



2014 Media Guide



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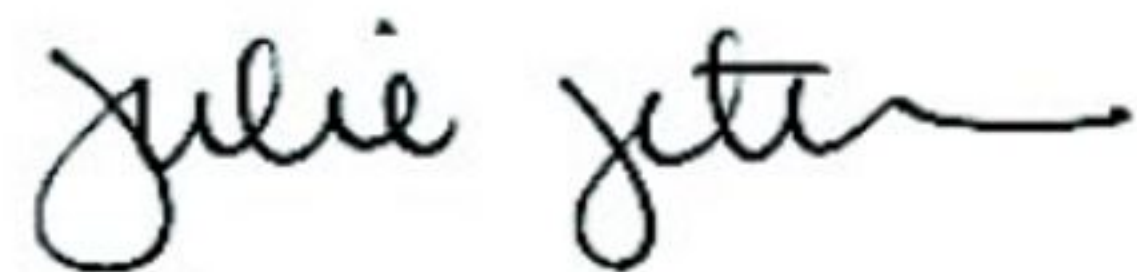
On behalf of the GoDaddy Bowl staff, Interns, volunteers, the City of Mobile and Mobile County, I'd like to welcome you to the 2014 GoDaddy Bowl and Mobile, Alabama.

This media guide is designed to give you the information you need - an overview of all the events surrounding Bowl Week, press opportunities, a history of our game, contact information, things to do, places to go, etc. We hope you take advantage of all the activities we have planned and enjoy yourself in the process.

The GoDaddy Bowl media relations staff is here to serve you - from covering the teams to covering the town. If we can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask.

Enjoy your stay in Mobile and have a wonderful time at the 2014 GoDaddy Bowl!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Jeter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Jeter
Director of Marketing and Media Relations

GoDaddy Bowl - Sunday, January 5, 2014
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Mobile, AL

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Founded: 1999

Conference Tie-ins:
Sun Belt Conference and Mid-American Conference

Kickoff 8:00pm (CST)
Ticket prices: \$45 sideline, \$15 endzone

TV: ESPN
Radio: Cumulus Radio Network, Sirius XM Radio

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Ladd-Peebles Stadium is owned by the City of Mobile and is operated by The Mishkin Group and a board of volunteer community leaders appointed by the Mobile City Council.

Ladd-Peebles Stadium
1621 Virginia St.
Mobile, AL 36604
251.208.2500
f. 251.208.2514

Game Day Press Box: 251.208.2677

Stadium Contact:
Vic Knight or Joe Mishkin
vic@themishkingroup.com
251-208-2500

Capacity: 40,646

Surface: Field Turf (2013)

Wifi available

Airports:

Mobile Regional Airport
 800.357.5373
 www.iflymo.com

Pensacola International Airport
 850.436.5000
 www.flypensacola.com

Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport
 1.866.4GPTBLX
 www.flygpt.com

Closest Hospital to Stadium:
Springhill Memorial Hospital
 3719 Dauphin St.
 Mobile, AL 36608
 251.344.9630

From Mobile Regional Airport to stadium:
 Turn left (east) on Airport Blvd and travel approx 9.6 miles.
 Make a slight right onto Old Government.
 Turn right (south) onto Houston Street.
 Turn left onto Virginia Street.
 Ladd-Peebles Stadium is on the right.

From Mobile Regional Airport to media hotel:
 Turn left (east) on Airport Blvd and travel approx 6.8 miles.
 Merge onto I-65 South and travel approx 3 miles.
 Merge onto I-10 East toward Florida and travel approx 6.4 miles.
 Take exit 26A to Water Street.
 Take a left on Government Street.
 Take a right on Royal Street.
 Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel is on your right.

From media hotel to stadium:
 Proceed west on Government St. from hotel and travel 1.8 miles.
 Turn left (south) on Michigan Ave and travel 0.6 miles.
 Turn right on Virginia Street and travel 0.5 miles.
 Ladd-Peebles Stadium is on the left.

To Practice Fields:

Directions To USA Football Practice Field (Sun Belt Conference)

From Downtown: (15 - 20 minutes) - Take Government St. west (away from downtown) to I-65. Go north on I-65 to Airport Blvd. Turn west on Airport Blvd. Continue to Hillcrest Road. Turn right at red light at Hillcrest Road. Cross over Old Shell Road onto Cleverdon Parkway. Turn right on Brannan Way. Turn left on John Counts Drive. Turn left on Jack Brunson Road Take an immediate left onto Joseph E. Gottfried Drive and follow drive up to the Football Field House. When you reach the circle take a left and follow drive to the side of the building. Turn left and another left up to the gate.

From the Beltline: (10 minutes) - From I-65, take Airport Blvd. West. Turn right at red light at Hillcrest Road. Cross over Old Shell Road onto Cleverdon Parkway. Turn right on Brannan Way. Turn left on John Counts Drive. Turn left on Jack Brunson Road. Take an immediate left onto Joseph E. Gottfried Drive and follow drive up to the Football Field House. When you reach the circle take a left and follow drive to the side of the building. Turn left and another left up to the gate.

To UMS-Wright Practice Field (MAC)

From Downtown: (10-15 minutes) - Go west on Government Street (away from downtown). Turn right onto Broad Street, then left onto Dauphin St. go approximately 3 miles (look for railroad crossing), then turn right onto Mobile Street go to traffic light and turn left. UMS-Wright field will be on the left.

From the Beltline: (10 minutes) - Go east on Dauphin Street (towards downtown). Go 1.4 miles. Turn left on Mobile Street (look for railroad crossing). Go to traffic light and turn left. UMS-Wright field will be on the left.

Credentials: Will Call:

All credential and parking pass requests must be made through our online credentialing system. Please visit www.godaddybowl.com, MEDIA, MEDIA POLICIES and click the orange request button to submit your request.

Media Credentials can be picked up during bowl week at the official press conference and at the Mobile Greyhound Park Media Night on Friday, January 3rd. On the day of the game they can be picked up between 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in the Media Will Call tent outside the main lobby entrance.

Due to heightened security, a photo ID and press pass will be required to pick up ALL media and photographer credentials. GoDaddy Bowl credentials are NOT required for admission to Bowl Week events, however, proper media identification MUST be worn at all times.

Team Hotels:

Mid-American Conference
 Mobile Marriott
 3101 Airport Boulevard
 Mobile, AL 36606
 Contact: Mark Larkin
 251-476-9600
Mark.larkin@marriott.com

Media Hotel:

Renaissance Riverview Plaza
 64 S. Water Street
 Mobile, AL 36602
 Contact: Cindy Carrol
 251-438-4000
Cindy.Carrol@renaissancemobile.com

Sun Belt Conference
 Renaissance Riverview Plaza
 64 S Water Street
 Mobile, AL 36602
 Contact: Cindy Carroll
 251-438-4000

Cindy.Carroll@renaissancemobile.com

Practice:

Practices times are determined by each team. Media are asked to contact each team's SID for up-to-date schedules and player/coach availability. Tentative practice sites are listed below. Sites are finalized during the official visit/walkthrough on December 11, 2013 but are subject to change.

The Sun Belt Conference will practice at the University of South Alabama Football Practice Field. The Mid-American Conference will practice at UMS Wright High School. Practices are open only at the discretion of the head coaches. If practice is closed, media are welcome back after practice to conduct player and coaches interviews. Each coach will address any media present after each practice. All interview opportunities are subject to change and are at the discretion of the head coaches. Please contact each team's SID for interview opportunity updates.

For directions to practice facilities, see page 3.

Area hotels:

Ashbury Hotel & Suites
600 S. Beltline Hwy.
251-344-8030

Courtyard by Marriott
1000 W I-65 Service Road S
251.344.5200

Fairfield Inn & Suites
950A W I-65 Service Road S
251-316-0029

Hampton Inn & Suites
1028 W I-65 Service Rd S
251-343-4007

**Hampton Inn & Suites –
Mobile/ Downtown Historic District**
62 South Royal Street
251.436.8787

Malaga Inn
359 Church St
251-438-4701

Hampton Inn & Suites – Providence Park/Airport
525 Providence Park Drive
251-776-5866

Mobile Marriott
3101 Airport Blvd
251.476.6400

Hilton Garden Inn
828 W I-65 Servise Rd
251.544.6000

Quality Inn & Suites
150 W I-65 Service Road
251-343-4949

Holiday Inn Mobile – Airport
3630 Springhill Memorial Drive S
251-344-7446

Residence Inn & Suites by Marriott
950 W I-65 Service Rd S
251-304-0570

Holiday Inn Mobile West I-10
I-10 to Exit 15B at Highway 90
251-666-5600

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 Water Street
251-438-4000

Homewood Suites by Hilton
530 Providence Park Dr. E
251.634.8664

Towneplace Suites by Marriott
1075 Montlimar Drive
251-345-9588

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
5170 Motel Court
251.661.9978

Wingate by Windham
516 Springhill Plaza Ct
251-441-1979

Foosackly's Media Hospitality Suite

The Foosackly's Media Hospitality Suite is suite 501 located on the fifth floor of the official media hotel - the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel. Entrance to the suite is keyed access only. Requests for keys can be made during the online credential application process.

The suite will be open from Friday, January 3rd through Sunday, January 5th and offers wireless Internet access, television, sofas, tables, chairs, kitchenette and bathroom.

Food will be supplied by Foosackly's Chicken Fingers on a regular basis. Soft drinks will be supplied by Coca Cola and adult beverages will also be available.

Local major media outlets:

ABC	WEAR	(Pensacola)	Channel 3
CBS	WKRG	(Mobile)	Channel 5
FOX	WALA	(Mobile)	Channel 10
NBC	WPMI	(Mobile)	Channel 15

Comcast
MediaCom

AL.com/Press-Register
WNSP 105.5 Sports Radio
FM Talk106.5

Official Press Opportunities:

Wednesday, January 1

Team Welcome Press Conference - Ladd-Peebles Stadium

6:30p Welcome

6:33p City of Mobile - Mayor Sandy Stimpson

6:38p Mobile County Commission

6:43p Sun Belt Athletic Director

6:46p Sun Belt Head Coach

6:49p MAC Athletic Director

6:52p MAC Head Coach

6:55p Wrap up

Friday, January 4 - NO PLAYERS WILL BE PRESENT

GoDaddy Bowl Press Conference - Mobile Convention Center (201D)

10:30a Welcome

10:33a City of Mobile - Mayor Sandy Stimpson

10:35a GoDaddy spokesperson

10:40a Sun Belt Head Coach

10:50a MAC Head Coach

10:55a Mayor's Banquet Guest Speaker, Brett Favre

11:00a Wrap up

*****TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.*****

Interview requests for players must be received by the GoDaddy Bowl Media Relations Director (Julie Jeter at 251-554-1697) at least 24 hours in advance.

Appearances will be made at the discretion of the school's sports information director.

Wednesday, January 1

2:30 p.m. Team Arrivals (Brookley Field)

6:30 p.m. Press Conference (Ladd-Peebles Stadium)

**7:00 p.m. Great Southern Wood Team Welcome Reception and Game Show Night
(Ladd-Peebles Stadium)**

Thursday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Wintzell's Oyster House Wives Day Out

4:30 p.m. Godfather's Pizza Players' Hospital Visit (USA Children's and Women's Hospital)

8:00 p.m. Eastern Shore Lanes Team Bowling Challenge

Friday, January 3

10:30 a.m. Official Pre-game Press Conference (Mobile Convention Center (201-D) NO PLAYERS WILL BE PRESENT.

12:00 a.m. GoDaddy Bowl Mayor's Luncheon with guest speaker Brett Favre

7:00 p.m. Mobile Greyhound Park Media Appreciation Night

Saturday, January 4

11:00 a.m. GoDaddy Bowl USS Alabama Battleship Team Luncheon (MAC)

12:00 p.m. GoDaddy Bowl Battleship Team Luncheon (SBC)

5:30 p.m. Parade Reception at the Malaga Inn

6:30 p.m. Greer's / AL.com Press-Register Mardi Gras Parade

AL.com Press-Register Pep Rallies

Spectronics Fireworks Show

AL.com Press-Register Street Party

Sunday, January 5

8:00 a.m. GoDaddy Bowl Alumni Golf Tournament (Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Magnolia Grove)

8:00 p.m. (CST) GoDaddy Bowl (ESPN)

Media Entrance:

All media must enter through the stadium lobby located under the press box on the west side of the stadium. No passes will be accepted at any gate for admission. The media entrance will open at 6:00 p.m. Media Will Call is located at the same entrance. Lost or stolen credentials WILL NOT be replaced.

Sideline Access:

Sideline access is restricted to PHOTO PASSES ONLY! The sidelines will be open to MEDIA passes with 4:00 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

Parking:

Parking passes will be issued with media credentials. Directions to the reserved lot are located on the back of the parking pass.

TV Stations with satellite trucks must notify Vic Knight at 251-208-2500 by December 20th to secure a parking area at the stadium.

Wheelchairs and disabled parking is available at Ladd-Peebles Stadium on a first come, first served basis. Wheelchairs may enter through Gate 6 on the south side of the stadium.

Press Box Services:

Seating chart information will be posted in the elevators and inside the Press Box. Media Relations Interns will be at the entrance to the press box to assist you in finding your seat location. All media with seats in the Press Box will have a game program, flip card and notes at their assigned seat. Photographers and videographers will have these supplies in their photographer's work room on the north side of the lobby level.

The play-by-play and statistics will be distributed in the press box, photographer's work room, radio booths and the ESPN truck at the conclusion of each quarter. Post-game quotes and final books will be distributed as soon as possible after the game. The inside PA announcer will provide statistics, injury updates and other notes throughout the game. If you prefer a private phone line at your seat, you must contact the Media Relations office no later than December 23, 2013.

First aid stations will be located in the southeast and northwest corners of the stadium.

Post-Game Awards Ceremony:

A post-game awards ceremony will be held on the field immediately after the game. The winning team and MVP's will be presented trophies. All media will be allowed on the field to cover the awards ceremony.

ABSOLUTELY NO INTERVIEWS ARE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD AFTER THE GAME (unless pre-approved by the team's SID).

Post-Game Interviews:

Post-game interviews will be held in the stadium lobby (beneath the press box). The losing team will appear first. Each team will receive a ten minute cooling off period. The head coach and three requested players will be brought to the interview lobby for a formal press conference. The head coach will make a brief statement then it will be opened up for questions. Members of the Bowl Media Relations Staff will be taking quotes. Final stats will be brought to the interview lobby as soon as they become available and will be available in the press box. Both teams' locker rooms are closed to all post-game interviews. Additional requested players will be brought to the interview lobby at the conclusion of the formal press conference.

Since 2000, The GoDaddy Bowl radio broadcasts have been coordinated by Mike Grace. After serving as Sideline Reporter for the inaugural Mobile, Alabama Bowl in 1999, Grace now returns for his 14th consecutive game as Executive Producer and Play-By-Play “voice” of The GoDaddy Bowl Radio Network. This year’s broadcast will be distributed to radio stations throughout the country, thanks to a partnership with Cumulus Media of Birmingham and the Cumulus Media Networks, whose footprint includes 400+ affiliated stations and over 121 million unique listeners.

Additionally, The GoDaddy Bowl Radio Network broadcast can once again be heard on Sirius XM Radio, the world's largest radio broadcaster measured by revenue, with 23.4 million subscribers. SiriusXM is available in vehicles from every major car company in the U.S., from retailers nationwide, and online at siriusxm.com. SiriusXM programming is also available through the SiriusXM Internet Radio App for Android, Apple, and BlackBerry smartphones and other connected devices.

Broadcast Crew

Mike Grace Play-By-Play

As the Director of Samford Sports Properties, Grace is now in his seventh season as “Voice” of Birmingham, Alabama’s Samford University Bulldogs. A division of Samford Athletics, Samford Sports Properties (SSP) manages the multi-media rights for the Samford University Athletic Department. Under Grace’s direction, SSP is responsible for the growth and development of the Samford Sports Network, which includes the department’s radio programming, its’ online video service, SamfordSportsTV, and the official website of Samford University athletics, samfordsports.com.

Jay Roberson Analyst

A former starting quarterback for the Alabama A&M Bulldogs, Roberson is now in his second term as a member of the Birmingham City Council. While serving as Council President Pro-tem, he also represents the Birmingham Association of Realtors as Governmental Affairs Director. Roberson previously served as Associate Director of Athletics at Samford University and is also a former Assistant Commissioner of the Southwestern Athletics Conference.

Randy Burgan Sideline Reporter

A sports broadcaster for over 18 years, Burgan is President of U S Sports Today and RGB Marketing, which broadcasts high school and college sports. Host of the popular Golf Radio Show, “Tee Time on the Gulf Coast”, Randy also serves as the broadcast voice for The Bayside Academy Admirals, as well as the Faulkner State Sun Chiefs.

Mobile, Alabama Bowl 12/22/99	TCU 28, East Carolina 14	34,200
GMAC Bowl 12/20/00	Southern Miss 28, TCU 21	40,300
GMAC Bowl 12/19/01	Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 (2OT)	40,139
GMAC Bowl 12/18/02	Marshall 38, Louisville 15	40,646
GMAC Bowl 12/18/03	Miami (OH) 49, Louisville 28	40,620
GMAC Bowl 12/22/04	Bowling Green 52, Memphis 35	40,160
GMAC Bowl 12/21/05	Toledo 45, UTEP 13	35,422
GMAC Bowl 1/7/07	Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7	38,751
GMAC Bowl 1/6/08	Tulsa 63, Bowling Green 7	36,932
GMAC Bowl 1/6/09	Tulsa 45, Ball State 13	32,816
GMAC Bowl 1/6/10	Central Michigan 44, Troy 41 (2 OT)	34,486
GoDaddy.com Bowl 1/6/11	Miami (OH) 35, Middle Tennessee 21	38,168
GoDaddy.com Bowl 1/8/12	Northern Illinois 38, Arkansas State 20	38,734
GoDaddy.com Bowl 1/6/13	Arkansas State 17, Kent State 13	37,913

	MVP	Offensive MVP	Defensive MVP
1999	Casey Printers, TCU	Devone Claybrooks, BCU	Aaron Schobel, TCU
2000	LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	LeRoy Handy, USM	Leo Barnes, USM
2001	Byron Leftwich, Marshall		
2002	Byron Leftwich, Marshall	Denero Marriott, Marshall	Yancey Satterwhite, Marshall
2003	Ben Rothlisberger, Miami (OH)	Martin Nance, Miami (OH)	Matt Pusateri, Miami (OH)
2004	Omar Jacobs, BGSU	Steve Sanders, BGSU	Mitch Crossley, BGSU
2005	Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	Dawson Trinity, Toledo	Mike Alston, Toledo
2007	Damion Fletcher, USM	Jeremy Young, USM	James Delaney, USM
2008	Paul Smith, Tulsa	Tarrion Adams, Tulsa	Chris Chamberlain, Tulsa
2009	Tarrion Adams, Tulsa	David Johnson, Tulsa	Roy Roberts, Tulsa
2010	Dan LeFevour, CMU	Antonio Brown, CMU	Vince Agnew, CMU
2011	Austin Boucher, Miami (OH)	Thomas Merriweather, Miami (OH)	Dayonne Nunley, Miami (OH)
2012	Chandler Harnish, NIU	Martel Moore, NIU	Dechane Durante, NIU
2013	Ryan Aplin, ASU	J.D. McKissic, ASU	Qushaun Lee, ASU

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12/22/04	Bowling Green 52, Memphis 35	40,160

January 6, 2013

Arkansas State (10-3) 17, Kent State (11-3) 13

Mobile, Ala.

Ladd-Peebles Stadium

Attendance: 37,913

Ryan Aplin threw for 213 yards and a touchdown, J.D. McKissic caught 11 passes for 113 yards and Arkansas State edged Kent State 17-13 to win the GoDaddy.com Bowl.

Arkansas State's usually prolific offense struggled against Kent State, but the consistent Aplin-to-McKissic connection and a stingy defense was enough to help the Red Wolves (10-3) to their first bowl win since joining the Football Bowl Subdivision in 1992.

Kent State (11-3) was driving late in the game when quarterback Spencer Keith tried to scramble on fourth down and was stopped a few yards short of the marker with 52 seconds left. Linebacker Qushaun Lee made the shoestring tackle for the Red Wolves and finished with a team-leading 13 stops.

Yard Stick	ASU	KSU
FIRST DOWNS	19	19
Rushing yards	5	8
Passing yards	12	9
Penalty yards	2	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	72	193
Rushing Attempts	38	36
Average Per Rush	1.9	5.4
Rushing Touchdowns	1	1
Yards Gained Rushing	120	203
Yards Lost Rushing	48	10
NET YARDS PASSING	213	157
Completions - Attempts - Int	21-30-0	17-33-1
Average Per Attempt	7.1	4.8
Average Per Completion	10.1	9.2
Passing Touchdowns	1	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	285	350
Total offense plays	68	69
Average Gain Per Play	4.2	5.1
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-35	7-68
PUNTS-YARDS	7-247	6-258
Average Yards Per Punt	35.3	43.0
Net Yards Per Punt	34.3	39.0
Inside 20	3	3
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	3	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-152	4-240
Average Yards Per Kickoff	38	60.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	30.5	37.2
Touchbacks	0	1
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-24-0	1-7-0
Average Per Return	24.0	7.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-71-0	2-30-0
Average Per Return	23.7	15.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0

Yard Stick cont'd.	ASU	KSU
Time of Possession	26:55	33:05
1st Quarter	5:40	9:20
2nd Quarter	8:38	6:22
3rd Quarter	5:50	9:10
4th Quarter	6:47	8:13
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	3 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-3
Touchdowns	1-2	1-3
Field goals	1-2	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-4	2-18
PAT Kicks	2-2	1-1
Field Goals	1-1	2-2

Scoring Summary (Final)

Kent State (11-3) vs. Arkansas State (10-3)

Date: Jan 06, 2013 • Site: Mobile, Ala. • Stadium: Ladd-Peebles

Attendance: 37913

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Kent State	0	10	3	0	13
Arkansas State	0	14	3	0	17

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	12:10	KENT - ARCHER, Dri 16 yd run (CORTEZ, Freddy kick), 4-67	7 - 0
	05:40	ASU - Oku, David 10 yd run (Davis, Brian kick), 9-60	7 - 7
	01:13	ASU - McKissic, J.D. 31 yd pass from Aplin, Ryan (Davis, Brian kick), 9-88	7 - 14
	00:19	KENT - CORTEZ, Freddy 42 yd field goal, 7-34	10 - 14
3rd	08:35	ASU - Davis, Brian 25 yd field goal, 10-47	10 - 17
	01:44	KENT - CORTEZ, Freddy 26 yd field goal, 13-50	13 - 17

Kickoff time: 8 pm CST • End of Game: 11:07 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:07

Officials: Referee: Alex Kemp; Umpire: Jim Shaw; Linesman: Bob Bassett;

Line judge: Jeff Szink; Back judge: Jack Lyman; Field judge: Al Terry;

Side judge: Steve Hassel; Scorer: USA Ath Med Rlt;

Temperature: 48 • Wind: 6 N • Weather: partly cloudy

Memorable Games:

2001 - Marshall 64, East Carolina, 61 (2OT): In the highest-scoring bowl game in college football history, Marshall overcame a 30-point halftime deficit behind Byron Leftwich's incredible 576 passing yards. Down by six with only 7 seconds left in regulation, Leftwich hit a leaping Darius Watts from 11 yards to tie the game at 51. The extra point was missed, sending the game into overtime. Marshall could have won the game in regulation but missed the extra point sending the game into double overtime.

"I guess we had to make it a little dramatic and miss that extra point, then give the fans and TV a little bit more thrill," Marshall coach Bob Pruett said. "It's bad that a team had to lose."

Leftwich finished 41-of-70 with four scoring passes and a TD run.

The teams combined for 1,141 total yards

2002 - Marshall 38, Louisville, 15: Byron Leftwich threw for 249 yards and 4 touchdowns to lead Marshall to its second straight GMAC Bowl victory. Leftwich was roughed up in the first half of the game but returned to become the first player in Division I-A history to throw four touchdown passes in two bowl games. Leftwich was unable to put any weight on his front leg and was picked up and carried down field between plays by his offensive linemen.

"On one leg he's better than anybody else in the country," coach Bob Pruett said.

"Once I got hit in the leg I couldn't step with my plant foot. So I was just trying to do what I could do just to get the ball in the receivers' hands," Leftwich said.

Leftwich went 63-114 for 825 yards and 8 touchdowns passes in two GMAC Bowl appearances. He also rushed for an additional touchdown.

2003 - Miami of Ohio 49, Louisville, 28: Ben Roethlisberger threw for 376 yards and four touchdowns as Miami (Ohio) tied a school record with its 13th straight win. Roethlisberger dominated the Cardinals, completing his first 9 passes for 180 yards and 2 touchdowns. Roethlisberger never took his foot off the gas in the first half, stalking the RedHawks to a 35-7 lead. After the game, Roethlisberger declared his intention to leave early for the NFL Draft, where he was selected 11th overall by Pittsburgh. He has led the Steelers to three Super Bowl appearances and two victories.

Memorable Moments:

2004 - Bowling Green's Omar Jacobs went from question mark to the Mid-American Conference's star quarterback. Jacobs capped a marvelous sophomore season by passing for 365 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Falcons to a 52-35 victory over Memphis.

2008 - Tulsa quarterback Paul Smith threw for 312 yards and five touchdowns and set an FBS record with his 14th consecutive 300-yard passing game. Smith finished the season with 5,065 yards passing and combined with Tarrion Adams, who rushed for 1,225 yards in 2007, to become the third team with a 5,000-yard passing and 1,000-yard rusher. Golden Hurricane receivers Brennan Marrior (1,244), Trae Johnson (1,088) and Charles Clay (1,024) combined with the duo to make the team the first to have a 5,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and three 1,000-yard receivers. The 63-7 final score makes this game the largest margin of victory in bowl history surpassing the 55-point margin set by Alabama over Syracuse in the 1953 Orange Bowl.

TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson played in the first two GMAC Bowl games (known then as the Mobile Alabama Bowl), tallying 64 carries for 242 yards and four touchdowns. He led the Horned Frogs to a 28-14 win over East Carolina in the inaugural game in 1999.

Coaching changes – Four of the last five games have been played with an interim coach after a head coach was hired away after the regular season but before the bowl game was played.

2009 Ball State's Brady Hoke went to San Diego State University; interim was Stan Parrish

2010 Central Michigan's Butch Jones went to University of Cincinnati; interim was Steve Stripling

2011 Miami University's Mike Haywood went to University of Pittsburgh; interim was Lance Guidry.

2012 Arkansas State's Hugh Freeze went to Ole miss; interim was David Gunn.

2013 Kent State's Darrell Hazel accepted the head coaching position at Perdue but stayed to coach the Golden Flashes in their first bowl game in 40 years.

Conference records:

Mid-American Conference 8-3 (.727)

Western Athletic Conference 1-1 (.500)

Conference USA 4-6 (.400)

Sun Belt Conference 1-3 (.000)

Most appearances

Marshall 2 (2001, 2002) (2-0)

Southern Miss 2 (2000, 2007) (2-0)

Miami -Ohio 2 (2003, 2011) (2-0)

Tulsa 2 (2007, 2008) (2-0)

Arkansas State 2 (2012, 2013) (1-1)

Bowling Green 2 (2004, 2009) (1-1)

TCU 2 (1999, 2000) (1-1)

East Carolina 2 (1999, 2001) (0-2)

Louisville 2 (2002, 2003) (0-2)

Central Michigan 1 (2010) (1-0)

Northern Illinois 1 (2012) (1-0)

Toledo 1 (2005) (1-0)

Kent State 1 (2013) (0-1)

Ball State 1 (2009) (0-1)

Memphis 1 (2004) (0-1)

Middle Tennessee 1 (2011) (0-1)

Ohio 1 (2007) (0-1)

Troy 1 (2010) (0-1)

UTEP 1 (2005) (0-1)