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Aug. 31, 2019
Los Angeles, Calif.
7:30 p.m. PT
ESPN

General Information

Location..... Los Angeles, Calif.
Founded..... 1880
Enrollment..... 45,500
Nickname..... Trojans
Colors..... Cardinal and Gold
Affiliation..... NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference..... Pacific-12
Interim President..... Wanda M. Austin
Athletic Director..... Lynn Swann

Stadium Information

Stadium..... Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Capacity..... 77,500
Surface..... Natural Grass

Coaching Staff

Head Coach..... Clay Helton
Career Record (Yrs)..... 32-17 (5[^])
At School (Yrs)..... 32-17 (5[^])
Assistant Coaches
Clancy Pendergast..... DC/Ast. HC
Graham Harrell..... OC/QBs
John Baxter..... STC/TEs
Johnny Nansen..... ILBs/
..... Run & Pass Game Coor.
Tim Drevno..... OL/Run & Pass Game Coor.
Greg Burns..... Secondary
Kearney Colbert..... WRs
Joe DeForest..... OLBs
Mike Jenks..... RBs
Chad Kauha'aha'a..... DL

Team Information

2018 Record..... 5-7
Conference Record/Finish..... 4-5/T-3rd (South)
Basic Offense..... Multiple
Basic Defense..... 5-2
Lettermen Returning/Lost..... 77/32
Starters Returning/Lost..... 12/12

Sports Information

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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	Fresno State	7:30 p.m.
9/7	Stanford*	7:30 p.m.
9/14	at BYU	12:30 p.m.
9/20	Utah*	6 p.m.
9/28	at Washington*	TBA
10/12	at Notre Dame	4:30 p.m.
10/19	Arizona*	TBA
10/25	at Colorado*	6 p.m.
11/2	Oregon*	TBA
11/9	at Arizona State*	TBA
11/16	at Cal*	TBA
11/23	UCLA*	TBA

- All Times Pacific

* Pac-12 Conference Game

^ Interim Head Coach in 2013 (1 game)

& 2015 (9 games)

MINNESOTA



Sept. 7, 2019
Fresno, Calif.
7:30 p.m. PT
CBS Sports Network

General Information

Location..... Minneapolis, Minn.
Founded..... 1851
Enrollment..... 51,848
Nickname..... Golden Gophers
Colors..... Maroon and Gold
Affiliation..... NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference..... Big Ten
President..... Dr. Eric W. Kaler
Athletic Director..... Mark Coyle

Stadium Information

Stadium..... TCF Bank Stadium
Capacity..... 50,805
Surface..... FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach..... P.J. Fleck
Career Record (Yrs)..... 42-35 (6)
At School (Yrs)..... 12-13 (2)
Assistant Coaches
Kirk Ciarrocca..... OC/QBs
Joseph Rossi..... DC/LB
Rob Wenger..... STC/OLB
Kenni Burns..... Ast. HC/RBs
Rod Chance..... CBs
Brian Callahan..... RGC/OL
Joe Harasymiak..... DB/Safeties
Jim Panagos..... DL
Clay Patterson..... TE
Matt Simon..... PGC/WRs

Team Information

2018 Record..... 7-6
Conference Record/Finish..... 3-6/T-5th (West)
Basic Offense..... Multiple
Basic Defense..... 4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost..... 53/20
Starters Returning/Lost..... 16/6

Sports Information

Football SID..... Paul Rovnak
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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/29	South Dakota State	8 p.m.
9/7	at Fresno State	9:30 p.m.
9/14	Georgia Southern	2:30 p.m.
9/28	at Purdue*	TBA
10/5	Illinois*	2:30/3 p.m.
10/12	Nebraska*	TBA
10/19	at Rutgers*	2:30/3 p.m.
10/26	Maryland*	TBA
11/9	Penn State*	TBA
11/16	at Iowa*	TBA
11/23	at Northwestern*	TBA
11/30	Wisconsin*	TBA

- All Times Central

* Big Ten Conference Game

SACRAMENTO STATE



Sept. 21, 2019
Fresno, Calif.
7 p.m. PT
Facebook

General Information

Location..... Sacramento, Calif.
Founded..... 1947
Enrollment..... 30,800
Nickname..... Hornets
Colors..... Green and Gold
Affiliation..... NCAA Division I - FCS
Conference..... Big Sky
President..... Robert S. Nelsen
Athletic Director..... Mark Orr

Stadium Information

Stadium..... Hornet Stadium
Capacity..... 21,195
Surface..... FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach..... Troy Taylor
Career Record (Yrs)..... 0-0 (0)
At School (Yrs)..... 0-0 (0)
Assistant Coaches
Kris Richardson..... Ast. HC/OL
Andy Thompson..... DC/LB
Cherokee Valeria..... Def/PGC/Sec.
Sam Cole..... Safeties
Bobby Fresques..... QBs
Jeremy LaPan..... STC/TEs
James Montgomery..... RBs
Tyler Osborne..... WRs
Kraig Paulson..... DL

Team Information

2018 Record..... 2-8
Conference Record/Finish..... 0-7/13th
Basic Offense..... Multiple
Basic Defense..... 4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost..... 51/26
Starters Returning/Lost..... 15/10

Sports Information

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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	Southern Oregon	6 p.m.
9/6	at Arizona State	7 p.m.
9/14	Northern Colorado	6 p.m.
9/21	at Fresno State	7 p.m.
10/5	Eastern Washington*	6 p.m.
10/12	at Montana State*	1 p.m.
10/19	Montana*	6 p.m.
10/26	at Cal Poly*	5:05 p.m.
11/2	Weber State*	6 p.m.
11/9	at Northern Arizona*	1 p.m.
11/16	at Idaho*	2 p.m.
11/23	UC Davis*	TBA

- All Times Pacific

* Big Sky Conference Game

NEW MEXICO STATE



Sept. 28, 2019
Las Cruces, N.M.
5 p.m. PT
TBA

General Information

Location..... Las Cruces, N.M.
Founded..... 1888
Enrollment..... 14,432
Nickname..... Aggies
Colors..... Crimson and White
Affiliation..... NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference..... Independent
President..... Dr. John Floros
Athletic Director..... Mario Moccia

Stadium Information

Stadium..... Aggie Memorial Stadium
Capacity..... 30,343
Surface..... FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach..... Doug Martin
Career Record (Yrs)..... 49-106 (13)
At School (Yrs)..... 20-53 (6)
Assistant Coaches
Oliver Soukup..... Ast. HC/LBs
Frank Spaziani..... DC
Cory Martin..... WRs
Andy Richman..... OL/RGC
John Mumford..... DL
Matt Christian..... RB/Co-STC
Brian Bell..... Secondary
Chase Holbrook..... QBs
Ronnie Pentz..... STC
Chili Davis..... Inside WR/Ast. ST

Team Information

2018 Record..... 3-9
Conference Record/Finish..... N/A
Basic Offense..... Multiple
Basic Defense..... 4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost..... 29/14
Starters Returning/Lost..... 16/8

Sports Information

Football SID..... John Vu
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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	at Washington State	8 p.m.
9/7	at Alabama	2 p.m.
9/14	San Diego State	6 p.m.
9/21	at New Mexico	2:30 p.m.
9/28	Fresno State	6 p.m.
10/5	Liberty	6 p.m.
10/12	at Central Michigan	1 p.m.
10/26	at Georgia Southern	TBA
11/9	at Ole Miss	TBA
11/16	Incarnate Word	2 p.m.
11/23	UTEP	2 p.m.
11/30	at Liberty	12 p.m.

- All Times Mountain

AIR FORCE



Oct. 12, 2019
USAF Academy, Colo.
4 p.m. PT
CBS Sports Network

General Information

Location.....USAF Academy, Colo.
Founded.....1954
Enrollment.....4,000
Nickname.....Falcons
Colors.....Blue and Silver
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
Superintendent.....Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria
Athletic Director.....Nathan Pine

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Falcon Stadium
Capacity.....46,692
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Troy Calhoun
Career Record (Yrs).....87-67 (12)
At School (Yrs).....87-67 (12)
Assistant Coaches
Jake Campbell.....Ast. Backfield
Ari Confesor.....WRs
Terrance Jamison.....DL
Steed Lobotzke.....OL
Ben Miller.....RBs/STC
John Rudzinski.....DC
Mike Thiessen.....OC/QBs
Rod Vanderlinden.....ILBs
Chip Vaughn.....Secondary
Jonathan Wallace.....TEs

Team Information

2018 Record.....5-7
Conference Record/Finish.....3-5/4th Mtn
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....46/26
Starters Returning/Lost.....17/9

Sports Information

Football SID.....Troy Garnhart
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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	Colgate	1:30 p.m.
9/14	at Colorado	11 a.m.
9/20	at Boise State*	7 p.m.
9/27	San Jose State*	6 p.m.
10/5	at Navy	1:30 p.m.
10/12	Fresno State*	5 p.m.
10/19	at Hawai'i*	9 p.m.
10/26	Utah State*	TBA
11/2	Army	1:30 p.m.
11/9	at New Mexico*	12 p.m.
11/16	at Colorado State*	TBA
11/30	Wyoming*	12 p.m.

- All Time Mountain

* Mountain West Conference Game

UNLV



Oct. 18, 2019
Fresno, Calif.
7 p.m. PT

CBS Sports Network

General Information

Location.....Las Vegas, Nev.
Founded.....1957
Enrollment.....30,400
Nickname.....Rebels
Colors.....Scarlet and Gray
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Marta Meana
Athletic Director.....Desiree Reed-Francois

Stadium Information

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

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Tony Sanchez
Career Record (Yrs).....16-32 (4)
At School (Yrs).....16-32 (4)
Assistant Coaches
Barney Cotton.....OC/TEs
Tim Skipper.....DC
Travis Burkett.....STC/RBs
Garin Justice.....RGC/OL
Cedric Cormier.....WR
Ron O'Dell.....QBs
Tony Samuel.....DL
Eric Brown.....OLBs
Al Simmons.....Safeties
Steve Irvin.....CBs

Team Information

2018 Record.....4-8
Conference Record/Finish.....2-6/5th W
Basic Offense.....Pro-Style
Basic Defense.....4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....52/24
Starters Returning/Lost.....14/10

Sports Information

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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	Southern Utah	7 p.m.
9/7	Arkansas State	7 p.m.
9/14	at Northwestern	12:30 p.m.
9/28	at Wyoming*	TBA
10/5	Boise State*	7:30 p.m.
10/12	at Vanderbilt	TBA
10/18	at Fresno State*	7 p.m.
10/26	San Diego State*	7:30 p.m.
11/2	at Colorado State*	12:30 p.m.
11/16	Hawai'i*	1 p.m.
11/23	San Jose State*	1 p.m.
11/30	at Nevada*	12 p.m.

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

COLORADO STATE



Oct. 26, 2019
Fresno, Calif.
TBA

ESPN Networks

General Information

Location.....Fort Collins, Colo.
Founded.....1889
Enrollment.....33,877
Nickname.....Rams
Colors.....Green and Gold
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Anthony A. Frank
Athletic Director.....Joe Parker

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Canvas Stadium
Capacity.....41,000
Surface.....Shaw Sports Turf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Mike Bobo
Career Record (Yrs).....24-27 (4)
At School (Yrs).....24-27 (4)
Assistant Coaches
Ronnie Leston.....Ast. HC/QBs
Dave Johnson.....OC/OL
John Janeck.....DC
Chase Gibson.....Co-STC/LBs
Nick Jones.....Co-STC/TEs
Bryan Applewhite.....RGC/RBs
Joe Cox.....WRs
Keith Gilmore.....DL
George Helow.....Safeties
Anthony Perkins.....Cornerbacks

Team Information

2018 Record.....3-9
Conference Record/Finish.....2-6/5th Mtn
Basic Offense.....Pro Style
Basic Defense.....3-4
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....41/20
Starters Returning/Lost.....13/12

Sports Information

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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	Colorado%	8 p.m.
9/7	Western Illinois	2 p.m.
9/14	at Arkansas	2 p.m.
9/21	Toledo	TBA
9/28	at Utah State*	5:30 p.m.
10/5	San Diego State*	TBA
10/11	at New Mexico*	6 p.m.
10/26	at Fresno State*	TBA
11/2	UNLV*	1:30 p.m.
11/16	at Air Force*	TBA
11/22	at Wyoming*	7:30 p.m.
11/29	Boise State*	1:30 p.m.

- All Times Mountain

* Mountain West Conference Game

% Played in Denver, Colo. (Bronco Stadium at Mile High)

HAWAII



Nov. 2, 2019
Honolulu, Hawai'i
9 p.m. PT
TBA

General Information

Location.....Honolulu, Hawai'i
Founded.....1907
Enrollment.....18,000
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).....18-22 (3)
At School (Yrs).....18-22 (3)
Assistant Coaches
Brian Smith.....Assoc. HC/OC/RB
Mark Banker.....Ast. HC/ILB
Corey Batoon.....DC/Safeties
Michael Ghobrial.....STC
Craig Stutzmann.....PGC/QBs
Mark Weber.....OL
Andre Allen.....WRs
Ricky Logo.....DL
Abe Elimian.....CB
Jacob Yoro.....OLB/Nicklebacks

Team Information

2018 Record.....8-6
Conference Record/Finish.....5-3/T-2nd W
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....52/20
Starters Returning/Lost.....20/5

Sports Information

Football SID.....Derek Inouchi
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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/24	Arizona	4:30 p.m.
9/7	Oregon State	6 p.m.
9/14	at Washington	1:30 p.m.
9/21	Central Arkansas	6 p.m.
9/28	at Nevada*	TBA
10/12	at Boise State*	TBA
10/19	Air Force*	5 p.m.
10/26	at New Mexico*	10 a.m.
11/2	Fresno State*	6 p.m.
11/9	San Jose State*	6 p.m.
11/16	at UNLV*	11 a.m.
11/23	San Diego State*	6 p.m.
11/30	Army	7:30 p.m.

- All Times Hawaiian

* Mountain West Conference Game

UTAH STATE



Nov. 9, 2019
Fresno, Calif.
4 p.m. PT

CSB Sports Network

General Information

Location.....Logan, Utah
Founded.....1888
Enrollment.....28,118
Nickname.....Aggies
Colors.....Navy Blue, White and Pewter Gray
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Noelle Cockett
Athletic Director.....John Hartwell

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Maverick Stadium
Capacity.....25,100
Surface.....AstroTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Gary Anderson
Career Record (Yrs).....57-61 (10)
At School (Yrs).....26-24 (4)
Assistant Coaches
Frank Maile.....Ast. HC/TEs
Mike Sanford.....OC/QBs
Justin Ena.....DC/ILBs
TJ Woods.....OL
Stacy Collins.....STC/RBs
Jason Phillips.....PGC/WRs
Bojay Filimoeatu.....DEs
Mike Caputo.....Safeties
Mark Orpheu.....CBs

Team Information

2018 Record.....4-8
Conference Record/Finish.....11-2/T-1st Mtn
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....35/27
Starters Returning/Lost.....9/13

Sports Information

Football SID.....Doug Hoffman
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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	at Wake Forest	6 p.m.
9/7	Stony Brook	5:30 p.m.
9/21	at San Diego State*	8:30 p.m.
9/28	Colorado State*	5:30 p.m.
10/5	at LSU	TBA
10/19	Nevada*	TBA
10/26	at Air Force*	TBA
11/2	BYU	TBA
11/9	at Fresno State*	5 p.m.
11/16	Wyoming*	TBA
11/23	Boise State*	8:30 p.m.
11/30	at New Mexico*	2 p.m.

- All Times Mountain

* Mountain West Conference Game

SAN DIEGO STATE



Nov. 15, 2019
San Diego, Calif.
6:30 p.m. PT
ESPN2

General Information

Location.....San Diego, Calif.
Founded.....1897
Enrollment.....33,915
Nickname.....Aztecs
Colors.....Scarlet and Black
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Adela de la Torre
Athletic Director.....John David Wicker

Stadium Information

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

Coaching Staff

Head Coach/DC.....Rocky Long
Career Record (Yrs).....136-104 (18)
At School (Yrs).....71-35 (7)
Assistant Coaches
Jeff Horton.....Assoc. HC/OC/RBs
Zach Arnett.....DC/LBs
Ron Caragher.....TE/PGC
Hunkie Cooper.....WRs
Doug Deakin.....STC
Brady Hoke.....DL
Blane Morgan.....QBs
Richard Sanchez.....Secondary/ST
Mike Schmidt.....OL
Demetrius Sumler.....CBs

Team Information

2018 Record.....7-6
Conference Record/Finish.....4-4/4th W
Basic Offense.....Pro-Style
Basic Defense.....3-3-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....43/19
Starters Returning/Lost.....12/10

Sports Information

Football SID.....Jamie McConeghy
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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	Weber State	6 p.m.
9/7	at UCLA	1:15 p.m.
9/14	at New Mexico State	5 p.m.
9/21	Utah State*	7:30 p.m.
10/5	at Colorado State*	TBA
10/12	Wyoming*	7:30 p.m.
10/19	at San Jose State*	4 p.m.
10/26	at UNLV*	7:30 p.m.
11/9	Nevada*	TBA
11/15	Fresno State*	6:30 p.m.
11/23	at Hawai'i*	TBA
11/30	BYU	6 p.m.

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

NEVADA



Nov. 23, 2019
Fresno, Calif.
TBA

ESPN Networks

General Information

Location.....Reno, Nev.
Founded.....1874
Enrollment.....21,657
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.....27,000
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Jay Norvell
Career Record (Yrs).....11-14 (2)
At School (Yrs).....11-14 (2)
Assistant Coaches
Angus McClure.....Ast. HC/OL
Jeff Casteel.....DC/LB
Matt Mumme.....OC/QBs
Mike Chamoures.....Safeties
Timmy Chang.....TEs
David Lockwood.....Secondary
Tommy Perry.....ST
Eric Scott.....WRs
Jackie Shipp.....DL
Vai Tua.....RBs

Team Information

2018 Record.....8-5
Conference Record/Finish.....5-3/T-2nd W
Basic Offense.....Air Raid
Basic Defense.....3-3-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....43/20
Starters Returning/Lost.....13/11

Sports Information

Football SID.....Chad Hartley
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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	Purdue	6:30 p.m.
9/7	at Oregon	4:30 p.m.
9/14	Weber State	4 p.m.
9/21	at UTEP	5 p.m.
9/28	Hawai'i*	TBA
10/12	San Jose State*	1 p.m.
10/19	at Utah State*	TBA
10/26	at Wyoming*	11 a.m.
11/2	New Mexico*	TBA
11/9	at San Diego State*	TBA
11/23	at Fresno State*	TBA
11/30	UNLV*	12 p.m.

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

SAN JOSE STATE



Nov. 30, 2019
San Jose, Calif.
TBA

ESPN Networks

General Information

Location.....San Jose, Calif.
Founded.....1857
Enrollment.....33,409
Nickname.....Spartans
Colors.....Gold, White and Blue
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Mary A. Papazian
Athletic Director.....Marie Tuite

Stadium Information

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

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Brett Brennan
Career Record (Yrs).....3-22 (2)
At School (Yrs).....3-22 (2)
Assistant Coaches
Derrick Odum.....Assoc. HC/DC
Kevin McGiven.....OC
Joe Bernardi.....OL/RGC
Alonzo Carter.....RBs
Kevin Cummings.....WRs
Fred Guidici.....STC
Ryan Gunderson.....QBs/PGC
Scott White.....LBs
Joe Seumalo.....DL
Aric Williams.....DBs

Team Information

2018 Record.....1-11
Conference Record/Finish.....1-7/6th W
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....3-4 Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....49/18
Starters Returning/Lost.....12/12

Sports Information

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2019 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/29	Northern Colorado	7 p.m.
9/7	Tulsa	6 p.m.
9/21	at Arkansas	TBA
9/27	at Air Force*	5 p.m.
10/4	New Mexico*	7 p.m.
10/12	at Nevada*	1 p.m.
10/19	San Diego State*	4 p.m.
10/26	Army	9 a.m.
11/2	Boise State*	7:30 p.m.
11/9	at Hawai'i*	8 p.m.
11/23	at UNLV*	1 p.m.
11/30	Fresno State*	TBA

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

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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 base operations, located on the west side of Bulldog Stadium. 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 Ricciuti 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. The conference is open to only credentialed media members. The media conference can be viewed live or on an archive via the Mountain West Network, located at gobulldogs.com/videos.

PRACTICES

The Fresno State football team practices at the Valley Growers Practice Field, located immediately southwest of Bulldog Stadium, or inside Bulldog Stadium. Practices are closed to the public. Credentialed media is permitted for approximately the first 30 minutes Tuesday through Thursday or until 11-on-11 team drills began. Media is permitted to only shoot photo/video of team stretch and individual periods. Once those periods end, the media will be asked to leave the grounds until practice is over. Members of the media are asked to remain on

the berm surrounding the practice field or behind the white lines between the 25-yard line and the back of the end zone if in the stadium.

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 Yellow lot off Cedar 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

(for traditional Saturday game weeks)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No media availability.	11 a.m. press conference held by Coach Tedford. No practice-players off day.	Players day - all student-athletes that meet the team rules will be made available after practice.	Coaching staff available after practice. No player availability.	Coach Tedford available after practice. No player availability.	Coach Tedford and offensive/defensive coordinators are available for next day's television crew. There is no other 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 has served as the eighth president of California State University, Fresno since 2013. He is the first Californian and first Valley native to serve in this position. In 2018, Fresno State was ranked Number 17 in the nation by Washington Monthly and recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation's leading public universities for graduation rate performance, and ranked among the top 50 in Money Magazine's best public colleges for 2018-2019.

Dr. Castro is a Professor of Educational Leadership in the Kremen School of Education and Human Development. He is a gifted scholar in the fields of leadership and public policy who has mentored hundreds of other scholars and practitioners, including many other university presidents and senior officers.

Prior to his appointment as President, he served as Vice Chancellor of Student Academic Affairs, and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) from 2006-13. UCSF is widely recognized as the leading health sciences university in the nation. Dr. Castro led UCSF's programs that served the academic and health care needs of its talented and diverse students. 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.

Dr. Castro 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. He has also successfully completed three advanced seminars on presidential leadership at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Dr. Castro serves on a number of boards, including the WASC Senior College and University Commission, Mountain West Athletic Conference Board, Stanford University Graduate School of Education Advisory Council, James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award Selection Committee, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' Governing Board, Jumpstart National Board, and the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium.

Dr. Castro's leadership has been recognized by many different organizations. In 2018, he was named as CSU President of the Year by the California State Student Association and City of Fresno District 4 Man of the Year. In 2017, he received the Mayor of Fresno's Community Partnership Award. In 2016, he received the Alumni Excellence in Education Award from the Stanford University Graduate School of Education and the Ohtli Award, which is the highest honor granted by the Government of Mexico to leaders in the United States. In 2014, he was selected as Alumnus of the Year by the UC Berkeley Richard and Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy. Dr. Castro received the University of California Student Association's Administrator of the Year Award and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from UCSF in 2010.

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.



TERRY TUMEY
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Terry Tumey was appointed Fresno State's Director of Athletics on June 21, 2018 and was introduced to the Red Wave on June 25. He officially took office on Aug. 1, 2018.

Prior to Fresno State, Tumey served as the Director of Athletics at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, a unified Division III athletics program in Southern California. In addition to CMS, Tumey held the director of athletics title at two other institutions, one at the Division I level, UC Davis (2012-15), as well as one that he oversaw transition to the Division II level from NAIA, Dominican University of California (2009-12).

Tumey has a rich history in football, having turned a playing career at UCLA (1984-87), where he was a three-time All-Pacific-10 Conference defensive lineman, into a coaching career. He was a graduate assistant and full-time assistant coach at UCLA, working with the Bruins from 1992-98 and then moved to the NFL ranks for two years with the Denver Broncos (1999-2000).

After coaching, Tumey joined the San Francisco 49ers staff as a player personnel assistant in 2001, moved up to assistant to the player personnel director in 2003, then assumed the role of director of football administration in 2004 until departing for his first AD job in 2009.

Tumey earned a B.A. in political science from UCLA with a concentration in business economics in 1988 and an M.B.A. from the UCLA Anderson School of Management with a focus on entrepreneurship and strategy in 1993. Those two degrees have fueled more than two decades of coaching and administrative excellence in collegiate and professional athletics.

Tumey is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is married to Dr. Candace Gonzales Tumey and has two daughters, Cameron and Simone.



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 21st 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 20 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 four 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 MW 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. 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 only conference to have the same 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 three 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 MW 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 José 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 MW 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.

HISTORY

The Mountain West was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions — Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming — decided to form a new NCAA Division I-A intercollegiate athletic conference. The split from a former 16-team conference re-established continuity and stability among the membership within the new league and signaled the continuation of its tradition-rich, long-standing athletic rivalries. Three of the MW's eight original members have been conference rivals since the 1960s (New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado State), while San Diego State (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longtime members as well. UNLV and TCU entered the fold in 1996 and the Rebels continued as one of the original eight institutions that formed the MW in 1999. TCU re-joined the group with its first year of competition in the Mountain West in 2005-06. With conference realignment sweeping the nation in recent years, the MW has been proactive in addressing membership changes. Boise State University joined the Mountain West in 2011-12, followed by Fresno State and the University of Nevada on July 1, 2012. Also on July 1, 2012, the University of Hawai'i became a football-only member of the Conference. On July 1, 2013, the Mountain West further expanded when San José State University and Utah State University joined the Conference, bringing to 11 the number of full-time member institutions and 12 football-playing members. On July 1, 2014, the Colorado College women's soccer program became the first non-football affiliate member of the Mountain West, expanding that sport to 12 Conference participants.

When the Mountain West officially began operations on July 1, 1999, the new league had in place a seven-year contract with ESPN, giving the broadcast entity exclusive national television



rights to MW football and men's basketball, and three-year agreements to send the league's football champion to the Liberty Bowl and a second team to the Las Vegas Bowl. Commissioner Thompson also arranged a third bowl tie-in each of the first three seasons (1999 Motor City, 2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans) before securing a four-year deal with the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco in 2002.

Entering the 2019 season, the MW has nine (9) postseason opportunities, including a spot in a New Year's Six Bowl (highest ranked non-autonomous 5 champion), five (5) primary bowl positions with the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, New Mexico Bowl, NOVA® Home Loans Arizona Bowl, Mitsubishi Motors Las Vegas Bowl and SoFi Hawai'i Bowl - and three (3) secondary positions with the Redbox Bowl, Cheez-It Bowl and Frisco Bowl.

An innovator in the postseason bowl structure, the MW engineered many "firsts," as league teams have participated in seven inaugural bowl games (2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans, 2002 San Francisco (Emerald), 2005 Poinsettia, 2006 New Mexico, 2015 Arizona, 2015 Cure), as well as placing the first non-automatic-qualifying FBS team into a BCS bowl game with Utah's appearance in the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and into the College Football Playoff (CFP) with Boise State's selection to the 2014 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

2018-19 IN REVIEW

From the gridiron to the diamond, Mountain West teams enjoyed a strong year in 2018-19. In football, the sixth annual MW Football Championship Game took place on December 1, 2018 at Albertson's Stadium in Boise, Idaho. The Broncos, champions of the Mountain Division, hosted four-time defending West Division champion Fresno State with the Bulldogs claiming their second Conference title, 19-16.

For the sixth straight season, the Mountain West sent at least six teams into postseason bowl games. The league has earned 96 bowl bids since 1999 and holds a 52-43 (.547) all-time record (2019 First Responder Bowl between Boise State and Boston College was cancelled due to weather). The 2018 bowl season marked the 11th consecutive year the MW sent at least five teams to bowls and the 15th time overall since the league's inception.

Nevada captured the Mountain West regular-season men's basketball title, while Utah State won the tournament championship. The Aggies earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, while the Wolf Pack accepted an at-large bid, marking the second consecutive year that the MW had multiple teams participate in the Big Dance. In June, three MW student-athletes





were drafted in the second round of the 2019 NBA Draft. The three selections were the most among the non-autonomous conferences and it was just the second time in league history at least three MW players were drafted.

In women's basketball, Boise State won both the regular season and tournament title. The second regular season title for the Broncos and the third straight tournament title sent the Orange and Blue to the Big Dance. The Broncos fell 80-75 in overtime against Oregon State to conclude their 28-5 season. Fresno State, New Mexico and Wyoming participated in the WNIT as the Cowgirls advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to Arizona. Utah State participated in the WBI.

In women's volleyball, Colorado State earned its 24th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, while securing the programs 15th Mountain West title. The Rams concluded the season with a tournament loss against Tennessee after posting a 23-8 record. Fresno State, UNLV and Wyoming all participated in the NIVC.

San José State earned its second MW title in women's soccer, as the Spartans made their third overall NCAA Tournament appearance.

In cross country, the New Mexico women's program was the national runner-up at the NCAA championship with sophomore Weini Kelati finishing as the individual runner-up. The Lobos had three of the top-10 finishers at the event.

During the indoor track season, 21 student-athletes garnered All-America honors. Air Force senior Michael Rhoads was the lone men's first-team honoree after placing in the top eight of the 800-meters event. On the women's side, San Diego State's Bonnie Draxler earned a runner-up finish in the pole vault and set the Conference record in the event. The New Mexico women's program finished in fifth place, which is the best MW finish at the NCAA championships since 2009 (third).

The MW had two national champions during the 2019 outdoor track & field season in Boise State's Allie Ostrander and New Mexico's Kelati. Ostrander became the first back-to-back-to-back champion in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase, while Kelati garnered her first NCAA gold in the 10,000-meter race, which marked the fourth time the league had two women's NCAA champions in the same season. The New Mexico women's program finished second in the UTFCCCA Program of the Year Standings, which honors the best NCAA institutions over cross country, indoor and the outdoor seasons.

In women's swimming and diving, San Diego State's Klara Thormalm earned CSCAA All-American status for her performance in the 100-yard breaststroke and the Aztecs won their fourth team MW championship.

Fresno State men's tennis won its first Mountain West tournament title, earning the Conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. Bulldogs' head coach Luke Shields was named Northwest Region Wilson/ITA Coach of the Year. On the women's side, UNLV won its sixth MW title. In individual competition, UNLV's Aiwen Zhu finished one victory shy of earning All-America honors after advancing to the second round of the NCAA Singles Championship.

The New Mexico men's golf team captured its seventh Mountain West championship as the league sent five teams and one individual to the NCAA regionals. It was the 20th consecutive season the MW sent at least three teams to NCAA regionals and first time since 2012 at least five Conference teams earned a postseason spot. Nationally ranked UNLV advanced through the Myrtle Beach Regional and advanced to the NCAA Men's Golf Championship for the third consecutive year.

On the women's side, San Diego State captured its second MW title and the league was represented by two teams and three individuals in the NCAA regionals. The league has sent multiple teams to the NCAA Women's Golf Regionals in 19 of its 20 years. San José State freshman Natasha Andrea Oon earned WGCA All-America honors to conclude the season.

Colorado State won its second MW softball title and first since 2004, garnering the Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Rams were joined in the tournament by Boise State, which defeated Stanford to claim its first NCAA tournament victory. Fresno State and Nevada competed in the National Invitational Softball Championship.

In baseball, Fresno State, which climbed as high as No. 21 in the national polls, earned the league's automatic bid and made its first trip to the NCAA tournament since 2012. The Bulldogs also won the Mountain West's regular-season crown. A total of 24 players were selected in the 2019 MLB Draft, including a pair in the first round (UNLV's Bryson Stott and Fresno State's Ryan Jensen).

ACHIEVEMENT

The MW has produced 1,214 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 20 years, including a league-record 103 All-America honorees in 2016-17. A total of 212 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 20 years, capturing five team national championships in women's cross country and producing 49 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 96 bowl games under the league umbrella, including four appearances in BCS games and one CFP game. The MW has earned 84 postseason bids in men's basketball, with six Sweet 16 appearances, as well as three NIT Final Four berths. MW women's basketball has tallied 81 postseason slots, including 38 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 44 NCAA bids with nine Sweet 16 berths and one Elite Eight appearance. Women's soccer has earned 33 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 20 years, while women's golf has had at least three teams participate in NCAA Regionals 15 of the last 20 years.

MOUNTAIN WEST QUICK FACTS

Founded: July 1, 1999

Members for the 2019-20 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: 5

Individual NCAA Championships: 49

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winners: 43

Academic All-America Selections: 212

All-America Selections: 1,214

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, he has navigated the Conference through the ever-changing landscape of intercollegiate athletics. Fresh off celebrating the Mountain West's 20th anniversary in 2018-19, Thompson continues to create and improve opportunities for Mountain West institutions and student-athletes to be successful both academically and athletically as the league enters its 21st season of competition.

Since the Mountain West opened its doors on January 4, 1999, the league has been progressive in its approach and has flourished under the Thompson's guidance. 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 20 years of competition, the Mountain West has earned 96 bowl bids, amassing a 52-43 (.547) all-time record in 95 games after the 2018 PROSERV First Responder Bowl featuring Boise State vs. Boston College was canceled shortly after kickoff due to poor weather conditions and subsequently declared a "no contest".

A 41-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 posts on NCAA and sport-specific national committees. Thompson currently sits on the CFP 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.

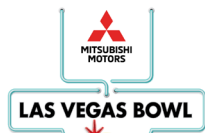
Thompson and his wife, Carla, have a son (Ted) and a daughter (Emma).

2019 MOUNTAIN WEST BOWL TIE INS



New Mexico Bowl
Dec. 21
11 a.m. PT
ESPN

C-USA vs. MW



Mitsubishi Motors
Las Vegas Bowl
Dec. 21
4:30 p.m. PT
ABC

Pac-12 vs. MW



SoFi Hawai'i Bowl
Dec. 24
1 p.m. PT
ESPN

C-USA vs. MW



Nova Home Loans
Arizona Bowl
Dec. 31
1:30 p.m. PT
CBS Sports Network

Sun Belt vs. MW



Famous Idaho
Potato Bowl
Jan. 3
12:30 p.m. PT
ESPN

MAC vs. MW



DXL Frisco Bowl
Dec. 20
3:30 p.m. PT
ESPN2

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C-USA or MAC



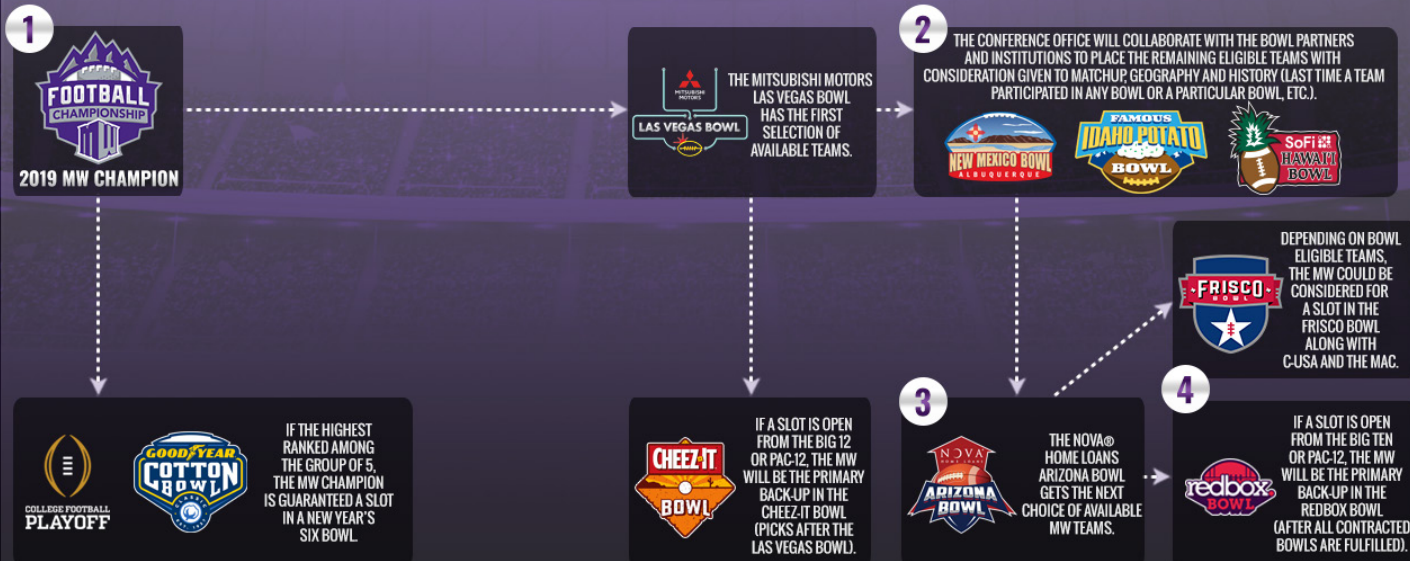
Cheez-It Bowl
Dec. 27
7:15 p.m. PT
ESPN

Big 12 vs. Pac-12
MW primary back-up



Red Box Bowl
Dec. 30
1 p.m. PT
ESPN

Pac-12 vs. Big Ten
MW primary back-up

MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL
2019 BOWL SELECTION PROCESS

NOTE: IN THE EVENT THE NUMBER OF BOWL-ELIGIBLE TEAMS EXCEEDS THE AVAILABLE OPENINGS IN MW-CONTRACTED BOWL GAMES, WHICH TEAMS ARE PLACED SHALL BE DETERMINED VIA THE MW BOWL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES. AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PLACE ANY REMAINING BOWL-ELIGIBLE TEAMS IN AT-LARGE OPENINGS WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE IN THE BOWL SYSTEM NATIONALLY.