

Two more CU Buffs' football games set for broadcast

Root Sports picks up CSU, Utah games

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Two more University of Colorado football games have been picked up for television.

The Buffs' showdowns with Colorado State and new Pac-12 partner Utah were selected for national broadcast by FSN on Wednesday. FSN no longer broadcasts in Colorado, but Root Sports televises much of the network's programming and will pick up both games.

With the announcement of the broadcasts also came kickoff times for both games. The CU-CSU game at Invesco Field in Denver on Sept. 17 will begin at 11:30 a.m. Because the Colorado Rockies are scheduled to play at 6:10 p.m. against the Giants that day, Root Sports will air the Buffs game.

Last month, the Pac-12 decided Colorado's game at Utah would be played on Friday, Nov. 25. That game will kickoff at 1:30 p.m. and will also be broadcast nationally by FSN and locally by Root Sports.

ESPN2 previously announced that it would televise Jon Embree's first game as the Buffs' coach -- Sept. 3 at Hawaii at 8:15 p.m. The network is also slated to broadcast CU's home game against Southern Cal on Nov. 4 (7 p.m.).

Times and television possibilities for most of the remaining eight games on CU's schedule will likely be known 12 days ahead of the game dates in accordance with the television/conference contracts.

Sept. 3 -- at Hawaii, 8:15 p.m., ESPN2

Sept. 10 -- California (non-conference)

Sept. 17 -- Colorado State (Invesco Field), 11:30 a.m., FSN/Root Sports

Sept. 24 -- at Ohio State

Oct. 1 -- WASHINGTON ST.

Oct. 8 -- at Stanford

Oct. 15 -- at Washington

Oct. 22 -- OREGON

Oct. 29 -- at Arizona St.

Nov. 4 -- USC, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Nov. 12 -- ARIZONA

Nov. 19 -- at UCLA

Nov. 25 -- at Utah, 1:30 p.m., FSN/Root Sports

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Morning kickoff set for CU-CSU game Sept. 17

Also announced today was Colorado's game against Utah the Friday after Thanksgiving will be at 1:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City. That game also will be on Root Sports.

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Colorado State's Momo Thomas (5) makes an interception against Colorado during last season's Rocky Mountain Showdown. (Kathryn Scott Osler, The Denver Post)

Game time for the Colorado-Colorado State football game on Sept. 17 has been set for 11:30 a.m. at Invesco Field at Mile High, CU officials announced today.

The game will be telecast nationally by Fox Sports Net, and it will be aired by Root Sports. Root carries Rockies baseball games. On Sept. 17, the Rockies play a night game.

This will be the 83rd meeting of the teams.

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From top to bottom, this isn't your father's conference. In fact, it's not even your older-brother-who-graduated-last-month's conference.

No, the flash of lightening known as commissioner Larry Scott has wasted no time in making additions and improvements. First came the new logo. The latest was one of the most lucrative television contracts currently in college football. But before that arrives in 2012, Mr. Scott is welcoming two new additions to the West Coast family of teams.

Meet Colorado and Utah.

As welcome as they are, they're going to create a few changes to the daily routine and it will take more than a year to see how it will affect everyone involved. The addition of two teams requires the creation of two divisions: The Pac-12 South, consisting of these two plus Arizona, Arizona State, USC and UCLA; and the Pac-12 North, made up of Stanford, Cal, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington and Washington State. Win your division and you make it to the championship game the last week of the season.

How having a championship game instead of an everybody-plays-everybody scenario might change the level of competition in the Pac-12, and thus who gets sent to the Rose Bowl every year, won't be determinable for a few years.

But when it comes down to it, the first factor in the level of competition is always the competitors themselves. Sixteen of those individuals were named in Phil Steele's Preseason All-American list Thursday afternoon, representing five schools. However, all 12 have something to offer.

THE NORTH

Starting north with the defending Pac-10 champions and national title contenders, Oregon running back LaMichael James was the only offensive player from the league to be dubbed a preseason First-Team All-American. The Heisman candidate returns an impressive supporting cast, including quarterback Darron Thomas. The question won't be whether their break-neck speed offense can keep up its pace, but whether what some thought as an only slightly better than average defense can hold its own after losing most of its front seven, plus star linebackers like Casey Matthews. They'll still have help in their backfield with two-for-one First-Team All-America selection CB/PR Cliff Harris.

Their Civil War opponent, Oregon State, claimed no preseason All-Americans, but that might have something to do with the fact that remaining Rogers brother, WR James, is still injured. The question is: Can he make up for the departure of his brother Jacquizz and his 3,901 total yards? He'll have the help of a returning quarterback in Ryan Katz, but equally as important, they have to make up for a large hole left by the departure of DT Stephen Paea.

Right next to Oregon lies those who like to "Bark for Sark." Washington instantly gets a plus one for having another year under Steve Sarkisian, but loses another for losing QB Jake Locker. So, where does that leave the Huskies? Actually, still in pretty good shape. They might not be vying for the title this year, but with a mostly intact defense and the potential to rely of RB Chris Polk if new QB Keith Price starts off shaky, they shouldn't be too worse for wear.

On the other of side of the state lies a Washington State team that's been hanging out on the bottom of the Pac for years. Paul Tuff will be playing for his job this year as he's managed to win a grand total of five games in three years. Granted, he'll have QB Jess Tuel to help him out a little bit and a fairly solid receiving corps to make up for the fact their running game ranked 117th in the country last year.

Make your way down to visit the Golden Bears of California, who haven't played as well the past couple years. This year they seem to have a solid arsenal in WRs Keenan Allen and Marvin Jones, as well as TE Anthony Miller, but will they have the gun to pull it off in Allen's half-brother, new QB Zach Maynard? Their defense took a bit of a hit with the departures of DE Cameron Jordan (not be confused with USC's TE Jordan Cameron) and OLB Mike Mohamed. They may be able to polish up their Golden Bear this year, but restoring it to full luster won't be happening just yet.

Across the bay, the Pac-12 North completes itself with 2011 Orange Bowl champ Stanford. They boast four of the 16 conference players on Phil Steele's Preseason All-America list, but what they're missing is the coach who led the conference out of the depths and into national prominence. Despite the talent, there's no doubt some readjusting will be needed. Fortunately for them, it looks like they'll have a little luck with a guy named Andrew Luck, who some say could win the Heisman this year.

THE SOUTH

The last shall be first. One of the two latest additions is Colorado, who is basically starting from scratch. New conference. New coach. If coach Embree can make the most of the fact he has nine returners on offense, including QB Rodney Stewart, then he might just survive. However, I wouldn't put the goal above survival until next year.

Joining them will be Utah, who's held their own at the mid-major level for quite some time. Some have said they have a chance at winning the Pac-12 South. Quite frankly, the lack of information their new opponents have about them might help them a bit. Either way, they should prove to be a good addition, thanks to their new addition. He's a guy by the name of Norm Chow. You might have heard of him. He spent some time at both schools in Los Angeles, with mixed results. But if you let Chow run his offense, QB Jordan Wynn is going to be a name to talk about at the dining room table one day.

Take a trip down to the desert. The University of Arizona has greatly improved the caliber of their program in recent years and has one of the most talented arms in the region, if not the country, in QB Nick Foles. He's getting his top three receivers back, too. Not so fast, though. They don't have a single returning starter at the

line of scrimmage. Both lines are going to have to have a fast learning curve if the Wildcats want to reach their full potential.

Their rival, the Arizona State Sun Devils, has the potential for improvement with their only serious losses being DT Lawrence Guy (to the NFL) and CB Omar Bolden (to a torn ACL). The scary-as-Troy-Polumalu's-hair Vontaze Burfict will be returning. So far, he's proven he's worth all the trouble he seems to get himself into, but he'd be an even bigger asset if he just learned to keep himself on a tight leash. Nonetheless, add to that nine returning starts on defense and they most certainly have a chance of finishing in the top half of the conference.

The Sons of Westwood finished 2-7 in conference play last year despite having an impressive non-conference win against Texas (in Austin, no less). And the great news about having the worst non-option passing offense in the nation is that there's no place to go but up. But the better news is that they're returning every single starter on offense but one. In reality, the pistol offense was never Chow's expertise. Now that he's moved on and QB Kevin Prince has one more year under his belt, maybe this offense can finally explode in 2011. Oh, and they have the fourth-team preseason All-American punter in Jeff Locke.

Last, but not least, is the team in the stickiest situation possible. USC's 8-5 record last year was bad, certainly not what fans in L.A. are used to. They've padded their roster back to normal levels with another top-five recruiting class, allowed some very beat up veterans to heal and had a full year under the new coaching staff, including Monte Kiffin and his not-so-easy Tampa 2 defense. They're the only other school to join Oregon and Stanford with more than one preseason All-American, with sophomore WR Robert Woods and junior S T.J. McDonald both on the third team. Though maybe not a favorite in the championship game if they're facing Oregon (who they still play in the regular season), some have called them the favorite to win the Pac-12 South. Of course, that will be tough while they're serving the second year of a postseason ban. Their biggest challenges? Keeping their juniors and seniors from transferring another year while getting over the mental hurdle of not having a game in December.

It's new. It's different. And time and postseason matchups will tell if the brand new Pac-12 is also improved. Larry Scott might be trying to change this glamour conference into one that rivals the attention bestowed upon the SEC, but it'll take more than two more schools and a lucrative contract to do so. At the end of the day, they'll still have to do one thing:

Win.

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