



Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017

2:30 p.m. (CT)/3:30 p.m. (ET)

Amon G. Carter Stadium (45,000)

Fort Worth, Texas

ESPN

Armed Forces Bowl Radio Network

Year: 15th (Began in 2003)

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### CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS

East	Conf Games	All Games		
Florida Atlantic	5-0	1.000	6-3	.667
FIU	4-1	.800	6-2	.750
Marshall	3-2	.600	6-3	.667
WKU	3-2	.600	5-4	.556
Middle Tennessee	2-3	.400	4-5	.444
Old Dominion	1-4	.250	3-6	.333
Charlotte	1-4	.200	1-8	.111
West	Conf Games	All Games		
North Texas	5-1	.833	6-3	.667
UAB	4-2	.667	6-3	.667
Southern Miss	3-2	.600	5-4	.556
UTSA	2-3	.400	5-3	.625
Louisiana Tech	2-3	.400	4-5	.444
Rice	1-4	.200	1-8	.111
UTEP	0-5	.000	0-9	.000

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat., Nov. 11	Kickoff CT
Middle Tennessee at Charlotte (ESPN3)	1p
Florida Atlantic at Louisiana Tech	2:30p
Southern Miss at Rice	2:30p
UTEP at North Texas (ESPN3)	4p
WKU at Marshall	5:30p
Old Dominion at FIU	6p
UAB at UTSA	6p
Duke at Army (CBSSN)	11a

# WEEKLY NOTES

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### KUDOS TO K-STATE

Kansas State has been named the sixth recipient of the Armed Forces Merit Award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA). The partnership of the Kansas State football team with the Iron Rangers has created a bond between the university and the United States Army post at Fort Riley.

Coordinated by the staff at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA was created in June 2012 "to honor an individual and/or a group with a military background and/or involvement that has an impact within the realm of college football." [Read](#)

### SPECIAL KAY

The bowl office has announced that U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger will be awarded the 2017 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl Great American Patriot Award. Presented by Armed Forces Insurance, the Great American Patriot Award honors a candidate in recognition of their exemplary service to the United States.

Throughout her time in public service supporting the armed forces, Granger has received numerous awards and recognitions including being presented with the highest form of recognition from the secretary of the Navy with the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award. She was also presented with the Department of the Army's Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service by the secretary of the Army. [Read](#)

### 5 IN A ROW

Army West Point's fifth straight win was a huge one, as the Black Knights (7-2) shut out rival Air Force for the first time in series history (21-0) on Saturday. The Falcons had not been held scoreless in a game since 1992. Army's shutout was its first against a service academy since 1969. The Black Knights limited Air Force to 190 total yards of offense. Offensively, quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw broke Army's all-time single-game rushing record by a quarterback with 265 yards.

### DESERVING OF A HIGH FIVE

Five Conference USA teams are now bowl eligible after four grabbed their sixth wins of the season over the weekend. Marshall (6-3) is now joined in the postseason picture by fellow East Division teams Florida Atlantic (6-3) and FIU (6-2) as well as North Texas (6-3) and UAB (6-3) in the West. Three more schools, Southern Miss (5-4), UTSA (5-3) and WKU (5-4) are one just win away.

### DON'T WORRY, THEY'VE GOT IT COVERED

Joseph Goodman of *AI.com* writes that UAB head coach Bill Clark believes that the Blazers' program is "just scratching the surface" during the team's improbable 2017 season. [Read](#)

Ed Miller for *The Virginian-Pilot* says that Old Dominion, fresh off snapping a six-game losing streak, is looking to seize momentum like the Monarchs' opponent this week, FIU, has throughout its strong start to the season. [Read](#)

### LOOKING BACK

Each week, the bowl is celebrating its 15th anniversary by taking a trip down memory lane with the "Top 15 Moments" from its previous games. Here's No. 5 from 2013 when Navy's touchdown machine Keenan Reynolds scored twice in a 24-6 victory over Middle Tennessee. [Watch](#)

### PROJECTING THE PARTICIPANTS

With Army already committed, it's time to focus the predictions on who will be playing the Black Knights on Dec. 23 in Amon G. Carter Stadium. This week, North Texas took over the role as favorite, receiving nods from three of the seven experts. Other schools receiving votes were UTSA (2), Louisiana Tech and WKU.

*ESPN* (Kyle Bonagura) - North Texas

*College Football News* (Pete Fiutak) - North Texas

*ESPN* (David M. Hale) - North Texas

*The Score* (Brett McMurphy) - LA Tech

*CBS Sports* (Jerry Palm) - UTSA

*CNN* (Eric Single) - WKU

*USA Today* (Erick Smith) - UTSA