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CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Week Four | Matt Ensor | mensor@Big12Sports.com

	BIG 12 GAMES				OVERALL				Home	Road	Neutral	Streak	vs. Top 10	vs. Top 25
	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA						
BYU	1-0	1.000	28	17	3-0	1.000	132	47	2-0	1-0	0-0	W 4	0-0	0-0
Texas Tech	1-0	1.000	28	26	3-0	1.000	96	60	2-0	1-0	0-0	W 3	0-0	1-0
Arizona State	1-0	1.000	24	17	2-1	.667	114	72	1-0	0-1	1-0	W 1	0-1	0-1
Cincinnati	0-0	----	----	----	3-0	1.000	131	56	2-0	0-0	1-0	W 3	0-0	0-0
Kansas State	0-0	----	----	----	3-0	1.000	136	30	3-0	0-0	0-0	W 4	0-0	0-0
Utah	0-0	----	----	----	3-0	1.000	142	24	3-0	0-0	0-0	W 9	0-0	0-0
West Virginia	0-0	----	----	----	3-0	1.000	121	58	2-0	0-0	1-0	W 3	0-0	1-0
Baylor	0-0	----	----	----	2-1	.667	96	39	2-0	0-0	0-1	W 2	0-0	0-0
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Houston	0-1	.000	26	28	2-1	.667	136	54	2-0	0-1	0-0	L 1	0-0	0-1
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THIS WEEK IN THE BIG 12

	Time
Saturday, September 26	
Colorado at Baylor (ESPN2)	11 a.m. CT/10 a.m. MT
Sam Houston at #11/10 Texas Tech (TNT & HBO Max)	11 a.m. CT
TCU at UCF (FSI)	3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT
#15/15 Utah at Iowa State (FOX)	2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT
#25/RV Houston at Georgia Southern (ESPNU)	3 p.m. CT
K-State at Cincinnati (ESPN2)	7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT
Oklahoma State at West Virginia (FSI)	7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT
Arizona at Washington State (CBS)	6:30 p.m. CT/4:30 p.m. MST

Bye Week: Arizona State, #9/9 BYU and Kansas

CONFERENCE NEWS & NOTES

- The Big 12 has a winning percentage of .809 entering Week Four, which is the Conference's highest mark through the first three weeks of the season as a 16-team league.
- Big 12 defenses allowed 19.16 points per game in Week Three, the second fewest in FBS. The Conference also ranks second in FBS for fewest points allowed this season at 16.67 ppg.
- Of the nine total wins against AP ranked opponents in the FBS this year, the Big 12 has accounted for the second most of any conference with three of those victories.
- Six Big 12 programs rank among the top 20 rushing defenses in the Power Four; Houston (8th - 62.7 ypg), Utah (11th - 75.0 ypg), Arizona (12th - 75.7 ypg), BYU (13th - 76.0 ypg), TCU (16th - 79.3 ypg), and Iowa State (17th - 83.3 ypg). The Cyclones are also tied for the longest active streak without allowing 100 yards rushing in a game in FBS at four consecutive games.
- Conference of Quarterbacks: The Big 12 has four 100-yard rushing games by QB's this season, no other FBS conference has more than two.
- In WVU's victory over No. 25 Virginia, quarterback Michael Hawkins Jr. was responsible for five touchdowns, the most by any player against an AP Top 25 opponent in 2026. He became the first Conference signal caller to achieve the feat since 2019.
- Four of the 15 FBS wide receivers with six catches of 20 yards or more hail from Big 12 programs, the most of any conference. ASU's Reed Harris leads the nation with nine receptions, OSU's Justin Bowick ranks third with seven, followed by TCU's Kari Ashley and Texas Tech's Kenny Johnson in sixth with six.

2026 Big 12 Football Championship

Friday, December 4 - 7 p.m. CT on ABC
AT&T Stadium
Arlington, Texas

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Weekly National Rankings
(AP/Coaches)

	ARIZ	ASU	BU	BYU	UCF	UC	CU	UH	ISU	KU	K-State	OSU	TCU	TTU	UTAH	WVU
Preseason	RV/RV	-/RV	--	14/15	--	--	--	23/24	--	--	-/RV	RV/RV	RV/RV	12/12	21/21	--
9/8	RV/RV	RV/RV	--	15/15	--	--	RV/RV	22/22	--	--	-/RV	--	--	13/13	20/20	--
9/13	RV/RV	--	--	11/13	--	--	--	22/23	--	--	RV/RV	RV/RV	--	13/12	17/17	--
9/20	RV/RV	--	--	9/9	--	--	--	25/RV	--	--	RV/RV	RV/RV	--	11/10	15/15	RV/RV
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MONSTER ENERGY BIG 12 FOOTBALL WEEKLY AWARDS

Week Three

Offensive Player of the Week:	QB Noah Fifita (Arizona) QB Michael Hawkins Jr. (West Virginia)
Defensive Player of the Week:	DB Demari Henderson (UCF) LB Owen Long (Arizona State)
Special Teams Player of the Week:	RETURN Jaren Hamilton (Arizona State) P Will Karoll (Texas Tech)
Freshman of the Week:	WR Legend Glasker (BYU)
Offensive Line of the Week:	West Virginia
Defensive Line of the Week:	K-State

Week Two

Offensive Player of the Week:	QB Bear Bachmeier (BYU) QB Drew Mestemaker (Oklahoma State)
Defensive Player of the Week:	DE Tausili Akana (BYU) LB Ethan Wesloski (Oklahoma State)
Special Teams Player of the Week:	P Will Karoll (Texas Tech) K Sam Keltner (Oklahoma State)
Freshman of the Week:	QB Julian Lewis (Colorado)
Offensive Line of the Week:	Oklahoma State
Defensive Line of the Week:	Oklahoma State

Week One

Offensive Player of the Week:	QB Cutter Boley (Arizona State) RB Cam Cook (West Virginia)
Defensive Player of the Week:	DL Lamont Lester Jr. (Colorado) DL Isaac Terrell (Iowa State)
Special Teams Player of the Week:	DB Boo Carter (Colorado) DB Cannon DeVries (BYU)
Freshman of the Week:	WR Legend Glasker (BYU)
Offensive Line of the Week:	Cincinnati
Defensive Line of the Week:	Colorado

NATIONAL WEEKLY AWARDS

Week Three

Walter Camp FBS Off. Player of the Week: QB Michael Hawkins Jr. (West Virginia)
Bronko Nagurski National Def. Player of the Week: LB Owen Long (Arizona State)

Week Two

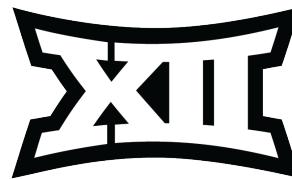
AP National Off. Player of the Week: QB Drew Mestemaker (Oklahoma State)
Walter Camp FBS Off. Player of the Week: QB Drew Mestemaker (Oklahoma State)

Week One

Walter Camp FBS Def. Player of the Week: DL Lamont Lester Jr. (Colorado)

CONFERENCE NEWS & NOTES

- The Big 12 is a combined 85-0 against FCS programs since the start of 2019. It is the only FBS conference to be undefeated against FCS schools during that time.
- The Big 12 Conference will publicly provide player availability reports for all Conference games this season at Big12Sports.com/FBReporting, beginning three days before a game.
- Drew Mestemaker became the fourth player in Big 12 history to complete at least 90.0 percent of his passes and throw five pass TDs in a single game.
- There have been five times a QB and RB have both reached 100 rushing yards in game in the FBS this season, and three of them have been from Big 12 teams. West Virginia's Michael Hawkins Jr. and Cam Cook have done it twice (including last week against Virginia), and the other was Oklahoma State's Drew Mestemaker and Caleb Hawkins against Oregon.



A DIFFERENT LEAGUE

SEASON LEADERS DURING 2026 SEASON

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Name	School	Statistic	Big 12 Rank (National)
Jaden Craig	TCU	301.0 pass ypg	1st (8th)
Cutter Boley	Arizona State	9 pass TD's	1st (T-9th)
Noah Fifita	Arizona	80.9% comp.	1st (13th)
Drew Mestemaker	Oklahoma State	988 yards	1st (T-11th)
Michael Hawkins Jr.	West Virginia	11 total TD's	1st (T-3rd)
Aiden Flora	Iowa State	109.3 rush ypg	1st (T-8th)
Michael Hawkins Jr.	West Virginia	6 rush TD's	1st (T-3rd)
Gavin Freeman	Baylor	29 receptions	1st (1st)
Reed Harris	Arizona State	124.7 rec. ypg	1st (5th)
Reed Harris	Arizona State	5 rec. TD's	1st (T-4th)
Isaiah Patterson	West Virginia	8.7 tackles/game	1st (32nd)
Wendell Gregory	K-State	2.17 TFL/game	1st (T-3rd)
Lamont Lester Jr.	Colorado	1.3 sacks/game	1st (T-3rd)
Multiple Players	Big 12	2 interception	1st (T-8th)
Multiple Players	Big 12	4 PBU's	1st (T-7th)
Sam Keltner	Oklahoma State	6 made FG's	1st (T-10th)
Multiple Players	Big 12	100% FG Made	1st (T-1st)
Will Karoll	Texas Tech	49.0 punt avg.	1st (1st)
Aiden Flora	Iowa State	20.8 punt ret avg.	1st (T-10th)
Multiple Players	Big 12	1 punt ret. TD's	1st (T-5th)
Taevion Swint	UCF	31.2 kick ret avg.	1st (7th)
Multiple Players	Big 12	1 kick return TD's	1st (T-1st)

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

Offensive Player of the Year: LJ Martin, RB, BYU, Sr., El Paso, Texas
Defensive Player of the Year: A.J. Holmes Jr., DL, Texas Tech, Sr., Houston, Texas
Newcomer of the Year: Drew Mestemaker, QB, Oklahoma State, RS-So., Austin, Texas

Offense				
Pos	Name	School	Class	Hometown
QB	Noah Fifita	Arizona	RS-Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
RB	Cam Cook	West Virginia	Sr.	Round Rock, Texas
RB	LJ Martin	BYU	Sr.	El Paso, Texas
FB	Kayden Luke	West Virginia	Jr.	Catalina, Ariz.
WR	Omarion Miller	Arizona State	Sr.	Vivian, La.
WR	Amare Thomas	Houston	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
WR	Wyatt Young	Oklahoma State	Jr.	Katy, Texas
TE	Terrance Carter Jr.	Texas Tech	Sr.	Killeen, Texas
OL	Joe Cotton	Cincinnati	RS-Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
OL	Shadre Hurst	Houston	Sr.	Cartersville, Ga.
OL	Bruce Mitchell	BYU	RS-Sr.	Kamas, Utah
OL	John Pastore	Kansas State	Sr.	Erie, Colo.
OL	Evan Tengesdahl	Cincinnati	RS-Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
PK	Stone Harrington	Texas Tech	Sr.	Colleyville, Texas
KR/PR	Mana Carvalho	Utah	So.	Laie, Hawai'i

Defense				
Pos	Name	School	Class	Hometown
DL	C.J. Fite	Arizona State	Sr.	Tatum, Texas
DL	Wendell Gregory	Kansas State	So.	Marietta, Ga.
DL	A.J. Holmes Jr.	Texas Tech	Sr.	Houston, Texas
DL	Keanu Tanuvasa	BYU	RS-Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
DL	Adam Trick	Texas Tech	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio
LB	Ben Roberts	Texas Tech	Sr.	Haslet, Texas
LB	Austin Romaine	Texas Tech	Sr.	Hillsboro, Mo.
LB	Cade Uluave	BYU	Sr.	South Jordan, Utah
DB	Will James	Houston	Jr.	Grand Bay, Ala.
DB	Evan Johnson	BYU	RS-Sr.	Monterey, Calif.
DB	Jamel Johnson	TCU	Sr.	Arlington, Texas
DB	Brice Pollock	Texas Tech	Sr.	Snellville, Ga.
DB	Faletau Satuala	BYU	Jr.	Bountiful, Utah
P	Palmer Williams	Baylor	Sr.	Advance, N.C.

Players listed alphabetically by last name.

Week Five	
Saturday, October 3	Time
UCF at Houston (ESPN2)	12 p.m. ET/11 a.m. CT
West Virginia at Iowa State (TNT)	12 p.m. ET/11 a.m. CT
Middle Tennessee State at Kansas (ESPNU)	11 a.m. CT
BYU at TCU (ESPN or ESPN2)	6 p.m. CT/5 p.m. MT
Texas Tech at Colorado (FOX)	6:30 p.m. CT/5:30 p.m. MT
Baylor at Arizona State (ESPN)	9:30 p.m. CT/7:30 p.m. MST
Cincinnati at Arizona (FOX)	11 p.m. ET/8 p.m. MST

Week Six	
Friday, October 9	Time
Iowa State at BYU	TBD
Saturday, October 10	Time
Hawai'i at Arizona State	TBD
UCF at Oklahoma State	TBD
Kansas at Utah	TBD
Houston at K-State	TBD
Arizona at West Virginia	TBD

Week Seven	
Saturday, October 17	Time
TCU at Baylor	TBD
Oklahoma State at Houston	TBD
Utah at Colorado	TBD
Kansas at K-State	TBD
Cincinnati at West Virginia	TBD
Arizona State at Texas Tech	TBD
Notre Dame at BYU	TBD

Week Eight	
Saturday, October 24	Time
Baylor at Kansas	TBD
Iowa State at Arizona	TBD
BYU at UCF	TBD
Colorado at Oklahoma State	TBD
K-State at Arizona State	TBD
Houston at Utah	TBD
West Virginia at TCU	TBD
Texas Tech at Cincinnati	TBD

With 16 institutions in a nine-game conference schedule, below are each Big 12 school's missed conference opponents this season.

- Arizona - Baylor, UCF, Colorado, Houston, Kansas, Oklahoma State
- Arizona State - Cincinnati, Houston, Iowa State, TCU, Utah, West Virginia
- Baylor - Arizona, Cincinnati, K-State, Oklahoma State, Utah, West Virginia
- BYU - Colorado, Houston, K-State, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, West Virginia
- UCF - Arizona, Cincinnati, K-State, Texas Tech, Utah, West Virginia
- Cincinnati - Arizona State, Baylor, UCF, Kansas, Oklahoma State, TCU
- Colorado - Arizona, BYU, Iowa State, Kansas, TCU, West Virginia
- Houston - Arizona, Arizona State, BYU, Iowa State, Kansas, TCU
- Iowa State - Arizona State, Colorado, Houston, Kansas, TCU, Texas Tech
- Kansas - Arizona, Cincinnati, Colorado, Houston, Iowa State, Texas Tech
- K-State - Baylor, BYU, UCF, Texas Tech, Utah, West Virginia
- Oklahoma State - Arizona, Baylor, BYU, Cincinnati, TCU, Utah
- TCU - Arizona State, Cincinnati, Colorado, Houston, Iowa State, Oklahoma State
- Texas Tech - BYU, UCF, Iowa State, Kansas, K-State, Utah
- Utah - Arizona State, Baylor, UCF, K-State, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech
- West Virginia - Arizona State, Baylor, BYU, UCF, Colorado, K-State

- Week Three

#13 Texas Tech 28, #22 Houston 26

Iowa State 55, Bowling Green 7

K-State 31, Tulane 20

Arizona State 24, Kansas 17

#17 Utah 33, Utah 0

Cincinnati 35, Miami (OH) 31

Baylor 36, Louisiana Tech 19

UCF 44, Georgia State 30

Oklahoma State 59, Murray State 0

#11 BYU 41, Colorado State 23

West Virginia 38, #25 Virginia 27

Northwestern 41, Colorado 7

TCU 31, Arkansas State 7

Arizona 42, Northern Illinois 17
- Week Two

#23 Missouri 38, Kansas 21

Oklahoma State 39, #6 Oregon 31

#10 Texas A&M 48, Arizona State 20

#13 Texas Tech 35, Oregon State 24

#15 BYU 28, Arizona 17

#20 Utah 43, Arkansas 10

#21 Iowa 16, Iowa State 13

#22 Houston 77, Southern 6

K-State 34, Washington State 7

West Virginia 52, UT Martin 7

Colorado 52, Weber State 21

Pittsburgh 12, UCF 7

Cincinnati 62, Western Carolina 10

TCU 63, Grambling 7

Baylor 44, Prairie View A&M 3
- Week One

#21 Utah 66, Idaho 14

UCF 73, Bethune-Cookman 6

Colorado 14, Georgia Tech 13

Kansas 51, LIU 6

#12 Texas Tech 33, Abilene Christian 10

#14 BYU 63, Utah Tech 7

#23 Houston 33, Oregon State 20

West Virginia 31, Coastal Carolina 24

Iowa State 38, Southeast Missouri State 10

Auburn 17, Baylor 16

Cincinnati 34, Boston College 15

Tulsa 24, Oklahoma State 10

K-State 71, Nicholls 3

Arizona 35, Northern Arizona 7

Arizona State 70, Morgan State 7
- Week Zero

North Carolina 15, TCU 10

Monster Energy Big 12 Players On National Preseason Watch Lists

Preseason All-Americans

Sports Illustrated Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: RB LJ Martin - BYU, LB Ben Roberts - Texas Tech

Second Team: WR Danny Scudero - Colorado, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati

The Athletic Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, DB Brice Pollock - Texas Tech

Second Team: OL Shadre Hurst - Houston, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, P Palmer Williams - Baylor

CBS Sports Preseason All-American Teams

Second Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, AP Cam Cook - West Virginia
P Palmer Williams - Baylor

AP Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, OL Shadre Hurst - Houston

Second Team: RB LJ Martin - BYU, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, AP Cam Cook - West Virginia, P Palmer Williams - Baylor

ESPN Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, DB Brice Pollock - Texas Tech

Second Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, AP J'Koby Williams - Texas Tech, P Palmer Williams - Baylor

On3 Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, OL Shadre Hurst - Houston, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech

Second Team: P Palmer Williams - Baylor, RB LJ Martin - BYU, AP J'Koby Williams - Texas Tech

Third Team: AP Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech

Sporting News Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, OL Shadre Hurst - Houston, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, AP Cam Cook - West Virginia

Second Team: RB LJ Martin - BYU, AP Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech

Offense

Davey O'Brien Award (Nation's Top Quarterback)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, Bear Bachmeier - BYU, Alonza Barnett III - UCF, Conner Weigman - Houston, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Devon Dampier - Utah

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (Nation's Top Upperclassmen Quarterback)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, DJ Lagway - Baylor, Conner Weigman - Houston, Avery Johnson - Kansas State, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Devon Dampier - Utah

Biletnikoff Award (Most Outstanding Pass Catcher)

Omarion Miller - Arizona State, Kam Perry - Colorado, Danny Scudero - Colorado, Amare Thomas - Houston, Trent Walker - Houston, Nik McMillan - Kansas, Wyatt Young - Oklahoma State, Jordan Dwyer - TCU, Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, Braden Pegan - Utah

Doak Walker Award (Most Outstanding Running Back)

Kendrick Reescano - Arizona, Duke Watson - UCF, Richard Young - Colorado, Makhi Hughes - Houston, Dylan Edwards - Kansas, Yasin Willis - Kansas, Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, Cameron Dickey - Texas Tech, Cam Cook - WVU

Walter Camp Award (Most Outstanding Player)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, LJ Martin - BYU, Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, Cameron Dickey - Texas Tech, Devon Dampier - Utah, Cam Cook - West Virginia

Rimington Trophy (Most Outstanding Center)

Bruce Mitchell - BYU, Anthony Boswell - Houston, Sheridan Wilson - Texas Tech, Landen Livingston - West Virginia

John Makey Award (Nation's Top Collegiate Tight End)

Walker Lyons - BYU, Dylan Wade - UCF, Patrick Overmyer - Houston, Carter Moses - Kansas, Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech

Mackey Award Preseason Watch List (Top TE)

Arizona - Keyan Burnett, Arizona State - Chamon Metayer, Baylor - Michael Trigg, Cincinnati - Joe Royer, Iowa State - Gabe Burkle, Kansas State - Garrett Oakley

Maxwell Award (Most Outstanding Offensive Player) - August 3

Noah Fifita - Arizona, DJ Lagway - Baylor, Bear Bachmeier - BYU, LJ Martin - BYU, Alonza Barnett III - UCF, Julian Lewis - Colorado, Conner Weigman - Houston, Avery Johnson - K-State, Joe Jackson - K-State, Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Cameron Dickey - Texas Tech, Devon Dampier - Utah, Wayshawn Parker - Utah, Cam Cook - West Virginia

Manning Award (Most Outstanding Quarterback)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, Bear Bachmeier - BYU, Alonza Barnett III - UCF, JC French IV - Cincinnati, Conner Weigman - Houston, Jaylen Raynor - Iowa State, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Devon Dampier - Utah

Defense

Chuck Bednarik Award (Most Outstanding Defensive Player)

Taye Brown - Arizona, Travion Barnes - Baylor, Isaiah Glasker - BYU, Faletau Satuala - BYU, Cade Uluave - BYU, Lewis Carter - UCF, Jonathan Thompson - Cincinnati, Gideon Lampron - Colorado, Will James - Houston, Isaac Terrell - Iowa State, Trey Lathan - Kansas, Wendell Gregory - Kansas State, Jamel Johnson - TCU, A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, Brice Pollock - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech, Johnathan Hall - Utah

Butkus Award (Nation's Top Linebacker)

Taye Brown - Arizona, Owen Long - Arizona State, Cade Uluave - BYU, Jeremy Culbreath - UCF, Jonathan Thompson - Cincinnati, Gideon Lampron - Colorado, Liona Lefau - Colorado, Trey Lathan - Kansas, Ethan Wesloski - Oklahoma State, John Curry - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech, Austin Romaine - Texas Tech

Jim Thorpe Award (Most Outstanding Defensive Back)

Faletau Satuala - BYU, Jamel Johnson - TCU, Brice Pollock - Texas Tech

Nagurski Trophy (Most Outstanding Defensive Player)

Taye Brown - Arizona, C.J. Fite - Arizona State, Isaiah Glasker - BYU, Faletau Satuala - BYU, Cade Uluave - BYU, Will James - Houston, Jamel Johnson - TCU, A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, Brice Pollock - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech

Special Teams and Other

Ray Guy Award (Nation's Top Punter)

Palmer Williams - Baylor, John Hoyet Chance - TCU, Bryan Hansen - West Virginia

Lou Groza Award (Most Outstanding Kicker)

Luis Rodriguez - Kansas State, Stone Harrington - Texas Tech

Lombardi Award (Nation's Top Players on Line of Scrimmage)

Cade Uluave - BYU, Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, Shadre Hurst - Houston, Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech

Paul Hornung Award (Nation's Most Versatile Player)

Cameron Pettaway - Iowa State, Miles Coleman - Oklahoma State, Kenny Johnson - Texas Tech, J'Koby Williams - Texas Tech, Jackson Bennee - Utah, DJ Epps - West Virginia

Allstate Wuerffel Trophy (Community Service and Impact)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, Zyrus Fiasseu - Arizona State, Michael Allen - Baylor, Raider Damuni - BYU, Owen Spell - UCF, Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, Ben Finneseth - Colorado, McKenzie Agnello - Houston, Jaylen Raynor - Iowa State, Calvin Clements - Kansas, Joe Jackson - Kansas State, Donovan Green - Oklahoma State, Ansel Din-Mbuh - TCU, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech, Lance Holtzclaw - Utah



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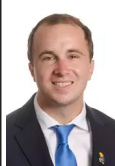
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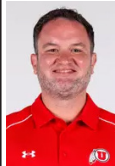
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College Football Playoff (CFP) Selection Process

The College Football Playoff (CFP) is the event that crowns the national champion in college football. The CFP Selection Committee ranks the top 25 teams at the end of the season, and the 12 playoff participants consist of the five highest-ranked conference champions, plus the next seven highest-ranked teams. The four highest ranked conference champions will be seeded one through four and receive a first-round bye. The schools seeded five through eight will host those seeded nine through 12 in first-round games. The quarterfinals and semifinals rotate annually among six bowl games – the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic, Vrbo Fiesta Bowl, Capital One Orange Bowl, Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential and the Allstate Sugar Bowl. This year's quarterfinals will take place on December 31, 2025, and January 1, 2026, while the semifinals will be January 8-9, 2026. The College Football Playoff National Championship will be Monday, January 19, 2026, at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. For additional information on the College Football Playoff, visit CollegeFootballPlayoff.com.

Big 12 Bowl Partners

Once the CFP has filled its bowl slots, Big 12 bowl partners will make selections from the remaining Conference teams. Bowl games outside the CFP are listed below in order of selection.

College Football Playoff: Top 5 Conference Champions + 7 At-Large Selections

Date	Time (CT)	Bowl	Location
Dec. 30, 2026	6:30 PM	VRBO Fiesta Bowl (CFP Quarterfinal)	Glendale, Ariz.
Jan. 1, 2027	TBD	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (CFP Quarterfinal)	Atlanta, Ga.
Jan. 1, 2027	TBD	Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (CFP Quarterfinal)	Arlington, Texas
Jan. 1, 2027	TBD	Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential (CFP Quarterfinal)	Pasadena, Calif.
Jan. 14, 2027	6:30 PM	Allstate Sugar Bowl (CFP Semifinal)	New Orleans, La.
Jan. 15, 2027	6:30 PM	Capital One Orange Bowl (CFP Semifinal)	Miami, Fla.
Jan. 25, 2027	6:30 PM	College Football Playoff National Championship	Las Vegas, Nevada

Big 12 Bowl Pool: Baylor, BYU, Cincinnati, UCF, Houston, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, TCU, Texas Tech and West Virginia

Date	Time (CT)	Bowl	Location
Dec. 29, 2026	TBD	Valero Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas
Dec. 29, 2026	TBD	Pop-Tarts Bowl	Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 31, 2026	TBD	Kinder's Texas Bowl	Houston, Texas
Jan. 2, 2027	TBD	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Memphis, Tenn.
Dec. 26, 2026	TBD	Cactus Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.
Dec. 22, 2026	TBD	Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.
TBD	TBD	ESPN Events Pool of Games	TBD

Pac-12 Legacy Bowl Pool: Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah

Date	Time (CT)	Bowl	Location
Dec. 29, 2026	TBD	Valero Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas
Dec. 31, 2026	TBD	Las Vegas Bowl	Las Vegas, Nev.
TBD	TBD	Holiday Bowl	San Diego, Calif.
Dec. 31, 2026	TBD	Tony The Tiger Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas
TBD	TBD	ESPN Events Pool of Games	TBD