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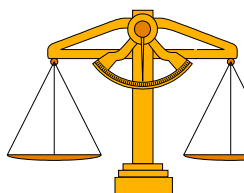
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No respect

What does a team have to do to play in one of the thousand bowl games held after December 17th?

One thing is for certain. Don't play in the Mountain West Conference. And if you think the University of Wyoming deserved better, consider the powerful MWC programs of TCU and Boise State. See the story below.

First, let's make it clear: Playing in a football "bowl game" anymore is no great accomplishment. There are so many of them that virtually every team that qualifies plays in one. Many of the "bowls" are less than unimportant.

Granted, UW didn't beat any good teams this year. But, it isn't their fault that the good programs left the MWC for better conferences or went independent nor that Boise State and TCU will leave next season. Air Force is likely to follow suit. The Mountain West will be left with a television network that that will be diminished to tractor pulls and "Toughman" competitions.

Two MWC teams, Wyoming and Air Force had to win seven (7) games to even become bowl eligible (most teams needed only 6 wins) because they beat up on patsies from smaller conferences. Wyoming accomplished that and a bit more. They won eight (8) games and finished third in the suddenly early-Charles-Atlas MWC. If Little Sisters of the Poor could have fielded an 11-person team, they would have beaten UNLV, CSU and New Mexico this past season. As did UW. The two wins that count as only one were over Texas State (sounds like a football school similar to Minnesota State from the popular "Coach" television program) and Weber State.

Yet, even though several wins were closer than they should have been and one was a result of a blocked extra point at the end of the game - the made PAT would have sent the Bowling Green game into OT - they won eight games. That would be a career for Vic Koenig. By the way, did you notice that old Victor became acting head coach for Illinois after the team lost six straight? Of course, any Big Ten school that is bowl-eligible plays in one.

Playing a bowl game on December 17th in Albuquerque is slightly better than watching that game of television with two different opponents. But, not by much. It is an insult to UW and the MWC. Prepare for more.

Little respect

Let me make this simple.

The Mountain West will have no team playing in a Bowl game after December 22nd except for Air Force, which will play in the "Military Bowl" on December 28th. And, with that, it's hard to imagine that Bowl not having an Academy representation is one was bowl-eligible. Army had a 3-8 record before their December 10th game against Navy and Navy had a record of 5-7 after that same game. So, unless the Coast Guard had a pretty fair team this year, there is but one service Academy eligible to play in that "Military Bowl."

The Mountain West commissioner is always whining about a lack of respect for his athletic programs. And it was never more obvious than with this year's BCS pairings and other Bowl game participants.

The first Bowl game of 2011-2012 is the Wyoming-Temple excitement at 2:00 pm on December 17th. On the same day, San Diego State of the MWC plays Louisiana-Lafayette.

The third game that day (actually the second but the only one without a MWC team) pits Ohio vs. Utah State. Does anyone know much about Utah State? Did they play UW this year? What was the outcome - if you know? Oh, yeah, they beat UW 63-19.



There was a time, children, when NCAA football "Bowl games" were played New Year's Day. Really. I kid you not. And it was quite an accomplishment to play in one of those games. In fact, a team had to win the Big Ten championship to play in the Rose Bowl, the Uberdaddy of them all. Now, with eleven hundred "bowl games," most of the Big Ten (now with 12 teams) play in a so-called bowl game. It has become a farce. It is merely an extension of the season with a better payday.

The MWC is so lightly regarded that Boise State, which finished 6th, 7th or 8th in the final BCS polls, did not get a big money game and has to play Arizona State (which fired its coach for a disappointing season) on December 22nd. What a joke! Boise State finished the season at 11-1 and TCU at 10-2, 15th, 16th and 18th in the three major polls. TCU plays on December 21st. Turn out the lights, MWC. The party never started.