

INCARNATE WORD



Sept. 2, 2017
Fresno, Calif.
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General Information

Location.....San Antonio, Texas
Founded.....1881
Enrollment.....10,984
Nickname.....Cardinals
Colors.....Red, Black & White
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FCS
Conference.....Southland
President.....Dr. Thomas Evans
Interim Athletic Director.....Mark Papich

Stadium Information

Stadium...Gayle & Tom Benson Stadium
Capacity.....6,000
Surface.....Hellas Matrix

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Larry Kennan
Career Record (Yrs).....32-53-3 (9)
At School (Yrs).....19-36 (5)

Assistant Coaches

Larry Moore.....Assoc. HC (Off)/OL
Robert Lyles.. Assoc. HC (Def)/OLB
Kyle Kennan.....OC/WRs
Brian Gamble.....DC/ILBs
Sean Davis.....Pass Game Coord./QBs
Nick Debose.....Def. Pass Game Coord./DBs
Mike Barela.....Run Game Coord./TEs
Tres Sullivan.....RBs
Polo Gutierrez.....ST Coord./DL

Team Information

2016 Record.....3-8
Conference Record/Finish.....3-6/9th
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....3-4
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....74/21
Starters Returning/Lost.....19/9

Sports Information

Football SID.....Zachary Carlton
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	Fresno State	TBA
9/9	at Sacramento State	TBA
9/16	at Stephen F. Austin*	6 p.m.
9/30	Abilene Christian*	6 p.m.
10/7	at Southeastern La.*	4 p.m.
10/14	Lamar*	6 p.m.
10/21	at McNeese State*	TBA
10/28	Nichols State*	2 p.m.
11/4	at Sam Houston State*	TBA
11/11	Central Arkansas*	6 p.m.
11/16	Prairie View A&M*	6 p.m.
- All Times Central		

ALABAMA



Sept. 9, 2017
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
12:30 p.m. PT
ESPN2

General Information

Location.....Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Founded.....1831
Enrollment.....37,655
Nickname.....Crimson Tide
Colors.....Crimson and White
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Southeastern
President.....Dr. Stuart Bell
Athletic Director.....Greg Byrne

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Bryant-Denny Stadium
Capacity.....101,821
Surface.....Grass

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Nick Saban
Career Record (Yrs).....220-78-1 (23)
At School (Yrs).....114-19 (10)

Assistant Coaches

Burton Burns.....Asst. HC/RB/ST
Brian Daboll.....OC/QBs
Jeremy Pruitt.....DC/ILB
Karl Dunbar.....DL
Brent Key.....OL
Derrick Ansley.....DBs
Michael Locksley.....Co-OC/WR
Tosh Lupoi.....Co-DC/OLB
Joe Pannunzio.....STC/TEs

Team Information

2016 Record.....14-1
Conference Record/Finish..8-0/1st (West)
Basic Offense.....Pro-Style (Multiple)
Basic Defense.....3-4
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....52/21
Starters Returning/Lost.....13/13

Sports Information

Football SID.....Josh Maxson
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	Florida State	7 p.m.
9/9	Fresno State	2:30 p.m.
9/16	Colorado State	6 p.m.
9/23	at Vanderbilt*	TBA
9/30	Ole Miss*	TBA
10/7	at Texas A&M*	TBA
10/14	Arkansas*	TBA
10/21	Tennessee*	TBA
11/4	LSU*	TBA
11/11	at Mississippi State*	TBA
11/18	Mercer	TBA
11/25	at Auburn*	TBA
- All Times Central		

WASHINGTON



Sept. 16, 2017
Seattle, Wash.
6:30 p.m. PT
PAC-12 NETWORK

General Information

Location.....Seattle, Wash.
Founded.....1861
Enrollment.....46,081
Nickname.....Huskies
Colors.....Purple & Gold
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Pacific-12
President.....Ana Mari Caucé
Athletic Director.....Jennifer Cohen

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Husky Stadium
Capacity.....70,338
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Chris Peterson
Career Record (Yrs).....119-26 (11)
At School (Yrs).....27-14 (3)

Assistant Coaches

Keith Bhonapha.....RC/RBs
Bob Gregoy.....Asst. HC/LB/ST
Scott Huff.....OL/RG Coord.
Pete Kwiatkowski.....DC
Jimmy Lake.....Co-DC/DBs
Matt Lubick.....Co-OC/WRs
Ikaika Malloe.....DL
Jordan Paopao.....TEs
Jonathan Smith.....OC/QBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....12-2
Conference Record/Finish.....8-1/1st
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....3-4
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....53/17
Starters Returning/Lost.....16/8

Sports Information

Football SID.....Jeff Bechtold
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/1	at Rutgers	5 p.m.
9/9	Montana	5 p.m.
9/16	Fresno State	6:30 p.m.
9/23	at Colorado*	TBD
9/30	at Oregon State*	TBD
10/7	California*	TBD
10/14	at Arizona State*	TBD
10/28	UCLA*	TBD
11/4	Oregon*	TBD
11/10	at Stanford*	7:30 p.m.
11/18	Utah*	TBD
11/25	Washington State*	TBD
- All Times Pacific		

NEVADA



Sept. 30, 2017
Fresno, Calif.
TBD
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General Information

Location.....Reno, Nev.
Founded.....1874
Enrollment.....20,000
Nickname.....Wolf Pack
Colors.....Navy Blue and Silver
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Marc Johnson
Athletic Director.....Doug Knuth

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Mackay Stadium
Capacity.....30,000
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Jay Norvell
Career Record (Yrs).....0-0 (0)
At School (Yrs).....0-0 (0)

Assistant Coaches

Jeff Casteel.....DC/LBs
Matt Mumme.....OC/QBs
Timmy Chang.....Inside WRs
Mason Miller.....OL
David White.....RBs
Eric Scott.....Outside WRs
Jason Kaufusi.....DL
Matt Kirk.....Safeties
Courtney Viney.....CBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....5-7
Conference Record/Finish..3-5/1-3rd W
Basic Offense.....Spread Pistol
Basic Defense.....4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....33/19
Starters Returning/Lost.....12/12

Sports Information

Football SID.....Chad Hartley
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	at Northwestern	12:30 p.m.
9/9	Toledo	4 p.m.
9/16	Idaho State	4 p.m.
9/23	at Washington State	TBA
9/30	at Fresno State*	TBA
10/7	Hawai'i*	7:30 p.m.
10/14	at Colorado State*	TBA
10/20	Air Force*	6:30 p.m.
11/4	at Boise State*	TBA
11/11	San Jose State*	TBA
11/18	at San Diego State*	7:30 p.m.
11/25	UNLV*	1 p.m.
- All Times Pacific		



SAN JOSE STATE



Oct. 7, 2017
San Jose, Calif.
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General Information

Location.....San Jose, Calif.
Founded.....1857
Enrollment.....32,471
Nickname.....Spartans
Colors.....Gold, White & Blue
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Mary Papazian
Athletic Director.....Gene Bleymaier

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Spartan Stadium
Capacity.....30,456
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Brett Brennan
Career Record (Yrs).....0-0 (0)
At School (Yrs).....0-0 (0)
Assistant Coaches
Derrick Odum.....DC
Andrew Sowder.....OC/TEs
Joe Bernardi.....OL
Alonzo Carter.....RBs
Kevin Cummings.....WRs
Bojay Filimoeatu.....LBs
Ryan Gunderson.....QBs
Will Harris.....DBs
Joe Seumalo.....OL

Team Information

2016 Record.....4-8
Conference Record/Finish...3-5/T-3rd W
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....4-3 Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....35/16
Starters Returning/Lost.....17/7

Sports Information

Football SID.....Lawrence Fan
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/26	South Florida	4:30 p.m.
9/2	Cal Poly	TBA
9/9	at Texas	2:30 p.m.
9/16	at Utah	7 p.m.
9/23	Utah State*	TBA
9/30	at UNLV*	TBA
10/7	Fresno State*	TBA
10/14	at Hawai'i*	TBA
10/28	at BYU*	TBA
11/4	San Diego State*	TBA
11/11	at Nevada*	TBA
11/18	at Colorado State*	12:30 p.m.
11/25	Wyoming*	TBA
- All Times Pacific		

NEW MEXICO



Oct. 14, 2017
Fresno, Calif.
TBA

AT&T Sports Networks

General Information

Location.....Albuquerque, N.M.
Founded.....1889
Enrollment.....27,353
Nickname.....Lobos
Colors.....Cherry & Silver
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Robert Frank
Athletic Director.....Janice Ruggiero

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Dreamstyle Stadium
Capacity.....39,224
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Bob Davie
Career Record (Yrs).....62-61 (10)
At School (Yrs).....27-36 (5)
Assistant Coaches
Bob DeBesse.....OC/WRs
Kevin Cosgrove.....DC/LBs
Apollo Wright.....STC/QBs
Charles McMillian.....Def. PG Coord./Saf.
Saga Tuitiele.....Run Game Coord./OL
Scott Baumgartner.....RBs
Clay Davie.....TEs
Stan Eggen.....DL
Al Simmons.....CBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....9-4
Conference Record/Finish...6-2/T-1st Mtn
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....4-3 Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....41/27
Starters Returning/Lost.....9/13

Sports Information

Football SID.....Frank Mercogliano
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	Abilene Christian	TBA
9/9	New Mexico State	TBA
9/14	at Boise State*	6 p.m.
9/23	at Tulsa	TBA
9/30	Air Force*	5 p.m.
10/14	at Fresno State*	TBA
10/20	Colorado State*	8:15 p.m.
10/28	at Wyoming*	TBA
11/4	Utah State*	TBA
11/11	at Texas A&M*	TBA
11/17	UNLV*	7:30 p.m.
11/24	at San Diego State*	1:30 p.m.
- All Times Mountain		

SAN DIEGO STATE



Oct. 21, 2017
San Diego, Calif.
7:30 p.m. PT

CBS Sports Network

General Information

Location.....San Diego, Calif.
Founded.....1897
Enrollment.....33,726
Nickname.....Aztecs
Colors.....Scarlet and Black
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Elliot Hirshman
Athletic Director.....John David Wicker

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Qualcomm Stadium
Capacity.....54,000
Surface.....Natural Grass

Coaching Staff

Head Coach/DC.....Rocky Long
Career Record (Yrs).....119-95 (17)
At School (Yrs).....54-26 (6)
Assistant Coaches
Jeff Horton.....Assoc. HC/OC/RBs
Bobby Hauck.....Assoc. HC/STC
Zach Arnett.....LBs
Hunkie Cooper.....WRs
Daniel Gonzales.....S
Ernie Lawson.....DL
Blane Morgan.....QB
Mike Schmidt.....OL
Tony White.....CBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....11-3
Conference Record/Finish...6-2/1st W
Basic Offense.....Pro-Style
Basic Defense.....3-3-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....11/12
Starters Returning/Lost.....35/20

Sports Information

Football SID.....Mike May
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	UC Davis	5:30 p.m.
9/9	at Arizona State	8 p.m.
9/16	Stanford	7:30 p.m.
9/23	at Air Force*	4 p.m.
9/30	Northern Illinois	7:30 p.m.
10/7	at UNLV*	TBA
10/14	Boise State*	7:30 p.m.
10/21	Fresno State*	7:30 p.m.
10/28	at Hawai'i*	TBA
11/4	at San Jose State*	TBA
11/18	Nevada*	7:30 p.m.
11/24	New Mexico*	12:30 p.m.
- All Times Pacific		

UNLV



Oct. 28, 2017
Fresno, Calif.
TBA

AT&T Sports Networks

General Information

Location.....Las Vegas, Nev.
Founded.....1957
Enrollment.....29,000
Nickname.....Rebels
Colors.....Scarlet & Gray
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Len Jessup
Athletic Director.....Tina Kunzer-Murphy

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Sam Boyd Stadium
Capacity.....35,500
Surface.....SPRINTURF

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Tony Sanchez
Career Record (Yrs).....7-17 (2)
At School (Yrs).....7-17 (2)
Assistant Coaches
Kent Baer.....DC/LBs
Barney Cotton.....OC/TEs
Cedric Cormier.....WRs
John Garrison.....OL
Andy LaRussa.....S/STC
Ron O'Dell.....QB
Travis Burkett.....RBs
Tony Samuel.....DL
David Lockwood.....CBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....4-8
Conference Record/Finish...3-5/T-3rd W
Basic Offense.....Pro-Style
Basic Defense.....4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....46/20
Starters Returning/Lost.....13/11

Sports Information

Football SID.....Mark Wallington
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	Howard	6 p.m.
9/9	at Idaho	6 p.m.
9/23	at Ohio State	TBA
9/30	San Jose State*	TBA
10/7	San Diego State*	TBA
10/14	at Air Force*	TBA
10/21	Utah State*	TBA
10/28	at Fresno State*	TBA
11/4	Hawai'i*	TBA
11/10	BYU*	7:30 p.m.
11/17	at New Mexico*	6:30 p.m.
11/25	at Nevada*	1 p.m.
- All Times Pacific		



BYU



Nov. 4, 2017
Fresno, Calif.

TBA

ESPN Networks

General Information

Location.....Provo, Utah
Founded.....1875
Enrollment.....30,395
Nickname.....Cougars
Colors.....Blue and White
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Independent
President.....Kevin J. Worthen
Athletic Director.....Tom Holmoe

Stadium Information

Stadium.....LaVell Edwards Stadium
Capacity.....63,470
Surface.....Grass

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Kalani Sitake
Career Record (Yrs).....9-4 (1)
At School (Yrs).....9-4 (1)
Assistant Coaches
Ed Lamb.....Asst. HC/STC/S
Ty Detmer.....OC/QBs
Tlailaia Tuiaki.....DC/DL
Mike Empey.....OL
Reno Mahe.....RBs
Ben Cahoon.....WRs
Steve Clark.....TEs
Steve Kaufusi.....LBs
Jernaro Gilford.....CBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....9-4
Conference Record/Finish.....N/A
Basic Offense.....Pro Style, Multiple
Basic Defense.....4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....59/21
Starters Returning/Lost.....14/10

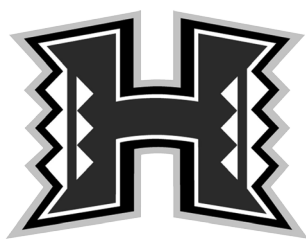
Sports Information

Football SID.....Brett Pyne
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/26	Portland State	1 p.m.
9/3	LSU (Houston, Tex.)	7:30 p.m.
9/9	Utah	8:15 p.m.
9/16	Wisconsin	1:30 p.m.
9/29	at Utah State	6 p.m.
10/6	Boise State	8:15 p.m.
10/14	at Mississippi State	TBA
10/21	at East Carolina	TBA
10/28	San Jose State	TBA
11/4	at Fresno State	TBA
11/10	at UNLV	8:30 p.m.
11/18	Massachusetts	1 p.m.
11/25	at Hawai'i	7 p.m.
- All Times Mountain		

HAWAII



Nov. 11, 2017
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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General Information

Location.....Honolulu, Hawai'i
Founded.....1907
Enrollment.....20,000
Nickname.....Rainbow Warriors
Colors.....Green, Black, White and Silver
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
Interim Chancellor.....David Lassner
Athletic Director.....David A.K. Matlin

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Aloha Stadium
Capacity.....50,000
Surface.....Synthetic Infilled Turf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Nick Rolovich
Career Record (Yrs).....7-7 (1)
At School (Yrs).....7-7 (1)
Assistant Coaches
Brian Smith.....Assoc. HC/OC/RB/TE
Legi Suiaunoa.....DC
Mayur Chaudhari.....STC/DEs
Sean Duggan.....LBs
Abe Elimimian.....CBs
Kefense Hynson.....WRs
Chris Naele.....OL
Craig Stutzmann.....Pass Game Coord./QBs
Jacob Yoro.....S

Team Information

2016 Record.....7-7
Conference Record/Finish.....4-4/2nd W
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....54/19
Starters Returning/Lost.....15/10

Sports Information

Football SID.....Derek Inouchi
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/26	at UMass	TBA
9/2	Western Carolina	TBA
9/9	at UCLA	11 a.m.
9/23	at Wyoming*	TBA
9/30	Colorado State*	TBA
10/7	at Nevada*	4:30 p.m.
10/14	San Jose State*	TBA
10/28	San Diego State*	TBA
11/4	at UNLV*	TBA
11/11	Fresno State*	TBA
11/18	at Utah State*	TBA
11/25	BYU	4 p.m.
- All Times Hawaiian		

WYOMING



Nov. 18, 2017
Laramie, Wyo.

TBA

AT&T Sports Networks

General Information

Location.....Laramie, Wyoming
Founded.....1886
Enrollment.....13,551
Nickname.....Cowboys
Colors.....Brown & Gold
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Laurie Nichols
Athletic Director.....Tom Burman

Stadium Information

Stadium.....War Memorial Stadium
Capacity.....29,181
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Craig Bohl
Career Record (Yrs).....118-56
At School (Yrs).....14-24 (3)
Assistant Coaches
Brent Vigen.....OC/ QBs
Scottie Hazelton.....DC/LBs
Mike Bath.....RB/FBs
AJ Cooper.....STC/DEs
Jake Dickert.....S
Scott Fuchs.....OL
Mike Grant.....WRs
Peter Kaligis.....DTs
John Richardson.....CBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....8-6
Conference Record/Finish.....6-2/T-1st M
Basic Offense.....Pro-Style (West Coast)
Basic Defense.....Tampa 2 (4-3)
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....51/21
Starters Returning/Lost.....15/9

Sports Information

Football SID.....Tim Harkins
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	at Iowa	10 a.m.
9/9	Gardner-Webb	TBA
9/16	Oregon	5 p.m.
9/23	Hawai'i*	TBA
9/30	Texas State	TBA
10/14	at Utah State*	TBA
10/21	at Boise State*	TBA
10/28	New Mexico*	TBA
11/4	Colorado State*	5 p.m.
11/11	at Air Force*	TBA
11/18	Fresno State*	TBA
11/25	at San Jose State*	TBA
- All Times Mountain		

BOISE STATE



Nov. 28, 2017
Fresno, Calif.

12:30 p.m. PT

CBS Sports Network

General Information

Location.....Boise, Idaho
Founded.....1932
Enrollment.....23,886
Nickname.....Broncos
Colors.....Blue & Orange
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Robert Kustra
Athletic Director.....Curt Apsey

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Albertsons Stadium
Capacity.....36,387
Surface.....Blue Field Turf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Bryan Harsin
Career Record (Yrs).....38-14 (4)
At School (Yrs).....31-9 (3)
Assistant Coaches
Kent Riddle.....Assoc. HC/TE/STC
Steve Caldwell.....Asst. HC/DL
Zak Hill.....OC/QBs
Andy Avalos.....DC/LBs
Ashley Ambrose.....DBs
Brad Bedell.....OL
Gabe Franklin.....S
Eric Kiesau.....WRs
Lee Marks.....RBs

Team Information

2016 Record.....10-3
Conference Record/Finish.....6-2/T-1st M
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....47/27
Starters Returning/Lost.....10/15

Sports Information

Football SID.....Joe Nickell
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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	Troy	1:45 p.m.
9/9	at Washington State	8:30 p.m.
9/14	New Mexico*	6 p.m.
9/22	Virginia	6 p.m.
10/6	at BYU	8:15 p.m.
10/14	at San Diego State*	8:30 p.m.
10/21	Wyoming*	TBA
10/28	at Utah State*	8 p.m.
11/4	Nevada*	TBA
11/11	at Colorado State*	8:30 p.m.
11/18	Air Force*	TBA
11/25	at Fresno State*	1:30 p.m.
- All Times Mountain		



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MEDIA/PHOTO CREDENTIALS

Requests for media and/or photo credentials should be submitted via email to Matt Burkholder at mburkholder@csufresno.edu at least 48 hours prior to the event. Since space is limited in the press box, accommodations are on the following priority basis: daily newspapers, originating radio and television stations, national weekly or monthly publications, electronic media outlets, local and regional television crews. Priority is granted to full-time employees of media entities that cover Fresno State football on a regular basis, which includes coverage of press conferences, open practices, home and road games and to visiting media members.

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CREDENTIAL PICK-UP & WILL CALL

Credentials may be picked up at Jeff Tedford's weekly press conference on Monday morning or by contacting Taylor Martinez in the Athletics Communications Office prior to the day of the game. On game days, credentials may be picked up at the Richiuti Academic Center (where the photo work room is located), located southeast of Bulldog Stadium, inside the Fresno State Student-Athlete Village. Non-working individuals will not be permitted in the press box.

WEEKLY RELEASE

Fresno State's weekly release and statistical package, which includes notes and two-deep charts, is available each Monday during the football season at *GoBulldogs.com*.

FOOTBALL E-MAIL LIST

If you would like to be added to the Fresno State football E-mail list to receive breaking news about the team, please E-mail Matt Burkholder at mburkholder@csufresno.edu.

MOUNTAIN WEST MEDIA INFORMATION

Stuart Buchanan, Mountain West Assistant Director for Communications, will handle all information related to football at the Mountain West. He may be reached at 719-488-4042.

INTERVIEW POLICY

Requests for interviews with players and coaches should be made through the Fresno State Athletic Communications Office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance to ensure availability.

PHOTO REGULATIONS

NCAA regulations limit the shooting of photos to an area outside a five-foot restraining area surrounding the playing field. Photographers must shoot from behind the white lines between the 25-yard line and the back of the end zone on either side of the field, and stay completely out of the team boxes on the sideline. The



Fresno State Athletics Department reserves all commercial and non-commercial rights to the use of film, videotapes and still photographs of its athletics events, student-athletes, staff and facilities. A work room for photographers is located in the Richiuti Academic Center and can be accessed through the Student-Athlete Village.

BULLDOG STADIUM PRESS BOX

The Bulldog Stadium press box is located on the west side of the stadium above the seating bowl on the second level. The press box opens three hours prior to kickoff and remains open three hours after the game.

Complete team and individual statistics by quarter, play-by-play and postgame statistical packages, including quotes and notes, will be provided to each member of the working media of the press box. After the conclusion of the game, final statistics will be delivered to the Duncan Building interview room as soon as they are available.

Bulldog Stadium offers wireless internet connectivity on gameday. Please check with the media relations staff to acquire the necessary username and passwords for access.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS AT BULLDOG STADIUM

Head coach Jeff Tedford and select players will be available in the Josephine Theater of the Duncan Building for a postgame media conference. No interviews will take place on the field unless permitted by the Fresno State Athletic Communications staff. The opposing head coach and select players may be interviewed outside the visitor's team locker room, located on the west side of the Duncan Building. Postgame quotes from both teams will be made available to the working media after the game and will be posted on Fresno State's official website, GoBulldogs.com. The Fresno State locker and training rooms are closed to the media.

JEFF TEDFORD'S WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

Jeff Tedford's weekly media conference will be held at 11 a.m. in the Josephine Theater of the Duncan Building on Monday's during the football season. A select player will be brought in to the weekly press conference. The conference is open to all credentialed media members. The media conference can be viewed live or on an archive via the Mountain West Network, located at gobulldogs.com/videos or livestream.com/mwn.

PRACTICES

The Fresno State football team practices at the Valley Growers Practice Field, located immediately southwest of Bulldog Stadium. Practices are closed to the public and to the media with the exception of the first 30 minutes Tuesday through Thursday when only the media is allowed to shoot the team stretch and individual periods. Once those periods end, the media will be asked to leave

the practice fields. Members of the media are asked to remain on the berm surrounding the field during those allotted times.

PARKING

Game day media parking at Bulldog Stadium is available on a limited basis and requires a pass - parking is available in three locations, through Gate 10 off of Bulldog Lane at the Fresno Lexus Blue Lot (blue lot-west pass required), in the Gunner Andros lot off Ninth Street, or in the Purple Lot located just north of Bulldog Diamond on the east side of Cedar Avenue. Space is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis for each lot. Those planning to use media parking should plan accordingly.

Parking for practices are designated in the southwest corner of the blue lot, nearest Valley Growers Practice Field.

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WEEKLY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No media availability.	Coach Tedford holds an 11 a.m. press conference and select player(s) available at that time. No practice-player off day.	Bulldog of-fensive players/ assistant coaches are available after practice. Coach Tedford available 15 minutes before practice and after.	Bulldog defensive players/assistant coaches are available after practice. Coach Tedford available 15 minutes before practice and after.	Coach Tedford available 15 minutes before practice and after. No player/assistant coaches availability.	Coach Tedford and offensive and defensive coordinators are available for network television only. There is no player availability.	Coach Tedford and select players will be available in the media interview room postgame. The Bulldogs' locker room is closed to the media.





JOSEPH I. CASTRO
FRESNO STATE PRESIDENT

Joseph I. Castro was appointed as the eighth president of California State University, Fresno in 2013. He is the first Central Valley native to serve in this leadership position. Dr. Castro is also Professor of Educational Leadership in the Kremen School of Education and Human Development.

Prior to his appointment at Fresno State, he served as Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Affairs, and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) from 2006-13. Earlier in his career, he held faculty and/or administrative leadership positions at four other University of California campuses -- Berkeley, Davis, Merced, and Santa Barbara.

He received a B.A. in political science and M.P.P. in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley and Ph.D. in higher education policy and leadership from Stanford University.

In 2016, Dr. Castro received the Alumni Excellence in Education from Stanford University Graduate School of Education and the Ohtli Medal, which is the highest honor granted by the Government of Mexico to Mexican-American leaders in the United States. He was selected as the 2014 Alumnus of the Year by the University of California, Berkeley Richard and Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy. Dr. Castro is also the recipient of the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award at UCSF and the 2010 University of California Student Association's Administrator of the Year Award.

Dr. Castro is the grandson of farmworkers from Mexico. He was born and raised in Hanford, CA and is the first person in his family to graduate from a university. He and his wife, Mary, have three children, Isaac, Lauren and Jess.



JIM BARTKO
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Jim Bartko, 51, was announced as the new Bulldog Director of Athletics by Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro at a press conference on Nov. 21, 2014 and he took office on Jan. 1, 2015.

Bartko, a Central Valley native, served as the executive senior associate athletic director at the University of Oregon prior to coming home to the Valley. Now, two-and-a-half years guiding the Fresno State Athletics Department, the Bulldogs have taken off in raising their athletic profile alongside academics on campus under Castro's University mission of having athletics and academics rise together.

While at Oregon, Bartko served on the Athletics Executive Committee and was responsible for the planning, development and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the athletics department. He managed all development efforts, ticket operations, major gifts and group sales.

Bartko started his career in 1989 as a regional director and fundraiser for the Duck Athletic Fund at the University of Oregon and advanced into assistant and associate athletic director roles. In 2006-07, he moved to the University of California, Berkeley, where he was senior associate athletic director for development.

He returned to Oregon as senior associate athletic director and in 2008 was advanced to executive senior athletic director.

Born in Stockton, he attended schools there and in Pinole and graduated from Central Catholic High School in Modesto. He holds a bachelor's degree in sports administration with a minor in business administration from Washington State University in Pullman.

Bartko and his wife, Eileen, have two children, A.J., 20, and Danielle, 14.

ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION



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MOUNTAIN WEST

THIS IS THE MOUNTAIN WEST

From its inception in 1999, the Mountain West has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Progressive in its approach, the MW continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. Now in its 19th year, the MW has been assertive in its involvement with the NCAA governance structure and has taken a leadership role in the overall administration of intercollegiate athletics.

The Mountain West has marked several achievements during its first 18 years, most notably becoming the first to establish a sports television network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference (The Mtn.). The Mountain West also was the first to experiment with the coaches' challenge in the college football instant replay system, and was the first non-automatic-qualifying BCS conference to participate in four BCS bowl games, winning three. In the inaugural year of the new College Football Playoff system, Boise State earned the automatic slot into a New Year's Six bowl game as the highest-ranked champion from the Group of Five 5 conferences. The Broncos defeated then 10th-ranked Arizona 38-30 in the VIZIO Fiesta Bowl. In 2011-12, the Mountain West was among the first conferences to implement a league-wide state-of-the-art basketball instant replay system.

Changes in the NCAA governance structure set the table for another Conference first, when two members of the MW Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) were included in the June 2014 meeting of the Mountain West Board of Directors. New Mexico track and field athlete Kendall Spencer, the national chair of the 2014-15 NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and Air Force Academy volleyball player Emma Dridge joined the BOD members in this historic meeting to advance the discussion on student-athlete involvement in the NCAA and MW governance structure. During the last three academic years, MW student-athletes participated on monthly membership calls and have joined MW administrators in the annual Joint Council Spring Meetings in Arizona.

The Mountain West is well-represented within the new NCAA governance structure, including individuals who were appointed to serve on committees tasked with managing the day-to-day business of Division I athletics. Colorado State President Tony Frank currently sits on the DI Board of Directors, while MW Commissioner Craig Thompson and Fresno State Faculty Athletics Representative Dawn Lewis are members of the DI Council. Kendall Spencer, the former chair of the DI Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and UNM track & field athlete, was the first student-athlete in the history of the organization to serve on the Division I Board.

Additionally, the Mountain West was the first conference to have a member institution with No. 1 overall picks in both the NFL and NBA drafts in the same year (Utah's Alex Smith and Andrew

Bogut, respectively in 2005). With UNLV's Anthony Bennett claiming the No. 1 pick in the 2013 NBA Draft, the Mountain West is one of three conferences to have multiple No. 1 NBA draft selections since 2000. Also, with San Diego State's Stephen Strasburg earning the No. 1 pick in the 2009 MLB Draft, the Mountain West is one of two conferences to have the No. 1 selection in each of the NFL, NBA and MLB drafts since the MW was founded in 1999.

The Mountain West is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful terrain and landscapes in the nation can be found within Mountain West boundaries, including the majestic Rocky Mountain range, which borders five MW institutions (Air Force, Boise State, Colorado State, New Mexico and Utah State). The high plains of Wyoming (elevation 7,220 feet – the highest Division I campus in the nation) contrast with the desert cities of Las Vegas and Reno, home to UNLV and Nevada, respectively, while Fresno State, San Diego State and San Jose State add a West coast influence with their locations in Central, Southern and Northern California. The inclusion of the Hawai'i football program extends the Mountain West footprint to the beautiful islands in the Pacific Ocean, while the addition of the women's soccer program at Colorado College gives the MW an additional presence in the Rocky Mountains.

2016-17 IN REVIEW

From the gridiron to the diamond, Mountain West teams enjoyed a strong year in 2016-17. In football, the fourth annual MW Football Championship game took place on December 3, 2016 at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie, Wyoming. The Cowboys, champions of the Mountain Division, hosted two-time defending West Division champion San Diego State with the Aztecs claiming their second-consecutive Conference title, 27-24.

For the fourth straight season, the Mountain West sent seven or more teams into postseason bowl games. The league has earned 84 bowl bids since 1999 and holds a 46-38 (.548) all-time record. The 2016 bowl season marked the 10th consecutive year the MW sent at least five teams to bowls and the 13th time overall since the league's inception.

Nevada captured the Mountain West regular-season and tournament titles, becoming the first men's basketball program to win both championships in the same season since New Mexico in 2013. The Wolf Pack earned the league's lone bid to the NCAA Tournament. Colorado State, Boise State and Fresno State each participated in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT), while Wyoming became the second MW team in as many seasons to win the College Basketball Invitational (CBI).

In women's basketball, Boise State claimed its second Mountain West Tournament title in program history to secure the league's automatic bid to the NCAA postseason. MW regular-season champion Colorado State was the Conference's automatic qualifier into the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT), where it was joined by UNLV and Wyoming. Utah State participated in the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI).



The Mountain West sent three women's volleyball teams to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2009. MW champion Boise State claimed the league's automatic bid, while Colorado State and UNLV joined the Broncos in the postseason as at-large selections. Both Boise State and UNLV captured first round victories.

For the first time since 2006 and the third time in program history, UNLV captured the Mountain West Women's Soccer Championship crown. The title earned the Rebels their fourth NCAA Tournament appearance as members of the Conference.

Five Mountain West cross country student-athletes earned all-American accolades at the NCAA Championships. The New Mexico women, placed in the top-10 in the team standings for the seventh consecutive year after placing seventh. The Lobos earned their ninth consecutive MW women's title, while Boise State claimed the men's crown for the first time in program history.

Colorado State's Mostafa Hassan (Shot Put) and Josh Kerr (Mile Run) of New Mexico became the first Mountain West male student-athletes to win individual national titles at the NCAA Championships since the Lobos' Kendall Spencer captured the Long Jump crown in 2012. A total of 23 MW student-athletes were named USTFCCA All-Americans, including six individuals who garnered first-team accolades. At the Conference Championship meet, Colorado State swept both the men's and the women's titles.

New Mexico's Josh Kerr won gold in the 1,500-Meter Run and Allie Ostrander of Boise State captured the 3,000-Meter Steeplechase title at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Kerr and Ostrander were two of 49 Mountain West student-athletes who earned USTFCCA All-America accolades. At the MW Outdoor T&F Championships, Air Force claimed the men's title for the second-straight year, while the San Diego State women captured their fourth league crown in program history.

Seven MW student-athletes earned all-America honors at the 2017 NCAA Women's Swimming & Diving Championships, including Sharae Zheng of Nevada who garnered a pair all-America accolades. Boise State captured the Mountain West Swimming & Diving title for the third time, while Air Force's Genevieve Miller became the first swimmer in league history to win four titles in two different events at the Conference championship.

Utah State men's tennis won the first Mountain West tournament title in any sport for the Aggies since joining the league prior to the 2013-14 season. Utah State earned the Conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. On the women's side, San José State won its first MW title and advanced





to the NCAA postseason for the second time in program history. In individual competition, UNLV's Carol Zi Yang earned a bid to the NCAA Singles Championship.

For the second year in a row, UNLV swept the Mountain West men's and women's golf championships. The league sent three men's teams and four individuals to the NCAA regionals. It was the 18th consecutive season the MW sent at least three teams to NCAA regionals, while the four individuals are the most in Conference history. No. 17-ranked UNLV won the West Lafayette Regional and advanced to the NCAA Men's Golf Championship, where it was joined by New Mexico. The Rebels tied for seventh in the stroke play event to advance to the match play round, before falling to top seed Vanderbilt, 3-2.

On the women's side, the MW was represented by three teams and two individuals in the NCAA regionals. The league has sent multiple teams to the NCAA Women's Golf Regionals in 17 of its 18 years. It is the 13th time in 14 seasons in which the Conference has sent at least three teams to the postseason.

San José State won its first MW softball title and garnered the Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Fresno State joined the Spartans in the NCAA postseason after earning an at-large berth. In addition to the two NCAA bids, the Mountain West landed three squads in the National Invitational Softball Championships (NISC). Utah State earned an automatic berth into the 26-team field, while Boise State and Nevada garnered at-large selections. MW Player of the Year Jenavee Peres of San Diego State was named a second-team all-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

San Diego State earned the Mountain West's automatic bid to the NCAA Baseball Tournament after capturing the 2017 MW Championship title. New Mexico won the league's regular-season crown. Six student-athletes garnered all-America

honors, while a total of 25 players were selected in the Major League Baseball draft. New Mexico's Luis Gonzalez was the first MW player off the board, as the center fielder was taken in the third round with the 87th overall pick by the Chicago White Sox.

ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM

From the outset, Mountain West member institutions have been committed to creating strong academic relationships, as well as athletic competition. To that end, the chief academic officers of each institution have explored academic exchange programs, library crossovers and shared research. In addition, the faculty athletics representatives routinely provide academic assistance and test-taking services for student-athletes visiting from fellow member institutions for competition.

OPPORTUNITY

The Mountain West provides a first-class athletic and academic experience for more than 5,100 student-athletes each year. Over the past 18 years, 42 Mountain West student-athletes have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, and since the league's inception in 1999, an additional 36 student-athletes have been named MW Scholar-Athlete of the Year and awarded league-sponsored postgraduate scholarships. Four Mountain West student-athletes have earned distinction as Rhodes Scholars (Jessica Mellinger, Wyoming, and Delavane Diaz, Brittany Morreale and Rebecca Esselstein, Air Force).

Conference student-athletes are also given a voice regarding pertinent issues within the MW and NCAA governance structure through representation on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The Mountain West SAAC is comprised of 24 members (22 student-athlete representatives, the MW representative to the Division I National SAAC and one faculty athletics representative). The committee reviews and reacts to legislation and to other topics referred by the Conference constituent groups or committees

related to the student-athlete experience. Since the inclusion of two SAAC members at the June 2014 meeting of the MW Board of Directors, the Conference maintains its commitment to the participation of student-athletes in its governance structure, which is consistent with the Mountain West's focus on enhancing the student-athlete experience.

ACHIEVEMENT

The MW has produced 1,059 All-America selections among its 18 sponsored sports (men's swimming was discontinued as a Conference sport following the 2010-11 season) in the last 18 years, including a league-record 103 All-America honorees in 2016-17. A total of 190 MW student-athletes have also earned Academic All-America accolades in that span. The Mountain West has sent at least 25 teams to NCAA postseason events in each of the past 18 years, capturing four team national championships in women's cross country and producing 43 individual national champions in the sports of men's golf, men's cross country, women's diving, and men's and women's indoor track & field and outdoor track & field.

Mountain West members have participated in 84 bowl games under the league umbrella, including four appearances in BCS games and one CFP game. The MW has earned 80 postseason bids in men's basketball, with five Sweet 16 appearances among 44 NCAA Tournament slots, as well as three NIT Final Four berths. MW women's basketball has tallied 75 postseason slots, including 36 NCAA bids, five Sweet 16 appearances and one Elite Eight berth since 2000. Wyoming won the MW's first WNIT championship in 2007 with a win over Wisconsin. In women's volleyball, the MW has had 42 NCAA bids with nine Sweet 16 berths and one Elite Eight appearance. Women's soccer has earned 31 NCAA bids since 1999, with two Sweet 16 berths and one Elite Eight appearance. Mountain West men's golf has sent at least three teams to the NCAA Men's Golf Regionals in each of its 18 years, while women's golf has had at least three teams participate in NCAA Regionals 15 of the last 18 years.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Named a Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport in 1998, Commissioner Thompson has been a driving force for sportsmanship within intercollegiate athletics. As part of its continuing growth and development, the Mountain West implemented an extensive Sportsmanship Initiative, endorsed by both the MW Joint Council and MW Board of Directors. The program is made up of several elements, which are both practical and philosophical in nature. While the MW has significant penalties in place to deal with violations, the Sportsmanship Initiative is primarily promotional and educational in nature. The goal is to develop an environment that fosters appropriate behavior from all Conference constituencies.

Mountain West Quick Facts

Founded: July 1, 1999

Members for the 2017-18 academic year: Air Force, Boise State, Colorado State, Colorado College (women's soccer only), Fresno State, Hawai'i (football only), Nevada, New Mexico, San Diego State, San José State, UNLV, Utah State, Wyoming.

Team NCAA Championships: 4

Individual NCAA Championships: 43

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winners: 42

Academic All-America Selections: 190

All-America Selections: 1,059



MOUNTAIN WEST COMMISSIONER CRAIG THOMPSON

Craig Thompson was the Mountain West Conference's first employee when he was named Commissioner on Oct. 15, 1998. Ever since, Thompson has navigated the Conference through the ever-changing landscape of intercollegiate athletics. As the league enters its 19th season of competition in 2017-18, Thompson continues to create and improve the opportunities for Mountain West institutions and student-athletes to be successful both academically and athletically.

Since the Mountain West opened its doors on January 4, 1999, Thompson has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Progressive in its approach, the MW has flourished under the guidance of Commissioner Thompson and continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. He has been instrumental in negotiating nearly \$300 million in television revenue and has been an innovator in the postseason bowl structure as MW teams have participated in six inaugural bowl games.

As conference realignment spread throughout the collegiate landscape, Thompson positioned the Mountain West for the future with the additions of Fresno State and the University of Nevada on July 1, 2012, and San José State University and Utah State University on July 1, 2013. The University of Hawai'i also joined the league as a football-only member on July 1, 2012, while Colorado College became a member in women's soccer on July 1, 2014.

Thompson's leadership and vision have helped the Conference enhance its television revenue and exposure through revolutionary agreements with CBS Sports Network and ESPN, becoming the first major collegiate athletic conference to launch a dedicated sports channel featuring exclusive programming around its athletic programs, as well as conference news. In the summer of 2006, the centerpiece of this historic relationship was realized with the launch of The Mtn. – MountainWest Sports Network – the first sports network dedicated to serving a single collegiate athletic conference. The Mountain West was also one of the first conferences to develop its own digital network and in collaboration with Stadium, continues to expand and enhance the league's profile by taking advantage of the latest in digital technology via the Mountain West Network (MWN). As a result, the Mountain West again broke new ground in 2016, becoming the first league to broadcast a football game live on Twitter. The MW was also the first conference to broadcast a live basketball game on the same platform, as well as the first to have a bowl game streamed live on Twitter and Facebook.

Thompson has been instrumental in strengthening the position of the Mountain West in the college football landscape - both in the previous Bowl Championship Series (BCS) format and in the current College Football Playoff (CFP) structure. In 2006, he spearheaded an effort that resulted in better access for the MW and more than doubled the annual BCS revenue on an annual basis for non-automatic-qualifying conferences. The MW has been steadfast in its efforts to find a way to make the collegiate postseason football system fair for all universities. Through its first 18 years of competition, the Mountain West has participated in 84 bowl games, amassing a 46-38 (.548) all-time record in those contests.

A 39-year veteran of athletic administration, Thompson has spent all but eight of those years sitting in a commissioner's chair, making him one of only two active FBS commissioners with more than 30 years of experience leading a conference. Throughout his career, Thompson has been an integral part of the national landscape in intercollegiate athletics, holding many prestigious NCAA posts. Thompson currently sits on the NCAA Division I Council and CFB Management Committee while also serving as a member of the College Football Officiating Board of Managers, LLC. In June 2017, he was appointed to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee for the second time in his career, following a five-year term from 1995-2000 that culminated with him serving as Chair of the committee from July 1, 1999 to September 1, 2000.

Over the tenure of his career, Thompson has also been a member of the

Executive Committee and the Director's Cup Committee of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), as well as the governing NCAA Council and various Council subcommittees. In addition, he has played a prominent role in hosting numerous men's and women's NCAA postseason basketball tournaments in St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans and Denver.

Prior to his current role, Thompson served as the commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference for nearly eight years and as the only commissioner of the American South Conference prior to the merger of the two leagues in 1991.

While at the Sun Belt Conference, he spent the majority of his time addressing national trends and challenges in intercollegiate athletics, television exposure, issues relating to conference membership and promoting corporate involvement. In 1997-98, the Sun Belt instituted a comprehensive sportsmanship policy, which earned Thompson designation as a 1998 Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport. Under Thompson's leadership, the Sun Belt was active in expansion as it continued to strengthen its posture nationally, adding Florida International University and the University of Denver.

Prior to its merger with the Sun Belt, Thompson served as the first and only commissioner of the American South Conference, which boasted an NCAA national champion in women's basketball during its first year. The American South also gained immediate national cable television exposure on ESPN and sent numerous teams into NCAA postseason play during the conference's four-year history.

Preceding his move to commissioner, Thompson served four years as the Director of Communications for the Metro Conference in Atlanta. While at the Metro, he directed the communications operations and administered conference championship events. Thompson originated the Metro Conference Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association, began a weekly radio program with over 300 affiliate stations, and originated a weekly satellite video program involving all Metro institutions. He also took on administrative duties such as coordination of officials, scheduling of tournament and regular-season play, and handling of legislative rules interpretations.

Thompson graduated from the University of Minnesota with an undergraduate degree in journalism. Following graduation, he spent two years as assistant sports information director at Kansas State University, earning numerous CoSIDA publication awards. He then spent three years as director of public relations and promotions for the NBA's Kansas City Kings.

Thompson and his wife, Carla, have a son (Ted) and a daughter (Emma).



2017 MOUNTAIN WEST BOWL SCHEDULE



Las Vegas Bowl
Dec. 16
12:30 p.m. PT
ABC

Pac-12 vs. MW



Gildan
New Mexico Bowl
Dec. 16
1:30 p.m. PT
ESPN

C-USA vs. MW



Famous Idaho
Potato Bowl
Dec. 22
1 p.m. PT
ESPN

MAC vs. MW



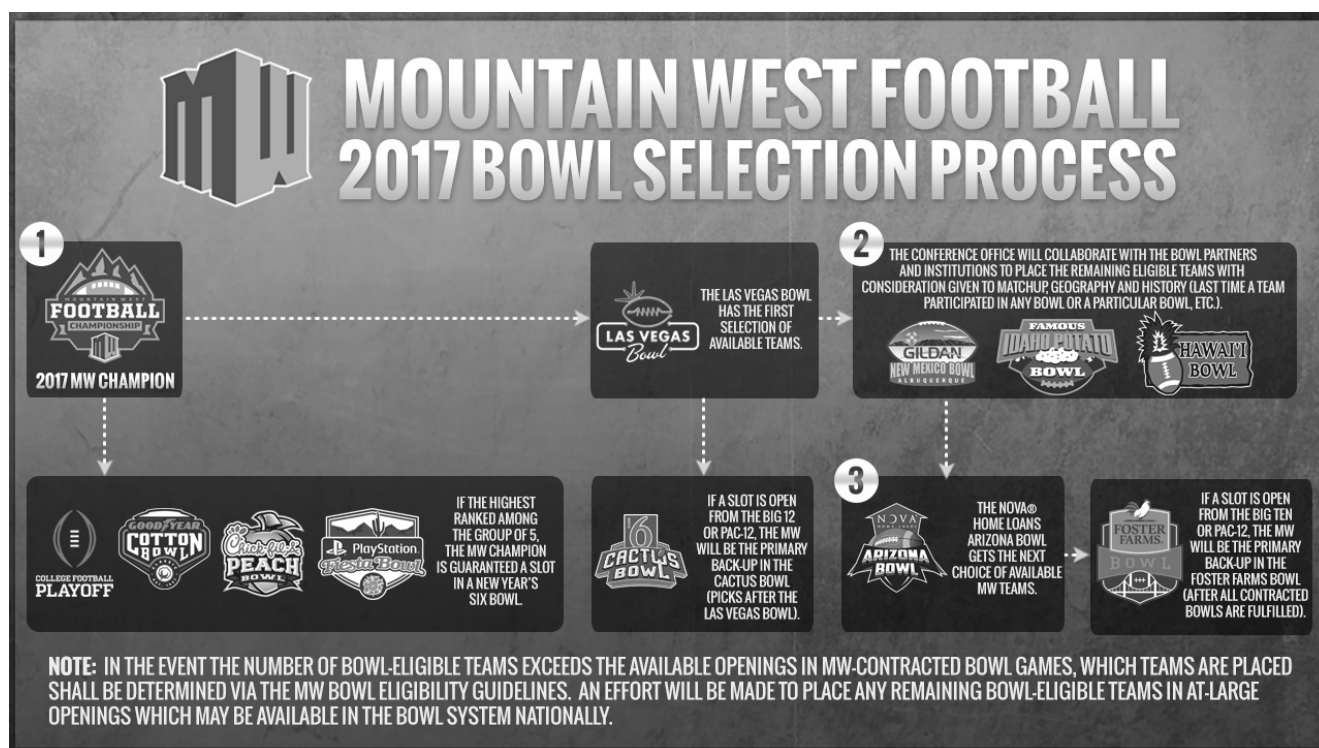
Hawai'i Bowl
Dec. 24
5:30 p.m. PT
ESPN

AAC vs. MW



Nova Home Loans
Arizona Bowl
Dec. 29
2:30 p.m. PT
CBS Sports Network

Sun Belt vs. MW



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TRADITION

The New Year's holiday period belongs to college football, with two semifinal games rotating annually among the Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl.

CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

The two winning teams from the Playoff Semifinals compete for the College Football Playoff National Championship. The national championship game is in a different city each year, always on a Monday night.

