip Nelson, ECU.....	267.8
43. Bryant Shirreffs, UConn.....	259.6
48. Dane Evans, Tulsa.....	255.3

Scoring.....	PPG
2. Will Worth, Navy.....	12.5
7. Redford Jones, Tulsa.....	10.0
11. Jahad Thomas, Temple.....	9.5
15. Jake Elliott, Memphis.....	9.3
43. James Flanders, Tulsa.....	8.3
Quinton Flowers, USF.....	8.3

All-Purpose Yards.....	YPG
15. Zay Jones, ECU.....	147.5
37. Mike Boone, Cincinnati.....	127.0
38. James Flanders, Tulsa.....	126.6
41. Jahad Thomas, Temple.....	125.0
47. Anthony Miller, Memphis.....	123.1
49. Rodney Adams, USF.....	122.1

Tackles.....	TPG
5. Eric Wilson, Cincinnati.....	10.8
12. Obi Melifonwu, UConn.....	9.8
36. Auggie Sanchez, USF.....	9.0

Tackles For Loss.....	TFL/Game
3. Ed Oliver, Houston.....	1.7
11. Haason Reddick, Temple.....	1.6
12. Tanzel Smart, Tulane.....	1.5
13. Shaquem Griffin, UCF.....	1.5
32. Justin Lawler, SMU.....	1.3

Sacks.....	SPG
12. Shaquem Griffin, UCF.....	0.88
24. Haason Reddick, Temple.....	0.75
31. Steven Taylor, Houston.....	0.71

Interceptions.....	Int/Game
5. Horace Richardson, SMU.....	0.5
Mike Tyson, Cincinnati.....	0.5
14. Darrion Millines, SMU.....	0.4
18. Howard Wilson, Houston.....	0.4
27. Parry Nickerson, Tulane.....	0.4
34. Obi Melifonwu.....	0.3
Alex Thomas, Cincinnati.....	0.3
Jorday Wyatt, SMU.....	0.3

Forced Fumbles.....	FF/Game
12. Jordan Wyatt, SMU.....	0.33
19. Dayon Pratt, ECU.....	0.30
27. Nico Marley, Tulane.....	0.25

Passes Defended.....	PD/Game
5. Shaquill Griffin, UCF.....	1.5
21. Parry Nickerson, Tulane.....	1.2
25. Horace Richardson, SMU.....	1.2
29. Howard Wilson, Houston.....	1.2
Arthur Maulet, Memphis.....	1.2

Punting.....	Avg
39. Worth Gregory, ECU.....	42.3
43. Caleb Houston, UCF.....	42.1
47. Dalton Parks, Tulsa.....	41.8

Punt Returns.....	Avg
8. D'Ernest Johnson, USF.....	11.8
17. Keidrien Wadley, Tulsa.....	10.2
49. Chris Johnson, UCF.....	6.5

Kickoff Returns.....	Avg
8. Tony Pollard, Memphis.....	28.1
22. Adrian Killins, UCF.....	25.1
25. Dishan Romine, Navy.....	24.9
32. Brandon Wilson, Houston.....	24.3
33. Rodney Adams, USF.....	24.3
37. Mike Boone, Cincinnati.....	24.1

NCAA TEAM LEADERS

Rushing Offense.....	YPG
4. Navy.....	310.1
5. USF.....	285.3
8. Tulsa.....	261.7
26. Tulane.....	228.1
61. Temple.....	176.1
81. SMU.....	163.3
84. Memphis.....	159.3
99. Houston.....	147.1
104. UCF.....	141.2
110. ECU.....	132.4
117. Cincinnati.....	118.2
118. UConn.....	117.3

Rushing Defense.....	YPG
4. Houston.....	100.2
25. Temple.....	130.4
41. UConn.....	146.1
52. Tulane.....	159.3
62. UCF.....	169.5
68. Tulsa.....	176.3
71. Navy.....	179.9
75. Cincinnati.....	189.6
84. USF.....	196.5
93. Memphis.....	204.9
97. SMU.....	210.5
111. ECU.....	228.5

Passing Offense.....	YPG
6. ECU.....	334.7
14. Memphis.....	304.4
17. Houston.....	296.3
30. Tulsa.....	265.3
34. SMU.....	264.0
44. Cincinnati.....	255.9
63. Temple.....	237.4
70. USF.....	226.2
89. UCF.....	209.7
94. UConn.....	202.7
125. Navy.....	128.8
126. Tulane.....	113.3

Pass Efficiency Defense.....	Avg
12. UCF.....	107.65
13. Temple.....	111.06
21. Tulsa.....	116.22
38. Memphis.....	123.37
41. Tulane.....	123.83
48. Houston.....	124.91
56. SMU.....	127.46
58. Cincinnati.....	128.41
60. USF.....	129.02
88. ECU.....	137.91
98. UConn.....	141.01
123. Navy.....	156.78

Total Offense.....	YPG
4. Tulsa.....	527.0
11. USF.....	511.5
23. ECU.....	467.1
28. Memphis.....	463.7
41. Houston.....	443.4
46. Navy.....	438.3
55. SMU.....	427.3
66. Temple.....	413.6
99. Cincinnati.....	374.1
113. UCF.....	350.8
118. Tulane.....	341.4
122. UConn.....	320.0

Total Defense.....	YPG
3. Temple.....	282.5
13. Houston.....	319.6
31. Tulane.....	364.5
39. UCF.....	370.3
65. UConn.....	410.8
72. Cincinnati.....	422.8
75. Tulsa.....	426.5
84. Navy.....	434.0
100. ECU.....	452.8
103. SMU.....	453.0
106. Memphis.....	454.6
120. USF.....	482.0

Scoring Offense.....	Avg
4. USF.....	43.8
7. Tulsa.....	42.5
15. Memphis.....	38.8
20. Navy.....	37.9
26. Houston.....	35.8
43. Temple.....	32.4
66. UCF.....	28.8
71. SMU.....	27.7
75. ECU.....	27.0
104. Tulane.....	24.1
123. Cincinnati.....	19.3
128. UConn.....	14.8

Scoring Defense.....	PPG
11. Temple.....	18.4
30. Houston.....	23.5
42. UCF.....	24.6
55. Cincinnati.....	26.9
60. Tulane.....	27.7
65. UConn.....	28.1
68. Memphis.....	28.8
76. Tulsa.....	29.8
84. Navy.....	31.0
92. USF.....	31.6
110. ECU.....	36.1
111. SMU.....	36.3

Net Punting.....	Net Avg
8. Memphis.....	41.10
25. Navy.....	39.79
40. Houston.....	38.69
46. UCF.....	38.22
57. Tulane.....	37.77
62. Tulsa.....	37.67
67. USF.....	37.38
72. Temple.....	37.11
74. ECU.....	37.06
75. UConn.....	37.03
96. Cincinnati.....	35.87
100. SMU.....	35.72

Punt Returns.....	Avg
26. Temple.....	10.56
30. USF.....	9.92
36. Navy.....	9.73
48. Tulsa.....	8.96
56. Memphis.....	8.33
74. UCF.....	7.52
80. UConn.....	7.00
97. Cincinnati.....	6.13
111. Tulane.....	4.13
113. Houston.....	4.06
117. SMU.....	3.69
125. ECU.....	1.80

Kickoff Returns.....	Avg
5. Memphis.....	26.57
25. Navy.....	23.15
40. Tulane.....	22.25
45. Temple.....	21.89
56. Houston.....	21.16
62. UCF.....	20.95
77. Tulsa.....	20.25
83. Cincinnati.....	19.89
99. USF.....	19.04
103. UConn.....	18.97
113. ECU.....	18.46
120. SMU.....	17.60

Fumbles Recovered.....	Total
2. Tulane.....	15
7. Memphis.....	13
Temple.....	13
24. Tulsa.....	11
UCF.....	11
Houston.....	11
USF.....	11
Navy.....	11
63. SMU.....	8
85. Cincinnati.....	7
116. UConn.....	4
121. ECU.....	3

Interceptions.....	Total
9. SMU.....	18
11. Cincinnati.....	17
14. Memphis.....	16
22. UCF.....	15
USF.....	15
49. Temple.....	12
Tulane.....	12
68. Tulsa.....	10
104. Navy.....	7
UConn.....	7
Houston.....	7
117. ECU.....	5

Turnovers Gained.....	Total
5. Memphis.....	29
10. Tulane.....	27
18. UCF.....	26
SMU.....	26
USF.....	26
24. Temple.....	25
32. Cincinnati.....	24
53. Tulsa.....	21
78. Houston.....	18
Navy.....	18
120. UConn.....	11
128. ECU.....	8

Turnovers Lost.....	Total
27. Navy.....	16
35. USF.....	17
47. Tulane.....	18
56. UConn.....	19
Temple.....	19
82. Tulsa.....	21
Memphis.....	21
94. Cincinnati.....	23
101. SMU.....	24
ECU.....	24
107. UCF.....	25
Houston.....	25

Turnover Margin.....	Margin/Game
13. Tulane.....	0.75
14. USF.....	0.69
18. Memphis.....	0.62
32. Temple.....	0.43
47. SMU.....	0.17
52. Navy.....	0.14
54. Cincinnati.....	0.08
58. UCF.....	0.08
67. Tulsa.....	0.00
107. Houston.....	-0.54
114. UConn.....	-0.67
126. ECU.....	-1.33

Tackles For Loss.....	Per Game
9. UCF.....	7.9
14. Houston.....	7.7
21. Temple.....	7.4
23. Tulane.....	7.3
45. Tulsa.....	6.2
52. USF.....	6.1
55. SMU.....	6.0
59. Cincinnati.....	5.9
67. Memphis.....	5.7
115. UConn.....	4.6
119. ECU.....	4.4
124. Navy.....	4.0

Sacks.....	Per Game
14. Houston.....	3.00
17. UCF.....	2.92
19. Temple.....	2.86
32. Tulsa.....	2.46
37. SMU.....	2.42
Tulane.....	2.42
40. USF.....	2.38
89. Memphis.....	1.77
101. Cincinnati.....	1.58
109. Navy.....	1.43
110. UConn.....	1.42
128. ECU.....	0.67

Sacks Allowed.....	Per Game
14. USF.....	1.15
38. Navy.....	1.64
40. Tulane.....	1.75
47. Tulsa.....	1.85
62. Temple.....	2.07
73. SMU.....	2.17
Cincinnati.....	2.17
96. ECU.....	2.58
103. Memphis.....	2.69
106. UCF.....	2.77
111. Houston.....	2.85
117. UConn.....	3.08

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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: Kirby Hocutt (chair), Frank Beamer, Jeff Bower, Herb Deromedi, Chris Howard, Tom Jernstedt, Bobby Johnson, Jeff Long, Rob Mullens, Dan Radakovich, Gene Smith, Steve Wieberg and Tyrone Willingham.

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.

2017-18 College Football Playoff Schedule

SEMIFINAL

Rose Bowl Game

presented by Northwestern Mutual

January 1, 2018

5 p.m. ET, ESPN

Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, Calif.

SEMIFINAL

Allstate Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2018

8:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

December 29, 2017

8:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

PlayStation Fiesta Bowl

December 30, 2017

4 p.m. ET, ESPN

University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.

Capital One Orange Bowl

December 30, 2017

8 p.m. ET, ESPN

Sun Life Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.

Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl

January 1, 2018

12:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 8, 2018

8 p.m. ET, ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

BOWL PARTNERSHIPS

The American Bowl Lineup

In addition to the College Football Playoff and New Year's Bowls, The American will have either a primary or secondary affiliation with 12 bowl games during its current six-year bowl cycle. 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 Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, 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 **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 either the Mid-American Conference or Conference USA in 2016.

The **Frisco Bowl** will be played for the first time in 2017 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 **Hawai'i Bowl** is played on Hawaiian Airlines Field at Aloha Stadium on the campus of the University of Hawaii. The American Athletic Conference will participate in the bowl in 2015, 2017 and 2019, facing an opponent from the Mountain West.

The **AutoNation Cure Bowl** made its debut in 2015 at the newly renovated Citrus Bowl 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.

The **Bahamas Bowl** is played in at Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas. The American Athletic Conference will face the Mid-American Conference or Conference USA in 2016 and 2018.

The **RSL Carriers New Orleans Bowl** is held at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. The American Athletic Conference has agreed to play in the bowl in 2018 and 2019.

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

AutoNation Cure Bowl

Florida Citrus Bowl • Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 16, 2017 • 2:30 p.m. • CBS Sports Network



Birmingham Bowl

Legion Field • Birmingham, Ala.
Dec. 23, 2017 • Noon ET • ESPN



Boca Raton Bowl

FAU Stadium • Boca Raton, Fla.
Dec. 18, 2017 • 7 p.m. ET • ESPN



Hawai'i Bowl

Aloha Stadium • Honolulu, Hawaii
Dec. 24, 2016 • 8:30 p.m. ET • ESPN



Frisco Bowl

Toyota Stadium • Frisco, Texas
Dec. 20, 2017 • 8 p.m. ET • ESPN



Military Bowl

presented by Northrop Grumman
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium •
Annapolis, Md.
Dec. 28, 2017 • 1:30 p.m. ET • ESPN



Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl

Tropicana Field • St. Petersburg, Fla.
Dec. 21, 2017 • 8 p.m. ET • ESPN



THE AMERICAN ON TELEVISION

NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES

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

ABC

Sat., Sept. 16	UCLA at Memphis	Noon
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ESPN

Fri., Sept. 15	Illinois at USF	7 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 21	Temple at USF *	8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 6	Memphis at UConn *	7 p.m.
Thu., Oct. 19	Memphis at Houston *	8 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 16	Tulsa at USF *	8 p.m.

ABC or ESPN

Sat., Sept. 9	Cincinnati at Michigan	Noon
Sat., Dec. 2	The American Football Championship	TBD

ABC or ESPN Network

Fri., Nov. 24	USF at UCF *	TBD
	Navy at Houston *	TBD

ESPN2

Fri., Oct. 27	Tulsa at SMU *	9 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 3	Memphis at Tulsa *	8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 10	Temple at Cincinnati *	7 p.m.

ESPNU

Fri., Sept. 1	Navy at Florida Atlantic	8 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 15	Massachusetts at Temple	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	UConn at Virginia	Noon
	SMU at TCU	3:30 p.m.

ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU

Sat., Sept. 9	Houston at Arizona	10:30 p.m.
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ESPNNews

Sat., Sept. 9	USF at UConn *	Noon
	Memphis at UCF *	8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	Georgia Tech at UCF	7:30 p.m.

ESPN3

Thu., Aug. 31	Austin Peay at Cincinnati	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 2	Stony Brook at USF	4 p.m.
	James Madison at ECU	6 p.m.
	Stephen F. Austin at SMU	7 p.m.
	Grambling State at Tulane	8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 8	Villanova at Temple	3:30 p.m.
	Louisiana at Tulane	4 p.m.
	North Texas at SMU	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	Tulsa at Toledo	7 p.m.
	Cincinnati at Miami (Ohio)	8 p.m.
	Rice at Houston	8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 23	Arkansas State at SMU	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 30	Maine at UCF	6:30 p.m.

CBS

Sat., Dec. 9	Navy vs. Army ²	3 p.m.
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CBS Sports Network

Sat., Aug. 26	USF at San Jose State	7:30 p.m.
Thu., Aug. 31	Florida International at UCF	6 p.m.
	Louisiana-Monroe at Memphis	9 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 9	Tulane at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	Virginia Tech at ECU	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 23	Cincinnati at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	Air Force at Navy	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21	Temple at Army	Noon
	UCF at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	Tulane at Memphis *	8 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 11	SMU at Navy *	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 10	UConn vs. Boston College ¹	7 p.m.

NBC

Sat., Sept. 2	Temple at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 18	Navy at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.

FS1

Thu., Aug. 31	Tulsa at Oklahoma State	7:30 p.m.
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FS2

Sat., Sept. 9	ECU at West Virginia	Noon
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SNY

Thu., Aug. 31	Holy Cross at UConn	7:30 p.m.
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Fox Sports Oklahoma

Sat., Sept. 16	Tulane at Oklahoma	6 p.m.
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American Sports Network

Sat., Sept. 2	Houston at UTSA	7 p.m.
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All times Eastern and subject to change.

* American Athletic Conference game

¹ Fenway Park, Boston, Mass.

² Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.



MEDIA SERVICES

TheAmerican.org

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

collegepressbox.com

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

Social Media

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



Weekly Teleconference

The American Athletic Conference will hold weekly teleconferences with its 12 head football coaches, beginning Monday, Aug. 28 and continuing each Monday through Nov 20. 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.	Chad Morris, 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.	Scott Frost, 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 21 American Athletic Conference sports. The ADN will provide in-depth coverage of the 2017 American football season, beginning with reports from the league's annual Summer Kickoff & Media Days in Newport, Rhode Island.

Weekly Release & Statistics

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

Weekly Football Highlights

The American Athletic Conference offers video highlights and clips of selected press conferences on a weekly basis through the XOS Digital XChange FTP tool. Content is available in full broadcast-quality resolution. Contact Chuck Sullivan (csullivan@theamerican.org) for information on how to access the highlights.

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. 29, 2017. 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
8/31	Florida International (6 p.m., CBSSN)			-/-	-/-									
9/9	Memphis * (8 p.m., ESPNNews)													
9/16	Georgia Tech (7:30 p.m., ESPNNews)													
9/23	at Maryland													
9/30	Maine (6:30 p.m., ESPN3)													
10/7	at Cincinnati *													
10/14	ECU													
10/21	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/4	at SMU *													
11/11	UConn *													
11/18	at Temple *													
11/24	USF * (ABC or ESPN Network)													

CINCINNATI (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Cin	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	Austin Peay (7 p.m., ESPN3)			-/-	-/-									
9/9	at Michigan (Noon, ABC or ESPN)													
9/16	at Miami (Ohio) (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/23	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/30	Marshall													
10/7	UCF *													
10/21	SMU *													
10/28	at USF *													
11/4	at Tulane *													
11/10	Temple * (7 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/18	at ECU *													
11/25	UConn *													

UConn (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				UConn	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	Holy Cross (7:30 p.m., SNY)			-/-	-/-									
9/9	USF * (Noon, ESPNNews)													
9/16	at Virginia (Noon, ESPNU)													
9/30	at SMU *													
10/6	Memphis * (7 p.m., ESPN)													
10/14	at Temple *													
10/21	Tulsa *													
10/28	Missouri													
11/4	ECU *													
11/11	at UCF *													
11/18	vs. Boston College ¹ (7 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/25	at Cincinnati *													

¹ Fenway Park, Boston, Mass.

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
9/2	James Madison (6 p.m., ESPN3)			-/-	-/-									
9/9	at West Virginia (Noon, FS2)													
9/16	Virginia Tech (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/30	USF *													
10/7	Temple *													
10/14	at UCF *													
10/21	BYU													
10/28	at Houston *													
11/4	at UConn *													
11/11	Tulane *													
11/18	Cincinnati *													
11/25	at Memphis *													

USF (1-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				USF	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/26	at San Jose State (7:30 p.m., CBSSN)	W, 42-22	13,377	19/21	-/-	315	233	548	13-27-0	0	109	278	387	3
9/2	Stony Brook (4 p.m., ESPN3)			19/21	-/-									
9/9	at UConn * (Noon, ESPNNews)													
9/15	Illinois (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/21	Temple * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
9/30	at ECU *													
10/14	Massachusetts													
10/21	at Tulane *													
10/28	Cincinnati *													
11/4	Houston *													
11/16	Tulsa * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/24	at UCF * (ABC or ESPN Network)													

TEMPLE (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Temple	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/2	at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m., NBC)			-/rv	rv/rv									
9/9	Villanova (3:30 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/15	Massachusetts (7 p.m., ESPN)													
9/21	at USF * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
9/30	Houston *													
10/7	at ECU *													
10/14	UConn *													
10/21	at Army (Noon, CBSSN)													
11/2	Navy * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/10	at Cincinnati * (7 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/18	UCF *													
11/25	at Tulsa *													

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
9/2	at UTSA (7 p.m., Stadium)			-/rv	-/-									
9/9	at Arizona (10:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU)													
9/16	Rice (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/23	Texas Tech													
9/30	at Temple *													
10/7	SMU *													
10/14	at Tulsa *													
10/19	Memphis * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/28	ECU *													
11/4	at USF *													
11/18	at Tulane *													
11/24	Navy * (ABC or ESPN Network)													

MEMPHIS (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Mem	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	Louisiana-Monroe (9 p.m., CBSSN)			-/rv	-/-									
9/9	at UCF * (8 p.m., ESPNNews)													
9/16	UCLA (Noon, ABC/ESPN2)													
9/23	Southern Illinois (8 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/30	at Georgia State													
10/6	at UConn * (7 p.m., ESPN)													
10/14	Navy *													
10/19	at Houston * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
10/27	Tulane * (8 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/3	at Tulsa * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/18	SMU *													
11/25	ECU *													

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 Florida Atlantic (8 p.m., ESPNU)			-/-	-/-									
9/9	Tulane * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/23	Cincinnati * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/30	at Tulsa *													
10/7	Air Force (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
10/14	at Memphis *													
10/21	UCF * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/2	at Temple * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/11	SMU * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/18	at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m., NBC)													
11/24	at Houston * (ABC or ESPN Network)													
12/9	vs. Army ¹ (3 p.m., CBS)													

¹ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

WEST DIVISION RESULTS & SCHEDULES

SMU (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				SMU	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/2	Stephen F. Austin (7 p.m., ESPN3)			-/-	-/-									
9/9	North Texas (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/16	at TCU (3:30 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/23	Arkansas State (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/30	UConn *													
10/7	at Houston *													
10/21	at Cincinnati *													
10/27	Tulsa * (9 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/4	UCF *													
11/11	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/18	at Memphis *													
11/25	Tulane *													

TULANE (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulane	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
9/2	Grambling State (8 p.m., ESPN3)			-/-	-/-									
9/9	at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)													
9/16	at Oklahoma (6 p.m., Fox Sports Oklahoma)													
9/23	Army													
10/7	Tulsa *													
10/14	at Florida International													
10/21	USF *													
10/27	at Memphis * (8 p.m., CBSSN)													
11/4	Cincinnati *													
11/11	at ECU *													
11/18	Houston *													
11/25	at SMU *													

TULSA (0-0, 0-0 American)

Date	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank		Offense					Defense			
				Tulsa	Opp	Rush	Pass	Total	Passing	TO	Rush	Pass	Total	TO
8/31	at Oklahoma State (7:30 p.m., FS1)			rv/rv	10/11									
9/9	Louisiana (4 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/16	at Toledo (7 p.m., ESPN3)													
9/23	New Mexico													
9/30	Navy *													
10/7	at Tulane *													
10/14	Houston *													
10/21	at UConn *													
10/27	at SMU * (9 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/3	Memphis * (8 p.m., ESPN2)													
11/16	at USF * (8 p.m., ESPN)													
11/25	Temple *													

2017 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 26

USF 42, San Jose State 22

Thursday, August 31

Florida International at UCF (6 p.m., CBSSN)
Austin Peay at Cincinnati (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Holy Cross at UConn (7:30 p.m., SNY)
Tulsa at Oklahoma State (7:30 p.m., FS1)
Louisiana-Monroe at Memphis (9 p.m., CBSSN)

Friday, September 1

Navy at Florida Atlantic (8 p.m., ESPNU)

Saturday, September 2

Temple at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m., NBC)
Stony Brook at USF (4 p.m., ESPN3)
James Madison at ECU (6 p.m., ESPN3)
Houston at UTSA (7 p.m., Stadium)
Stephen F. Austin at SMU (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Grambling State at Tulane (8 p.m., ESPN3)

Saturday, September 9

Cincinnati at Michigan (Noon, ABC/ESPN)
USF at UConn * (Noon, ESPNNews)
ECU at West Virginia (Noon, FS2)
Tulane at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
Villanova at Temple (3:30 p.m., ESPN3)
Louisiana at Tulsa (4 p.m., ESPN3)
North Texas at SMU (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Memphis at UCF * (8 p.m., ESPNNews)
Houston at Arizona (10:30 p.m., ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU)

Friday, September 15

Illinois at USF (7 p.m., ESPN)
Massachusetts at Temple (7 p.m., ESPNU)

Saturday, September 16

UConn at Virginia (Noon, ESPNU)
UCLA at Memphis (Noon, ABC/ESPN2)
Virginia Tech at ECU (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
SMU at TCU (3:30 p.m., ESPNU)
Tulane at Oklahoma (6 p.m., Fox Sports Oklahoma)
Tulsa at Toledo (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Georgia Tech at UCF (7:30 p.m., ESPNNews)
Cincinnati at Miami (Ohio) (8 p.m., ESPN3)
Rice at Houston (8 p.m., ESPN3)

Thursday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 23

Cincinnati at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
Arkansas State at SMU (7 p.m., ESPN3)
Southern Illinois at Memphis (8 p.m., ESPN3)
UCF at Maryland
Texas Tech at Houston
Army at Tulane
New Mexico at Tulsa

Saturday, September 30

Maine at UCF (6:30 p.m., ESPN3)
Marshall at Cincinnati
UConn at SMU *
USF at ECU *
Houston at Temple *
Memphis at Georgia State
Navy at Tulsa *

Friday, October 6

Memphis at UConn * (7 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 14

ECU at UCF *
UConn at Temple *
Massachusetts at USF
Houston at Tulsa *
Navy at Memphis *
Tulane at Florida International

Thursday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 21

Temple at Army (Noon, CBSSN)
UCF at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
SMU at Cincinnati *
Tulsa at UConn *
Brigham Young at ECU
USF at Tulane *

Friday, October 27

Tulane at Memphis * (8 p.m., CBSSN)
Tulsa at SMU * (9 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, October 28

Cincinnati at USF *
Missouri at UConn
ECU at Houston *

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

UCF at SMU *
Cincinnati at Tulane *
ECU at UConn *
Houston at USF *

Friday, November 10

Temple at Cincinnati * (7 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, November 11

SMU at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN)
UConn at UCF *
Tulane at ECU *

Thursday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 18

Navy at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m., NBC)
UConn vs. Boston College ¹ (7 p.m., CBSSN)
UCF at Temple *
Cincinnati at ECU *
Houston at Tulane *
SMU at Memphis *

Friday, November 24

USF at UCF * (ABC/ESPN Network)
Navy at Houston * (ABC/ESPN Network)

Saturday, November 25

UConn at Cincinnati *
ECU at Memphis *
Temple at Tulsa *
Tulane at SMU *

Saturday, December 2

American Athletic Conference Championship (ABC/ESPN)

Saturday, December 9

Navy vs. Army ² (3 p.m., CBS)

* American Athletic Conference game

¹ Fenway Park, Boston, Mass.

² Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

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