CUSA Championship

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WKU’s phenomenal football season isn’t over yet. A bowl game is looming after this weekends highly anticipated Conference USA Championship game at Houchens-LT Smith Stadium.

That matchup is just one of many athletic events this week as Amy Bingham explains in this week’s View from the Hill.

Traffic, parking, concessions, television crews….the list goes on an on for all the moving parts involved with just one athletic event. Times that by ten over a six day period and you can bet it takes an unbelievable amount of coordination.

WKU football had no trouble taking care of Marshall in the last regular season game.

 “They wanted payback and they were locked and loaded but so were our guys.”

Now ‘our guys’ are right where they want to be, playing Southern Miss for the coveted Conference USA Championship.

 “Our players and coaches earned the right to host this game and we just need the home field advantage that comes with playing in our stadium.”

CUSA League officials will run Saturday’s game making it a little different from a normal home game.

 “More of a neutral field. Southern Miss has a band coming “

The athletics staff is also preparing for six high school football championship games being played at WKU this weekend. “When we extended for the football championships we included a clause in it that in the event we hosted a conference USA championship game we could be flexible with our schedule.”

Add in three games in Diddle arena and you have ten games in six days But the staff insists it’s a great problem to have.

 “If your not winning games you don’t have this problem. That’s part of what we do part of what makes it exciting.”

Winning is also what the volleyball team is doing and will play in the NCAA tournament Friday in Utah during this high profile WKU week.

 “it’s our ninth time in the NCAA tournament.”

A win for football could mean a top 25 ranking. And you can be sure all the behind the scenes players will be working as hard as they can to make it all go off without a hitch.

 “they’ve done a tremendous job planning for this and we are ready for it and we will make it a special week for everybody. “

Get your ticket for Saturday’s game against Southern Miss by calling 1-800-5-BIG RED. Kick off is at 11. Stewart is encouraging fans to wear red and pack the Houch to help the tops clinch this victory.

He says bowl information should be released on Sunday.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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