

Wave Clinches Spot in C-USA Tournament

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Last season, the Tulane baseball team entered the final weekend of the season with hopes of getting to the conference tournament, but didn't secure a spot. The 2011 Green Wave ended any waiting on Sunday (May 15) by locking up a spot in the Conference USA Championship that will be hosted at Trustmark Park in Pearl, Miss., starting on May 25.



Tulane's Nick Boullosa stretches for an extra base during the 15-12 Green Wave victory over Marshall University on Sunday (May 15). (Photo by Parker Waters)

The [Wave](#), currently sitting in a three-way tie for fifth place in C-USA entering the final weekend of regular-season conference play, will host East Carolina University starting on Thursday (May 19).

The series opener will start at 6:30 p.m. at Greer Field at Turchin Stadium, followed by a 6:30 p.m. contest on Friday (May 20) and a 1 p.m. Sunday (May 22) game to cap the regular season.

Tulane cinched a spot in conference postseason play by winning two out of three games last weekend at Marshall University in Charleston, W. Va. In a doubleheader on Friday (May 13), Tulane grabbed game one, 5-4, before Marshall rallied with four runs in the ninth inning to win a 7-6 game in the nightcap.

In Sunday's (May 15) deciding match, the Wave tallied seven runs in the eighth inning to pull out a 15-12 victory, locking up a 30-win season for the 18th-straight year.

Jeremy Schaffer and Garrett Cannizaro each drove in four RBIs on Sunday against the Thundering Herd, while Blake Crohan and Brennan Middleton each plated three runs. Schaffer doubled twice to push his conference-leading total to 23 on the year. Ten different Tulane hitters reached base in the contest, and eight players scored runs in the Green Wave's second-highest offensive output of the season.

Senior pitcher Nick Pepitone came on in the ninth inning and claimed his 14th save of the 2011 season, moving into a tie for second on the single-season charts at Tulane.

For more information on the C-USA Championship, see the [tournament schedule](#).

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