



ROAD TO BOCA RATON - YEAR SIX

WEEK 8

ABOUT THE BOWL

The sixth-annual Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl will be played Saturday, December 21, at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Fla.

ESPN Events, a subsidiary of ESPN, announced the creation of the game in a six-year agreement beginning in 2015. The pre-Christmas bowl game features teams from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA and the Mid-American Conference.

The 2019 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl will be nationally televised on ABC and carried on ESPN Radio including locally on ESPN 106.3.

BOWL HISTORY

2014- Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23

C-USA vs. MAC

2015- Toledo 32, Temple 17

MAC vs. AAC

2016- Western Kentucky 51, Memphis 31

C-USA vs. AAC

2017- Florida Atlantic 50, Akron 3

C-USA vs. MAC

2018- UAB 37, Northern Illinois 13

C-USA vs. MAC



GAME INFO

Date: December 21, 2019

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: FAU Stadium

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 8** - Team Announcements
- Dec.17** - Team Arrivals & Welcome Parties
- Dec. 18** - Team Practices & Beach Parties
- Dec.19** - Team Practices & Community Outreach
- Dec 20** - Kickoff Luncheon & Team Pep Rallies
- Dec. 21** - Fan Fest & 2019 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl



CONFERENCE STANDINGS

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

| EAST DIVISION | AAC | OVERALL |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| Temple | 2-0 | 5-1 |
| Cincinnati | 2-0 | 5-1 |
| UCF | 1-1 | 4-2 |
| USF | 1-1 | 3-3 |
| ECU | 0-2 | 3-3 |
| UConn | 0-3 | 1-5 |

| WEST DIVISION | AAC | OVERALL |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| SMU* | 2-0 | 6-0 |
| Tulane | 2-0 | 5-1 |
| Navy | 2-1 | 4-1 |
| Memphis | 1-1 | 5-1 |
| Tulsa | 0-2 | 2-4 |
| Houston | 0-2 | 2-4 |

CONFERENCE USA

| EAST DIVISION | C-USA | OVERALL |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| WKU | 3-0 | 4-2 |
| FAU | 2-0 | 4-2 |
| Marshall | 1-1 | 3-3 |
| MTSU | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| FIU | 1-2 | 3-3 |
| Charlotte | 0-2 | 2-4 |
| ODU | 0-2 | 1-5 |

| WEST DIVISION | C-USA | OVERALL |
|----------------|-------|---------|
| Louisiana Tech | 2-0 | 5-1 |
| Southern Miss | 2-0 | 4-2 |
| UAB | 2-1 | 5-1 |
| North Texas | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| UTSA | 1-2 | 2-4 |
| UTEP | 0-2 | 1-4 |
| Rice | 0-2 | 0-6 |







MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| EAST DIVISION | MAC | OVERALL |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| Kent State | 2-0 | 3-3 |
| Miami (OH) | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| Ohio | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| Bowling Green | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| Buffalo | 0-2 | 2-4 |
| Akron | 0-2 | 0-6 |

| WEST DIVISION | MAC | OVERALL |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Ball State | 2-0 | 3-3 |
| Central Michigan | 2-1 | 4-3 |
| Western Michigan | 2-1 | 4-3 |
| Toledo | 1-1 | 4-2 |
| Northern Illinois | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| Eastern Michigan | 0-2 | 3-3 |

* Denotes Bowl Eligible Teams

WEEKEND WATCH LIST

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|  | <p>Temple @ SMU // ESPN2 <i>Sat., Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m. ET</i> Temple, the leader of the AAC East Division and SMU, the leader of the AAC West Division will face off on Saturday. Temple will become bowl eligible with a win. Saturday's game will be the sixth meeting between Temple and SMU. Temple won last year's game, 45-20.</p> |  |
|  | <p>Kent State @ Ohio // CBSSN <i>Sat., Oct. 19, 12 p.m. ET</i> Kent State currently leads MAC East. Ohio, Miami and Bowling Green all have the next best conference record (1-1). An Ohio win would tighten up the race in MAC East.</p> |  |
|  | <p>S. Miss @ Louisiana Tech // NFL Network <i>Sat., Oct. 19, 2:30 p.m. ET</i> The second-most played rivalry in Conference USA takes place again on Saturday in the 51st meeting between the two schools. Both teams are tied for first in the West Division with 2-0 league marks. With a win on Saturday, Louisiana Tech will become bowl eligible</p> |  |

| Date | More Top Matchups | Television |
|-------------------|---|------------|
| Friday, Oct. 18 | Marshall @ FAU // 5:30 p.m. ET | CBSSN |
| Saturday, Oct. 19 | Toledo @ Ball State // 2 p.m. ET | ESPN+ |
| Saturday, Oct. 19 | USF @ Navy // 3:30 p.m. ET | CBSSN |
| Saturday, Oct. 19 | Western Michigan @ Eastern Michigan // 7 p.m. ET | ESPN+ |
| Saturday, Oct. 19 | UTEP @ FIU // 7 p.m. ET | ESPN+ |
| Saturday, Oct. 19 | Tulane @ Memphis // 7 p.m. ET | ESPN |

Blue denotes AAC team Red denotes C-USA team Green denotes MAC team

WEEK SEVEN ACTION

In the AAC... USF beat BYU, 27-23. The Bulls' RB Jordan Cronkrite rushed for 158 yards and two touchdowns... **No. 25 Cincinnati** beat **Houston**, 38-23. The Bearcat's QB Desmond Ridder threw for 263 yards and three touchdowns and had a rushing TD... **Temple** defeated **No. 23 Memphis**, 30-28. The Owls have two wins against top-25 opponents in the same season for the first time in program history... **Navy** QB Malcolm Perry rushed for 218 yards and three touchdowns to beat **Tulsa**, 45-17... **Tulane** had 311 rushing yards against **UConn**, winning 49-7, and extending the Green Wave's streak to 46-consecutive games with at least 100 rushing yards...

In C-USA... Southern Miss became the first Conference USA team to produce a 400-yard passer, a 100-yard receiver and a 100-yard rusher in a game this season during Saturday's win over **North Texas**, 45-27. Junior QB Jack Abraham threw for over 400 yards for the third time in his career and the second time this season... **WKU** defeated **Army**, 17-8. The Hilltoppers held the Black Knights rushing attack to 137 yards and allowed just 3-of-11 on third-down conversions. WKU is now second in C-USA and 17th nationally in total defense, allowing 287 yards per game... The **FAU** defense had a strong performance in Saturday's win against **Middle Tennessee**, 28-13. The Owls forced three turnovers, including two interceptions by senior DB Meiko Dotson... **Louisiana Tech** beat Massachusetts, 69-31. The Bulldogs' junior RB Justin Henderson ran for 137 yards and three touchdowns... **FIU** beat **Charlotte**, 48-23, in its first C-USA victory of the year. Senior RB Anthony Jones became the third player in FIU history to score four TDs in a game... **Marshall** sophomore DL Darius Hodge tied a school record with 4.5 sacks to go with his seven tackles in the Thundering Herd's win over **Old Dominion**, 31-17. The 26 yards lost on those sacks tied for third-most in school history... **UAB** beat **UTSA**, 33-14. The Blazers held the Roadrunners to 220 yards of total offense and had two fumble recoveries, bringing their nation-leading total to 10 recoveries.

In the MAC... A 21-point outburst in the second quarter led **Western Michigan** past **Miami**, 38-16... **Bowling Green** defeated **Toledo**, 20-7. The Battle of I-75 contest marked the 84th meeting between the two rivals. The victory is Bowling Green's first over Toledo since 2009. The Falcons' QB Grant Loy was 14-21 passing for 185 yards and one touchdown and added 137 yards rushing and another score... **Ball State** beat **Eastern Michigan**, 29-23. Junior RB Caleb Huntley ran 29 times for 152 yards... **Central Michigan** beat New Mexico State, 42-28. The win marked the first time the Chippewas have won back-to-back games since late in the 2017 season. Senior RB Jonathan Ward and sophomore RB Kobe Lewis combined for 328 yards in rushing and receiving and three touchdowns on 45 touches... **Kent State** defeated **Akron**, 26-3, and brought the Wagon Wheel Trophy back home, jumping to the top of the MAC East Division.

BOWL ELIGIBLE TEAMS



SMU
MUSTANGS
(6-0)



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Haason Reddick, ILB, Arizona Cardinals CBRB '15, Temple

The Cardinals won at home for the first time since last October 28 in Week Six. Reddick recorded seven solo tackles and eight total tackles to help Arizona beat Atlanta, 34-33.

UPCOMING BOWL GAME EVENTS

West Palm Tailgate Party
Thursday, October 17
6 - 8 p.m.
Palm Beach Outlets



Tickets are available at www.spiritofgivingnetwork.com under "Events"

Great Chefs Tailgate Showcase
Tuesday, November 5
6-8 p.m.
Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019
3:30 PM EST

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