



## UAB WINS CHERIBUNDI BOCA RATON BOWL



The UAB Blazers finished the season 11-3 overall, making this their first 11-win season in program history just two years after being reinstated. UAB won its first ever bowl game in school history outscoring Northern Illinois 37-13. They took a 27-10 lead at halftime before scoring another 10 points in the second half to put the game away.

"We talked a lot about making history. That's what we sold these guys. We knew we were going to make history. We wanted to finish..." said UAB Head Coach Bill Clark "I guess in our wildest dreams we would win a conference championship and then cap it off with a bowl win". Clark completed his first year at UAB in 2014 and returned with the team as the head coach upon UAB's reinstatement in 2017.

The team was led by quarterback true freshman Tyler Johnston III, who threw for 373 yards and all four of the Blazers' touchdowns, including two for 70 and 66 yards.

Offensive MVP Xavier Ubosi set a Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl record with 227 yards receiving yards on seven receptions, three of which were touchdowns, also all career highs. His 227 receiving yards were the third most in UAB history.

Defensive MVP Anthony Rush anchored the line with five tackles, a sack and 1.5 TFL, while Mar'Sean Diggs had a team-high 10 tackles, followed by Chris Woolbright with nine.

**Attendance: 22, 614**

**Offensive MVP: Xavier Ubosi**

**Defensive MVP: Anthony Rush**