

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL REPORT 2022 Season • Week 1 (Sept. 1-3)

@American_FB

Contact: Chuck Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner for Communications
csullivan@theamerican.org • 401.641.8760 • @ChuckSullivan15
545 East John Carpenter Freeway • Irving, TX 75062

| SCHOOL <small>AP/Coaches</small> | AMERICAN | | | | | | OVERALL | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|---------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| | W-L | PCT | PF | PA | H | A | W-L | PCT | PF | PA | H | A | N | STREAK |
| UCF | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Won 3 |
| CINCINNATI ^{23/22} | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Lost 1 |
| EAST CAROLINA | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Lost 1 |
| HOUSTON ^{24/25} | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Won 1 |
| MEMPHIS | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Won 1 |
| NAVY | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Won 2 |
| SOUTH FLORIDA | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Lost 5 |
| SMU | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Lost 2 |
| TEMPLE | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Lost 7 |
| TULANE | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Lost 1 |
| TULSA | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | Won 4 |

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

South Carolina State at UCF

Time: 7 p.m.

Series: UCF leads, 3-0

Last Meeting: Sept. 8, 2018 (UCF, 38-0)



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Temple at Duke

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Series: Duke leads, 1-0

Last Meeting: Dec. 27, 2018 (Duke, 56-27)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

NC State at East Carolina

Time: Noon

Series: NC State leads, 18-13

Last Meeting: Aug. 31, 2019 (NC State, 34-6)



Delaware at Navy

Time: Noon

Series: Navy leads, 10-7

Last Meeting: Sept. 14, 2013 (Navy, 51-7)



Cincinnati at Arkansas

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Series: First meeting



Houston at UTSA

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Series: Tied, 1-1

Last Meeting: Aug. 29, 2014 (UTSA, 27-7)



Tulsa at Wyoming

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Series: Tied, 3-3

Last Meeting: Sept. 21, 2019 (Tulsa, 24-21)



BYU at South Florida

Time: 4 p.m.

Series: Tied, 1-1

Last Meeting: Sept. 25, 2021 (BYU, 35-27)



Massachusetts at Tulane

Time: 7 p.m.

Series: Tulane leads, 1-0

Last Meeting: Oct. 1, 2016 (Tulane, 31-24)



Memphis at Mississippi State

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Series: Mississippi State leads, 34-11

Last Meeting: Sept. 18, 2021 (Memphis, 31-29)



SMU at North Texas

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Series: SMU leads, 34-6

Last Meeting: Sept. 11, 2021 (SMU, 35-12)



All times Eastern

THE AMERICAN TODAY

All 11 American Athletic Conference teams are in action in Week 1 of the 2022 season as the conference looks for another history-making season.

The 2021 season saw The American send a team to the College Football Playoff for the first time (Cincinnati) and place seven of its 11 teams in bowl games. The conference matched its best showing in the NFL Draft with 19 players selected, including 10 selections in the draft's first two days.

Nine of The American's games in Week 1 will be on linear television, including Saturday doubleheaders on ESPN and ESPNU and a tripleheader on CBS Sports Network.

The American has two teams in the preseason national polls as Cincinnati is ranked No. 23 in the Associated Press poll and No. 22 in the coaches' poll. Houston is No. 24 and No. 25, respectively.

The American is one of six conferences with two teams ranked in the preseason poll (along with the ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-12 and SEC). It is the second time in the last three years that The American begins a season with two ranked teams.

Cincinnati's season-opener against No. 19/23 Arkansas Saturday is one of three Week 1 games between nationally ranked teams (along with Oregon-Georgia and Notre Dame-Ohio State).

Houston's season-opener at UTSA Saturday is the only Week 1 game between teams that won 12 or more games last season.

Two American Athletic Conference teams will host top-25 opponents in Week 1. East Carolina welcomes No. 13/13 NC State to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, while South Florida entertains No. 25 BYU in Tampa.

American Preseason Media Poll

School (First-Place Votes) ..Points

- Houston (7).....243
- Cincinnati (10).....242
- UCF (7).....225
- SMU.....187
- Memphis.....162
- East Carolina.....157
- Tulane.....115
- Tulsa.....93
- South Florida.....71
- Navy.....61
- Temple.....28

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Glass Ceiling

Cincinnati became the first American Athletic Conference team to reach the College Football Playoff when the Bearcats were No. 4 in the final CFP ranking.

One And Only ...

Cincinnati finished the 2021 regular season as the nation's only unbeaten team (13-0). The Bearcats' only loss in 2021 came to Alabama in the CFP Semifinals.

... But Not The Only One

The American Athletic Conference has had an undefeated team entering Bowl Season in four of the last five seasons (UCF in 2017 and 2018; Cincinnati in 2020 and 2021).

Variety Show

The American Athletic Conference was the only Division I conference that had a team in the 2021 NCAA Men's Final Four (Houston) and in the 2021-22 College Football Playoff (Cincinnati).

Guess Who's Back

Nine of The American's 11 teams return their regular starting quarterback from last season. The only teams in The American to not return its starting signal-caller are Cincinnati (Deshaun Watson) and South Florida (Timmy McClain).

The American's Returning Starting Quarterbacks

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| UCF | Mikey Keene |
| East Carolina | Holton Ahlers |
| Houston | Clayton Tune |
| Memphis | Seth Henigan |
| Navy | Tai Lavatai |
| SMU | Tanner Mordecai |
| Temple | D'wan Mathis |
| Tulane | Michael Pratt |
| Tulsa | Davis Brin |

Draft Cards

The American matched its best showing in the NFL Draft with 19 players selected in 2022. Two American players – Cincinnati CB Ahmad Gardner at No. 4 and Tulsa OT Tyler Smith at No. 24 – were chosen in the first round, while The American had 10 players taken in the first two days of the draft, surpassing the league's previous high of six players.

Magnificent Seven

Seven of The American's 11 teams were selected for Bowl Season in 2021. American Athletic Conference teams were 3-1 in bowl games that were played (three games were canceled)

Mark Your Calendars

Cincinnati's selection to the CFP Semifinal at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl marked the seventh time in the nine-year history of The American that the league has had a team in a Bowl Championship Series or CFP New Year's Six bowl.

The American in CFP/New Year's Six Bowls

| | |
|------|--|
| 2013 | UCF 52, Baylor 42 (Fiesta Bowl) |
| 2015 | Houston 38, Florida State 24 (Peach Bowl) |
| 2017 | UCF 34, Auburn 27 (Peach Bowl) |
| 2018 | LSU 40, UCF 32 (Fiesta Bowl) |
| 2019 | Penn State 53, Memphis 39 (Cotton Bowl) |
| 2020 | Georgia 24, Cincinnati 21 (Peach Bowl) |
| 2021 | Alabama 27, Cincinnati 6 (CFP Semifinal/Cotton Bowl) |

Variety Show

Nine of the 11 American Athletic Conference schools have been ranked in the top 25 since the 2018 season.

Murderers' Row

Navy played the third-toughest schedule nationally according to the NCAA's strength-of-schedule rating. Eleven of the Midshipmen's 12 opponents in 2021 are playing in bowl games.

You're The Best Around

Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell was chosen as the 2021 national coach of the year by seven different organizations.

Within Reach

East Carolina QB Holton Ahlers enters the 2022 season needing 563 yards to tie The American's career passing yards record, set by Tulsa's Dane Evans from 2014-16. Ahlers has 10,219 career passing yards, good for fifth on The American's career chart.

Career Passing Yards

| | | |
|----|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | 10,782 | Dane Evans, Tulsa (2014-16) |
| 2. | 10,690 | Brady White, Memphis (2018-20) |
| 3. | 10,668 | Phillip Walker, Temple (2013-16) |
| 4. | 10,235 | Deshaun Watson, Cincinnati (2018-21) |
| 5. | 10,219 | Holton Ahlers, East Carolina (2018-) |

Career Total Offense

| | | |
|----|--------|--|
| 1. | 12,418 | Deshaun Watson, Cincinnati (2018-21) |
| 2. | 11,802 | Quinton Flowers, South Florida (2014-17) |
| 3. | 11,481 | Holton Ahlers, East Carolina (2018-21) |

Cream Of The Crop

Houston and Cincinnati, the two teams that competed in this year's American Athletic Conference Championship, had a combined record of 23-1 entering Championship Week. The only other FBS championship game in which the teams had a similar record was the SEC (Georgia and Alabama).

Combined Records of FBS Conference Championship Participants

| | | |
|------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 23-1 | American SEC | Cincinnati, Houston Georgia, Alabama |
| 21-3 | Big Ten | Michigan, Iowa |
| | Big 12 | Oklahoma State, Baylor |
| | Sun Belt | Appalachian State, Louisiana |
| 20-4 | ACC | Pitt, Wake Forest |
| | Mountain West | Utah State, San Diego State |
| 19-5 | Conference USA | UTSA, Western Kentucky |
| | Pac-12 | Oregon, Utah |
| 15-9 | MAC | Kent State, Northern Illinois |

We're Streaking!

Cincinnati saw a 13-game winning streak end with the loss to Alabama in the CFP Semifinal. The Bearcats have gone 22-2 in the last two seasons. The two losses were to the two participants in the 2021-22 National Championship Game (Georgia, Alabama).

Everybody's All-Americans

The American Athletic Conference had three players named as NCAA Consensus All-America selections in 2021. Cincinnati CB Ahmad Gardner, Houston CB Marcus Jones and South Florida's Brian Battie earned the nod, as Jones and Battie were chosen as return specialists. Among the 10 NCAA FBS conferences, only the SEC (eight selections) and Big Ten (six selections) had more picks than The American.

Bullies

Cincinnati has won 38 consecutive games against unranked teams.

Point Production

SMU QB Tanner Mordecai set the American Athletic Conference's single-season record with 39 touchdown passes. Mordecai broke the old mark of 38, set by former Memphis QB Riley Ferguson.

Cue The Punt Team

Houston led the nation in third down defense in 2021. The Cougars held opponents to 25.6-percent efficiency on third down (44 of 172).

Got It Covered

Cincinnati finished the 2021 season as the national leader in pass efficiency defense (100.47). The Bearcats limited opponents to a 54.0% completion rate and allowed only 13 passing touchdowns.

Welcome Wagon

The American Athletic Conference will feature two new head coaches in the 2022 season. Rhett Lashlee takes over at SMU, while Stan Drayton is the new head coach at Temple.

2022 MAJOR RULES CHANGES

Targeting

In games that have instant replay, when a targeting foul occurs in the second half, the carryover penalty (of sitting out the first half of that player's next game) will be eligible for further appeal.

The process will begin with a conference submitting a request to the NCAA national coordinator of officials, who would review video of the play. If it is obvious that a player was incorrectly penalized for targeting, the call would be overturned, and the player would be cleared to play in the first half of the next game.

Deceptive Actions

To address teams that are awarded an injury timeout through deceptive actions, panel members approved a reporting and investigation process. Schools and conferences will be able to report questionable scenarios to the national coordinator of officials, who will review and provide feedback to the conference for further action. Any penalties levied would be up to the conference office or school involved.

Blocking Below The Waist

The panel approved a proposal to improve safety and simplify the rules governing blocking below the waist. The proposal will allow blocking below the waist only by linemen and stationary backs inside the tackle box. Outside the tackle box on scrimmage plays, blocking below the waist will be prohibited.

Analysis of available NCAA injury surveillance data indicates a decreasing knee injury trend that coincides with recent rules changes in this area

Feet-First Slides

If a ball-carrier simulates a feet-first slide, officials will declare the runner down at that spot.

Illegal Block or Contact (Fair Catch)

A player who has made a valid or invalid signal for a fair catch and does not touch the ball shall not block or foul an opponent during that down. The penalty is 10 yards from the spot of the foul on a free kick or 10 yards from the postscrimmage kick enforcement on a scrimmage kick. A personal foul committed in conjunction with the action would result in a 15-yard penalty, with flagrant offenders ejected or disqualified.

Illegal Touching

The penalty for illegal touching a legal forward pass shall be five yards from the previous spot and a loss of down.

Defensive Holding

Defensive Holding will remain a 10-yard penalty, but will always carry an automatic first down.

2022 Points of Emphasis

- Protection of defenseless players/targeting
- Concussions
- Disconcerting signals and pre-snap actions
- Feigning an injury
- Unsportsmanlike conduct/taunting
- Sideline control
- Illegal contact against a quarterback/passers

TALKING POINTS

UCF 9-4, 5-3 American



@UCF_Football

Next: Sept. 1 vs. South Carolina State (ESPN+)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Total Offense | 402.5 | 7th |
| Total Defense | 369.3 | 4th |
| Scoring Offense | 31.9 | 4th |
| Scoring Defense | 24.5 | 3rd |

- UCF closed the regular season with five wins in its last six games after the victory against South Florida in the War on I-4.
- UCF went 7-0 at home in 2021 and has gone 30-2 at FBC Mortgage Stadium since the start of the 2017 season.
- The Knights are 49-12 in their last 60 games, trailing only Alabama, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Georgia and Clemson in that stretch.
- Head coach Gus Malzahn has named QB John Rhys Plumlee, a transfer from Ole Miss, as the Knights' starter against South Carolina State.
- UCF returns its top five rushers and six of its top seven receivers from the 2021 season.

EAST CAROLINA 7-5, 5-3 American



@ECUPiratesFB

Next: Sept. 3 vs. NC State (ESPN)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Total Offense | 433.2 | 4th |
| Total Defense | 394.4 | 6th |
| Scoring Offense | 29.7 | 6th |
| Scoring Defense | 26.3 | 4th |

- East Carolina won four of its last five games to close the 2021 season.
- RB Keaton Mitchell and K Owen Daffer were named as first-team all-conference selections by The American's head coaches.
- Mitchell finished the regular season as The American's leader in rushing yards (1,132).
- QB Holton Ahlers threw for 3,126 yards and 18 touchdowns and had six rushing TDs in the regular season.
- Ahlers enters the 2022 season with career totals of 812 completions, 10,219 passing yards, 11,481 total yards and 69 touchdown passes.

MEMPHIS 6-6, 3-5 American



@TigersAthletics

Next: Sept. 3 at Mississippi State (ESPN)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Total Offense | 434.9 | 3rd |
| Total Defense | 418.2 | 9th |
| Scoring Offense | 30.1 | 5th |
| Scoring Defense | 29.3 | 8th |

- Memphis has been bowl-eligible in eight consecutive seasons, the longest such stretch in program history.
- The Tigers are 31-4 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium since the start of the 2017 season.
- QB Seth Henigan passed for 3,322 yards and 25 touchdowns as a true freshman on his way to FWAA Freshman All-America honors.
- Memphis has won 71 games since the start of the 2014 season, the most among American Athletic Conference institutions.
- Memphis' game at Mississippi State marks the first season-opener on the road for the Tigers since 2010, also against the Bulldogs.

CINCINNATI 13-1, 8-0 American



@BearcatsFB

Next: Sept. 3 at Arkansas (ESPN)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Total Offense | 414.5 | 5th |
| Total Defense | 318.4 | 2nd |
| Scoring Offense | 36.9 | 2nd |
| Scoring Defense | 16.9 | 1st |

- Cincinnati became the first American Athletic Conference team to reach the College Football Playoff with its No. 4 finish in the 2021 CFP rankings.
- Cincinnati has won its last 27 home games and has the second-longest homefield winning streak nationally (Clemson, 31).
- Cincinnati is 45-7 since the start of the 2018 season and 22-2 in the last two seasons.
- The Bearcats had nine players selected in the 2022 NFL Draft, trailing only Georgia (15) and LSU (10) nationally.
- The Bearcats have been ranked in an American Athletic Conference-record 45 consecutive national polls.

HOUSTON 12-2, 8-0 American



@UHCougarFB

Next: Sept. 3 at UTSA (CBSSN)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Total Offense | 413.1 | 6th |
| Total Defense | 301.1 | 1st |
| Scoring Offense | 35.9 | 3rd |
| Scoring Defense | 20.4 | 2nd |

- Houston became the fourth team in American Athletic Conference history to finish 8-0 in conference games, joining UCF's 2013, 2017 and 2018 teams.
- The Cougars registered their ninth 10-win season in program history and their first since 2015.
- Houston made a nine-game improvement in the win column from 2020 to 2021. The Cougars went 3-5 in 2020 and 12-2 last season.
- The Cougars' eight-game conference winning streak is Houston's longest since a 10-game stretch from 2011-12, when Houston was in Conference USA.
- Houston was chosen as the American Athletic Conference favorite for the second time in the league's 10 seasons (2016).

NAVY 4-8, 3-5 American



@NavyAthletics

Next: Sept. 3 vs. Delaware (CBSSN)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| Total Offense | 282.3 | 11th |
| Total Defense | 348.6 | 3rd |
| Scoring Offense | 20.1 | 10th |
| Scoring Defense | 28.3 | 6th |

- Navy enters the 2022 season with 729 wins in program history, tying Arkansas for 26th among NCAA FBS teams.
- Navy has gone 33-22 in the American Athletic Conference since joining the league in 2015.
- The Midshipmen are 55-22 at home under head coach Ken Niumatalolo.
- Navy's 12 opponents in 2022 were a combined 100-52 (.658) last season, making the Midshipmen's schedule the toughest in the nation based on opponents' winning percentage.
- The Midshipmen committed only eight turnovers in 2021, by far the fewest among American Athletic Conference teams and the third-fewest of any NCAA FBS team.

TALKING POINTS

SOUTH FLORIDA 2-10, 1-7 American



@USFFootball

Next: Sept. 3 vs. BYU (ESPN)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| Total Offense | 351.2 | 10th |
| Total Defense | 472.2 | 11th |
| Scoring Offense | 23.2 | 9th |
| Scoring Defense | 34.7 | 10th |

- South Florida returns 20 starters from last year's team (nine on offense, nine on defense, two on special teams).
- QB Gerry Bohanon, who led Baylor to the Big 12 championship game last season, was named as the Bulls' Opening Day starter by coach Jeff Scott.
- RB Brian Battie was chosen as an NCAA Consensus All-America selection as a return specialist. He is the first South Florida player since George Selvie in 2007 to be named to the Consensus All-America team.
- South Florida has 12 'super seniors' on its roster.
- Nine of South Florida's 12 opponents earned bowl bids last season. Three of the 12 finished in the final national polls of 2021.

SMU 8-4, 4-4 American



@SMU_Football

Next: Sept. 3 at North Texas (CBSSN)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Total Offense | 465.9 | 1st |
| Total Defense | 414.5 | 8th |
| Scoring Offense | 38.4 | 1st |
| Scoring Defense | 28.4 | 6th |

- Saturday's game at North Texas will mark Rhett Lashlee's head coaching debut.
- QB Tanner Mordecai had an American Athletic Conference-record 39 touchdown passes in 2021.
- SMU has won at least eight games in two of the last three seasons.
- SMU won its first seven games of the 2021 season, but the Mustangs dropped four of their last five to close the regular season.
- SMU has been bowl-eligible four times in the last five seasons. The Mustangs were slated to face Virginia in the Wasabi Fenway Bowl last year before the game was canceled.

TEMPLE 3-9, 1-7 American



@Temple_FB

Next: Sept. 2 at Duke (ACC Network)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| Total Offense | 287.4 | 10th |
| Total Defense | 398.3 | 7th |
| Scoring Offense | 16.3 | 11th |
| Scoring Defense | 37.5 | 11th |

- Stan Drayton was named as Temple's 29th head coach. Drayton had most recently served as associate head coach at Texas and was running back coach at Ohio State in 2015, when the Buckeyes won the College Football Playoff National Championship.
- The Owls started the 2021 season with three wins in their first five games, but dropped their last seven games, all by at least 20 points.
- Temple had been bowl-eligible in six consecutive seasons prior to the 2020 COVID-affected season.
- More than half of Temple's 2022 roster has four years of eligibility remaining.
- Temple scored at least 34 points in each of its three wins last season, but was held to 14 points or fewer in each of its nine losses.

TULANE 2-10, 1-7 American



@GreenWaveFB

Next: Sept. 3 vs. Massachusetts (ESPN+)

American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| Total Offense | 386.5 | 8th |
| Total Defense | 429.6 | 10th |
| Scoring Offense | 27.6 | 7th |
| Scoring Defense | 34.0 | 9th |

- Tulane saw a streak of three consecutive seasons with bowl eligibility come to an end last season.
- The Green Wave features one of the nation's more experienced teams, with 18 returning starters (nine on offense, nine on defense).
- RB Tyjae Spears rushed for 863 yards and nine touchdowns in only nine games, including 264 yards in the season-finale against Memphis.
- QB Michael Pratt enters his third season as the Green Wave's starting signal-caller. Pratt hrew for 2,390 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2021.
- Tulane, which didn't play a game at Yulman Stadium until Sept. 25 last season, plays three of its first four at home in 2022, beginning with Saturday's contest against Massachusetts.

TULSA 7-6, 5-3 American



@TulsaFootball

Next: Sept. 3 at Wyoming (FS1)

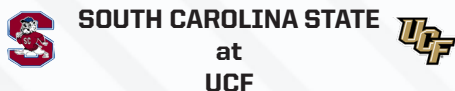
American Ranks

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Total Offense | 443.5 | 2nd |
| Total Defense | 370.9 | 5th |
| Scoring Offense | 26.4 | 8th |
| Scoring Defense | 26.6 | 5th |

- Tulsa won its last three games of the regular season to secure bowl eligibility for the second consecutive year. The Golden Hurricane closed the year with a win against Old Dominion in the Myrtle Beach Bowl.
- Tulsa came from behind to win four games in the 2021 regular season and has 20 comeback wins under coach Philip Montgomery.
- The Golden Hurricane went 6-2 in its last eight games to offset a 1-4 start.
- Tulsa was picked eighth in the American Athletic Conference preseason poll. The Golden Hurricane has finished at least three places higher than its predicted finish in the last two seasons.
- Tulsa's schedule included three games against teams ranked in the top seven of the final Associated Press poll of the regular season.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1 • 7 P.M. • ESPN+



FBC Mortgage Stadium (44,206/Natural Grass)
Orlando, Florida

Television
ESPN+

Richard Cross and Leger Douzable

Radio

WYGM-FM 96.9 (UCF flagship)

THE GAME

Thursday's game will be the fourth meeting between UCF and South Carolina State ... The Knights won the first three matchups by a combined score of 93-0, including back-to-back 38-0 victories in the 2016 and 2018 season openers ... The 2018 win was the 14th consecutive victory in the Knights' 25-game winning streak spanning 2017-18.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
0-0, 0-0 MEAC

Head Coach

Oliver "Buddy" Pough (South Carolina State '75)
143-80, 21st season

Information Contact

Kendrick Lewis
(803) 536-8227, klewisl9@scsu.edu

Notes

South Carolina State enters head coach Buddy Pough's 21st season on the heels of an outstanding 2021 campaign that ended with a MEAC title and a win against Jackson State in the Celebration Bowl ... The Bulldogs went 7-5 overall and 5-0 in the MEAC, capturing their 18th conference title ... South Carolina State started at 1-4, including setbacks to Clemson and New Mexico State, but rallied to win six of its last seven games ... The top returning players from last year include WR Shaquan Davis, who had 43 receptions for 864 yards and eight touchdowns in 2021, and DL Jeblonski Green Jr., who had 41 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss and an interception in only nine games ... Green was the MEAC leader in tackles for loss ... The game against UCF is the first of two against FBS opponents for the Bulldogs, who visit South Carolina Oct. 1.

rv/rv UCF
0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Gus Malzahn (Henderson State '90)
9-4, second season at UCF
86-42, 11th season as collegiate head coach

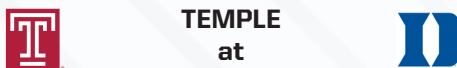
Information Contact

Justin Wilson
(336) 660-8584, jwilson@athletics.ucf.edu

Notes

UCF was picked third in the American Athletic Conference preseason media poll after the Knights battled through key injuries to finish 9-4 overall and 5-3 in The American last season ... UCF capped Gus Malzahn's first year on the Knight sideline with a 29-17 win against Florida in the Gasparilla Bowl ... UCF returns 19 starters from last year's team, including the starting quarterback, leading receiver and the top five rushers ... Former Ole Miss QB John Rhys Plumlee has been announced as the Opening Day starter ... QB Mikey Keene threw for 1,730 yards and 17 touchdowns against six interceptions as a true freshman ... RB Johnny Richardson rushed for 733 yards and averaged 7.0 yards per carry, while RB Isaian Bowser had 703 yards and nine TDs in eight games.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 • 7:30 P.M. • ACC NETWORK



Wallace Wade Stadium (40,004/Natural Grass)
Durham, North Carolina

Television
ACC Network

Wes Durham, Roddy Jones and Taylor Davis

Radio

WPEN-FM 97.5 (Temple flagship)
SiriusXM 380/970

THE GAME

Friday's game will be the second meeting between Temple and Duke ... The only previous game was Duke's 56-27 win in the 2018 Independence Bowl, when Blue Devils QB Daniel Jones threw for 423 yards and five touchdowns ... That game came after then-Owls coach Geoff Collins resigned to take the head coaching position at Georgia Tech.

TEMPLE
0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Stan Drayton (Allegheny '93)
0-0, first season

Information Contact

Rich Burg
(215) 356-3952, rich.burg@Temple.edu

Notes

Temple, which went 3-9 last year, looks to return to the form that sent the Owls to bowl eligibility in six consecutive seasons (from 2014-19) ... First-year head coach Stan Drayton was most recently running backs coach at Texas and won national championships while on the staffs at Florida and Ohio State ... Drayton will be Temple's fourth head coach in the last seven season-openers ... More than half of the Owls' 2022 roster has four years of eligibility remaining ... QB D'Wan Mathis was limited by injuries to seven games, but passed for 1,225 yards and six touchdowns in 2021 ... Mathis will be pressed by former North Dakota State and Virginia Tech QB Quincy Patterson ... WR Jose Barbon (40 rec., 440 yards, 2 TD) is the top returning receiver ... OT Peace Addo played in 17 career games at Duke before transferring to Temple.

DUKE
0-0, 0-0 ACC

Head Coach

Mike Elko (Penn '99)
0-0, first season

Information Contact

Kat Castner
(919) 684-8708, kat.castner@duke.edu

Notes

Duke had put together a stretch of five bowl appearances in six seasons between 2013 and 2018, but the Blue Devils have finished below .500 in each of the last three seasons, including last year's 3-9 mark ... Duke has lost 13 consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference games ... Mike Elko makes his head coaching debut after 24 years as an assistant, most recently as defensive coordinator at Texas A&M ... Elko was the defensive coordinator at Wake Forest in the Demon Deacons' Military Bowl win against Temple in 2016 ... Offensive coordinator Kevin Johns is familiar with the American Athletic Conference after spending the last three seasons in a similar role at Memphis ... Duke returns 13 starters from last season and has to replace its leading passer, rusher and receiver ... The Blue Devils return four of five starters on the offensive line.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • NOON • ESPN



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

Television
ESPN

Anish Shroff, Brock Osweiler and Lauren Sisler

Radio

WNCT-FM 107.9 (East Carolina flagship)
SiriusXM 113/956

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 32nd meeting between NC State and East Carolina in a series that dates to 1970 ... The Wolfpack holds an 18-13 series lead and has taken the last two ... East Carolina was a 33-30 winner in 2016 the last time the teams met in Greenville ... Former ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill is on Dave Doeren's staff at NC State.

13/13 NC STATE
0-0, 0-0 ACC

Head Coach

Dave Doeren (Drake '94)
64-49, 10th season at NC State
87-53, 12th season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

Annabelle Myers
(919) 819-8302, annabelle_myers@ncsu.edu

Notes

NC State is ranked in the preseason national polls for the first time since 2003, while the Wolfpack's No. 13 ranking matches the best preseason slot in program history ... NC State was picked second in the Atlantic Division in the preseason ACC media poll, trailing only Clemson ... NC State went 9-3 overall and 6-2 in the ACC last year ... The Wolfpack was slated to play UCLA in the Holiday Bowl, which was eventually canceled ... NC State returns 18 starters from last year, including 10 defensive starters ... QB Devin Leary was chosen as the 2022 ACC preseason player of the year after he passed for 3,433 yards and 35 touchdowns against only five interceptions ... LB Drake Thomas (100 tackles) and S Tanner Ingle (82 tackles) were both All-ACC first team choices last year.

EAST CAROLINA
0-0, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Mike Houston (Mars Hill '94)
14-19, fourth season at ECU
94-44, 12th season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

Malcolm Gray
(252) 414-2021, graym@ecu.edu

Notes

East Carolina returned to bowl eligibility for the first time since the 2014 season as the Pirates went 7-5 overall and 5-3 in The American last season ... East Carolina was scheduled to face Boston College in the Military Bowl before the game was canceled ... The Pirates won four of their last five regular-season games last season ... ECU has 16 returning starters from last season ... QB Holton Ahlers enters his fifth year as the Pirates' starter and is poised to shatter nearly every American Athletic Conference career passing record ... Ahlers passed for 3,126 yards and 18 touchdowns last season and added six rushing TDs ... RB Keaton Mitchell had 1,132 yards and nine touchdowns as a freshman, while RB Rahjai Harris had 583 yards and four TDs.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • NOON • CBSSN



DELAWARE at NAVY



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

Television

CBS Sports Network

Chick Hernandez, Randy Cross and Sheehan Starwick Burch

Radio

WBAL-AM 1090 (Navy flagship)
SiriusXM 106/964

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 18th meeting between Navy and Delaware in a series that dates to 1931 ... Navy holds a 10-7 series lead and has won the last three meetings, most recently a 51-7 decision in the 2013 season ... The last 11 matchups have been played in Annapolis ... Delaware's last win in the series was a 59-52 victory in 2007.

DELAWARE O-O, O-O CAA

Head Coach

Ryan Carty (Delaware '06)
O-O, first season

Information Contact

Brendan Thomas
(207) 400-2840, brendant@udel.edu

Notes

Delaware is ranked No. 19 in the AFCA FCS preseason poll ... The Blue Hens went 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the Colonial Athletic Association last season ... Ryan Carty enters his first year as head coach at his alma mater after spending the last four seasons as the offensive coordinator at Sam Houston State and 11 seasons as an assistant at New Hampshire ... The Blue Hens were picked second in the CAA preseason poll, trailing only conference favorite Villanova ... WR Thyrick Pitts is a preseason All-CAA selection after he had 43 catches for 669 yards and seven touchdowns last season ... The defense is paced by DB Kedrick Whitehead, an FCS All-America selection who had 76 tackles and eight pass breakups ... Delaware was the NCAA Division II champion in 1979 and the Division I-AA (now FCS) champion in 2003.

NAVY O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Ken Niumatalolo (Hawaii '89)
105-75, 15th season

Information Contact

Scott Strasemeier
(410) 293-8775, sstrasem@usna.edu

Notes

Navy went 4-8 last season against a schedule that was rated as the third-toughest by the NCAA ... Navy's 12 opponents were a combined 94-48 last season ... Eleven of the 12 teams played in bowl games ... Head coach Ken Niumatalolo is the winningest coach in program history with 105 career victories ... The Midshipmen were picked 10th in the American Athletic Conference preseason media poll ... Navy has gone 33-22 in American Athletic Conference games since joining the league in 2015 ... Navy returns 12 starters from last year ... QB Tai Lavatai returns as the starting signal-caller after he rushed for 371 yards and seven touchdowns and threw five touchdown passes last year ... The defense is led by LB John Marshall, who had 54 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss ... K Bijan Nichols hit 15 of 19 field goal attempts.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • 3:30 P.M. • ESPN



CINCINNATI at ARKANSAS



AT&T Stadium (71,815/Matrix Field Turf)
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Television

ESPN

Dave Flemming, Rod Gilmore and Tiffany Blackmon

Radio

WLW-AM 700 (Cincinnati flagship)
SiriusXM 158/965

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between Cincinnati and Arkansas ... The Bearcats are 17-46-3 all-time against members of the SEC, while the Razorbacks are 114-55-8 all-time against The American's current roster ... Cincinnati's last game against an SEC team was against Alabama in last year's College Football Playoff semifinal.

23/22 CINCINNATI O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Luke Fickell (Ohio State '97)
48-15, sixth season at Cincinnati
54-22, seventh season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

Zach Stipe
(865) 244-6119, zach.stipe@uc.edu

Notes

Cincinnati enjoyed its best season in program history in 2021 as the Bearcats went 13-1 overall and 8-0 in The American, reached the College Football Playoff semifinals and finished the year ranked No. 4 nationally ... The Bearcats are 22-2 in the last two seasons with lone losses to the participants in last year's National Championship (Georgia, Alabama) ... Cincinnati saw nine players taken in the 2022 NFL Draft, but the Bearcats return 14 starters from a year ago ... QB Ben Bryant returns to Cincinnati after spending last season as the starter at Eastern Michigan ... Bryant and QB Evan Prater are in competition for the Opening Day starting duties ... The defense is led by LB Deshawn Pace, who had 94 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss and four interceptions in 2021.

19/23 ARKANSAS O-O, O-O SEC

Head Coach

Sam Pittman (Pittsburg State '86)
35-14, fifth season at Cincinnati
41-21, sixth season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

Kyle Parkinson
(479) 387-4753, kparkin@uark.edu

Notes

Arkansas enjoyed a turnaround season in Sam Pittman's second year in Fayetteville as the Razorbacks went 9-4 after winning no more than four games in the four previous seasons ... Arkansas capped the season with a 24-10 win against Penn State in the Outback Bowl ... The Razorbacks started the year at 4-0, then shook off a three-game slide by winning five of its last six ... Arkansas has only 11 returning starters from last season, including four on defense ... The Razorbacks are ranked in the preseason top 25 for the first time since 2015 ... QB KJ Jefferson passed for 2,676 yards and 21 touchdowns and four interceptions last season and was the leading rusher with 654 yards and six touchdowns ... LB Bumper Pool registered 125 tackles and 7.5 tackles for loss.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • 3:30 P.M. • CBSSN



HOUSTON at UTSA



Alamodome (36,582/FusionH XP2 Synthetic)
San Antonio, Texas

Television

CBS Sports Network

Rich Waltz, Aaron Taylor and Sherree Burruss

Radio

KPRC-AM 950 (Houston flagship)
SiriusXM 106/964

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between Houston and UTSA ... It is the only Week 1 matchup nationally between 12-win teams from last year ... The Cougars won 59-28 in San Antonio in 2013 behind four TD passes from QB John O'Korn ... The Roadrunners claimed a 27-7 victory in 2014 in the first game at Houston's TDECU Stadium.

24/25 HOUSTON O-O, O-O American

Head Coach

Dana Holgorsen (Iowa Wesleyan '93)
19-15, fourth season at Houston
80-56, 12th season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

Andrew Pate
(713) 387-9119, arpate@central.uh.edu

Notes

Houston went 12-2 overall and 8-0 in American Athletic Conference regular-season play in 2021 and closed the year with a 17-13 win against Auburn in the Birmingham Bowl ... The Cougars have 14 starters back from last year and were tabbed as the favorites in the 2022 American preseason media poll ... The top offensive player is WR Nathaniel Dell, who had 90 receptions for 1,329 yards and 12 touchdowns, leading The American in all three categories ... QB Clayton Tune passed for 3,548 yards and 30 touchdowns ... RB Alton McCaskill, the 2021 American Rookie of the Year, suffered a preseason knee injury and could be out for the season ... LB Donovan Mutin led the defense with 77 tackles to go with 6.5 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles in 2021.

-/rv UTSA O-O, O-O Conference USA

Head Coach

Jeff Traylor (Stephen F. Austin '90)
19-7 third season

Information Contact

Kyle Stephens
(210) 887-3636, kyle.stephens@utsa.edu

Notes

UTSA enjoyed the best season in the relatively young history of the program last year as the Roadrunners went 12-2 overall and won the Conference USA title ... UTSA earned a top-25 ranking for the first time, peaking at No. 15 in the Nov. 7 Associated Press poll ... UTSA takes a 10-game winning streak at the Alamodome into the 2022 season-opener ... UTSA which returns 14 starters, is the favorite in the Conference USA preseason poll, while QB Frank Harris was named as the league's preseason player of the year ... Harris passed for 3,177 yards and 27 touchdowns and added 566 rushing yards and six TDs on the ground last season ... WR Zakhari Franklin had 81 catches for 1,027 yards and 12 TDs ... S Rashad Wisdom leads the defense after he had 88 tackles with four tackles for loss, six pass breakups and a forced fumble.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • 3:30 P.M. • FS1



TULSA at WYOMING



War Memorial Stadium (29,181/FieldTurf)
Laramie, Wyoming

Television
FS1
TBD

Radio
KXBL-FM 99.5 (Tulsa flagship)
SiriusXM 380/970

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the seventh meeting between Tulsa and Wyoming and will break a 3-3 tie in the series ... Wyoming won the first three matchups (in 1954, 1955 and 1994), and Tulsa has won the last three (1995, 1998, 2019) ... Saturday's contest will be the first meeting in Laramie since the 1994 game.

TULSA O-O, O-O American

Head Coach
Philip Montgomery (Tarleton State '95)
38-46, eighth season

Information Contact
Don Tomkalski
(918) 640-0683, donald-tomkalski@utulsa.edu

Notes

Tulsa stood at 1-4 through five games of the 2021 season, but the Golden Hurricane rebounded to go 6-2 down to close the year, including a 30-17 win against Old Dominion in the Myrtle Beach Bowl ... Tulsa needed to win its last three regular-season games to clinch bowl eligibility and scored two road victories in that stretch ... Tulsa has 14 returning starters from last year ... QB Davis Brin enters his second year as the starter ... Brin passed for 3,244 yards and 18 touchdowns, but had 16 interceptions last season ... WR Kylon Stokes was limited by injuries to only four games last season, but had 1,040 receiving yards in 2019 ... LB Justin Wright led the defense with 82 tackles to go with 3.5 sacks, 5.5 tackles for loss an interception and a forced fumble ... K Zach Long made 22 of 23 field goal attempts last season.

WYOMING O-1, O-O Mountain West

Head Coach
Craig Bohl (Nebraska '82)
51-57, ninth season at Wyoming
155-89, 20th season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact
Tim Harkins
(307) 766-2321, tharkins@uwyo.edu

Notes

Wyoming opened its 2022 season with a 38-6 loss at Illinois in Week 0, giving the Cowboys their first setback in a nonconference season-opener since 2017 ... The Cowboys were outgained 479-212 against Illinois and had only 10 first downs ... QB Andrew Peasley, a transfer from Utah State, got the start against Illinois and went 5-for-20 for 30 yards and an interception ... A bright spot was RB Titus Sven, who gained 98 yards and averaged 5.8 yards per carry on 17 attempts ... Wyoming went 7-6 last season ... The Cowboys won their first four games, dropped the following four, and rebounded to win three of the last five, including a 52-38 win against Kent State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl ... Sven rushed for 785 yards and nine touchdowns on 132 carries last season.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • 4 P.M. • ESPNU



BYU at SOUTH FLORIDA



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

Television
ESPNU
Ted Emrich, Barrett Brooks and Ashley Stroehlein

Radio
WHPT-FM 102.5 (South Florida flagship)
SiriusXM 143

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the third meeting between BYU and South Florida ... The teams have split the first two meetings ... The Bulls scored a 27-23 victory in Tampa in 2019, while the Cougars took last year's matchup 35-27 in Provo ... Last year's matchup saw BYU take a 21-0 first quarter lead before the Bulls' comeback bid fell short.

25/rv BYU O-O

Head Coach
Kalani Sitake (BYU '00)
48-29, seventh season

Information Contact
Brett Pyne
(801) 367-1631, brett_pyne@byu.edu

Notes

BYU went 10-3 last season and finished the year ranked No. 19 in the Associated Press poll ... The Cougars return 21 starters from that team and are ranked No. 25 in the 2022 preseason poll ... BYU will join three current American Athletic Conference schools in the Big 12 Conference as of July 1, 2023, ending 12 seasons as an FBS independent ... The Cougars return all 11 starters from a defense that held seven of 13 opponents to 20 points or fewer ... LB Ben Bywater had a team-high 102 tackles to go with 8.5 tackles for loss to lead the defense ... QB Jaren Hall made 10 starts last year and passed for 2,583 yards and 20 touchdowns ... WR Puka Nacua is the top receiver after he had 43 catches for 805 yards and six touchdowns in 2021 ... P Ryan Rehkow ranked fourth nationally with 48.6 yards per punt.

SOUTH FLORIDA O-O, O-O American

Head Coach
Jeff Scott (Clemson '03)
3-18, second season

Information Contact
Brian Siegrist
(813) 293-3897, siegrist@usf.edu

Notes

South Florida went 2-10 last season, but hopes are high in Tampa as the Bulls return 20 starters, entering the season as one of the most experienced teams nationally ... In addition to the returning starters, the Bulls also boast the return of RB Brian Battie, an NCAA Consensus All-America selection as a kick returner in 2021 ... Battie averaged 32.5 yards on kickoff returns and led the nation with three 100-yard touchdowns ... QB Gerry Bohanon was named as the No. 1 signal-caller after transferring from Baylor, where he led the Bears to the Big 12 title last season ... RB Jaren Mangham had a team-high 671 rushing yards with 15 touchdowns, while WR Xavier Weaver had 715 receiving yards and two TDs ... The defense is paced by LB Antonio Grier, who had 92 tackles, 3.0 sacks, 9.0 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and two interceptions.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • 7 P.M. • ESPN+



MASSACHUSETTS at TULANE



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

Television
ESPN+
Jack Benjamin and Brian Kinchen

Radio
KVUD-FM 104.1 (Tulane flagship)
SiriusXM 387/977

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the second meeting between Massachusetts and Tulane ... The only previous matchup was the Green Wave's 31-24 win in Foxborough, Massachusetts, Oct. 1, 2016 ... Tulane WR Terren Encalade had seven receptions for 125 yards and a touchdown as part of a 24-0 run as the Green Wave overcame a 14-0 deficit.

MASSACHUSETTS O-O

Head Coach
Don Brown (Norwich '77)
43-19, sixth season at Massachusetts
95-45, 13th season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact
Hana Johnson
(413) 575-4470, hanajohnson@umass.edu

Notes

Massachusetts went 1-11 last season and has gone 2-26 in the last three seasons, but the Minutemen have turned to former head coach Don Brown to reverse the program's fortunes ... Brown previously served as UMass' head coach from 2004-08 and led the Minutemen to the NCAA FCS championship game ... Brown was also the defensive coordinator on the Minutemen's 1998 FCS national championship team ... UMass is in its seventh year as an FBS independent and thus has seven road games on its 2022 schedule ... The Minutemen return 17 starters ... The top player on offense is RB Ellis Merriweather, who rushed for 1,138 yards and five touchdowns last season ... WR Rico Arnold had 27 catches for 461 yards and three TDs ... The Minutemen return their top five tacklers on defense.

TULANE O-O, O-O American

Head Coach
Willie Fritz (Pittsburg State '83)
31-43, seventh season at Tulane
202-112, 25th season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact
Jason Corriher
(504) 862-8249, jcorriher@tulane.edu

Notes

Tulane looks to bounce back from a 2-10 season that was initially disrupted by the impact of Hurricane Ida, which caused the Green Wave to relocate its operation to Birmingham, Alabama ... Tulane opened some eyes in a 40-35 setback to then-No. 2 Oklahoma in the season-opener, but the Green Wave endured an eight-game slide in the middle of the season ... Tulane returns 18 starters from last year ... QB Michael Pratt enters his third years as the Green Wave's starter ... Pratt threw for 2,381 yards and 21 touchdowns last season ... The top rusher is RB Tyjae Spears, who returned from a knee injury to finish with 863 yards and nine touchdowns in 2021 ... LB Nick Anderson, who had 4.0 sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss, leads a veteran defense that has nine starters back.

WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • 7:30 P.M. • ESPN



MEMPHIS at MISSISSIPPI STATE



Davis Wade Stadium (61,337/Natural Grass)
Starkville, Mississippi

Television

ESPN

Clay Matvick, Rocky Boiman and Dawn Davenport

Radio

WKIM-FM 98.9 (Memphis flagship)
SiriusXM 380/970

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 46th meeting between Memphis and Mississippi State in a series that dates to 1951 ... The Tigers' snapped the Bulldogs' 12-game winning streak in the series with a 31-29 win last year in Memphis ... Mississippi State holds a 33-12 series lead and has won six straight in Starkville.

MEMPHIS O-O, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Ryan Silverfield (Hamden-Sydney '03)
14-12, third season

Information Contact

Scott Burns
(812) 322-5285 scott.burns@memphis.edu

Notes

Memphis went 6-6 last season as the Tigers gained bowl eligibility for a program-record eighth consecutive season ... Memphis was selected to play against Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl before the game was canceled ... The Tigers return 15 starters from last season ... QB Seth Henigan was named as an FWAA Freshman All-America after he passed for 3,322 yards and 25 touchdowns against eight interceptions as a true freshman ... RB Brandon Thomas led the team with 669 rushing yards and eight touchdowns ... WR Javon Ivory is the top returning receiver with 29 catches for 413 yards and three TDs last season ... The defense is led by S Quindell Johnson, a two-time all-conference selection who had 105 tackles and 11 pass breakups in 2021 ... S Rodney Owens had 78 tackles with two interceptions and five pass breakups.

rv/rv MISSISSIPPI STATE O-O, 0-0 SEC

Head Coach

Mike Leach (BYU '83)
11-13, third season at Mississippi State
150-103, 21st season as collegiate head coach

Information Contact

Brandon Langlois
(662) 325-0093, blanglois@athletics.msstate.edu

Notes

Mississippi State went 7-6 in Mike Leach's second season on the Bulldogs' sideline ... The Bulldogs fell 34-7 to Texas Tech in the Liberty Bowl to close the year ... The Bulldogs faced five top-25 teams and went 3-2 against ranked opponents ... Mississippi State is one of the nation's most experienced teams in 2022, with 19 returning starters ... QB Will Rogers is the engineer of the Bulldogs' Air Raid offense ... Rogers passed for 4,739 yards and 36 touchdowns last season ... WR Jaden Walley had 55 catches for 628 yards and six touchdowns and is one of four returning players who had at least 50 receptions last season ... LB Jett Johnson leads the defense after he had 87 tackles last year ... LB Tyrus Wheat and 7.5 sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 • 7:30 P.M. • CBSSN



SMU at NORTH TEXAS



Apogee Stadium (30,850/FieldTurf)
Denton, Texas

Television

CBS Sports Network
Dave Ryan and Tom Herman

Radio

KTCK-FM 96.7 (SMU flagship)
SiriusXM 384/974

THE GAME

Saturday's game will be the 42nd meeting between SMU and North Texas in a series that dates to 1922 ... The Mustangs hold a 34-6-1 series lead and have won the last three matchups, including a 35-12 decision last year in Dallas ... North Texas' last win against SMU was a 46-23 victory in Denton in 2018.

-/rv SMU O-O, 0-0 American

Head Coach

Rhett Lashlee (Arkansas '08)
0-0, first season

Information Contact

Lindsey Olsen
(214) 768-4970, lmolsen@smu.edu

Notes

SMU makes its debut under new head coach Rhett Lashlee, the Mustangs' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 2018-19 who was at Miami (Fla.) for the last two seasons ... Lashlee inherits a squad that went 8-4 overall and 4-4 in The American last season ... SMU won its first seven games and was ranked as high as No. 16 in the coaches' poll before going 1-4 down the stretch ... The Mustangs were slated to face Virginia in the Fenway Bowl, which was canceled ... SMU has 13 starters back from last year ... QB Tanner Mordecai passed for 3,628 yards and an American Athletic Conference-record 39 touchdown passes last season ... WR Rashee Rice had 670 yards and nine touchdowns on 64 receptions ... DE Elijah Chatman is the player to watch on defense after he had 40 tackles with 10.0 tackles for loss in 2021.

NORTH TEXAS 1-0, 1-0 Conference USA

Head Coach

Seth Littrell (Oklahoma '01)
38-38, seventh season

Information Contact

Taylor Bryan
(254) 709-4411, taylor.bryan@unt.edu

Notes

North Texas is off to a 1-0 start in Conference USA play after the Mean Green scored a 31-13 Week 0 win against UTEP in El Paso ... QB Austin Aune led the way, going 16-of-29 for 236 yards and three touchdowns without an interception ... The Mean Green was 5-for-5 in red zone chances against the Miners ... North Texas has won six straight games against Conference USA opponents after the Mean Green won its last five regular-season games of 2021 ... North Texas went 6-7 last season, going 1-6 to start before rallying for the five-game winning streak to close the regular season ... Aune passed for 1,991 yards and nine touchdowns and nine interceptions in 13 games last season ... The top defensive player is LB KD Davis, who was an all-conference selection after he had 121 tackles and 13.0 tackles for loss in 2021.

NATIONAL POLLS

Associated Press Poll

Preseason Poll

| School | Record | Pts |
|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Alabama (54) | 0-0 | 1,566 |
| 2. Ohio State (6) | 0-0 | 1,506 |
| 3. Georgia (3) | 0-0 | 1,455 |
| 4. Clemson | 0-0 | 1,292 |
| 5. Notre Dame | 0-0 | 1,242 |
| 6. Texas A&M | 0-0 | 1,212 |
| 7. Utah | 0-0 | 1,209 |
| 8. Michigan | 0-0 | 1,203 |
| 9. Oklahoma | 0-0 | 956 |
| 10. Baylor | 0-0 | 884 |
| 11. Oregon | 0-0 | 831 |
| 12. Oklahoma State | 0-0 | 814 |
| 13. NC State | 0-0 | 752 |
| 14. USC | 0-0 | 711 |
| 15. Michigan State | 0-0 | 631 |
| 16. Miami (Fla.) | 0-0 | 476 |
| 17. Pitt | 0-0 | 383 |
| 18. Wisconsin | 0-0 | 365 |
| 19. Arkansas | 0-0 | 348 |
| 20. Kentucky | 0-0 | 332 |
| 21. Ole Miss | 0-0 | 324 |
| 22. Wake Forest | 0-0 | 303 |
| 23. Cincinnati | 0-0 | 265 |
| 24. Houston | 0-0 | 263 |
| 25. BYU | 0-0 | 234 |

Receiving votes: Tennessee 180, Texas 164, Iowa 163, Penn State 160, LSU 55, Fresno State 32, Minnesota 31, **UCF 27**, Purdue 17, Mississippi State 15, Auburn 15, Kansas State 14, Florida 14, North Carolina 9, Boise State 5, Appalachian State 4, Air Force 4, South Carolina 2, Utah State 2, San Diego State 2, Nebraska 1

USA Today Coaches' Poll

Preseason Poll

| School | Record | Pts |
|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Alabama (54) | 0-0 | 1,634 |
| 2. Ohio State (5) | 0-0 | 1,564 |
| 3. Georgia (6) | 0-0 | 1,542 |
| 4. Clemson | 0-0 | 1,356 |
| 5. Notre Dame | 0-0 | 1,284 |
| 6. Michigan | 0-0 | 1,232 |
| 7. Texas A&M | 0-0 | 1,219 |
| 8. Utah | 0-0 | 1,134 |
| 9. Oklahoma | 0-0 | 1,027 |
| 10. Baylor | 0-0 | 891 |
| 11. Oklahoma State | 0-0 | 859 |
| 12. Oregon | 0-0 | 734 |
| 13. NC State | 0-0 | 726 |
| 14. Michigan State | 0-0 | 711 |
| 15. USC | 0-0 | 602 |
| 16. Pitt | 0-0 | 450 |
| 17. Miami (Fla.) | 0-0 | 433 |
| 18. Texas (1) | 0-0 | 383 |
| 19. Wake Forest | 0-0 | 381 |
| 20. Wisconsin | 0-0 | 369 |
| 21. Kentucky | 0-0 | 353 |
| 22. Cincinnati | 0-0 | 339 |
| 23. Arkansas | 0-0 | 334 |
| 24. Ole Miss | 0-0 | 327 |
| 25. Houston | 0-0 | 257 |

Receiving votes: Iowa 248, Penn State 246, Tennessee 163, BYU 152, LSU 143, Auburn 98, **UCF 55**, North Carolina 34, San Diego State 25, Fresno State 21, Mississippi State 19, Florida 17, Air Force 12, Utah State 12, Appalachian State 10, Boise State 10, UCLA 10, Minnesota 6, South Carolina 5, Kansas State 4, Army 3, Iowa State 3, **SMU 2**, Purdue 2, Coastal Carolina 2, Louisiana 2, Oregon State 2, UTSA 1, Louisville 1, Florida State 1

American Preseason Media Poll

School (First-Place Votes) ..Points

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Houston (7)..... | 243 |
| 2. Cincinnati (10)..... | 242 |
| 3. UCF (7)..... | 225 |
| 4. SMU..... | 187 |
| 5. Memphis..... | 162 |
| 6. East Carolina..... | 157 |
| 7. Tulane..... | 115 |
| 8. Tulsa..... | 93 |
| 9. South Florida..... | 71 |
| 10. Navy..... | 61 |
| 11. Temple..... | 28 |

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 USA Today Coaches polls in 2021. Rankings are listed as AP/Coaches.

| | UCF | Cincinnati | East Carolina | Houston | Memphis | Navy | USF | SMU | Temple | Tulane | Tulsa |
|-----------|-------|------------|---------------|---------|---------|------|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| Preseason | rv/rv | 23/22 | -/- | 24/25 | -/- | -/- | -/- | -/rv | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| Sept. 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 13 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 20 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 27 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final | | | | | | | | | | | |

THE 2022 SEASON

2022 HOME ATTENDANCE

| SCHOOL (Capacity) | GP | TOTAL | AVG. | LARGEST CROWD |
|------------------------|----|-------|------|---------------|
| UCF (44,206) | | | | |
| Cincinnati (40,000) | | | | |
| East Carolina (50,000) | | | | |
| Houston (40,000) | | | | |
| Memphis (58,862) | | | | |
| Navy (34,000) | | | | |
| South Florida (65,897) | | | | |
| SMU (32,000) | | | | |
| Temple (68,532) | | | | |
| Tulane (30,000) | | | | |
| Tulsa (30,000) | | | | |
| 2022 TOTALS | | | | |

2022 TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

| Player, School, Year | 2022 | Career |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Keaton Mitchell, East Carolina, So. | | 6 |
| Tyjae Spears, Tulane, So. | | 6 |
| Kelley Joiner, South Florida, Sr. | | 4 |
| Rahjai Harris, East Carolina, So. | | 4 |
| Isaiah Bowser, UCF, Sr. | | 3 |
| Johnny Richardson, UCF, Jr. | | 3 |
| Alton McCaskill, Houston, So. | | 3 |
| Rodrigues Clark, Memphis, So. | | 3 |
| TJ McDaniel, SMU, Jr. | | 3 |
| Deneric Prince, Tulsa, Sr. | | 3 |
| Charles McClelland, Cincinnati, Sr. | | 2 |
| Brandon Thomas, Memphis, So. | | 2 |
| Brian Battie, South Florida, Jr. | | 2 |
| Clayton Tune, Houston, Sr. | | 2 |
| Cameron Carroll, Tulane, Jr. | | 2 |
| Anthony Watkins, Tulsa, Jr. | | 2 |
| Ryan O'Keefe, UCF, Sr. | | 1 |
| Holton Ahlers, East Carolina, Sr. | | 1 |
| Demetrius Mauney, East Carolina, Jr. | | 1 |
| Ta'Zawn Henry, Houston, Sr. | | 1 |
| Xavier Arline, Navy, Jr. | | 1 |
| Jarren Mangham, South Florida, Sr. | | 1 |

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

| Player, School, Year | 2022 | Career |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|
| Holton Ahlers, East Carolina, Sr. | | 13 |
| Clayton Tune, Houston, Sr. | | 8 |
| Tanner Mordecai, SMU, Jr. | | 8 |
| Seth Henigan, Memphis, So. | | 6 |
| Davis Brin, Tulsa, Sr. | | 2 |
| D'Wan Mathis, Temple, So. | | 1 |
| Michael Pratt, Tulane, Jr. | | 1 |

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

| Player, School, Year | 2022 | Career |
|------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Nathaniel Dell, Houston, Jr. | | 6 |
| Keylon Stokes, Tulsa, Gr. | | 6 |
| C.J. Johnson, East Carolina, Jr. | | 4 |
| Rashee Rice, SMU, Jr. | | 4 |
| Ryan O'Keefe, UCF, Sr. | | 3 |
| Jeremy Singleton, Houston, Sr. | | 3 |
| Javon Ivory, Memphis, Jr. | | 2 |
| Jimmy Horn Jr., South Florida, So. | | 2 |
| JuanCarlos Santana, Tulsa, Gr. | | 2 |
| Mark-Antony Richards, UCF, Jr. | | 1 |
| Tre Tucker, Cincinnati, Sr. | | 1 |
| Shane Calhoun, East Carolina, So. | | 1 |
| Ryan Jones, East Carolina, Gr. | | 1 |
| KeSean Carter, Houston, Sr. | | 1 |
| Bryson Smith, Houston, Sr. | | 1 |
| Xavier Weaver, South Florida, Jr. | | 1 |
| Amad Anderson Jr., Temple, Jr. | | 1 |
| Jose Barbon, Temple, Gr. | | 1 |
| Duece Watts, Tulane, Jr. | | 1 |

THE RECORD BOOK

The American's single-game records
(through 2021 season):

Most Rushing Yards

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Malcolm Perry, Navy vs. Army (12/14/19) | 304 |
| 2. Jordan Cronkrite, South Florida at Massachusetts (10/6/18) | 302 |
| 3. Malcolm Perry, Navy vs. SMU (11/11/17) | 282 |

Most Rushing Touchdowns

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Ryquell Armstead, Temple at Houston (11/10/18) | 6 |
| 2. Keenan Reynolds, Navy vs. ECU (9/19/15) | 5 |
| James Flanders, Tulsa at Memphis (10/29/16) | 5 |
| Zach Abey, Navy vs. Virginia (12/28/17) | 5 |
| Kevin Mensah, UConn at Massachusetts (10/26/19) | 5 |
| Jamale Carothers, Navy at Houston (11/30/19) | 5 |

Longest Rush

| | |
|--|--------|
| 1. Ta'Zawn Henry, Houston at South Florida (11/6/21) | 97 yds |
|--|--------|

Most Passing Yards

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Dillon Gabriel, UCF at Memphis (10/17/20) | 601 |
| 2. Hayden Moore, Cincinnati vs. Memphis (9/24/15) | 557 |
| 3. Garrett Gilbert, SMU vs. Temple (10/26/13) | 538 |

Most Pass Completions

| | |
|--|----|
| 1. Gardner Minshew, East Carolina at Houston (11/4/17) | 52 |
| 2. Greg Ward Jr., Houston at Memphis (11/25/16) | 47 |
| 3. Garrett Gilbert, SMU vs. Rutgers (10/5/13) | 45 |

Most Touchdown Passes

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Paxton Lynch Memphis vs. SMU (11/28/15) | 7 |
| Riley Ferguson, Memphis at UConn (10/6/17) | 7 |
| Tanner Mordecai, SMU vs. Abilene Christian (9/4/21) | 7 |
| 4. Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati vs. Toledo (9/12/14) | 6 |
| Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. Bowling Green (9/24/16) | 6 |
| Riley Ferguson, Memphis vs. UCLA (9/16/17) | 6 |
| Shane Buechele, SMU vs. Temple (10/19/19) | 6 |
| Holton Ahlers, East Carolina at SMU (11/9/19) | 6 |
| Brady White, Memphis vs. UCF (10/17/20) | 6 |

Most Receiving Yards

| | |
|--|-----|
| 1. C.J. Johnson, East Carolina vs. Cincinnati (11/2/19) | 283 |
| 2. Trevon Brown, East Carolina vs. Cincinnati (11/18/17) | 270 |
| 3. Keyarris Garrett, Tulsa vs. Memphis (10/24/15) | 268 |

Most Receptions

| | |
|--|----|
| 1. Zay Jones, East Carolina at South Carolina (9/7/16) | 22 |
| 2. Zay Jones, East Carolina vs. UConn (10/29/16) | 19 |
| Tyler Snead, East Carolina at SMU (11/9/19) | 19 |

Most Touchdown Receptions

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Courtland Sutton, SMU vs. North Texas (9/9/17) | 4 |
| Anthony Miller, Memphis at UConn (10/6/17) | 4 |

Longest Reception

| | |
|--|--------|
| 1. Marquez Stevenson, Houston vs. SMU (10/24/19) | 96 yds |
| 2. Three players | 95 yds |

Most Points

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

Most Field Goals

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Riley Patterson, Memphis vs. Penn State (12/28/19) | 6 |
|---|---|

Longest Field Goal

| | |
|--|--------|
| 1. Jake Elliott, Memphis vs. USF (11/17/03) | 56 yds |
| Riley Patterson, Memphis at SMU (10/3/20) | 56 yds |
| 3. Rory Bell, Temple at Cincinnati (10/8/21) | 55 yds |

Longest Punt Return

| | |
|---|--------|
| 1. Calvin Austin III, Memphis vs. Mississippi State (9/18/21) | 94 yds |
|---|--------|

Longest Kickoff Return

| | |
|---|---------|
| 1. 13 times, most recent | |
| Brian Battie, South Florida vs. Houston (11/6/21) | 100 yds |

Most All-Purpose Yards

| | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Antonio Gibson, Memphis vs. SMU (11/2/19) | 386 |
|--|-----|

Most Tackles

| | |
|--|----|
| 1. Tyler Matakevich, Temple at Idaho (9/28/13) | 24 |
| 2. Bryson Armstrong, UCF at Navy (10/2/21) | 22 |
| 3. Austin Robinson, Houston at Navy (10/20/18) | 21 |

Most Tackles For Loss

| | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Quincy Roche, Temple vs. Tulane (11/16/19) | 6.0 |
| 2. Montese Overton, East Carolina at SMU (10/3/15) | 5.0 |
| Haason Reddick, Temple at Memphis (10/6/16) | 5.0 |
| Bryce Huff, Memphis at Tulane (9/28/18) | 5.0 |
| Ed Oliver, Houston at East Carolina (10/13/18) | 5.0 |

Most Sacks

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

THE 2022 SEASON

AWARD WINNERS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5
Sept. 12
Sept. 19
Sept. 26
Oct. 3
Oct. 10
Oct. 17
Oct. 24
Oct. 31
Nov. 7
Nov. 14
Nov. 21
Nov. 28

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5
Sept. 12
Sept. 19
Sept. 26
Oct. 3
Oct. 10
Oct. 17
Oct. 24
Oct. 31
Nov. 7
Nov. 14
Nov. 21
Nov. 28

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5
Sept. 12
Sept. 19
Sept. 26
Oct. 3
Oct. 10
Oct. 17
Oct. 24
Oct. 31
Nov. 7
Nov. 14
Nov. 21
Nov. 28

ACTIVE CAREER WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

4 – Tanner Mordecai (QB, SMU)

2 – Daniel Obarski (K, UCF); Jerome Ford (RB, Cincinnati); Holton Ahlers (QB, East Carolina); Owen Daffer (K, East Carolina); Bijan Nichols (K, Navy); Brian Battie (RB, South Florida); Davis Brin (QB, Tulsa); Justin Wright (LB, Tulsa)

1 – Ja'Von Hicks (S, Cincinnati); Deshaun Pace (LB, Cincinnati); Malik Fleming (CB, East Carolina); Nathaniel Dell (WR, Houston); Donovan Mutin (LB, Houston); Mannie Nunnery (LB, Houston); Derek Parish (LB, Houston); Clayton Tune (QB, Houston); Jaylon Allen (LB, Memphis); Joe Doyle (K, Memphis); Seth Henigan (QB, Memphis); Quindell Johnson (S, Memphis); David Kemp (K, Memphis); Rodney Owens (DB, Memphis); Gabriel Rogers (DB, Memphis); Terrell Adams (LB, Navy); Taylor Robinson (S, Navy); Spencer Shrader (K, South Florida); Bryan Massey (S, SMU); Michael Pratt (QB, Tulane); Zack Long (K, Tulsa); Lachlan Wilson (P, Tulsa)

2021 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

| Team | OFFENSE | | | | DEFENSE | | | | KR | PR | Int. | Sacks | TFL | T/O |
|---------------|---------|------|-------|-------|---------|------|-------|-------|----|----|------|-------|-----|-----|
| | Rush | Pass | Total | Score | Rush | Pass | Total | Score | | | | | | |
| UCF | 2 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| East Carolina | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Houston | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Memphis | 10 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| Navy | 1 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 3 |
| South Florida | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 8 |
| SMU | 8 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| Temple | 11 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 8 |
| Tulane | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Tulsa | 23 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 10 |

AGAINST THE CONFERENCES

ASUN (0-0)

Kennesaw State at Cincinnati (9/10)
Jacksonville State at Tulsa (9/17)
North Alabama at Memphis (11/19)

ATLANTIC COAST (0-0)

Temple at Duke (9/2)
NC State at East Carolina (9/3)
Louisville at UCF (9/9)
Georgia Tech at UCF (9/24)
South Florida at Louisville (9/24)

BIG 12 (0-0)

Houston at Texas Tech (9/10)
Tulane at Kansas State (9/17)
Kansas at Houston (9/17)
TCU at SMU (9/24)

BIG SOUTH (0-0)

Campbell at East Carolina (9/17)

BIG TEN (0-0)

Rutgers at Temple (9/17)
SMU at Maryland (9/17)
Indiana at Cincinnati (9/24)

COLONIAL (0-0)

Delaware at Navy (9/3)

CONFERENCE USA (0-0)

Houston at UTSA (9/3)
SMU at North Texas (9/3)
UCF at Florida Atlantic (9/17)
Rice at Houston (9/24)
North Texas at Memphis (9/24)

MID-AMERICAN (0-0)

Northern Illinois at Tulsa (9/10)
Cincinnati vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/17)

MID-EASTERN (0-0)

South Carolina State at UCF (9/1)
Howard at South Florida (9/10)

MOUNTAIN WEST (0-0)

Tulsa at Wyoming (9/3)
Navy at Air Force (10/1)

PATRIOT (0-0)

Lafayette at Temple (9/10)

SOUTHEASTERN (0-0)

Cincinnati at Arkansas (9/3)
Memphis at Mississippi State (9/3)
South Florida at Florida (9/17)
Tulsa at Ole Miss (9/24)

SOUTHLAND (0-0)

Lamar at SMU (9/10)

SOUTHWESTERN (0-0)

Alcorn State at Tulane (9/10)

SUN BELT (0-0)

Old Dominion at East Carolina (9/10)
Arkansas State at Memphis (9/17)
Southern Miss at Tulane (9/24)

WESTERN ATHLETIC (1-0)

SMU 56, Abilene Christian 9 (9/2)

INDEPENDENTS (0-0)

BYU at South Florida (9/3)
Massachusetts at Tulane (9/3)
Massachusetts at Temple (9/24)
East Carolina at BYU (10/28)
Notre Dame vs. Navy (11/12)
Navy vs. Army (12/10)

TOTAL NONCONFERENCE RECORDS

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| All Games | 28-20 |
| FBS Opponents | 19-19 |
| FCS Opponents..... | 9-1 |
| AP Top 25 | 1-7 |
| <i>USA Today</i> Top 25..... | 1-8 |
| Bowl Games | 3-1 |

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

Every Game Counts

The College Football Playoff (CFP) is a postseason event to determine college football's national champion on the field, while emphasizing the significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

Rankings

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

Tradition

The New Year's holiday period belongs to college football, with two semifinal games rotating annually among the Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl Game and Sugar Bowl.

Championship Monday

The two teams that win the Playoff Semifinals compete for the College Football Playoff National Championship. The national championship 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 13 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 Mitch Barnhart, Tom Burman, Boo Corrigan (chair), Rick George, Chet Gladchuk, Jim Grobe, Warde Manuel, Will Shields, Gene Taylor, Joe Taylor, John Urschel, Rod West and Kelly Whiteside.

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.

2022-23 College Football Playoff and New Year's Six Schedule

SEMIFINAL

Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl

December 31, 2022

ESPN

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

SEMIFINAL

Vrbo Fiesta Bowl

December 31, 2022

ESPN

State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.

Capital One Orange Bowl

December 30, 2022

7:30/8 p.m. ET • ESPN

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.

Allstate Sugar Bowl

December 31, 2022

Noon ET • ESPN

Caesars Superdome, New Orleans, La.

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

January 2, 2023

1 p.m. ET • ESPN

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

Rose Bowl Game

presented by Northwestern Mutual

January 2, 2023

5 p.m. ET • ESPN

Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, Calif.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

presented by AT&T

January 9, 2023

TBD, ESPN

SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.



**COLLEGE FOOTBALL
PLAYOFF**

BOWL PARTNERSHIPS

The American Bowl Lineup

American Athletic Conference teams are guaranteed at least seven bowl appearances annually as part of the conference's new postseason lineup, which began in the 2020 season and is in place through 2025..

The American, as it has done five times in the first seven years of the current bowl cycle, will continue to send its champion to a New Year's Six bowl if that team finishes higher than the champions of four other conferences in the final College Football Playoff rankings. American Athletic Conference teams are also eligible for the College Football Playoff if they are among the top four teams in the final CFP rankings.

As part of the current bowl cycle, The American will annually send teams to the Military Bowl presented by Peraton against an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent, the Fenway Bowl in Boston, also against an ACC team, and a third annual spot which will alternate between the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl and the SoFi Hawaii Bowl. The 2022 season will include the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl among The American's guaranteed spots.

Additionally, The American will annually have regular appearances from a group of eight bowls. The American extended its existing partnerships with the TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl, the Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl, the RoofClaim Boca Raton Bowl, the Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl and the Duluth Trading Cure Bowl.

New to The American's lineup in the current cycle are the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl, the New Mexico Bowl and the Myrtle Beach Bowl.



2022 Bowl Affiliations



Three Selections From



THE AMERICAN ON TELEVISION

The American and ESPN reached agreement on a 12-year media rights extension that began with the 2020-21 academic year.

With the current agreement, The American has a stronger and more extensive presence on ESPN's primary TV networks - ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU - than at any point in its history. The Conference will also be a valuable part of ESPN+, ESPN's industry-leading direct-to-consumer sports streaming service.

In football, a minimum of 40 regular-season telecasts per season will be televised on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU, including at least 20 across ABC, ESPN and ESPN2, which represents increased annual exposure across those ESPN networks. The American Championship game will be televised each year on ABC or ESPN.

Beyond select Navy football games, all conference controlled football games from The American will air on an ESPN network or ESPN+.

2022 NATIONALLY TELEVIEWED GAMES

ABC

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Sat., Dec. 3 | American Football Championship | 4 p.m. |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------|

ESPN

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Sat., Sept. 3 | NC State at East Carolina | Noon |
| | Cincinnati at Arkansas | 3:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Sept. 30 | Tulane at Houston * | 7 p.m. |
| Thu., Oct. 13 | Temple at UCF * | 7 p.m. |
| Fri., Oct. 14 | Navy at SMU * | 7:30 p.m. |
| Thu., Nov. 10 | Tulsa at Memphis * | 7:30 p.m. |
| Thu., Nov. 17 | SMU at Tulane * | 7:30 p.m. |

ESPN2

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Fri., Sept. 9 | Louisville at UCF | 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Oct. 7 | Houston at Memphis * | 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Oct. 21 | Tulsa at Temple * | 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Oct. 28 | East Carolina at BYU | 8 p.m. |
| Fri., Nov. 11 | East Carolina at Cincinnati * | 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Nov. 18 | South Florida at Tulsa * | 9 p.m. |

ESPNU

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Sat., Sept. 3 | BYU at South Florida | 4 p.m. |
| | Memphis at Mississippi State | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 17 | Cincinnati vs. Miami (Ohio) | Noon |
| | Kansas at Houston | 4 p.m. |

ABC or ESPN

| | | |
|---------------|---------------------|------|
| Sat., Nov. 12 | Notre Dame vs. Navy | Noon |
|---------------|---------------------|------|

ESPN Network TBD

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|------|
| Sat., Oct. 22 | Houston at Navy * | Noon |
|---------------|-------------------|------|

ESPN+

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Thu., Sept. 1 | South Carolina State at UCF | 7 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 3 | Massachusetts at Tulane | 7 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 10 | Lafayette at Temple | 2 p.m. |
| | Kennesaw State at Cincinnati | 3:30 p.m. |
| | Old Dominion at East Carolina | 6 p.m. |
| | Howard at South Florida | 7 p.m. |
| | Lamar at SMU | 7 p.m. |
| | Alcorn State at Tulane | 7 p.m. |
| | Northern Illinois at Tulsa | 7 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 17 | Rutgers at Temple | 2 p.m. |
| | Tulane at Kansas State | 3 p.m. |
| | Campbell at East Carolina | 6 p.m. |
| | Arkansas State at Memphis | 7 p.m. |
| | Jacksonville State at Tulsa | 7 p.m. |

CBS

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| Sat., Oct. 1 | Navy at Air Force | Noon |
| Sat., Dec. 10 | Navy vs. Army | 3 p.m. |

CBS Sports Network

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Sat., Sept. 3 | Delaware at Navy | Noon |
| | Houston at UTSA | 3:30 p.m. |
| | SMU at North Texas | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 10 | Memphis at Navy * | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 17 | UCF at Florida Atlantic | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Oct. 8 | Tulsa at Navy * | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Oct. 29 | Temple at Navy * | 3:30 p.m. |

NBC

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sat., Oct. 2 | Cincinnati at Notre Dame | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Nov. 6 | Navy at Notre Dame | 3:30 p.m. |

FS1

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Sat., Sept. 3 | Tulsa at Wyoming | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 10 | Houston at Texas Tech | 4 p.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 17 | SMU at Maryland | 7:30 p.m. |

ACC Network

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Fri., Sept. 2 | Temple at Duke | 7:30 p.m. |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|

SEC Network

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sat., Sept. 17 | South Florida at Florida | 7:30 p.m. |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|

All times Eastern and subject to change.

* American Athletic Conference game

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 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 11 member schools throughout the season.

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 @Amercan_Conf.



Media Hub

The American Athletic Conference maintains a comprehensive online hub designed to assist members of the media in their coverage of The American and its member football programs.

The media hub will be updated daily and will contain links to the most recent media sessions of coaches and student-athletes as they are made available. The hub will also list the weekly media schedule for each American team and will link to media guides and weekly game notes.

American Athletic Conference Media Hub

www.TheAmerican.org/FootballMedia



The American Athletic Conference has partnered with StatBroadcast to provide media members with live, real-time statistics of all conference-controlled football games.

American Athletic Conference Media Stats Central

aac.statbroadcast.com

Weekly Release & Statistics

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

Weekly Football Highlights

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

Website aacvideo.mediashuttle.com

Username digital@theamerican.org

Password AACMedia2018

Annual Awards

The American Athletic Conference will name first and second all-conference teams, players of the year on offense, defense and special teams, rookie of the year and coach of the year. The awards are chosen by a vote of the league's 11 head coaches at the conclusion of the regular season. The American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team is comprised of players who have an overall grade-point average of 3.00 or better over the previous academic year and completed at least two semesters of academic work. The team is announced in July. The American Athletic Conference Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year was established to recognize student-athletes who have achieved success in the classroom and on the field. The winner receives a scholarship which may be applied to graduate or professional studies.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

AMERICAN

Chuck Sullivan

Office(469) 840-3132
Mobile(401) 641-8760
e-mailcsullivan@theamerican.org

UCF

John Heisler

Office(407) 823-2729
Mobile(574) 532-0293
e-mailjheisler@athletics.ucf.edu

Justin Wilson

Mobile(336) 660-8584
e-mailjwilson@athletics.ucf.edu

CINCINNATI

Zach Stipe

Office(513) 556-9845
Mobile(865) 244-6119
e-mailzach.stipe@uc.edu

EAST CAROLINA

Malcolm Gray

Office(252) 737-1274
Mobile(252) 414-2021
e-mailgraym@ecu.edu

HOUSTON

Andrew Pate

Office(713) 743-9404
Mobile(713) 743-8352
e-mailarpate@central.uh.edu

MEMPHIS

Scott Burns

Mobile(812) 322-5285
e-mailscott.burns@memphis.edu

NAVY

Scott Strasemeier

Office(410) 293-8775
Mobile(443) 336-9023
e-mailsstrasem@usna.edu

Stacie Michaud

Office(410) 293-8773
Mobile(410) 212-3761
e-mailmichaud@usna.edu

SOUTH FLORIDA

Brian Siegrist

Office(813) 974-4086
Mobile(813) 293-3897
e-mailsiegrist@usf.edu

SMU

Lindsey Olsen

Office(214) 768-4970
Mobile(847) 344-0389
e-maillmolsen@smu.edu

TEMPLE

Rich Burg

Office(215) 204-0876
Mobile(215) 356-3952
e-mailrich.burg@temple.edu

TULANE

Jason Corriher

Office(504) 862-8249
Mobile(740) 331-1497
e-mailjcorriher@tulane.edu

TULSA

Don Tomkalski

Office(918) 631-3200
Mobile(918) 640-0683
e-maildonald-tomkalski@utulsa.edu

2022 RESULTS AND 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 |
| 9/1 | South Carolina State (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | rv/rv | -/- | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/9 | Louisville (7:30 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 09/17 | at Florida Atlantic (7:30 p.m., CBSSN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | Georgia Tech | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | SMU * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/13 | Temple * (7 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | at East Carolina * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | Cincinnati * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | at Memphis * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/12 | at Tulane * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/19 | Navy * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | at South Florida * ^ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

^ or Friday, November 25

CINCINNATI (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|---|--------|---------|-------|-------|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | Cin | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | at Arkansas (3:30 p.m., ESPN) | | | 23/22 | 19/23 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Kennesaw State (3:30 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | vs. Miami (Ohio) ¹ (7 p.m., ESPNU) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | at Tulsa * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/8 | South Florida * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | at SMU * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | at UCF * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | Navy * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/11 | East Carolina * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/19 | at Temple * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | Tulane * ^ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

^ or Friday, November 25

EAST CAROLINA (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | ECU | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | NC State (Noon, ESPN) | | | -/- | 13/13 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Old Dominion (6 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | Campbell (6 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | Navy * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | at South Florida * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/8 | at Tulane * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/15 | Memphis * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | UCF * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/28 | at BYU (8 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/11 | at Cincinnati * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/19 | Houston * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | at Temple * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

HOUSTON (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|------|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | Hou | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | at UTSA (3:30 p.m., CBSSN) | | | 24/25 | -/rv | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | at Texas Tech (4 p.m., FS1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | Kansas (4 p.m., ESPNU) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | Rice | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/30 | Tulane * (7 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/7 | at Memphis * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | at Navy * (Noon, ESPN Network TBD) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | South Florida * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | at SMU * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/12 | Temple * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/19 | at East Carolina * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | Tulsa * ^ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

^ or Friday, November 25

2022 RESULTS AND SCHEDULES

MEMPHIS (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|--|--------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | Mem | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | at Mississippi State (7:30 p.m., ESPN) | | | -/- | rv/rv | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | Arkansas State (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | North Texas | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | Temple * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/7 | Houston * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/15 | at East Carolina * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | at Tulane * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | UCF * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/10 | Tulsa * (7:30 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/19 | North Alabama | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | at SMU * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

NAVY (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|--|--------|---------|------|-----|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | Navy | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | Delaware (Noon, CBSSN) | | | -/- | -/- | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Memphis * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | at East Carolina * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | at Air Force (Noon, CBS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/8 | Tulsa * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/14 | at SMU * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | Houston * (Noon, ESPN Network TBD) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | Temple * (3:30 p.m., CBSSN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | at Cincinnati * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/12 | vs. Notre Dame ¹ (Noon, ABC/ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/19 | at UCF * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/10 | vs. Army ² (3 p.m., CBS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ MGT Bank Stadium, Baltimore, Maryland

² Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

SOUTH FLORIDA (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | USF | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | BYU (4 p.m., ESPN) | | | -/- | 25/rv | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Howard (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | at Florida (7:30 p.m., SEC Network) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | at Louisville | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | East Carolina * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/8 | at Cincinnati * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/15 | Tulane * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | at Houston * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | at Temple * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/12 | SMU * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/18 | at Tulsa * (9 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | UCF * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SMU (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|------|-----|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | SMU | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | at North Texas (7:30 p.m., CBSSN) | | | -/rv | -/- | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Lamar (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | at Maryland (7:30 p.m., FS1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | TCU | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | at UCF * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/14 | Navy * (7:30 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | Cincinnati * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | at Tulsa * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | Houston * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/12 | at South Florida * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/17 | at Tulane * (7:30 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | Memphis * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

2022 RESULTS AND SCHEDULES

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 Duke (7:30 p.m., ACC Network) | | | -/- | -/- | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Lafayette (2 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | Rutgers (2 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | Massachusetts | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | at Memphis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/13 | at UCF * (7 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/21 | Tulsa * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | at Navy * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | South Florida * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/12 | at Houston * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/19 | Cincinnati * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | East Carolina * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

TULANE (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|-----|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | Tulane | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/3 | Massachusetts (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | -/- | -/- | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Alcorn State (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | at Kansas State (3 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | Southern Miss | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/30 | at Houston * (7 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/8 | East Carolina * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/15 | at South Florida * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/22 | Memphis * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | at Tulsa * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/12 | UCF * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/17 | SMU * (7:30 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | at Cincinnati * ^ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

^ or Friday, November 25

TULSA (0-0, 0-0 American)

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attend. | Rank | | Offense | | | | | Defense | | | |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-----|---------|------|-------|---------|----|---------|------|-------|----|
| | | | | Tulsa | Opp | Rush | Pass | Total | Passing | TO | Rush | Pass | Total | TO |
| 9/2 | UC Davis (7:30 p.m., ESPN+) | L, 17-19 | 15,085 | -/rv | -/- | 247 | 201 | 448 | 15-28-2 | 3 | 88 | 311 | 399 | 0 |
| 9/3 | at Wyoming (3:30 p.m., FS1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/10 | Northern Illinois (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/17 | Jacksonville State (7 p.m., ESPN+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/24 | at Ole Miss | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 | Cincinnati * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/8 | at Navy * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/21 | at Temple * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/29 | SMU * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/5 | Tulane * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/10 | at Memphis * (7:30 p.m., ESPN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/18 | South Florida * (8 p.m., ESPN2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26 | at Houston * ^ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

^ or Friday, November 25

2022 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 1

South Carolina State at UCF (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Friday, September 2

Temple at Duke (7:30 p.m., ACC Network)

Saturday, September 3

NC State at East Carolina (Noon, ESPN)

Delaware at Navy (Noon, CBS Sports Network)

Cincinnati at Arkansas (3:30 p.m., ESPN)

Houston at UTSA (3:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network)

Tulsa at Wyoming (3:30 p.m., FS1)

BYU at South Florida (4 p.m., ESPN+)

Massachusetts at Tulane (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Memphis at Mississippi State (7:30 p.m., ESPN+)

SMU at North Texas (7:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network)

Friday, September 9

Louisville at UCF (7:30 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, September 10

Lafayette at Temple (2 p.m., ESPN+)

Kennesaw State at Cincinnati (3:30 p.m., ESPN+)

Memphis at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network)

Houston at Texas Tech (4 p.m., FS1)

Old Dominion at East Carolina (6 p.m., ESPN+)

Howard at South Florida (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Lamar at SMU (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Alcorn State at Tulane (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Northern Illinois at Tulsa (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Saturday, September 17

Cincinnati vs. Miami (Ohio) ¹ (Noon, ESPN+)

Rutgers at Temple (2 p.m., ESPN+)

Tulane at Kansas State (3 p.m., ESPN+)

Kansas at Houston (4 p.m., ESPN+)

Campbell at East Carolina (6 p.m., ESPN+)

Arkansas State at Memphis (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Jacksonville State at Tulsa (7 p.m., ESPN+)

UCF at Florida Atlantic (7:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network)

South Florida at Florida (7:30 p.m., SEC Network)

SMU at Maryland (7:30 p.m., FS1)

Saturday, September 24

Georgia Tech at UCF

Indiana at Cincinnati

Navy at East Carolina *

Rice at Houston

North Texas at Memphis

TCU at SMU

South Florida at Louisville

Massachusetts at Temple

Southern Miss at Tulane

Tulsa at Ole Miss

Friday, September 30

Tulane at Houston * (7 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday, October 1

Navy at Air Force (Noon, CBS)

SMU at UCF *

Cincinnati at Tulsa *

East Carolina at South Florida *

Temple at Memphis *

Friday, October 7

Houston at Memphis * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, October 8

Tulsa at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network)

South Florida at Cincinnati *

East Carolina at Tulane *

Thursday, October 13

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

Friday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 15

Memphis at East Carolina *

Tulane at South Florida *

Friday, October 21

Tulsa at Temple * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, October 22

Houston at Navy * (Noon, ESPN Network TBD)

UCF at East Carolina *

Cincinnati at SMU *

Memphis at Tulane *

Friday, October 28

East Carolina at BYU (8 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, October 29

Temple at Navy * (3:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network)

Cincinnati at UCF *

South Florida at Houston *

SMU at Tulsa *

Saturday, November 5

UCF at Memphis *

Navy at Cincinnati *

Houston at SMU *

South Florida at Temple *

Tulane at Tulsa *

Thursday, November 10

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

Friday, November 11

East Carolina at Cincinnati * (7:30 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, November 12

Notre Dame vs. Navy ² (Noon, ABC/ESPN)

UCF at Tulane *

Temple at Houston *

SMU at South Florida *

Thursday, November 17

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

Friday, November 18

South Florida at Tulsa * (9 p.m., ESPN2)

Saturday, November 19

Navy at UCF *

Cincinnati at Temple *

Houston at East Carolina *

North Alabama at Memphis

Saturday, November 26

UCF at South Florida * [^]

Tulane at Cincinnati * [^]

East Carolina at Temple *

Tulsa at Houston * [^]

Memphis at SMU *

Saturday, December 3

American Athletic Conference Championship

(4 p.m., ABC)

Saturday, December 10

Navy vs. Army ³ (3 p.m., CBS)

¹ Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

² M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, Md.

³ Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

* American Athletic Conference game

[^] or Friday, November 25

All times Eastern; all dates and times subject to change.