

## Sun Belt Conference Notes

### SUN BELT IN THE BCS

The Sun Belt Conference is a BCS Conference. In fact, the Sun Belt Conference is one of just 11 BCS Conferences. The Sun Belt Conference champion will earn an automatic berth in a BCS bowl game if that team is ranked in the top 12 of the final BCS standings or if that team is ranked in the top 16 of the final BCS standings and its ranking is higher than that of a champion of a conference that has an annual automatic berth in one of the of BCS bowls. In the first 10 years of the BCS arrangement, more than \$100 million was distributed to conferences that do not have an annual automatic berth to one of the BCS bowls.

### SUN BELT FOOTBALL MEMBERSHIP

The Sun Belt Conference is currently comprised of nine football playing members – Arkansas State (founding football member in 2001), Florida Atlantic (joined league as football member in 2005), FIU (joined league as football member in 2005), Louisiana-Lafayette (founding football member in 2001), Louisiana-Monroe (founding football member in 2001), Middle Tennessee (founding football member in 2001), North Texas (founding football member in 2001), Troy (joined league as football member in 2004) and Western Kentucky University (joined league as football member in 2009). The league will expand to 10 football playing members when South Alabama enters in 2012.

### SUN BELT CONFERENCE BOWL PARTNERS

The Sun Belt Conference is currently in the second year of four year partnerships with the GoDaddy.com Bowl and the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. Sun Belt teams will represent the league in the games following the 2011, 2012 and 2013 regular seasons.

### BOWL GAME WINNING PERCENTAGES SINCE 2005

	W	L	%
1. MWC	20	8	0.714
2. BIG EAST	21	11	0.656
3. SEC	33	19	0.635
4. PAC 10	19	14	0.576
<b>5. SUN BELT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.545</b>
6. BIG 12	24	23	0.511
7. ACC	22	28	0.440
8. WAC	10	14	0.417
9. CUSA	14	21	0.400
10. BIG TEN	16	28	0.364
11. MAC	5	18	0.217



Since the 2005 football season – the first season following major college football realignment – the Sun Belt Conference ranks fifth out of the 11 FBS conferences in postseason bowl game winning percentage. In fact, the Sun Belt Conference ranks ahead of noted “Big Six” leagues – the Big 12, ACC and the Big Ten. Furthermore, the Sun Belt Conference outpaces its non-automatic qualifying BCS partners in the WAC, Conference USA and the MAC.

