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## **The University of Memphis and Wake Forest University Selected to Play in the 2018 Jared Birmingham Bowl**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The University of Memphis (8-5), representing the American Athletic Conference and Wake Forest University (6-6), representing the Atlantic Coast Conference will meet in the 2018 Jared Birmingham Bowl. This will be the fifth meeting between the two schools. Both teams have won twice previously.

The 2018 Jared Birmingham Bowl will be played Saturday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. CT at historic Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama. The game will air on ESPN and Red Voice Radio.

“We are excited to have Memphis and Wake Forest in Birmingham for the 2018 Jared Birmingham Bowl,” said Mark Meadows, Jared Birmingham Bowl executive director. “We look forward to a great match-up at historic Legion Field. Both teams are within driving distance, and we look forward to having their fans in town for Bowl Week to experience the unique southern hospitality that Birmingham has to offer.”

“We are extremely excited for the opportunity to go back to Birmingham to an outstanding bowl against an impressive opponent who finished the season playing really well in Wake Forest. This bowl provides our fans with an amazing opportunity to come down and be part of a unique experience as we play in our fifth-straight bowl game for the first time in program history,” said Memphis Head Football Coach Mike Norvell. “I have the utmost respect for Coach Dave Clawson, and I know it will be a phenomenal game. We look forward to competing for our ninth win and a chance to send our 2018 senior class out as bowl champions.”

The Tigers ended their regular season in first place of the American West Division. Memphis is coached by Mike Norvell, who is in his third year of coaching the Tigers. This will be Memphis’ second appearance in the Birmingham Bowl. The Tigers last played in the 2015 Birmingham Bowl where they fell to Auburn 31-10 at Legion Field in front of a record Birmingham Bowl crowd of 59,430.

“On behalf of our entire football program, we are thrilled, honored and excited that the Birmingham Bowl has invited us to play against an excellent University of Memphis team. I’ve followed Memphis’ season all year, and they are extremely well-coached,” said Wake Forest Head Coach Dave Clawson.

The Demon Deacons ended their regular season in sixth place in the ACC. Wake Forest is coached by Dave Clawson, who is in his fourth year of coaching the Demon Deacons. This will be Wake Forest’s first appearance in the Birmingham Bowl, but not their first visit to Birmingham. Wake Forest played in the 1948

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Dixie Bowl at Legion Field.

Tickets to the 2018 Jared Birmingham Bowl are on sale now and may be purchased by phone at 877-464-9529 or online at [www.birminghambowl.com](http://www.birminghambowl.com). Tickets are also available at the Legion Field Box Office now through game day. Corporate packages, which include premium ticket locations, hospitality benefits, and corporate branding, are available by calling 205-733-3776 ext. 102 or by emailing [mark.r.meadows@espn.com](mailto:mark.r.meadows@espn.com).

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